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St. Matthias Parish The Sacrament of First Eucharist 2nd Sunday of Easter April 23 & 24, 2022

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed, God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a,

12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21 Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES



Wedding Banns

II - Philip Marchi and Sarra Agherrabi

Rest in Peace 👕



We commend to God the soul of Judith Darling. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Memorials

A memorial donation has been given to St. Matthias Parish in loving memory of Francis Burant, from the Belgium Lions Club, for the needs of the parish.

Memorial donations have been given to St. Matthias Parish in loving memory of Francis Burant, from many family and friends, for the needs of the parish.

Census Update

Dear Registered Parishioners, 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 two weeks. Please complete the form and return it in the envelope provided. Availability to complete the form on the website will also be available.

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. Please contact the parish office if you do not receive a form.

Thank you for your cooperation!

To all the catechists who were a vital part of our faith formation programs this year.



We give you infinite praise and thanks for your dedication, sacrifice and care for the wellbeing of our community.

May god continue to bless you and give you the strength to help others know Christ as you come to know him deeper yourself!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 24, 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mass—Church 10:00 am Mass—Church

6:00 pm 9th & 10th Grade Christian Formation—Church, Steiger Hall &

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

Monday, April 25, 2022

3:15 pm Brownie Troop Mtg.—Steiger Hall

7:00 pm River of Life Prayer Group—Steiger Hall & Steiger Rm. 5

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

8:15 am Mass - Church

3:00 pm Jr. Handbell practice-Church

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg.—Parish Office Conference Rm.
6:30 pm Human Resources Committee—Parish Office Dining Rm.
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 592 Mtg.—Parish Center Scout Rm.

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

3:15 pm Girl Scout Mtg.—Steiger Rm. 5

6:30 pm Sister Parish Committee Mtg-Steiger Rm. 7

6:30 pm Lifelong Faith Formation & Evangelization Committee Mtg.—

Parish Office Dining Rm.

Thursday, April 28, 2022

8:15 am All School Mass-Church

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

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal—Church

8:00 pm A New Awakening Group—Parish Center

Friday, April 29, 2022

Saturday, April 30, 2022

8:00 am Knights of Columbus Food Drive—Circle drive in front of Church

9:30 am Confirmation Rehearsal—Church

4:00 pm Mass—Church 6:00 pm Mass—Church

Confirmation at 10:00 am Mass this weekend

Sunday, May 1, 2022 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mass—Church 10:00 am Mass—Church



Confirmation will be celebrated at the 10:00 am Mass next Sunday, May 1st. Please be aware that this Mass will be longer than usual.



Knights of Columbus Fr. John Endejan Council 16171 will hold their Quarterly Food Drive for the Food Pantry on Saturday, April 30th from 8:00am-11:00am in the front circle drive.

Thank you in advance for your donations!



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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 May 7 and Maty 21 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 Soup Pasta Sauce
Hamburger Helper Toilet Paper Applesauce
Canned fruit Pork and Beans Rice
Diced Tomatoes Cereal Tuna
Pasta

Please do not donate baby food.

PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF: April 10, 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	260
Total Contributions	\$17,869.61
Year to Date Total	\$687,379.63

PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF: April 17, 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	\$14,569.88
Year to Date Total	\$701,949.51



An in-person Safe Environment Session will be held here at St. Mattias Parish on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Please use this link to register: https://www.archmil.org/Offices/Safe-Environment.htm

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 24th – April 30th as Safe Environment Awareness Week.

Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe.

We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

Did You Know... In 2021, in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, over 75 Safe Environment Education Sessions were conducted with over 3,000 adults trained in identifying signs of abuse and neglect, over 5,500

criminal background checks were conducted on clergy, employees, and volunteers, and over 50,000 children were trained in Safe Environment topics.

Every year in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, each parish and school is required to complete a report documenting their compliance with the Safe Environment Program's policies and procedures.



The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safe Environment Office uses those reports to compile an archdiocesan report for USCCB audit firm Stonebridge Partners on our archdiocesan compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has been found compliant every year since 2004.

Dear Parishioners/quests,

After a two year hiatus, the Festival Committee is excited to announce that our Parish Festival is back for 20221

There will be some changes made to streamline things for us, but most will be seamless to many.

The volunteer sign-up will be coming soon, along with a current wish list of needed items.

Thank you The Festival Committee

Raffle tickets will available at the church exits and the tables by the confessionals



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FRIDAY 4-11PM

- · 4-7pm Fish Fry by Schwai's of Cedarburg (Food Tent)
- 4-6:45pm The Whiskey Belles (Country Hits in West Tent)
- 7pm-10:30pm 33RPM/Barracuda The Ultimate Tribute to Heart (70's & 80's Rock/Pop Hits in East Tent)
- 7:30-11pm Bella Cain (Today's Country/Pop/Rock Hits in West Tent)

SATURDAY 2-11PM

- 2-5pm Alpine Amusements Ride Wristband special \$25.00
- 3-6:30pm Totally Neon (80's Dance Party West Tent)
- 7-10:30pm Rebel Grace (Today's Country in East Tent)
- 7:30-11pm Almighty Vinyl (70's/80's classic rock in West Tent)

SUNDAY NOON-7PM

- · Noon until gone, Chicken Dinner (Food Tent)
- Noon-4pm Alpine Amusements Ride Wristband special \$25.00
- Noon-2:30pm 5 Card Studs (60's & 70's Las Vegas style in West Tent)
- 2:30-6pm Eddie Butts Band (Classic R&B/Dance in East Tent)
- 3:30-7pm Rhythm Method (70's, 80's & 90' rock in West Tent)
- 5:00-6:15pm Cash Raffle and Raffle Drawings

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