



# St. Matthew Catholic Church

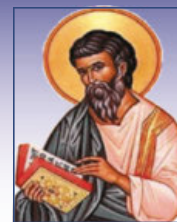
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## ***THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 2ND, 2022***

**DEC 22 - JAN 6**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**BREAK**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**PARISH OFFICE**  
**HOURS MAY VARY**

**JAN 8**  
**SAUSAGE**  
**PROCESSING**  
Winiger's Farm  
7:00-11:00am

**JAN 9**  
**PANCAKE**  
**BREAKFAST**  
Cafeteria  
7:00-11:00am  
\*Subject to Change

**JAN 9**  
**RCIA**  
**1st MEETING**  
Walnut Room  
10:00am

**JAN 15**  
**MEN'S CLUB**  
**DINNER &**  
**TRIVIA**  
Gym  
6:30pm

## *The Epiphany of the Lord*

*"They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house they saw the  
child with Mary his mother."*

*~ Matthew 2:10*

May God's love light your way and  
lead you into a new year that shines with  
His special joy.

# Happy New Year!!

## Mass Intentions

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
Thu, Jan 6 8:10am	ST. ANDRE BÉSETTE STAFF & STUDENTS OF ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL
Sat, Jan 8 5:30pm	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD FRANCES & WHITNEY WEHR
Sun, Jan 9 9:00am	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD FRANK & JOHN MADER

## MT. VERNON FOOD PANTRY JANUARY ... JELLY

### St. Matthew

#### Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Giving of 12/19/2021.....\$2,918

We Share .....\$2,335

Youth Collection.....\$1

**\*Total Giving \$5,254\***

Fiscal Year to Date Giving 12/19/2021.....\$173, 423

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

Christmas Contributions will be available in next weekend's Bulletin.

*"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!



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

The cost to light a Prayer Candle is \$3.00

Online bulletin:  
<https://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-matthew-parish-47620>  
Online giving: [stmatthewparish.churchgiving.com](https://stmatthewparish.churchgiving.com)

## Ministers Schedules

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
BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Sat, Jan 8 5:30 pm	Sun, Jan 9 9:00 am
Lectors	Glen Kuper	Susan Benton
Extraordinary Ministers	Melinda Garman	John Hendricks

## St. Matthew Happenings

Reconciliation	Sat	Jan 1	6:30pm	Church
Buildings & Grounds	Tue	Jan 4	6:00pm	WR
Busy Hands	Wed	Jan 5	10:00am	WR
School Council	Wed	Jan 5	6:30pm	WR
School & Regular Office Hours Resume	Thu	Jan 6	8:00am -3:00pm	
Sausage Processing	Sat	Jan 8	7-11am	Winiger's Barn
Reconciliation	Sat	Jan 8	6:30pm	Church
Pancake Breakfast	Sun	Jan 9	7-11am	Cafeteria
RCIA	Sun	Jan 9	10:00am	WR
JH/HS Youth Group	Sun	Jan 9	10:00am	YG Rooms

### \*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).

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ( 800-273-8255)

National Domestic Violence Lifeline (800-799-7233)

## PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS

### MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

Have you made your reservations for 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.

### A BIG THANK YOU!!

Over 385 lbs. of items were donated in our stable this month for the River Bend Food Pantry! Thank you to all that donated and helped transport items. God Bless!



### ARE YOU READY TO FIESTA??

#### SAVE THE DATE!

**St. Matthew School Benefit Auction**  
**Sat, March 5, 2022**



Tickets on sale soon!

Item donations are currently being accepted!

### 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!

### On A Personal Note

A very heartfelt thank you goes to all who prayed for me, wished me well, sent cards and did other acts of kindness while I recovered from surgery. St. Matthew people are the greatest!  
~Frank J. Winiger

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

(St. Matthew contact - Don Baier)

Or call 425-3485

#### Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

### 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.

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

### Our Parish Staff

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- **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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#### 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:*

Next up in the Nicene Creed, we say, "For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate." Did you know that thirty percent of Catholics do not believe in a "personal" God? That is, they believe that God is merely a force or a presence – without a name, without real existence, without the ability to relate to us? To say the least, this is sad.

Fairy tales – stories about people that don't exist living in imaginary worlds – begin with "once upon a time" because the story isn't real. The point of a fairy tale isn't what happened but what we can learn from the story. The Gospel and the life of Jesus are entirely different. The Creed directs us to a particular event (the Cross) carried out by a particular man (Pontius Pilate). The "story" isn't invented and it isn't meant to teach a lesson. It is meant to introduce us to a God who is personal, who acts in our world, and who wants a relationship with you!

The Creed reminds us that God is not only "personal," but that he has acted personally within our history. Not content to simply engage us from outside of our universe, God himself came to us in our very flesh! This line of the Creed makes it very, very specific for those who need proof – it was at this moment in history, at this place, in this time, that God came to us!

*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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