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Dear St. Matthias Parishioners,

January in Milwaukee Archdiocesan schools is a wonderful month! Not only are we ready to tackle testing, cold weather, and the new year, we also look forward to celebrating our wonderful parish school. Nationwide, Catholic education is being celebrated during Catholic Schools Week, from January 30 - February 5, 2022 and we are proud to be a part of the celebration.

Sponsored annually by the National Catholic Educators Association, the theme for Catholic Schools Week is: *Faith, Excellence, Service*. This theme recognizes all that we do every day. Our rigorous curriculum is just one part of the St. Matthias experience. Celebrating our faith is what sets us apart. All that we do is grounded in our mission: *Faith First - Educating children while building a Catholic foundation that instills Christian values*. Guided by Catholic Social Teachings, we serve others. Our students actively participate in service projects, support a variety of charities through our "\$1.00 Out of Uniform" Days and help each other. Our students and staff know the community we serve reaches beyond the school walls as we have a responsibility to support the needs of our local and global communities.

Catholic Schools Week highlights the importance of Catholic education and celebrating our accomplishments. Our celebration at St. Matthias is memorable every year! This year, we will gather as a school to celebrate our faith with Mass and a prayer service. We will celebrate fun with special dress codes and activities throughout the week.

We know that our education, our school, would not be possible without the support of all parishioners. We thank you for that support. Please keep us in your prayers and thoughts throughout the week and the whole year. If you know of any families that would like to tour our school to see what we have to offer, please ask them to call our school office anytime between 7:30am - 3:30pm Monday through Friday to schedule a tour; our number is (414) 321-0894. We love to share our school with others and to have new families join our community of learners.

Gratefully,

The Students and Staff of St. Matthias Parish School

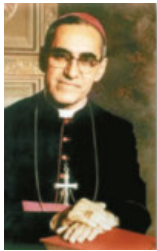


Faith First - Educating children while building a Catholic foundation that instills Christian values

January 30, 2022

Saint Matthias Parish

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Saint Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. St. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-
11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Rest in Peace 

We commend to God the souls of Ursula Binash and Helmut Brenner. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

New Covid Protocols for Mass



The City of Milwaukee has passed an ordinance requiring everyone ages 3 yrs. and older to wear a mask while in public buildings. This ordinance applies to St. Matthias Parish. Please bring a mask and wear it for Mass and any other events/meetings held here.

The ordinance will remain in effect through March 1, 2022.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Sleeping Bags for the Homeless



The Sleeping Bags for the Homeless Ministry will take place on Saturday, February 5, 2022 in Steiger Hall from 8:00am -12:00pm. Come join us! No skills necessary, we will teach you! Please bring scissors and pliers.

Please note: We are not able to take any more donations of materials at this time. Thank you for your past generosity—we will let you know in the future when we are able to accept donations again.

PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF: January 23, 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	143
Total Contributions	\$15,215.90
Year to Date Total	\$494,904.43

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 30, 2022 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mass—Church
- 10:00 am Mass—Church—Catholic Schools Week
- 6:30 pm 9th & 10th Grade Christian Formation—Church, Steiger Hall & Rms., Parish Office Conf. Rm., Parish Center Rms.

Monday, January 31, 2022

- 8:00 am School Prayer Service—Church
- 3:15 pm Brownie Troop Mtg.—Steiger Hall
- 7:00 pm River of Life Prayer Group—Steiger Hall & Steiger Rm. 5

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

- 8:15 am Mass - Church
- 3:00 pm Jr. Handbells practice—Church
- 5:30 pm Grade School Forensics—Steiger Rms. 3 & 5
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 592 Mtg.—Steiger Hall

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

- 6:30 pm Eucharistic Minister Training—Church
- 7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Parish Center Living Rm.

Thursday, February 3, 2022

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

Friday, February 4, 2022

- 5:30 pm Sleeping Bags for the Homeless—Steiger Hall & Steiger Rm. 4

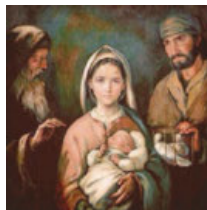
Saturday, February 5, 2022

- 8:00 am Sleeping Bags for the Homeless—Steiger Hall
- 8:30 am Individual Confessions—Church
- 4:00 pm Mass—Church
- 6:00 pm Mass—Church

Sunday, February 6, 2022 5th 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 Bldg.
- 10:00 am Mass—Church
- 11:15 am Eucharistic Minister Training—Church
- 6:30 pm 9th, 10th & 11th grade Christian Formation—Church, Steiger Hall & Rms., Parish Office Conf. Rm., Parish Center Rms.

The Presentation of the Lord - February 2nd



The previous (1962) liturgical calendar refers to this feast as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast.

The Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in the liturgy. - www.catholicculture.org

GRACE. GRATITUDE. GENEROSITY.



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.

A NEW LENTEN RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



This is HOME

Do you want to pass your faith on to your children, learn how to pray as a family, and make your house feel more like a home? **THIS IS HOME** is a resource for families with young children to help connect what happens at Sunday Mass to everyday life in the home through fun family activities, family prayer, and family scripture study. Sign up today for our weekly Lent series beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 2nd): www.archmil.org/THIS-IS-HOME

Email Rachel Uchytal at uchytalr@archmil.org with any questions.



Wall Update

The 3R committee, through the generous donations of the St. Matthias parishioners, was able to have the old Oklahoma Avenue retaining wall replaced with a stylish new wall. The old wall was not only an eyesore that detracted from the message of what St. Matthias is all about, but it was also a hazard as parts were in danger of falling down. The new wall has garnered many positive comments from the neighbors to the north and from those passing by. In case you haven't driven down Oklahoma Ave lately, here are some before and after pictures of the retaining wall along the school playground.

Once again the 3R committee is extremely thankful to the parishioners of St. Matthias for their continued support of our mission to improve the campus grounds for the current as well as the future members of the parish.

Before Oklahoma Ave. looking East



After



Before Oklahoma Ave. looking West



After



Kids Corner



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

I pray for the homeless who live
in the cold. Amen.

Thank you for all you do for
me God

I Love God So much God I Love
you



St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

We remember the saint by saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Courtesy Announcements

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

Friday, February 4, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
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Menu: Beer Battered Fried Cod, Heart-Healthy Baked Cod, Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Coleslaw, Rye Bread, Milk, Coffee, Dessert

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Cost: Adults - \$13. Children, ages 3-10, - \$8.

If you have any questions, please call 414-383-3565 or check out our website at: www.stflorian.org

PLEASE NOTE!

Because of the recent surge in Covid numbers and the mask mandate in the City of Milwaukee, the decision was made to postpone the Dinner and Wine Tasting event at St. Roman on February 12th.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 14th. If you have any questions, please call Tom Gasperetti at 414-321-0523.



West Milwaukee Lions Club

Start your "SUNDAY" with a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

WHEN: Sunday, February 6th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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