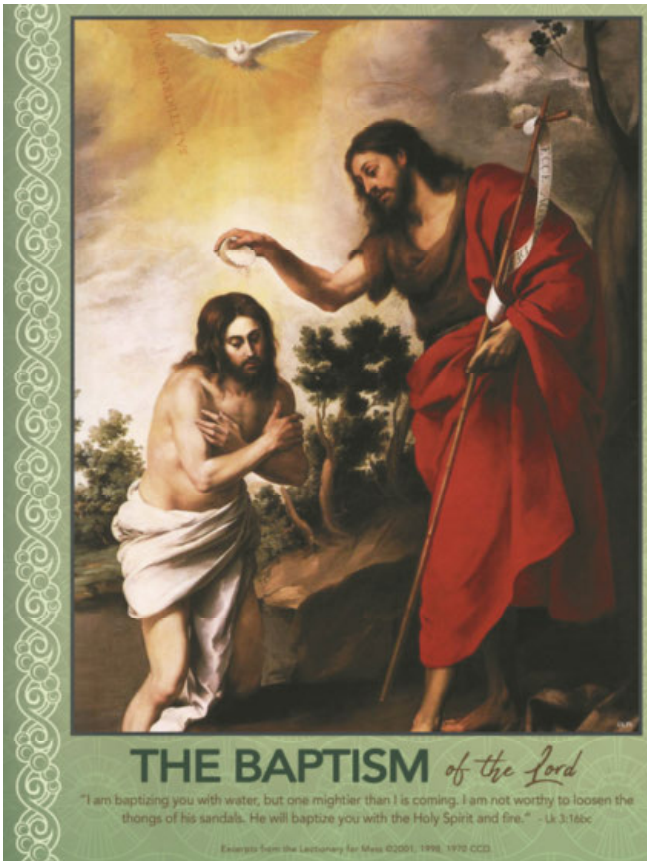




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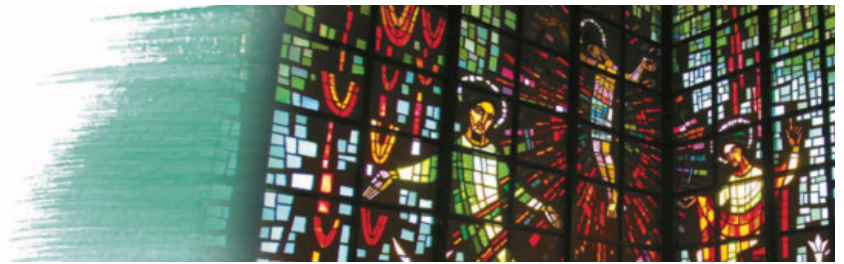
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January 9, 2022



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Matthias Catholic Parish is committed to continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ. We invite and welcome all. Come... live, grow, and be challenged by the message through prayer, formation, and service.



Pastoral Staff

Deacon Stan Lowe, Parish Director
Alissa Turner, School Principal
Brian Jens, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
Peter Morello, Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation
Francine Micklus, Director of Liturgy and Music

Weekend Help Out Priests

Fr. Dave Cooper
Fr. Chuck Schramm
Fr. Bill Stout, OFM
Fr. Charlie Zabler

Parish Officers

Don Vaclav, Trustee Secretary
Paul Ziehler, Trustee Treasurer
Mark Kopplin, Parish Council Moderator

Mass Schedule

Tuesday and Thursday 8:15 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday of the month after 4 pm Mass. When a parishioner is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please notify the Parish Office.

Rite of Reconciliation

First and third Saturday of the month at 8:30 am

Membership

online at www.stmatthias-milw.org

Contact Information

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Parish Fax: 414-321-1330 School Fax: 414-321-9228

Please call the Parish Office for more information regarding all sacramental preparation and celebration.

Bulletin requests to cpfeifer@stmatthias-milw.org by Monday noon. Bulletin requests are subject to approval.

Saint Matthias Parish



From the Parish Director

Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. You may have asked yourself, why was Jesus baptized? For us the Sacrament of Baptism means the forgiveness of sins and becoming a part of the body of Christ. Jesus did not need to be baptized. He had no sins to be forgiven. He did not need to be made to be a part of himself. Why then was he baptized?

Last week we celebrated the Epiphany, which took place soon after Jesus was born. His baptism, which we celebrate today, took place 30 years later. We know little about his life during those years. His public ministry had not yet begun.

Jesus of Nazareth who was part of the crowd watching John baptize was a non-descript person, a simple carpenter. To all appearances, he was just another pious Jew listening to John's words.

After Jesus was baptized, the most amazing thing happened. "Heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him like a dove." If that wasn't enough, a voice came forth from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

It was at his baptism that Jesus received a clear sign that his time had come. The Spirit took hold of him and his mission had begun. This is what Peter spoke of in the house of Cornelius when he said that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power. This is when he began his mission of salvation. This is when our baptism became possible.

There is a saying used by the Church fathers, "*Deus fit homo ut homo fieret Deus,*" which means, "God became human so that humans might become God." This sums up the meaning of Christianity. Our God not only loves humanity but went so far as to become human himself. Because the infinite God took on human nature, we humans can aspire to participation in the nature of the Divine through eternal life with God.

According to Pope Francis in a Baptism homily, the answer to the question of why Jesus was baptized is this: "Jesus did not need to be baptized, but the first theologians say that, with his body, with his divinity, in baptism he blessed all the waters, so that the waters would have the power to confer baptism." In other words, Jesus made the waters of baptism holy so that we could be made holy by those same waters.

Deacon Stan Lowe
Parish Director



PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Wedding Banns

II - Robert Effinger & Alyssa Bayer

Rest in Peace

We commend to God the souls of **Agnes Maney, James Wolf, and Carmelene Serra.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Feed The Hungry

Our January "Feed the Hungry" collection will take place next weekend. Red canisters will be at all exits to receive your donation for St. Martin de Porres.



Thank you to all who contributed to our December "Feed the Hungry" collection. Through your generosity **\$663.50** was collected for our Parishioner Emergency Fund.

Time, Talent, and Treasure Forms

Thank you to those parishioners who have returned their forms in the past weeks. If you indicated interest or new commitment in any ministry, you will be contacted shortly.



Please be aware that during inclement weather if the parish school is closed, the parish office is also closed and there will be no Mass.

Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,
29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:00 am Mass—with Liturgy of the Word for children- Church
- 8:00 am Confirmation Retreat—Steiger Hall
- 9:30 am K4—8th Grade Christian Formation
- 10:00 am Mass—Church

Monday, January 10, 2022

- 6:00 pm SLAW mtg.—Steiger Rm. 6
- 7:00 pm River of Life Prayer Group—Church

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

- 8:15 am Mass - Church
- 3:00 pm Jr. Handbells practice—Church
- 6:00 pm Art & Environment—Church
- 7:00 pm Human Concerns Mtg.—Parish Office Conf. Rm.
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 592 Mtg.—Steiger Hall

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

- 3:15 pm Girl Scouts—Steiger Rm. 5
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Parish Center Living Rm.

Thursday, January 13, 2022

- 8:15 am All School Mass—Church (masks required)
- 3:30 pm St. Ben's Meal Program—Steiger Hall
- 6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation Bible Study—Parish Office Conf. Rm.
- 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Mtg.—Parish Office Dining Rm.
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal—Church
- 8:00 pm A New Awakening Group—Parish Center

Friday, January 14, 2022

Saturday, January 15, 2022

- 8:30 am Individual Confessions—Church
- 4:00 pm Mass— with Blessing for 1st Eucharist—Church
- 5:00 pm 1st Eucharist Parent & Student Mtg.—Steiger Rm. 7
- 6:00 pm Mass—Church

Sunday, January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mass—with Blessing for 1st Eucharist—Church
- 9:00 am 1st Eucharist Parent & Student Mtg.—Steiger Rm. 7
- 9:30 am K4—8th Grade Christian Formation
- 10:00 am Mass—with Blessing for 1st Eucharist—Church
- 11:00 am 1st Eucharist Parent & Student Mtg.—Steiger Rm. 7

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul is an organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor and the suffering. Vincentian members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need, not only providing material assistance such as rent, utilities or food, but also offering friendship, understanding, and prayer. If we can be of assistance to you, please call us at (414) 321-0893 ext. 408.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

The next Food Pantry dates are January 22 and February 12 from 7:30 am-11:00 am. Please drive up in the circle drive in front of St. Matthias Church and stay in your car. A food pantry volunteer will come to assist you.

The following items are needed:

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| Chef Boyardee | Tuna |
| Soup | Applesauce |
| Canned Veggies | Canned fruit, any kind |
| Rice | Pork and Beans |
| Pasta Sauce | Pasta |
| Hamburger Helper | Cereal |
| Toilet Paper | |

Please do not donate baby food.

St. Ben's Meal Program News

On Thursday, January 13, 2022, St. Matthias volunteers will prepare and deliver brown bag take away meals for the St. Ben's Community Meal program. Volunteers, please check your schedule. If you have any questions, please call Deb Schall 414-444-4589.

PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF: December 26, 2021

These funds represent the majority of the parish income needed to sustain the mission of St. Matthias.

Thanks for all you do!

Finance and Stewardship Committees

Total # Envelopes	213
Total Contributions	\$21,313.50
Year to Date Total	\$427,632.95

Immaculate Conception Offertory \$3,056.58

Christmas Offertory \$20,174.00

PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF: January 2, 2022

These funds represent the majority of the parish income needed to sustain the mission of St. Matthias.

Thanks for all you do!

Finance and Stewardship Committees

Total # Envelopes	140
Total Contributions	\$14,891.50
Year to Date Total	\$442,524.45

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Offertory \$1,262.00

The True Meaning of Christmas!



The Fr. John Endejan Knights of Columbus Council #16171 would like to congratulate the 1st place winners of the "True Meaning of Christmas" poster contest that was held last December. The contest included the St. Matthias school and Christian Formation 1st through 4th grade classes.

The 1st grade winner was Rylee Meeks. The 2nd grade winner was Bella Turzinski. The 3rd grade winner was Kailey Gelhaar. The 4th grade winner was Erin Frailing. Their posters will move onto the diocesan level of competition and hopefully to the state level. Good luck Rylee, Bella, Kailey, and Erin!



Rylee Meeks



Bella Turzinski



Kailey Gelhaar



Erin Frailing

Kids Corner



Prayers and acts of kindness from the children's weekly offerings:

love mary and her son the son of god.

Make Today Matter

I pray for everyone to have a good day

I pray for my brother
I pray for my family,
I pray for the sick
and homeless. I pray for
the people that have lost
someone.

Courtesy Announcements

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