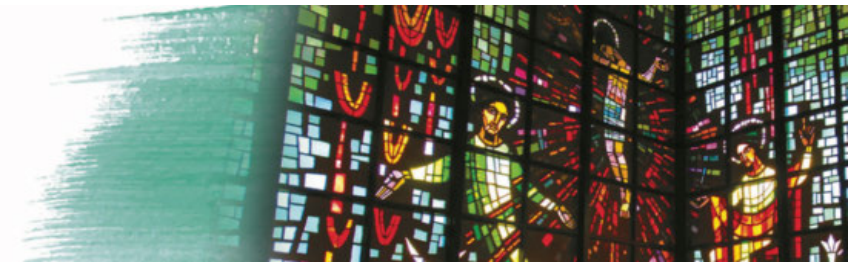




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April 10, 2022



### PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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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.

## Holy Week Masses

### Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

Morning Prayer - 8:30 am - Church  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm - Church

Eucharistic Adoration - 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
Night Prayer - 9:45 pm  
Chapel of Repose in Steiger Hall

### Good Friday, April 15, 2022

Morning Prayer - 8:30 am - Steiger Hall  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 1:00 pm - Church  
Stations of the Cross & Veneration  
7:00 pm - Church  
*The Church will remain open for silent prayer during the day*

### Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022

Morning Prayer - 8:30 am - Steiger Hall  
Blessing of the Easter Food - 3:00 pm - Church  
Solemn Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection  
8:00 pm - Church

### Easter Sunday Mass Schedule April 17, 2022

8:00 am  
10:00 am  
Noon

# GOSPEL MEDITATION

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

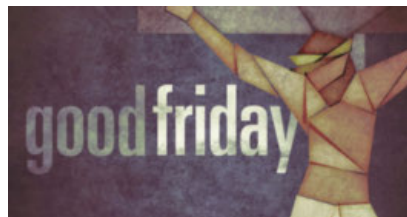
God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

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The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 15th.



## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

### It's Census Time!

Dear Parishioners,  
It has been a number of years since we have conducted a census here at St. Matthias, and it is time to update our parish records. To do so, we need your assistance please.



You will be receiving a census form, along with a letter, in the mail in the next several weeks. Please complete the form and return it in the envelope provided. Be assured that we will not share your information with anyone; this is for updating our records so that we have current contact information if we need to communicate with you. Availability to complete the form on the website will be forthcoming. Updates on both forms will be posted in future bulletins.

This is very important for us and for you, so please take a few minutes to complete and return the form at your earliest convenience.

In appreciation,

Deacon Stan

### Readings for the week of April 10, 2022

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/ Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/ Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

## Monday, April 11, 2022

- 2:15 pm All School Living Stations—Church

## Tuesday, April 12, 2022

- 8:15 am Mass - Church
- 3:00 pm Jr. Handbells practice—Church

## Wednesday, April 13, 2022

- 1:00 pm Art & Environment—Church and Steiger Rm. 4

### The Pascal Triduum

## Thursday, April 14, 2022 Holy Thursday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer—Church
- 8:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 8:00 pm A New Awakening Group—Parish Center
- 8:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration—Steiger Hall
- 9:45 pm Night Prayer—Steiger Hall

## Friday, April 15, 2022 Good Friday Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer—Steiger Hall
  - 1:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion—Church
  - 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Veneration—Church
- The Church will remain open for silent prayer during the day

## Saturday, April 16, 2022 Easter Vigil

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer—Church
- 3:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Food—Church
- 8:00 pm Solemn Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection—Church

## Sunday, April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 8:00 am Mass—Church
- 10:00 am Mass—Church
- 12:00 pm Mass—Church



### PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF: April 3, 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	209
Total Contributions	\$17,248.50
Year to Date Total	\$669,510.02

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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 April 23 and May 7 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:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Chef Boyardee         | Tuna                   |
| Soup                  | Applesauce             |
| Canned Diced Tomatoes | Canned fruit, any kind |
| Rice                  | Pork and Beans         |
| Pasta Sauce           | Pasta                  |
| Hamburger Helper      | Cereal                 |
| Toilet Paper          |                        |

**Please do not donate baby food.**



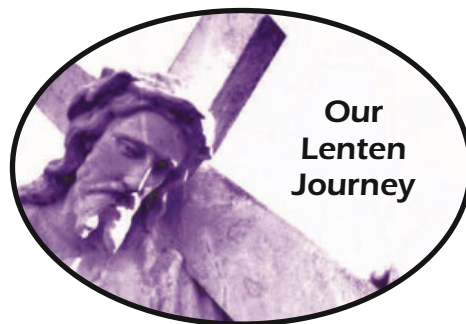
*Thank you for being so generous with your gifts to the recipients of the Shelter Sunday Drive held this past weekend. May God abundantly bless you!*

The Art & Environment Committee are in need of some 3-4 foot branches of pussy willows for our Easter arrangements.

If you have some, please drop them off at the parish office, M-Th, 8am-4pm.

**Thank you!**





### Did You Know...

The Safe Environment Program in the Catholic Church is making our parishes and schools safe places for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We hope that all clergy, employees, and volunteers' task themselves with protecting the young and vulnerable in their workplaces, neighborhoods, communities, and even their own homes.

Our goal is greater than just safe environments within the four walls of our parishes and schools, but safer communities for all God's children to live, learn and grow.

### The Pascal Triduum —

#### Celebrate The Church at its Best!

The summit of the liturgical year is the Easter Triduum – from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. “Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ’s Paschal Mystery.” (United States conference of Catholic Bishops). It marks the end of our forty days of preparation and the beginning of our time to pray, to remember and to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the story of our redemption.

#### **Holy Thursday**

Lent ends and Triduum begins as the sun sets this evening. We recall the Last Supper and Jesus’ mandate to serve. This is enacted in unique ways on this night.

*We wash feet during the liturgy.* This signifies our role as servant. “Do you realize what I have done for you? ... I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.” (John 13: 12b, 15). All are invited to have their feet washed.

*We bring an offering for the poor.* All are asked to bring a food donation or monetary offering to the gathering area prior to Mass.

#### **Good Friday**

We re-gather this day in silence to remember the Lord’s passion and death. The bareness of the environment sets the tone and mood. It is a solemn day of mourning and prayer. We offer prayers for the needs of the whole world, and humbly come to venerate the cross.

#### **Holy Saturday**

The Easter Vigil, the most solemn and holy of nights: we gather in darkness and silence. We build a fire and proclaim Christ as the light that overcomes the darkness. We hear our ancient stories of salvation and the Gospel story of the resurrection. Having kept a holy Lent in preparation for this night, we renew our baptismal commitment as a Catholic. In the words of the Exultet: “Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph!” These holiest of days are meant for the entire community. Because of the importance of their importance, we need to be present in church for as much of the Triduum as possible. Plan now for these days. The schedule is printed on the front of the bulletin.

#### 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](http://www.stmatthias-milw.org)

#### Contact Information

Parish Phone: 414-321-0893      School Phone: 414-321-0894  
 Parish 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](mailto:cpfeifer@stmatthias-milw.org) by Monday noon. Bulletin requests are subject to approval.

# Kids Corner



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

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For all who are suffering to the cold and loss of a family member

I will pray for everyone who has lost a loved one that they find peace and strength and are able to seek the guidance they need.

# Courtesy Announcements

## Holy Assumption Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner

**When:** April 10, 2022

**Where:** 1533 S. 71<sup>st</sup> Street, West Allis  
Holy Assumption Hall

**Time:** 11:00am – 5:00pm

\$11.50 adults, \$7.00 children age 4 to 10, age 3 and younger **FREE**.

Pre-sale tickets are available for purchase (\$10.50 adult & \$6.50 children)

at the Parish Office (1526 S. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street) Monday through Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm

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