

The Community of St. Matthew

*... exists
in the world
as a visible
expression of
God's love.*



St. Matthew's 5th-8th graders gather to thank Father Steve for hosting a showing of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire on Friday, November 16



Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

On Friday I took the upper grade students of Saint Matthew's School to a private showing of the new Harry Potter film. Friday was opening day, so this 9 am showing was much anticipated.

One student, DJ, on more than one occasion spoke of coming events as taking place just 9 days from HP day, or just 3 days from HP day.

J K Rowling's series has caught the imagination of hundreds of million of young people -- and some of us not so young.

What about these books?

1. They are well written. They have great character development, moving action -- they are for the most part spellbinding.
2. They teach values. They show characters who are loyal and those who are selfish; situations which call for courage -- the courage to tell the truth, the courage to defend one's friend; the stories speak of a value for education and the persistence demanded in earning. They depict greed and generosity, love and hate, joy and sadness, patience and the need for instant gratification, compassion and revenge, humility and pride. No character is "all good". Even the heroes and heroines have flaws -- and no character is totally evil -- with the possible exception of "He-whose-name-must-not-be-mentioned."

3. They have made readers out of millions of students. I know young people who spent the whole night reading the latest book -- they read and understand. I eavesdrop on students after the movie and listen to their conversations. They compare the film in the most minute detail to the book. They have read well and have retained what they read.

4. These are books in which virtue triumphs and good wins out. They are very old fashion in that regard. I have always thought that in a good story the hero ought to be at least a little more moral than the villain. This is not always the case in contemporary literature -- it is in Harry Potter.

5. The themes are as old as the classics -- Iliad, Odyssey, Gilgamesh, Beowulf. They mirror well the Tales of Narnia and The Lord of The Rings, The Hobbit.

I thoroughly enjoy the series, although I do not read them with anywhere near the attention to detail as young people do. They are a good read and a wonderful escape into imagination. After all, imagination is the seed bed of creativity, it is the God given capacity to dream and to see what I dream.

Yours truly,



Stephen Adrian
Pastor

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday November 30 at the Parish Center 7:00 PM. Agenda and minutes of the last meeting are on the parish website or can be obtained by calling the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please e-mail the council or contact a member (information on bulletin flap).

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
7:00 PM
CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW'S

This year we are privileged to host this annual community event. Invite family and friends to join you. There will be an Ecumenical Choir as part of the service. Interested singers are asked to come to St. Matthew's at 6:15 Pm, the day of the service, for a choir rehearsal. A fellowship hour will follow the service.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS AT ST. MATTHEW'S

One of the strong desires emerging from meeting with members of the St. Matthew's Community over the past few months is the strong desire for members to get together to share their hospitality, and to know those opportunities are available on a regular basis. We are helping to meet that desire. Every week, after each of the Sunday masses beginning the First Sunday of Advent November 27th, every member of the St. Matthew's Community can get together to visit with each other while enjoying a cup of coffee or glass of juice, and a muffin, bagel, donut or danish in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome. John Del Veccio has agreed to chair the Hospitality Committee that will coordinate these events, and he is interested in having a committee of people that would enjoy participating in this ministry. We anticipate 3-person teams working together to set up the food and beverages, facilitate people getting together, and light clean-up afterward. The more members on the committee, the more this ministry can be shared and the more fun it will be. If you would like to participate on the hospitality committee, please call the parish office at 651-224-9793. Again, everyone is welcome. See you after mass!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP

If you are an Altar Server, Lector, Communion Minister, Usher/Greeter or Gift Bearer be sure to pick up your schedule THIS weekend from the back of church. The new schedule covers Nov. 27th thru Feb. 26th.

EDUCATION AND
FAITH FORMATION NEWS



SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Holiday season is approaching fast. SCRIP makes great holiday gifts for everyone on your gift giving list. We have recently added Arby's and Bucca di Beppo to our on hand inventory. Special orders and large holiday orders should be placed as soon as possible to guarantee pre-holiday delivery. All proceeds from the SCRIP program go to St. Matthew's School and are used to meet a variety of needs. Happy Shopping!

CYCLE B" ST. JOSEPH'S MISSALS

Missals are available for purchase at the back of church. Our new liturgical year begins November 27th and this year's Cycle B will be significantly different from previous Cycle B missals you may have on your shelf at home. This year Christmas & New Years fall on Sunday. Purchase price is \$5.00.

ATTENTION LECTORS

Cycle B "Workbook for Lectors" has arrived. If you ordered one, there is an envelope with your name on it in the main sacristy. Put your payment in the envelope & pick up your book. If you did NOT order one, but wish you had, Dana has extra's. Check with her after any mass this weekend.

FESTIVAL CHOIR FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

This year's FESTIVAL CHOIR begins rehearsals on Thursday, Dec. 1st and YOU are INVITED! This choir sings for our Christmas Midnight Mass but festival members are also invited to sing for any other Adult Choir masses during the seasons of Advent and Christmas -- as few or as many as you wish. Our rehearsals are from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday nights -- in the CHURCH. Call Dana to "sign-on" or to ask questions -- leave a message at 651-310-0830 -- or stop by the music corner in church after any mass. Also, if you have an instrumental skill you would like to add to any of our Advent/Christmas liturgies -- let Dana know.

THANKSGIVING DINNER — CHEROKEE SIRLOIN ROOM

For almost two decades, the Casper Family and staff of the Cherokee Sirloin Room have provided a community Thanksgiving Dinner free of charge. This opportunity is meant for anyone who would find it inconvenient to celebrate Thanksgiving at home or those who are away from home. Come with your friends, come with your family, come alone. All are welcome. Last year more than 2500 dinners were eaten at the restaurant or delivered to homes. If you would like a ticket for dinner or home delivery please call the Church office at 651-224-9793.

ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY AUCTION

On Wednesday December 7, 6:30 pm the Men's Club annual holiday auction will take place in the Social Hall. All the proceeds go to the St. Matthew's Holiday Giving and the School Sisters of Notre Dame Retirement Fund. Donations are needed and pick-up is available. Call Wayne (651-451-9726) or Tim (651-450-4975).

EAST SIDE LEARNING CENTER SEEK PART TIME SECRETARY AND TUTORS

The East Side Learning Center, located on the East Side of St. Paul is hiring a 15-20 hour per week secretary, and also several part-time professional elementary tutors. For more information contact Sister Audrey Lindenfelser, SSND at 651-793-7331 or email at audrey.lindenfelser@spps.org

THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW

Sunday	November 20
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism
12:30 PM, CH	Baptism
Monday	November 21
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
6:45 PM, XC	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	November 22
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
7:00 PM, CH	West Side Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday	November 23
12:00-7:00 PM, PC	St. Mary's Clinic
3:00 PM, SH	Loaves and Fishes
Thursday	November 24
	Happy Thanksgiving
9:00 AM, MC	Thanksgiving Mass
Friday	November 25
Saturday	November 26
Sunday	November 27
12:00 PM, CH	Baptism

Abbreviations:

- MC – Main Church
- CH – Chapel
- PC – Parish Center
- SH – Social Hall
- SC – School
- CC – Child Care
- XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

Plate and envelope-November 13: \$8,071.28
 Needed per week: \$9,457.00

Plate & envelope to date: \$152,453.00
 Need to date: \$179,683.00
 -28,670.00

Children's Envelopes \$0.95
 School Collection \$129.00
 Holy Day \$3.00

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished. s.j. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 20 8:00 AM Robert Stickler, Sr
 Carol & Douglas Nehring
 (55th Anniversary)
 10:30 AM Jim Dieter
 Parishioners
 Monday, November 21 Lena H. Willems
 Tuesday, November 22 Ray Mosberger
 Wednesday, November 23 Parishioners
 Thursday, November 24 9:00 AM Joseph Karas, Sr.
 Bernice & Louis DeNardo
 Joe & Tracy Palermo
 Friday, November 25
 Saturday, November 26 Parishioners
 Sunday, November 27 8:00 AM Charles Otte
 Ed Maher
 10:30 AM Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2005
 Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/
 Mt 25:31-46
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/ Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/
 Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Sir 50:22-24 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/ Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/
 Mk 13:33-37

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office..... 651-224-9793
 Web site: st-matts.org
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Deacon..... *Rev. John Murphy*
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 Dir. Marketing & Development..... *Maureen Gitlin*
 Business Administrator *Cindy Hoffman*
 Administrative Assistant *Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service *Alice Schletty*
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Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 Extended Day..... 651-228-1535
 KLT Kids 651-665-0786
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
 Prayerline Receiver..... 651-222-3622 or 651-454-5021

Schedule of Services

Weekend Liturgies Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
 Weekday Liturgies Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM
 1st Friday: 6:45 AM & 5:15 PM

Reconciliation

Tuesday..... 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.

Parish Council Members

Parish Council email: *parishcouncil@st-matts.org*

Becky Montgomery Larry Sachi
 Marty Olson John Sekevitch
 Connie Aligada Sister Joanna Illg
 Lucus Ecker Mark Thomford
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Committee Chairs

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