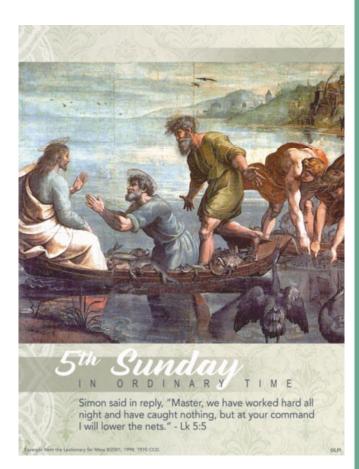




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# **February 6, 2022**



#### 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**

Parish Phone: 414-321-0893 School Phone: 414-321-0894 School 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.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God's Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It's easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn't require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God's providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God's presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn't seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own "god" and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

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#### Readings for the week of February 6, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-

13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-

30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/

Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/

Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12,

16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26





This weekend, February 5 & 6, is kick-off weekend for the **2022 Catholic Stewardship Appeal.** 

Be inspired by the **video** at <u>www.catholicappeal.org</u>. The video powerfully shows the broad impact of the CSA. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. To donate, **text APPEAL2022 to 414-348-8380**, give online at **www.catholicappeal.org** or mail your contribution to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53207.



#### St. Ben's Meal Program News

On Thursday, **February 10, 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.

#### Ministers to the Homebound

We would like to get this important ministry re-activated. Any of the former eucharistic ministers to the homebound or any new members who would like to be part of this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 414-321-0893.





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.

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### 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
40.00	Marine Objects

10:00 am Mass-Church 11:30 am **Baptism** 

6:30 pm 9th, 10th, & 11th Grade Christian Formation-Church, Steiger

Hall & Rms., Parish Office Conf. Rm., Parish Center Rms.

#### Monday, February 7, 2022

Festival Committee—Parish Office Dining Rm. 6:00 pm

6:00 pm SLAW Mtg.-Steiger Rm. 6

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.—Steiger Hall 7:00 pm River of Life Prayer Group—Church

#### Tuesday, February 8, 2022

3:00 pm Jr. Handbells practice—Church

5:30 pm Grade School Forensics practice—Steiger Rms. 3 & 5 First Eucharist Parent/student Mtg.—Church & Steiger Hall 6:00 pm 6:30 pm Human Resources Sub-committee Mtg.—Parish Office Dining Rm.

#### Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Girl Scout Mtg.—Steiger Hall 3:15 pm 6:30 pm Baptism Preparation—Church

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Parish Center Living Rm.

7:00 pm Dartball-Steiger Hall

#### Thursday, February 10, 2022

All School Mass-Church 8:15 am

3:30 pm St. Ben's Meal Program—Steiger Hall

Adult Faith Formation Bible Study—Parish Office Conf. Rm. 6:30 pm

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, February 11, 2022

#### Saturday, February 12, 2022

Men's Ministry-Parish Center Living Rm. 7:00 am

7:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry-circle drive in front of church

1:00 pm Girl Scout Bridging—Steiger Hall

4:00 pm Mass-Church 6:00 pm Mass-Church

6:00 pm Dartball Dinner-Steiger Hall & Kitchen

#### Sunday, February 12, 2022 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass-Church

K4-8th Grade Christian Formation-School Bldg. 9:30 am

10:00 am Mass-Church



#### **LIVE STREAMING MASS**

For those genuinely unable to attend Mass, we are live streaming the 8 am Eucharistic celebration. You may either subscribe to our YouTube channel using the link below or access it through the Front Page on the Parish Website.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFEKBZ4QVkphSWjAJBnf7LA

### GRACE. GRATITUDE. GENEROSITY.



#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Pasta Sauce Pork and Beans

Hamburger Helper Pasta Toilet Paper Cereal

Please do not donate baby food.



#### **BLM Book Discussion**

Title: Birth of a Movement-Black Lives Matter and the Catholic Church

Author: Olga M. Segura (130 pages)

**Summary:** Birth of a Movement examines the founders of

the BLM movement, the Church's involvement with slavery, and the Catholic Church's response

to the recent deaths of Black citizens.

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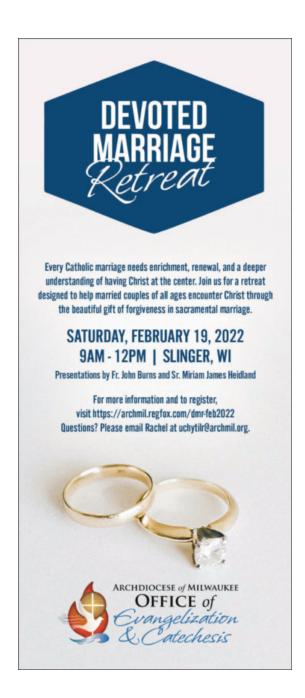
> Thursdays—February 3rd—24th ZOOM-Registration required

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#### Voter Registration Training

In an effort to make sure that all eligible voters have the opportunity to vote, the Social Justice Committee of Our Lady of Lourdes is sponsoring a program led by the League of Women Voters to train people on how to register eligible voters. The training will take place on February 18 from 7-8:30pm in Hall A. Please call the parish office at 414-545-4316 to register for the training.



PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF: January 30, 2022

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

Thanks for all you do!

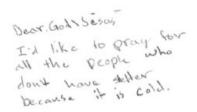
Finance and Stewardship Committees

Total # Envelopes	200
Total Contributions	\$17,249.10
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Prayers and acts of kindness from the children's weekly offerings.



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# Fr. Dave and the Sister Parish Committee invite you to:

A Mexican Fiesta Dinner
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Saturday, February 26 in Steiger Hall From 4:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Food catered by Senor Sol Restaurant Chicken or beef tacos, chips, salsa, rice & beans.

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Tickets are \$13.00 in advance (purchase at Parish Office) or \$15.00 at the door.

Children 12 and under are \$12.00

Please mark your calendar and save the date!

Have fun and great food and help us bring Fr. Antonio to America.



## Courtesy Announcements



### New Parish Pastor to Lead Morning of Reflection on Ash Wednesday

Fr. Michael Erwin, the new pastor at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, will lead a program on the power of forgiveness to heal relationships in a Morning of Reflection on Ash Wednesday, March 2, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



The event is sponsored by the Women of Saint Jude and is open to everyone. The program begins after 9 a.m. Mass with a

continental breakfast in the Saint Jude School cafeteria, 800 Glenview Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213.

Admission is \$10 and reservations are required. Send your check to Women of St. Jude, 734 Glenview Ave., Wauwatosa, 53213, by Wednesday, Feb. 23.



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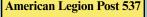


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