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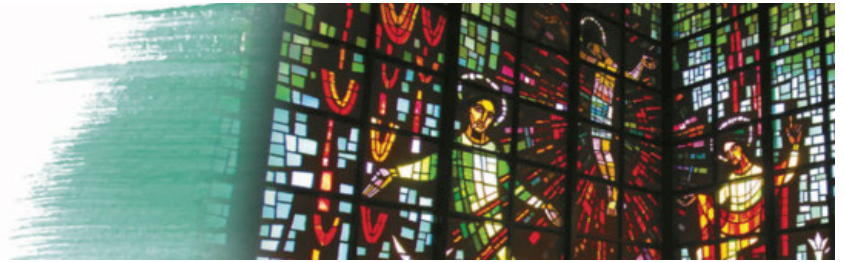
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." -Jn 2:4

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## 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](http://www.stmatthias-milw.org)

### Contact Information

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

Bulletin requests to [cpfeifer@stmatthias-milw.org](mailto:cpfeifer@stmatthias-milw.org) by Monday noon. Bulletin requests are subject to approval.

**Saint Matthias Parish**



## From the Parish

Perhaps you have heard of alchemists, the practitioners of the medieval art of alchemy. Alchemists believed that ordinary metal could be transformed into gold. At that time people believed that all things tended to reach perfection. Since gold was thought to be the perfect metal, the alchemists thought that there was a substance in nature that changed ordinary metals into gold. They believed that if they found this substance, they could get rich changing iron or lead into gold.

Just as alchemists sought to transform one thing into another our Gospel story is one of transformation. There are at least three transformations in this story: Jesus transforms water into wine; Jesus' private life is transformed into his public ministry; and the disciples' unbelief is transformed into belief.

The wedding feast at Cana is the first of a series of signs found in John's Gospel. In broad terms, a sign is a symbol that points to that which it signifies. For example, the word exit on a door tells you that is the way out. In John's Gospel the word sign has a special meaning. To John each sign is an act of self-revelation by Christ. It is a wondrous feat that points beyond itself to a deeper reality. Each sign's real significance lies in that deeper reality.

The centerpiece of this story is Jesus changing water into wine. That wine was no ordinary wine but wine of the finest quality. Better yet, there were 120 to 180 gallons of this fine wine for the wedding guests to share. That must have been some party!

This first sign is one of transformation. In looking for the deeper meaning of this sign, we should look for transformation.

I propose to you that the deeper meaning of the wedding feast at Cana relates to the Eucharist that we celebrate here each week. During each Eucharist wine is transformed into the blood of Christ. Although it still looks, tastes and smells like wine, it is no longer wine but is the blood of Christ.

Later in John's Gospel Jesus tells us that his blood is true drink and that whoever drinks his blood remains in him and has eternal life with him. The wedding feast at Cana is a sign pointing to the eternal wedding feast in which we all hope to participate. The transformation of water into wine at Cana points to the transformation that we all hope and pray for, the transformation of our mortal lives here on earth to eternal life with and in Christ.

The wedding feast at Cana points to a deeper reality the Eucharist. The Eucharist in turn points, and indeed leads us, to a still deeper reality – eternal life in Christ.

Deacon Stan



## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES



### Wedding Banns

III - Robert Effinger & Alyssa Bayer

### Special Donation

A special donation was given to St. Matthias Parish from Bart Robbins for the RCIA program.

### New Covid Protocols for Mass starting next weekend, January 22/23



Due to the recent rise in cases, we strongly recommend mask wearing for those vaccinated and unvaccinated starting next weekend, January 22/23.

We also strongly recommend social distancing in the pews. The section that has been designated for masking/ social distancing will still be available for those who prefer to use it.

We have also drained the holy water fonts at the entrances. If you wish to bless yourself, you may do so at the baptismal font in front.

If the City of Milwaukee enacts a mask ordinance, we will comply fully with its requirements.



### Knights of Columbus Fr. John Endejan Council

**16171** will hold their Quarterly Food Drive for the Food Pantry on Saturday, January 29th from 8:00am-11:00am in the front circle drive.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



### Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

- 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
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/ Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## 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

## Monday, January 17, 2022

- 3:15 pm Brownie Troop 11445 Mtg.—Steiger Hall
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.—Steiger Hall
- 7:00 pm River of Life Prayer Group—Church

## Tuesday, January 18, 2022

- 8:15 am Mass - Church
- 3:00 pm Jr. Handbells practice—Church
- 5:30 pm 3R and Buildings & Grounds Mtg.—Parish Office Conf. Rm.
- 6:30 pm Human Resources Mtg.—Parish Office Conf. Rm.
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.—Steiger Rm. 7
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 592 Mtg.—Steiger Hall

## Wednesday, January 19, 2022

- 6:30 pm Lifelong Faith Formation and Evangelization Mtg.—Parish Office Dining Room
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Parish Center Living Rm.
- 7:00 pm Dartball—Steiger Hall

## Thursday, January 20, 2022

- 8:15 am All School Mass—Church (masks required)
- 6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation Bible Study—Parish Office Conf. Rm.
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal—Church
- 8:00 pm A New Awakening Group—Parish Center

## Friday, January 21, 2022

## Saturday, January 22, 2022

- 7:00 am Men's Ministry—Parish Center Living Rm.
- 7:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry—Circle drive in front of church
- 4:00 pm Mass—Church
- 6:00 pm Mass—Church

## Sunday, January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mass—with Liturgy of the Word for Children—Church
- 9:30 am K4—8th Grade Christian Formation—School
- 10:00 am Mass—Church
- 6:30 pm 9th, 10th, & 11th Grade Christian Formation—Church, Steiger Hall & Rms., Parish Office Conf. Rm., Parish Center Rms.

### PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF: January 9, 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	184
Total Contributions	\$13,717.15
Year to Date Total	\$456,241.60



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.

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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 February 12 and February 26 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:

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.**

## Stewardship Reflection

Today's Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother's request.

In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine.

Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege! Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother: let's examine our lives this week to see if we really are "doing whatever He tells us," cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

From [www.TheCatholicSteward.com](http://www.TheCatholicSteward.com)

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Faithful Departed

#### Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?



*Remember*

#### Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death.

Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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## Courtesy Announcements

### Living our call as SSND: Transformative education on the margins

The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) invite single women ages 18-45 to an online presentation Wednesday, January 19 at 7 p.m. CST\* to learn more about SSND and their ministry with and among those who are poor and marginalized.

More information and registration for the Zoom link is available at [ssnd.org/events/1-19-22](https://ssnd.org/events/1-19-22).

## Kids Corner



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

I Pray for the sick

for all who grow with there  
love in God.

I am thankful  
for everything  
I have

"The time is always right  
to do what is right."

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As you know, tornadoes recently tore through multiple states in the South and Midwest, leaving miles of destruction. Please pray for those who have been injured, for those who have lost their lives, and for their grieving families and communities.

Catholics and all people of good will can help our brothers and sisters by supporting the work of Catholic Charities USA, which has been engaging as early responders and will remain in recovery support for the long term.

Donations can be made at [catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051](http://catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051).

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