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O, Holy Night

Mass Intentions

Monday 6:45 AM Lloyd Erickson
Helen Clemens (ann'y)
4:30 PM Phillip Gilberg

Tuesday 12:00 AM Jeanette Dieter
Lorraine Heinisch
8:00 AM Donald Boehmer
Helen Leibl
10:30 AM Parishioners

Wednesday 6:45 AM Robert Stickler
Gerald Husman

Thursday 6:45 AM Thomas and Donald Clemen
Art and Corrine Roarke

Friday 6:45 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM James Fee
Deceased members of Devlin Family

Sunday 8:00 AM Deceased members of Lang and Fee
Family
10:30 AM Parishioners

Sunday, December 23 *Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24*
12:00 PM Baptism

Monday, December 24
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25
Parish Center Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25 *Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18*
Parish Center Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26 *Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22*
Parish Center reopens

Thursday, December 27 *1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8*
11:00 AM Youth Choir Practice and Party
3:00 PM Loaves and Fishes, Hall
7:00 PM Adult Choir, Church

Friday, December 28 *1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18*
1:30 PM Bloodmobile, Social Hall

Saturday, December 29 *1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35*

Sunday, December 30
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
10:30 AM Baptism



Christmas Worship Schedule
Church of Saint Matthew

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Private Confessions

Monday, December 24th - 10:00 AM

Christmas Masses

The Vigil of Christmas

December 24th - 4:30 PM

December 25th

Mass at Midnight - Carols begin at 11:30 PM
on December 24th

Mass at Dawn - 8:00 AM

Mass of Christmas Day - 10:30 AM

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29th - 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 30th - 8:00 and 10:30AM

New Year**Feast of Mary the Mother of God**

Monday, December 31st - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1st - 10:00 AM

YOUTH AND CHILDREN ENVELOPES for 2003 are available to for pick up in the back of church this weekend after all masses. Please sign your name and take a box. (The outside of the boxes are identical, but there are different envelopes for children (through grade 6) and young people (grade 7 and beyond))

LOAVES AND FISHES AT ST. MATTHEW'S is adding Wednesday night to their serving schedule. The first Wednesday will be January 2, 2002. Dinner will be served from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

"WAS IT YOU WHO SAVED MY LIFE?" Your gift of life is so vital each day to people we may never know. Won't you be a donor on Friday, December 28 from 1:30 PM until 7:15 PM at St. Matthew's Social hall when the American Red Cross blood mobile will be here. Thank you and God bless you.

WEST SIDE COMMUNITY-WIDE BLOOD DRIVE. If you are unable to donate blood on Friday here at St. Matthew's there is a blood drive on December 30th from 9:00 Am to 2:00 PM at the Neighborhood/El Rio Vista Gym. Please call Gilbert de la O at 228-9291 to register or for more information.

Weekly Stewardship**Treasure Last Weekend: \$ 9184.88****Year To Date: \$ 9803.92****Youth Treasure: \$26.00****School Fund: \$ 99.50****Thank You for your Weekly Contributions**
Merry Christmas



BUILDING FOR TODAY, VISIONS FOR TOMORROW ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH 2001 CAMPAIGN

As if December 17, 2001, we have received in cash, pledged and deferred gifts the grand total of \$900,000! We are on our way to \$1,000,000 thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners.

Summary of Campaign

Total Gift income received or pledged:	\$900,000
Number of parishioner contributing:	334
Number of parishioner who told us that they are unable or wish not to at this time:	218
Number of parishioners who told Home Visitors that they could not contribute at this time:	135
Number of parishioners whom we have not heard from:	213

So if you are one of the 213, PLEASE let us know what you are thinking. Please send a note to The St. Matthew's Campaign Office, 497 Humboldt Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55107.

AGAIN MANY THANKS TO ALL THE HOME VISITORS FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB!!!

COMMON QUESTIONS BEING ASKED. Will I receive a reminder(s) about my pledge? The answer is YES! In January, 2002, you will receive a gift summary statement for 2001 statement. Enclosed in the statement will be a return gift envelope for your convenience. We will remind you of your pledge based on your direction to us. Those who asked to pledge monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually will be reminded as requested. With each reminder, we will enclose campaign envelopes so that your gift goes to the projects of the campaign. Please watch the bulletin for more information on the campaign. Soon a Campaign Transition Team will be appointed and they will direct the collection and recognition program of all gifts received to support the capital and pressing needs of this parish.

Again if your are one of the 213, let us know and if you can, help us reach \$1,000,000!!!!

CALENDARS FOR 2002 are available at the doors of the church. Please help yourself to one.

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY will host an admissions reception on Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 PM. Families interested in enrolling students for Fall, 2002 are invited to attend. Entrance exams will be held on January 19 and January 26.

HILL-MURRAY MOTHERS CLUB cordially invites you to "A celebration of Valentine Romance," a historical fashion show and afternoon tea. This all-new show will be presented on Sunday, February 3, 2002, at 1:00 PM at Hill-Murray School Admission is \$20 per person or \$150 per table of eight. Take a romantic journey into the past with Judy Curtis as she shares her private collection of heirloom gowns highlighting the period from 1860-1920. This unique presentation of authentic fashion is sure to entertain, educate and capture memories of love and valentine romance dear to our hearts. Send your request for number of tickets you wish and your check with your return mailing address to Hill-Murray Mothers Club, Hill-Murray School, 2625 Larpenteur Avenue East, Maplewood, MN 55109. Contact the Hill-Murray Development Office at 651-748-2410 for any additional details. Order your tickets now!

START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT - take a special weekend away just for the two of you. Treat yourself and your spouse to a dynamic marriage enrichment experience. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For information and reservations call (651)426-4710 or email women.tc@juno.com

SCRIP is available after all masses for those last minute Christmas presents. Check out all the wonderful vendors and restaurants. Fill a stocking with gift certificates!!

THANK YOU to every one who donated gifts for the gifting tree. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all who participated in the program.

SAINT MATTHEW HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Center will be closed Dec. 24 & 25.

Saint Matthew's school will be closed from Mon Dec 24 until Jan 7th. The Child Care facility will be open on Christmas Eve until 2PM and Closed on Christmas Day. The Extended Day Program will be open on Dec 26, 27, and 28.

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

It is hours before the dawn of the Christmas Feast and beginning of the Christmas Season.

The tree is decorated, lights are strung, Christmas dinner is in remote preparation — turkey thawing, cookies and cakes baked and ready to be brought out on Christmas day. Strains of Christmas carols are heard from the living room as last touches are given to present wrapping. Family and friends are in route from parts near and far — the holiday begins.

Perhaps there is a moment of time to sit back, breathe deeply, close your eyes, let go of the bazillion details which you scramble to accomplish — just a moment to be alone with your thoughts, your dreams, your visions — after all, Christmas is a time of seeing the unseen and hearing what no one else can hear.

There is a tradition that at midnight — the very moment of the beginning of the Christmas Feast — the animals speak.

A further tradition says that in the dark of a Christmas eve night, if you are alone and quiet and in the brisk outdoors, stare to the sky, look intently at the stars — and you just might hear the angels sing.

There is a piece of Christmas that is for gathering, and there is a piece of Christmas that is for being alone — for very often the “magic” of the feast becomes most apparent when one is free to engage his/her soul, free to dream, free to wonder, free to enter again into a child-like awe.

My prayer for you is that the peace and reconciliation of the Feast may touch you, that you may know an inner wholeness — the grace of being at one with God, with yourself and with your world.

Remember, the dark of night God stole into human life, human history, human living; in the dark of night God did mischief and turned everything upside down; in the dark of night God leaped from heaven and from that moment on the world has never been the same. What out, God is about!

Merry Christmas



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Day School

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Extended Day

(651) 228-1535

Saint Matthew Child Care Center

(651) 224-1450 / 224-1459

Liturgies and Sacraments

Celebration of Sunday Liturgy

Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am

Weekday Worship

Monday thru Friday: 6:45 am

First Friday: 6:45 am and 5:15 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday: 7:15 am; Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who are parishioners make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon one month prior to baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon three months prior to wedding.