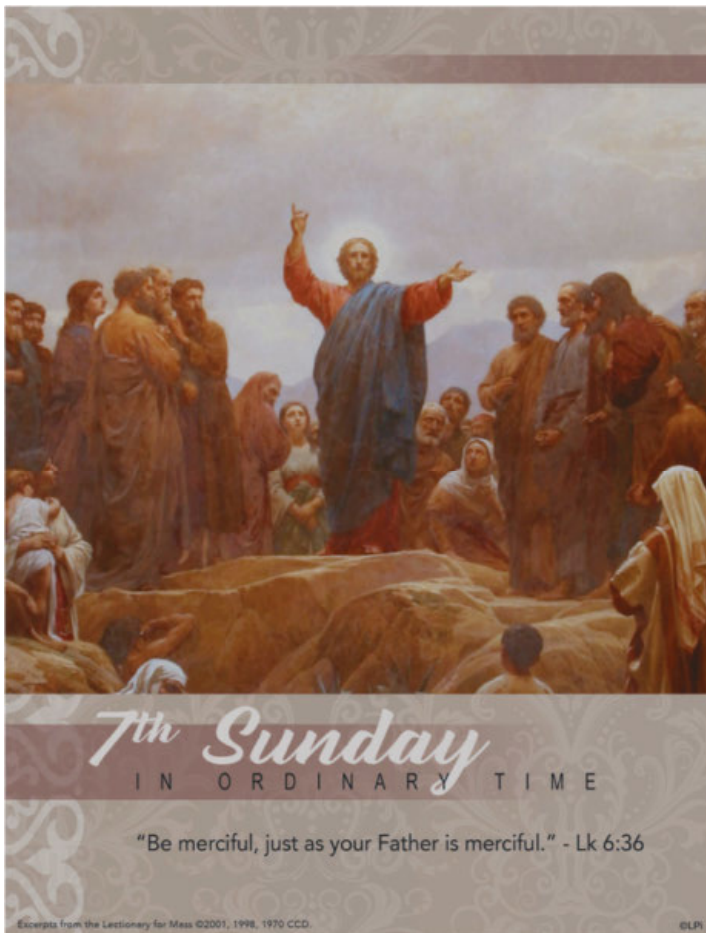


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



Lent at St. Matthias

Ash Wednesday Masses

8:15 am - All School Mass
7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, & 15 (Good Friday)

Taize Prayer

Sunday, March 27 at 6:00 pm
A solemn, reflective, prayer experience enhanced with music. The evening is appropriate for middle school and up.

Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

Individual Reconciliation
Saturday, March 5 & 19 @ 8:30 am

Lenten Reconciliation Service
April 2, 2022 at 10:00 am

Fasting

The Church formally asks members who have reached the age of **14** to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. In addition, those **between the ages of 18 & 59** are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, taking in only one full meal on those days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's **59th** birthday.

Almsgiving

Our almsgiving recipients this year are St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program, St. Ben's Meal Program and Hope House. Please see the special section inside of this bulletin for further details.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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Readings for the week of February 20, 2022

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/
Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Rest in Peace

We commend to God the souls of **Michael Angeli, Michael DiBella, and Louise Pabian**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Memorials

A memorial donation has been given to St. Matthias Parish, in loving memory of **Ursula Binash**, to be used for the needs of the food pantry.

A memorial donation has been given to St. Matthias Parish, in loving memory of **Mike Angeli**, given by **Maureen Ocasio**, to be used for the needs of the Sister Parish.

A memorial donation has been given to St. Matthias Parish, in loving memory of **Louise Pabian**, given by **Dolores Crowell**, to be used for the needs of the parish.



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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 20, 2022 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 21, 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, February 22, 2022

8:15 am Mass - Church
 3:00 pm Jr. Handbells practice—Church
 5:30 pm Grade School Forensics practice—Steiger Rms. 3 & 5
 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg.—Parish Office Conference Rm.
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 592 Mtg.—Steiger Hall

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

3:15 pm Girl Scout Mtg.—Steiger Rm. 5
 6:30 pm Sister Parish Committee Mtg.—Steiger Hall
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Parish Center Living Rm.
 7:00 pm Dartball—Steiger Hall

Thursday, February 24, 2022

8:15 am All School Mass—Church
 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, February 25, 2022

Saturday, February 26, 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
 4:30 pm Sister Parish Fundraising Dinner—Steiger Hall
 6:00 pm Mass—Church

Sunday, February 27, 2022 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass
 9:30 am K4—8th Grade Christian Formation—School
 10:00 am Mass—Church
 6:30 pm 9th & 10th Grade Christian Formation—Church, Steiger Hall & Rms., Parish Office Conf. Rm., Parish Center Rms.

GRACE. GRATITUDE. GENEROSITY.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

A heartfelt thank you from the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all of the support and generosity of the St. Matthias community!

We receive donations of canned goods, paper products, and monetary contributions year round that enable us to share with the patrons of our twice-monthly food pantries.

We also help with rent and utilities assistance and furniture acquisition through St. Vincent de Paul retail stores.

During the pandemic year of 2021 we were able to assist 1,920 families and 5,698 individuals through our food pantry!



Current needs of the pantry include:

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| Toilet paper | Cereal |
| Chef Boyardee | Tuna |
| Soup | Apple Sauce |
| Canned Veggies | Canned fruit - any kind |
| Rice | Pork and Beans |
| Pasta Sauce | Hamburger Helper |

Please do not donate baby food

Please leave any food/paper product donations in the Gathering Area of church. If you wish to donate monetarily, please put your donation in any Poor Box (located at church exits).

More information can be found at:

<https://www.stmatthias-milw.org/community/food-pantry/>

For assistance with rent/utility bills or furniture needs, call 414-321-0893 extension 408.

The next Food Pantry dates are February 26 and March 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.

PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF: February 13, 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	228
Total Contributions	\$17,785.83
Year to Date Total	\$549,675.06



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.

Lenten Almsgiving Opportunities



St. Matthias Parish Human Concerns Committee

is involved in Parish outreach and one of the many projects that we undertake is designating recipients for your almsgiving during the Lenten Season. Your sacrificial offering is a way of making your Lenten experience a complete and meaningful one through the traditional practices of praying, fasting and almsgiving. Your monetary support will be shared with the above listed organizations that are helping the less fortunate in our community. We wish you a blessed and fulfilling Lenten season.



St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee

AT THE HEART OF GIVING - For over 39 years, the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program has provided hot nutritious meals to children and adults in our Milwaukee community.



House of Peace provides guests the material support of a food pantry & clothing bank, and the moral support of spiritual guidance & advice, a sense of peace & safety—an oasis and refuge where they are encouraged and affirmed.

St. Ben's Community Meal provides hot, home-made take away dinners five nights a week, Sunday to Thursday, 5:15–6:30 pm, and take away lunches on Fridays from 1:00-4:00pm. Over 90,000 meals are served each year. All are welcome and are considered family in a community that shares a warm, safe environment.

Please make your check out to St. Matthias Parish, with Lenten Almsgiving in the memo line. *Thank you!!!*

Lenten Prayer Books

The “Not By Bread Alone” Lenten prayer books will be available next weekend, February 26/27.



The booklets are free and available at each exit in the church. However, if you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost, there are boxes for your offering. We ask that you take one booklet per household, thank you.

REFLECTION

What Is Mammon?

Question:

When Jesus says, “You cannot serve both God and mammon,” what does he mean? What is mammon?

Answer:

When you hear Scripture proclaimed each Sunday, remember it wasn't originally written in English. Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek — these ancient tongues were the original language of our Old and New Testaments. Most of the time, all of the words are translated into our native language. Sometimes, a word or two is left in the original language. Such is the case in this Scripture passage.

Mammon is an ancient Aramaic word referring to money, wealth, or profit. Earthly wealth isn't bad in itself, nor does it automatically exclude us from being a disciple of Jesus. But what dominates our life? To serve money — that is, to seek accumulation of wealth for its own sake and to structure our lives around it — is morally problematic. What good is our wealth if it isn't at the service of others? What good is our wealth if its pursuit leads us to selfishness, obsession, greed, envy, and comparison? There are many things that can be opposed to our service of God — power, prestige, popularity. Ultimately, something in our lives will be our master. But there is only one God worth serving.

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

A Mexican Fiesta Dinner



To help bring Fr. Jose Antonio to St. Matthias

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

Food catered by Senor Sol Restaurant
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Tickets are \$13.00 in advance
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Sunday, February 20

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In Person Concert

3:00 church doors open for Silent Auction
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4:00 concert begins, light reception to follow

Virtual Concert



Scan the QR code to register for the virtual link by NOON, February 20.

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