

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

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

NOVEMBER 23, 2008

—Matthew 25:35



THANKSGIVING LITURGY

November 27

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

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION TODAY

Today we will take up a collection for those whose lives are at the poverty line. Your gift supports programs that:

- ♦Bring people together to solve community problems.
- ♦Create affordable housing for low-income families.
- ♦Teach new skills and create jobs.
- ♦Help those in poverty achieve self reliance and self sufficiency.
- ♦Educate Catholics about poverty and Catholic social teaching.

Contribution envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS YOUR HELP

Catholic Charities needs toys to distribute to 1,000 children. Santa will see the children December 9 so **we need all contributions by December 5th**. Please call Anna Totta at 562.900.6602 for further information.

ATTENTION LECTORS

Liturgical Year B workbooks are available at the parish office. The suggested donation of \$10.00 is requested.

A NOTE TO YOU...

On behalf of the women and children we serve at Precious Life Shelter I would like to thank you for allowing your parish community to host a "Respect Life" shower for our needs. It is always such a privilege to be able to come to St. Matthew's to share the shelter and to personally thank your community for their generosity. It is almost 20 years since we opened our doors and your parish has walked with us and all the women looking for safe environment to bring life to her child. We thank you for your on-going support for life.

Sincerely, Theresa E. Murphy, President/CEO

PARISH PROJECTS AND GATHERINGS

THIS WEEKEND

Our Peace and Justice ministry is offering yummy loaves of bread for your Thanksgiving Day breakfast or to give as a hostess gift. They have banana-nut, lemon, cranberry-walnut and the always popular pumpkin loaves at \$4.00 each or 2 for \$7.00.

NEXT WEEKEND

Peace and Justice Ministry will have a large collection bin stationed outside the church for you to donate men's and women's new hygiene items, under garments and socks.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

We will have a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall followed by a potluck dinner. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this Advent gathering. If your last name begins with letter A-H please bring a salad, I-R please bring a hot main dish; S-Z please bring a dessert.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Comunidad will meet at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. A re-enactment of the apparition of our Lady of Guadalupe will be presented and will be followed by a pot luck dinner. Please bring *your* specialty dish — appetizer, salad, entrée, side dish or dessert to add to the holiday celebration. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be conducting a jacket and blanket drive after all of the Masses. Please take your clean, gently used items to classroom number 1 after any of the Masses **on Sunday**, December 7th. All of the jackets and blankets will be distributed to the homeless throughout the month of December.

TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

The readings for next Sunday, *First Sunday of Advent* are listed below along with questions for your quiet reflection throughout the coming week.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:33-37

How can I make "ready the way of the Lord" in my life this Advent? Advent calls us to patient waiting. In what way might I be more patient?