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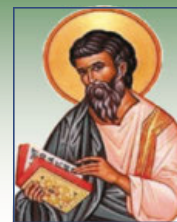
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## ***THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - DECEMBER 25TH, 2021*** ***THE HOLY FAMILY - DECEMBER 26TH, 2021***

**DEC 24-25**

**TORNADO RELIEF  
2ND COLLECTION  
AT MASSES**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. May God Bless You!

**DEC 22 - JAN 6**

**CHRISTMAS  
BREAK  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
PARISH OFFICE  
HOURS MAY VARY**

**DEC 26**

**WINE  
BLESSING**

Church  
During Mass



**JAN 9**

**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

Cafeteria  
7:00-11:00am  
\*Subject to Change

**JAN 15**

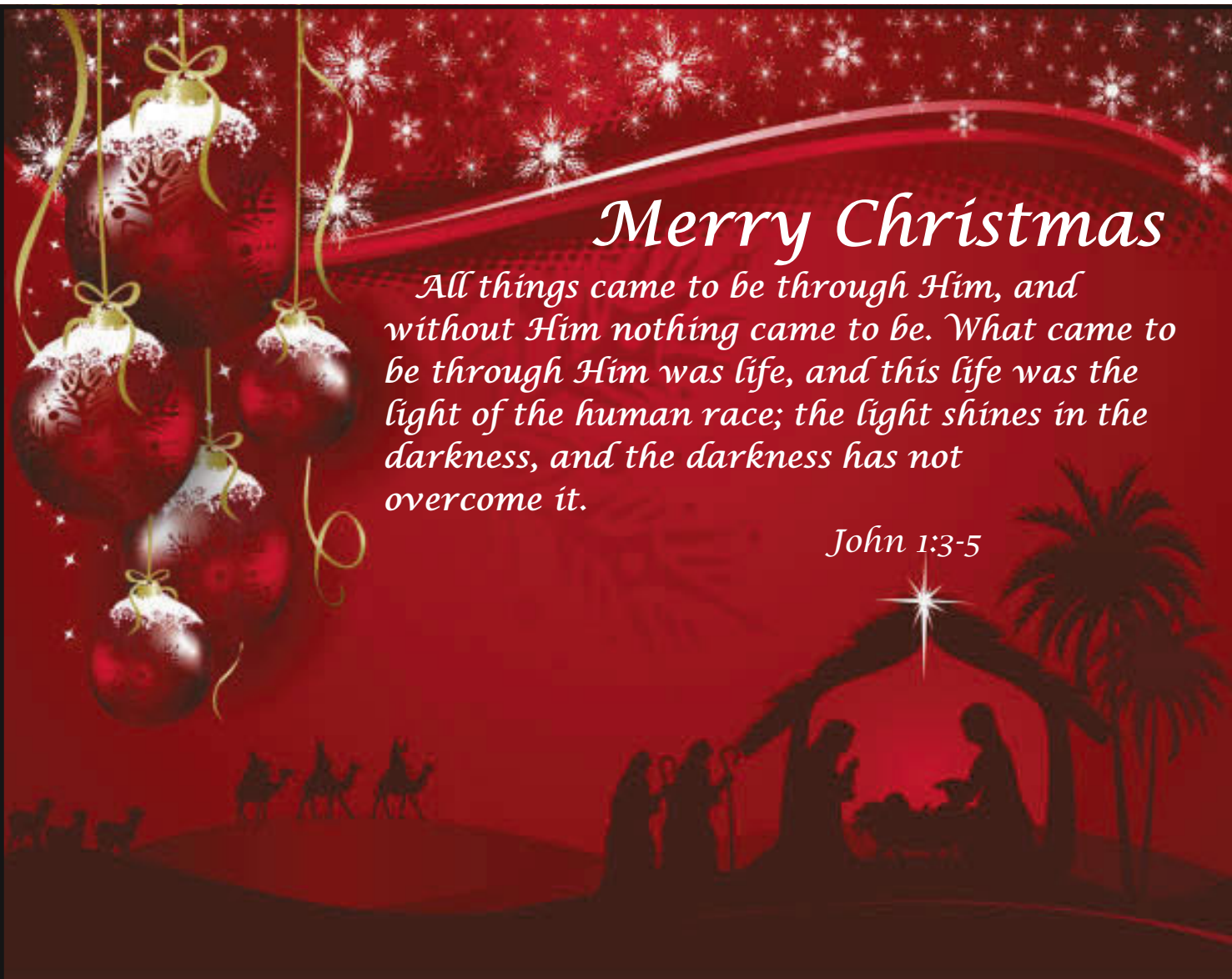
**MEN'S CLUB  
DINNER &  
TRIVIA**

Gym  
6:30pm

## *Merry Christmas*

*All things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be. What came to be through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*John 1:3-5*



## Mass Intentions

Fri, Dec 24 4:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS TIM & JOANNE MALONEY
Fri, Dec 24 10:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS GEORGE BUCHANAN
Sat, Dec 25 9:00 am	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD RANDY SIMON
Sat, Dec 25	NO 5:30PM MASS
Sun, Dec 26 9:00am	THE HOLY FAMILY BYRON & CHARLOTTE KOENIG
Thu, Dec 30	NO 8:15AM MASS
Sat, Jan 1 5:30pm	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD STEVE FOLZ
Sun, Jan 2 9:00am	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD LINA & LOUIS MITTINO

**MT. VERNON FOOD PANTRY  
DECEMBER ... CANNED PASTA  
JANUARY ... JELLY**

### St. Matthew

#### Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Giving of 12/12/2021.....\$3,417

We Share .....\$1,065

Youth Collection.....\$1

**\*Total Giving \$4,483\***

Fiscal Year to Date Giving 12/12/2021....\$165,833

**Weekly Goal...\$9,276**

*"Your greatness is not what you have,  
It's what you give."*



### WeShare - Online Giving

Have you considered setting up automated giving for St. Matthew? Just go to: <https://stmatthewparish.churchgiving.com/> or point your cell phone camera at this QR code. It's easy and safe and allows you to give as much or as often as you like! Thank you so much for your generosity!



**The cost to light a Prayer Candle is \$3.00**

Online bulletin:

<https://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-matthew-parish-47620>

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## Ministers Schedules

CHRISTMAS EVE	Fri, Dec 24 4:00 pm	Fri, Dec 24 10:00 pm
Lectors	Children	Michelle Hudson
Extraordinary Ministers	Michele Gondi Cookie Bradford	Paul Campbell
CHRISTMAS & HOLY FAMILY	Sat, Dec 25 9:00 am	Sun, Dec 26 9:00 am
Lectors	Rachel Deno	Rachel Deno
Extraordinary Ministers	Sydney Deno	John Hendricks
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Sat, Jan 1 5:30 pm	Sun, Jan 2 9:00 am
Lectors	John Bohleber	John Hendricks
Extraordinary Ministers	Scott Griffin	Dan Hayden

### St. Matthew Happenings

Wine Blessing	Sun	Dec 26	9:00am	Church
Reconciliation	Sat	Jan 1	6:30pm	Church

### \*CHRISTMAS BREAK\*

**SCHOOL CLOSED ~ PARISH OFFICE HOURS MAY VARY  
DECEMBER 22, 2021 - JANUARY 6, 2022**

### RCIA ~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you or someone you know wanted to learn more about the Catholic faith or considered joining the Catholic Church?

Classes will be starting January 9, 2022!  
Please contact the Parish Office for more information at 812-838-2535 or email Sherri Rapp at [srapp@evdio.org](mailto:srapp@evdio.org).

### Feast of St. John Wine Blessing



Bring your wine to Mass Sunday, December 26th! Fr. Ryan will be blessing wine for the feast of St. John. Have your wine (or champagne) blessed for the new year, invoking God's graces upon all those who drink it! Label your bottle(s) and place them on the steps of the altar before Mass, Father will say the blessing and after Mass you can pick up your blessed wine as you leave.

## PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS

### MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

The appreciation dinner furnished by the St. Matthew Men's Club for present, past & potential members and their wives will be held on Sat, January 15, 2022 after the 5:30pm Mass. The meal is being catered by Hawg-N-Sauce. Although the meal is free, you will be expected to pay \$10.00 that evening for 2022 dues. After the meal, we will be participating in a trivia session conducted by Mr. Paul Rynkiewich.

#### RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

Call Tom Hoehn at 812-455-7848,  
Ted Boarman at 812-499-9712,  
or Frank Winiger at 812-598-9990  
**by January 8th!!!**

### Did You Know?

Our parish has a subscription to Formed.org! This platform has a wealth of information to guide and enrich your faith journey. With movies, videos, interviews, and study materials, you are sure to find something to inspire all ages! Just log on to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and sign up as a parishioner. Type "St Philip and St Matthew" in the parish search and enter your email address. You can contact Bridget Seifert, Rachel Deno, or Sherri Rapp in the office for help.

### WHITE GLOVE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!



The family of St. Matthew and the White Glove Committee (that's the group of men and women who clean the church so we can have a nice environment to worship in) are looking for someone in our parish family who might be willing to join an awesome team that works together to clean the church about once a month. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 812-838-2535 or Cathie Schaffstein at 812-985-9604.



### Baptisms

Please join us in welcoming Bennett Alan Lang to St. Matthew Parish! He was Baptized on December 12, 2021. Ben is the son of Kyle Lang & Hadlee Whoberry



### A Christmas Thank You

Thank you to everyone who purchased memorial poinsettias or had them delivered to the church. We had such a wonderful response this year and our church looks simply beautiful. Special thank you to Katie Hoehn and Nancy Simon for organizing the poinsettia purchase and for all their time and talents decorating our church for this wonderful holiday Season!

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ( 800-273-8255)**

**National Domestic Violence Lifeline (800-799-7233)**

### Don't Forget to Turn in Your Rural King Receipts!!!

If you made a purchase from Rural King with a receipt dated between Dec 9th - 24th in store or online, you can earn St. Matthew 10% back from your purchase! You can turn in a copy of your receipt to the parish office for us to enter, or you can enter your receipt information online at [www.ruralking.com/churchweek](http://www.ruralking.com/churchweek) by January 7th, 2022. If you shopped at Rural King during this time, we thank you for your participation!

### Looking to save taxes on your Required Minimum Distribution while helping St. Matthew?

If you have to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA because you are over age 72, you can donate some or all of your required minimum distribution to St. Matthew (and other charities) and avoid paying tax on that amount. Your broker or IRA custodian must send the money directly from your IRA to St. Matthew. (That is, you can't take the money out and write a check to St. Matthew later. It must be a direct transfer.) Check with your broker or IRA custodian for more information.

### With Sympathy



**Thomas J. Schmidt**, 86, of Mt. Vernon, IN, passed away December 6, 2021. Steve is a member of St. Matthew Church. He was born March 26, 1935. Tom is survived by his wife, Margaret (Carr) Schmidt; son, Rick (Nancy) Schmidt; daughters, Deborah (Arthur, Jr.) Ashworth and Susan Ledbetter; grandchildren, Brian Ashworth, Angela Valiant, Daniel Ledbetter, Summer Wright, Shawn Schmidt, Chelsea Schmidt, and Brock Schmidt; 9 great-great grandchildren. Please keep the Schmidt family in your prayers.

To view Pictorial Directory on our website, go to:  
[WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.US](http://WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.US) - PW is STM12



### Join in the fellowship...

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:30pm  
 Sunday Mass: 9:00am  
 Confession: 6:30pm Following the Evening Mass  
 Baptism: By Appointment  
 Marriages: Contact the Pastor/Deacon at least 6 mo. in advance

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 Christan Shockley, Principal • [cshockley@evdio.org](mailto:cshockley@evdio.org)

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 Heidi Martin, Director • [hmartin@evdio.org](mailto:hmartin@evdio.org)

**For Emergencies Contact Donett May  
 812-307-0252**



### Our Parish Staff

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 School: 812-838-3621 - Fax: 812-838-6971

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 Sherri Rapp, Secretary.....srapp@evdio.org  
 Brianna Young, Bookkeeper.....byoung@evdio.org

- **Prayer Chain, Frank Liberti**.frankliberti@twc.com - 812-430-1462
- **Holy Helpers, Cathie Schaffstein** - 812-985-9604
- Communion to the homebound**
- **Wedding Coordinator, Keely Burkhardt** - 812-319-5452
- **RCIA Coordinator: Deacon Tom Evans** - tevens@evdio.org

**To register with the parish or to arrange for the celebration of sacraments, please contact the parish office at 812-838-2535.**

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm; Fri - Closed

### St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council

Amelia Gonzalez, Chairperson [amelialgonzalez@gmail.com](mailto:amelialgonzalez@gmail.com)  
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 Bridget Seifert, Spiritual Life & Worship [estrellacita@gmail.com](mailto:estrellacita@gmail.com)



#### VISION STATEMENT:

**"St. Matthew Parish strives to be *Christ to others.*"**



#### Parish Pastoral Council - 2nd Wednesday

Amelia Gonzalez, Chairperson

#### Finance Council - 4th Wednesday

Melinda Garman, Chairperson

#### School Council - 1st Wednesday

Gordon Green, Chairperson

#### Parish Social Outreach Commission - 3rd Wednesday

Eric May, Chairperson

#### Spiritual Life and Worship - 4th Wednesday

Bridget Seifert, Chairperson



### Planned Giving to St. Matthew

As you set up or review your will, please consider showing your thankfulness to the role St. Matthew has played in your faith life and consider remembering St. Matthew with a financial bequest amount or percentage.

### Buy Low and Donate High!

**Are you interested in donating Stocks or Mutual Funds to St. Matthew Catholic Church?** We have had several requests to be able to accept these forms of donations and we are proud to let you know that YES! WE CAN!



### WeShare - Is Online Giving Right for You?

Stewardship is living thankfulness. Giving of time, talent and treasure to glorify God through the gifts he has given you. There are so many ways to exercise being a good steward, automated giving is but one. Many are finding it helpful in order to fulfill their desire in making a consistent gift. Is automated giving right for you? If you are interested in safe and secure online, automated giving, see the website below, or for assistance with set up, call or come by the parish office. We are happy to assist you!

[stmatthewparish.churchgiving.com](http://stmatthewparish.churchgiving.com)



## *A Message from Fr Ryan:*

“For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: and by the power of the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Blessed Virgin Mary and became man.”

Merry Christmas! We celebrate this central moment in the Creed when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We remind ourselves that God bowed down low into our world when God the Son joined our humanity to his divinity because of his great love.

God the Son, sent to us by the Father through the Holy Spirit, has remained with us since the moment of his birth. Even now, he continues to live in our tabernacle – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – as he spent forty weeks in the womb of his mother, Mary. In becoming the Son of Mary, Jesus becomes our brother. By being his brothers and sisters, he makes Mary our mother. In this way, Jesus brings every person into the one family of God!

Whatever gifts we may have given and received at Christmas, let us never forget the greatest gift that we have received from God – our adoption into his divine family.

*Yours,*

*Father Ryan Hilderbrand*



### **Is Christ Calling You To Become a Deacon?**

God is calling on each of us to serve one another in charity and love. Some men are receiving a particular invitation from God to serve Christ and His Church in ordained ministry as Permanent Deacons.

Deacons have a unique identity as neither a lay person nor a priest. Through the sacramental grace of Holy Orders, deacons are conformed into the image of Christ the Servant. In communion with Bishop Siegel and his body of priests, deacons serve to build up the community of faith among God's people through Word, sacrament and especially works of charity.

Our diocesan permanent deacons have greatly enriched our diocese by offering their lives in service in many of our parishes, hospitals, correction facilities and nursing homes as well as through outreach ministries to the homeless, the poor and hungry and the lonely and through many other ministries of charity.

If you might be interested in learning more, there are informational meetings at the Catholic Center in Evansville on Saturday, December 4th at 9:00 AM and January 8th at 9:00 am. For more information contact Deacon Tom Evans by e-mail at [tevens@evdio.org](mailto:tevens@evdio.org).

**Do you know of someone in a facility or homebound that would like to receive Communion? Please let us know in the Parish Office at 812-838-2535. We have parishioners available to take Communion to them.**

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are needing 2 individuals willing to become Extraordinary Ministers. One for Saturday night Mass and one for Sunday morning Mass. It would only be one Saturday or Sunday every other month. Because of Covid precautions, we are only having one individual serve as a minister at each Mass. At this time, the Extraordinary Minister arrives early to turn on the lights in the church and set up for Communion before Mass, then afterwards, put things away & turns off lights after Mass and take the collection to the bank. If you have more questions or are interested in helping in this capacity, please contact Sherri Rapp in the Parish Office at 812-838-2535. \*Individuals volunteering must have received the sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church.

### **TORNADO RELIEF**

Looking for a way to help our Kentucky neighbors suffering from the Tornados and storms? The Diocese of Owensboro is working with Catholic Charities to get financial assistance to those who need it so desperately right now. Every dime of your donation to Catholic Charities goes directly to those in need. To make a donation by credit card go to: [www.owensborodiocese.org/give](http://www.owensborodiocese.org/give) Or send a check to payable to *Catholic Charities* to Office of Stewardship  
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