



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

November 20, 2005

*I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.*

—Matthew 25:35

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISHIONERS GATHER TOGETHER

This Thursday, November 24, we will celebrate our **bilingual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00a.m.** We ask all those attending to bring non-perishable food items or monetary donations. We want everyone to be part of our offertory procession! After our liturgy, Mr. Paul Mousel will take our donations to St. Francis Center for distribution to those in need.



ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Dates to include on your calendar...

ADVENT PRAYER—NOV. 28, DEC. 5TH — 5:30 P.M.

Let's get together and be refreshed in our journey during Advent. It is a time to come be with friends and spend some "quiet time" reflecting about this season of waiting. It is also a great way to make new friends and renew past friendships

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Advent prayer in the church at 5:30 p.m. followed by a **Potluck Supper** sponsored by our Peace and Justice organization. **Please bring your favorite main or side dish to share with others.**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Advent prayer in the church at 5:30 p.m. followed by an **Italian Food Fest.** Lasagna will be provided by our Comunidad organization. **Please bring your favorite salad and/or dessert and/or bread to compliment the delicious lasagna.**

As in the past, a free will offering will be gratefully accepted and will go toward helping people less fortunate than ourselves.

GIVING TO OTHERS

Christmas is rapidly approaching! As we begin making our own preparation for this joyous Holiday, it is important to remember those who might not experience the joy without the assistance of our caring parish community. Comunidad will start Christmas collections after all the Masses the weekend after Thanksgiving and continue for the three following weekends. Money collected will be given to St. Matthew's St. Vincent de Paul Society in order to assist those in need in our community.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION TODAY

Across the country today, millions of Catholics are taking Jesus' concern for the poor to heart by supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In its 35th year as a program of the Catholic Church, CCHD is our nation's largest private funder of self-help, low-income controlled projects directed at changing the conditions that cause poverty. Your gifts foster self-sufficiency and help build community. Please give generously. Envelopes are located in the pews.

PEACE BE WITH YOU HELEN

Throughout the past 35 years we were so very fortunate to have had Helen Parkin serve as secretary in our parish office. Helen knew our parish better than most — having graduated from St. Matthew Elementary and St. Anthony High School. Helen managed our parish office under the pastorate of Msgr. Lynch (*who married John and Helen here in 1950*) Fr. Diamond, Fr. Dunphy, Fr. Meisel and Fr. Guillermo. Helen will be greatly missed by those of us in the rectory who worked with her throughout the years.

Helen is survived by her husband John, daughter, Lisa; sons, Dennis, Charlie and Johnny and twelve beautiful grandchildren.

CONCERN AMERICA THANKS YOU

for your generous (over \$1,000) purchases last week. You have assisted people in El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Ecuador and Bangladesh to earn a just and fair wage and improve their life situation. Thank You!!

RITE OF WELCOMING

At the 10:30 a.m. Mass today we welcome catechumen Peggy Replogle, who is preparing for Baptism, and candidates Loesia Vallette, Ernesto and Elsa Hernandez, who are preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist. May God be with them as they journey toward reception of the sacraments.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Matthew 13:33-37

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Helen Parkin, Jean Gobert, Hope Puninzio, Syble Brock
