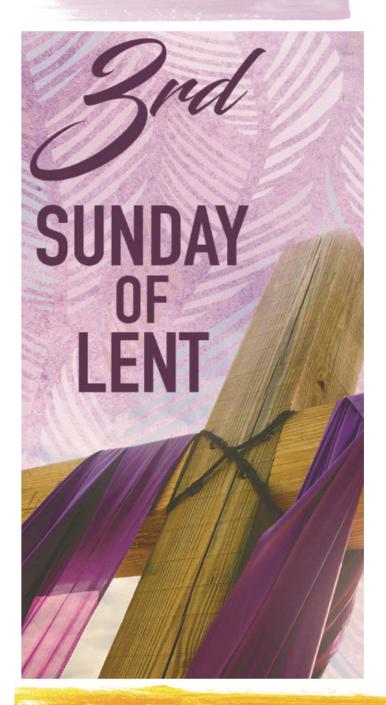




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March 20, 2022





Lent at St. Matthias

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent March 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 Service - April 2, 2022 at 10:00 am

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 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.



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.

CAPUCHIN COMMUNITY Milwaukee House of Peace SERVICES St. Ben's Community Meal

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. 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!!!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

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Bulletin Deadlines for April

Articles for April 10 are due: Friday, April 1

Articles for April 17 are due: Thursday, April 7

Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor

10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/

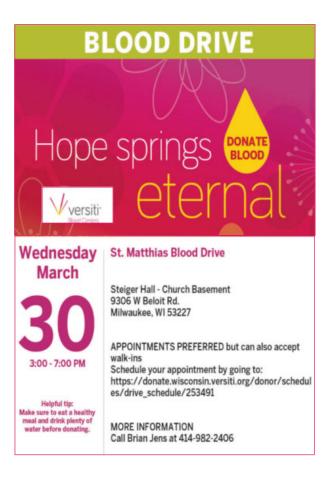
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14 Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Memorials

A memorial donation has been given to St. Matthias Parish in loving memory of Lawrence Trzebiatowski from Richard and Patricia Bettes, to be used for the food pantry.

A memorial donation has been given to St. Matthias Parish in loving memory of Louise Pabian, from James Walker, for the needs of the parish.



Easter Basket Sale

An Easter basket sale will be take place on the weekend of March 26 & 27 in Steiger Hall, held by the Associates of the School Sisters of St. Francis as a fundraiser for the retired sisters.

Samples of the baskets will be on display in the back of church this weekend, March 19 & 20.

Price varies according to size, \$15 to \$20.

Please stop by and take a peek!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 20, 2022 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass-Liturgy of the Word with Children-Church 8:00 am 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, March 21, 2022

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

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

8:15 am Mass - Church

3:00 pm Jr. Handbells practice—Church

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 592 Mtg.—Boy Scout Rm. Parish Center

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Girl Scout Mtg.-Steiger Hall Rm. 5 3:15 pm

Sister Parish Committee Mtg.—Steiger Rm. 7 6:30 pm 7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Parish Center Living Rm.

Thursday, March 24, 2022

All School Mass-Church 8:15 am

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

Choir Rehearsal—Church 7:00 pm

8:00 pm A New Awakening Group—Parish Center

Friday, March 25, 2022

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross-Church

Saturday, March 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 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 27, 2022 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Mass-Church

8:30 am RCIA Morning of Reflection-Steiger Rm. 7 9:30 am K4-8th Grade Christian Formation-School

10:00 am Mass-Church 6:00 pm Taize Prayer—Church

> Financial Stewardship numbers are not available at this time.



From All Saints Catholic Church for the recent donation of \$101.75 they received through our monthly Feed the Hungry Drive. "May God bless you for your generosity. Praying for peace for you, your loved ones, our city, country, and the world!" Fr. James Arthur, Pastor

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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

The next Food Pantry dates are April 9 and 23 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 Diced Tomatoes Canned fruit, any

Rice kind

Pasta Sauce Pork and Beans

Hamburger Helper Pasta Toilet Paper Cereal

Please do not donate baby food.

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

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Fr. Chuck Schramm

Fr. Bill Stout, OFM

Fr. Charlie Zabler

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Mark Kopplin, Parish Council Moderator

Mass Schedule

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

Rite of Reconciliation

First and third Saturday of the month at 8:30 am

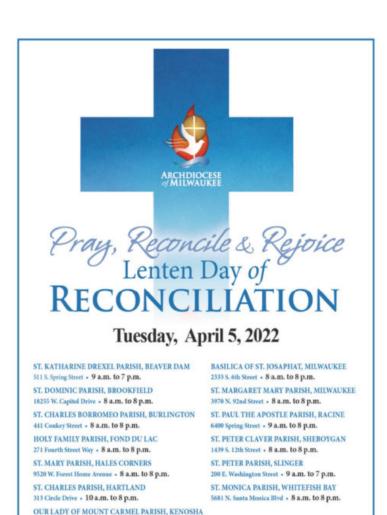
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Contact Information

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Lent and Almsgiving

Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do. Reconciliation is the product of God's mercy. When we come to this sacrament, we are reminded that God continually frees us from whatever it is that is holding us captive. We rediscover the truth of ourselves – that through Jesus the Christ, we are one with God and one with each other. Lent has always been penitential in nature. It is a time to stop and seriously reflect on where we are in life. Are we turning away from sin and being faithful to the Gospel?

The Unites States Conference of Catholic Bishops tells us that the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only frees us from our sins but also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. To be reconciled with God entails being reconciled with family, friends, and neighbors. In the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned". The opportunity to confess our sins and acknowledge our weaknesses is a gift from God entrusted to the Church. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in God's presence and receive his mercy in absolution. "Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation, knowing that God never tires of forgiving" (Pope Francis, Lenten Message, 2022). The grace we receive can bring us peace of heart and make us stronger on our lifelong journey to the Resurrection.

At the midpoint of this Lenten season, you are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Matthias in a communal prayer service with the opportunity for individual confession. This will be on Saturday, April 2nd at 10: 00 AM. Come, to remember that God loves you and forgives you. Come, to prepare for the Easter celebration.

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart." (Joel 2: 12).



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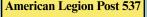


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