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February 27, 2022



8<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

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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

Wednesday, March 2

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.

Saint Matthias Parish

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

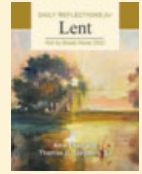
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### Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45  
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32  
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

### Lenten Prayer Books

The "Not By Bread Alone" Lenten prayer books will be available starting this weekend, February 26/27.



*Prayerfully journey through Lent with fresh and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. In just minutes per day, the insightful meditations of Not by Bread Alone can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer and penance.*

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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.

### Sleeping Bags for the Homeless



The Sleeping Bags for the Homeless Ministry will take place on Saturday, March 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.



### The Men They Call Knights

The Fr. John H. Endejan Knights of Columbus Council 16171, here at St. Matthias, is looking for the next generation of men who want to grow in their faith and put that faith into action. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization which helps local communities through charitable activities and volunteerism. We are asking for men in the St. Matthias community, who want to make a difference, to join. If you are interested in becoming a Knight, or have questions about our organization, we meet on the third Tuesday of the month in Steiger Hall Room 7 at 7:00pm, or you may go to [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) for more information.

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## 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.

## Monday, February 28, 2022

- 3:15 pm Brownie Troop 11445 Mtg.—Steiger Hall
- 7:00 pm River of Life Prayer Group—Steiger Hall & Steiger Rm. 5

## Tuesday, March 1, 2022

- 8:15 am Mass - Church
- 1:00 pm Art & Environment—Church
- 3:00 pm Jr. Handbells practice—Church
- 5:30 pm Grade School Forensics practice—Steiger Rms. 3 & 5
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 592 Mtg.—Steiger Hall

## Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday

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

## Thursday, March 3, 2022

- No Morning Mass
- 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, March 4, 2022

- 5:30 pm Sleeping Bags for the Homeless— Steiger Hall & Steiger Rm. 4
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross—Church

## Saturday, March 5, 2022

- 8:00 am Sleeping Bags for the Homeless— Steiger Hall
- 8:30 am Individual Confessions—Church
- 4:00 pm Mass—Church
- 5:15 pm Anointing
- 6:00 pm Mass—Church

## Sunday, March 6, 2022 1st Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Mass—Liturgy of the Word for Children—Church
- 8:00 am RCIA Morning of Reflection—Steiger Rm. 7
- 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.

## Kids Corner



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

I pray for anyone  
who doesn't have a  
home this winter.

Dear God, I pray for the sick and  
suffering. Amen.

I pray for the people who are  
blind, may they seek help and seek  
God ❤️

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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 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.

### 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.

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/>

## PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF: February 20, 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	189
Total Contributions	\$19,547.00
Year to Date Total	\$569,222.09



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 organizations listed below 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.

Red canisters will be in church each weekend for collection. Please make your check out to St. Matthias Parish, with Lenten Almsgiving in the memo line.



*Thank you!!!*

## Lent and Ashes

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season and our journey to Christ's Passion and Resurrection. It is the Church's Day of Atonement, stemming from the Jewish practice of wearing sackcloth and ashes as a sign of repentance. Since the 11th century, receiving ashes on the first day of Lent has been a universal Western Christian practice.

Now may be a good opportunity to think about how you will become more fervent in *prayer*, more eager to discover your own hunger through *fasting*, and more generous in works of charity through *almsgiving*. These three traditional practices are meant to guide and assist us as we strive to form a more perfect relationship with our God.

Why ashes? The imposition of ashes in the form of a cross on our foreheads remind us of some basic truths about ourselves. We are mortal beings, and the dust of ashes reminds us that death is inevitable for each of us. The words at the imposition of ashes call us to make a commitment to reform: *"Will you turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel?"*

This day beckons us to hear the Gospel anew, to listen with hearts burning! The cross on our forehead is like a question mark calling us to examine the whole of our life, social systems, politics, justice and meaning. What will you do? Will you turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel?

You are invited to begin your Lenten journey at our Ash Wednesday Masses at either 8:15 AM or 7:00 PM. The Lenten reflection booklets will also be available as an additional resource for you. A free will offering is requested.



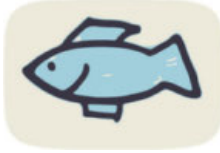
Ash Wednesday  
— Lent Begins

# Courtesy Announcements

## St. Matthew Parish Holy Name Men's Retreat

### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, March 4, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.



St. Florian School Cafeteria located at  
1215 S. 45 St. in West Milwaukee

**Menu:** Beer Battered Fried Cod, Heart-Healthy Baked Cod,  
Smelt, French Fries, Coleslaw, Rye Bread,  
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Take-Outs are available!

**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](http://www.stflorian.org)



St. Matthew's-Oak Creek Holy Name Society invites all men to their Men's Retreat on Saturday, March 12, 2022, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, with Mass immediately following at 4:00 pm.

*The Spiritual Challenges We Face Living at This Moment in History - Our focus will be on the spiritual challenges for ourselves as men of faith, the challenges for families/relationships, and the difficulties that a polarized society has brought to the church. There will be an emphasis on prayer and spiritual awareness for Catholic Christian men.*

The retreat will be hosted at St. Matthew's Parish, 9329 S. Chicago Road, Oak Creek.

RSVP to Mark Zapp, Secretary, by Wednesday March 9 at 414-768-9654 or [markzapp2014@gmail.com](mailto:markzapp2014@gmail.com)

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