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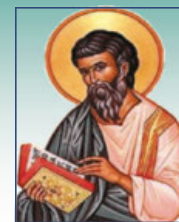
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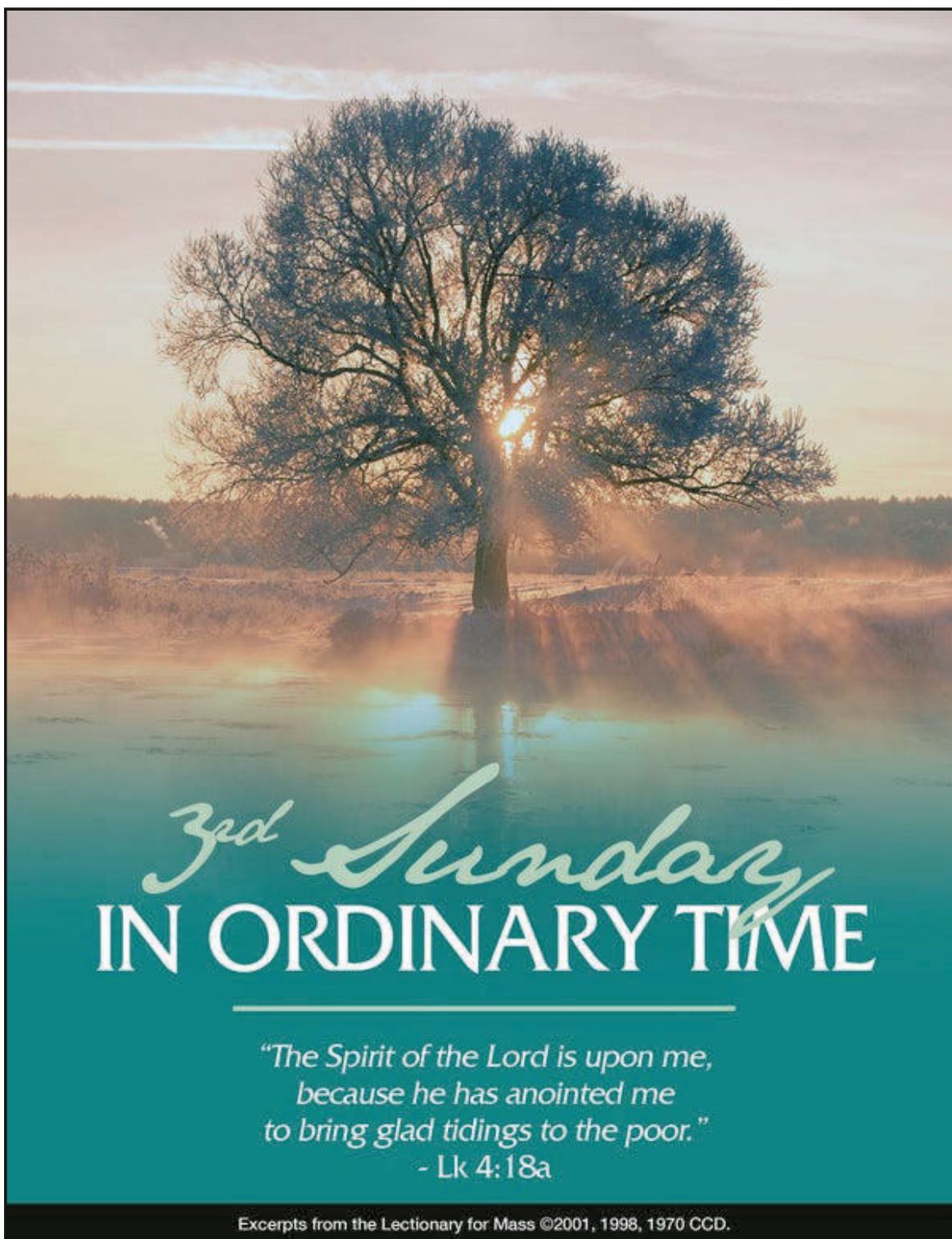
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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 23RD, 2022



3rd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a*

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**JAN 23
SOUP
KITCHEN**
10:00am
Kitchen - HSYG
10:00am
JH Youth Group
Youth Group Room

**JAN 26
EARLY SCHOOL
DISMISSAL DAY**
12:45Pm

**JAN 31-FEB 4
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS
WEEK**

**FEB 3
COME & SEE
SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**
School
5:00pm

**FEB 13
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**
Cafeteria
7:00-11:00am

**MAR 5
SCHOOL
BENEFIT
AUCTION**

Mass Intentions

Sat, Jan 22 5:30pm	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MARY SPINDLER
Sun, Jan 23 9:00am	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME DR. HERMAN HIRSCH
Thu, Jan 27 8:10am	ST. ANGELA MERICI MARGARET BUCHANAN
Sat, Jan 29 5:30pm	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME STEVE FOLZ
Sun, Jan 30 9:00am	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ROBERT BAUMGART

Ministers Schedules

	Sat, Jan 22 5:30 pm	Sun, Jan 23 9:00 am
Lectors	Emily/Megan Osborne	Rachel Deno
Extraordinary Ministers	Glen Kuper	Ted Boarman
	Sat, Jan 29 5:30 pm	Sun, Jan 30 9:00 am
Lectors	Dustin Boyer	Susan Benton
Extraordinary Ministers	Melinda Griffin	Dan Hayden

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St. Matthew

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Giving of 1/16/2022.....\$7,006

We Share\$2,560

Youth Collection.....\$1

Total Giving \$9,566

Fiscal Year to Date Giving 1/16/2022....\$213,732

Weekly Goal...\$9,276

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

St. Matthew Happenings

Reconciliation	Sat	Jan 22	6:30pm	Church
RCIA	Sun	Jan 23	10:00am	WR
JH Youth Group	Sun	Jan 23	10:00am	YG Room
HS Soup Kitchen	Sun	Jan 23	10:00am	Kitchen
St. Vincent de Paul	Mon	Jan 24	6:00pm	WR
Men's Club	Mon	Jan 24	7:00pm	Gym
Wrestling Practice	Tue	Jan 25	6:00pm	Gym
Busy Hands	Wed	Jan 26	10:00am	WR
EARLY SCHOOL DISMAL	Wed	Jan 26	12:45pm	
Spiritual Life & Worship	Wed	Jan 26	5:30pm	WR
Finance	Wed	Jan 26	6:30pm	WR
Wrestling Practice	Thu	Jan 27	6:00pm	Gym
Reconciliation	Sat	Jan 29	6:30pm	Church

Contribution Statements

We will be mailing contribution statements to all of our parishioners. You should receive yours by February 15th.

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

To view Pictorial Directory on our website, go to:
WWW.STMATTHEWPARISH.US - PW is STM12

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS CANCELLED

Blood Pressure Checks for the weekend of January 29th & 30th have been cancelled.



Online bulletin:

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

Online giving: stmatthewparish.churchgiving.com

PARISH & SCHOOL NEWS

CCM Afternoon Teacher Assistant Needed

St. Matthew Child Care Ministry is seeking someone who is energetic, dedicated, loving, and a team player. This person will help out with afternoon activities. Hours are approximately 12:30pm-5:30pm, Monday through Friday during the school year (we follow MSD of Mt. Vernon schedule). Applicant must have a high school diploma; early childhood certification and experience working with children is preferred. If interested, please send resume to Heidi Martin at hmartin@evdio.org.



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.

Not Too Late for a New Years Resolution!

If you are looking for a New Years resolution check this out, The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) podcast. Google 'The Bible in a Year podcast' and follow the instructions for downloading. This will walk you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. Takes about 30 minutes per episode and can be done each day or whenever is convenient.

Viva Mexico! It's a FIESTA!!

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



- ◆ Ticket packets were mailed this week, if you did not receive one or need more tickets, contact an Auction Member or the Parish Office!
- ◆ Event tickets are also now available! Seating will be limited due to Covid, so get your tickets today!!
- ◆ Turn in your Item Donation forms!! We need them by February 1st! Extra forms are available in the back of church. They can be turned in to the Parish Office, Collection Basket or an Auction Member.
- ◆ Do you have a special talent or know someone who does? Do you have an idea for an exciting experience? We'd love to hear your auction donation ideas! Contact Keely Winiger at 812-453-5047 or keelywiniger@yahoo.com.

COME & SEE NIGHT

Our annual, Come and See Night, will be held Thursday, Feb 3rd from 5:00-7:00pm. Please, spread the word! Word of mouth is always the best advertisement. Families may tour the school and fill out applications for next year. With the huge increase in the income parameters for the Choice Scholarship, tuition cost should never be a reason for a family to not attend St. Matthew. Please share with family and friends!



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National Domestic Violence Lifeline (800-799-7233)

Our Common Home:

Pope Francis in his encyclical, "*Laudato Si*", urges us all to enter into a new relationship with the Earth so as to ensure the lasting well-being of all. Tom Bogenschutz, All Saints Staff member and co-founder of Tri-State Creation Care, will highlight some of the themes of this groundbreaking document in a presentation on **Wed., Jan. 26th at 6:30 pm**. This is a hybrid event. People can attend in person at All Saints Parish in Evansville (old St. Anthonys, 704 N. 1st Ave.) or can request a Zoom invite for on-line participation by emailing tristate.creation.care@gmail.com. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN LISTENING SESSION

St. Matthew, St. Philip, Corpus Christi, and St. Joe in the County will have a listening session on Jan 27th at 6:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi. Come share your thoughts about the direction our churches are moving and what you would like to see happening in the future.

Mater Dei-Memorial Big Bingo is Back!

Sunday, March 13th
Old National Events Plaza
Doors Open at 3:30pm
Get your tickets online at **bigbingo.org**

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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- Communion to the homebound**
- **Wedding Coordinator, Keely Burkhart** - 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

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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!



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A Message from Fr Ryan:

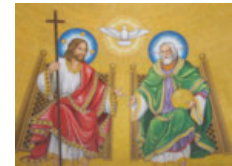
After telling us about his Ascension, the Creed says that Jesus “sits at the right hand of the Father.” This image, taken from the Scriptures, tells us that Jesus has all the power and authority that the Father has. The Father, being a pure spirit, doesn’t have right or left hands; it is a metaphor, or a story meant to describe the reality that Jesus and the Father are equals.

In ancient Israel, the king would sit upon his throne as a sign that he was lord and ruler of that nation. The act of “sitting down” on the throne was a symbol of his authority. Even today, judges and politicians always sit down when they exercise their authority. The President could easily sign a bill while standing or walking around, but he sits down to emphasize his authority to take that action.

We say that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father to make two beliefs abundantly clear. First, we believe that Jesus and the Father have the same authority, power, and are worthy of the same worship. Second, we believe that they are not the exact same thing – Jesus is not the Father, and the Father is not Jesus! We’ll dive a little deeper into this when we speak of the Holy Spirit in a later article.

Yours,

Father Ryan Hilderbrand



Parish Pastoral Council January Meeting Summary

- The Pope is having all Bishops gather in Rome after every diocese throughout the world holds listening sessions anyone can attend to speak about the Church. Reports will be compiled and sent to the Bishop, then compiled into a final ten page report. All reports from the entire country will again be compiled and a ten page report sent to Rome from each country.
- The session for St. Matthew, St. Philip, Corpus Christi, and St. Joe in the County is January 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi. There will be other sessions throughout the diocese and anyone can attend any session.
- The reason for this is that the Church is meant to listen.

MEN’S CLUB DINNER & TRIVIA NIGHT



They had a great turn out for the Men’s Club Appreciation Dinner and Trivia Night! Our winning team was: Wes & Karley Kuykendall, Mary Koester, Nancy Simon and Diana & Tom Hoehn!

If you weren’t able to attend the dinner, but would like to join our St. Matthew Men’s Club, contact Frank Winiger at 812-598-9990, Tom Hoehn at 812-455-7848 or Ted Boarman at 812-499-9712.

RCIA CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, join us Sunday mornings following Mass (10am) in the Walnut Room.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

We are still looking for Extraordinary Ministers for both Saturday and Sunday Masses. Is God giving you that tap on the shoulder? Contact Sherri Rapp at srapp@evdio.org or 812-459-7314 for more information.

SERVER TRAINING & REFRESHER! SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH 10:00AM (FOLLOWING MASS) IN THE CHURCH



We are excited to bring our servers back to Mass! We will have a brief training or refresher (for anyone third grade to adult interested in being an Altar Server at weekend Masses. We need more servers!! Please join us!! Contact Sherri Rapp at srapp@evdio.org or 812-838-2535 for questions.

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