

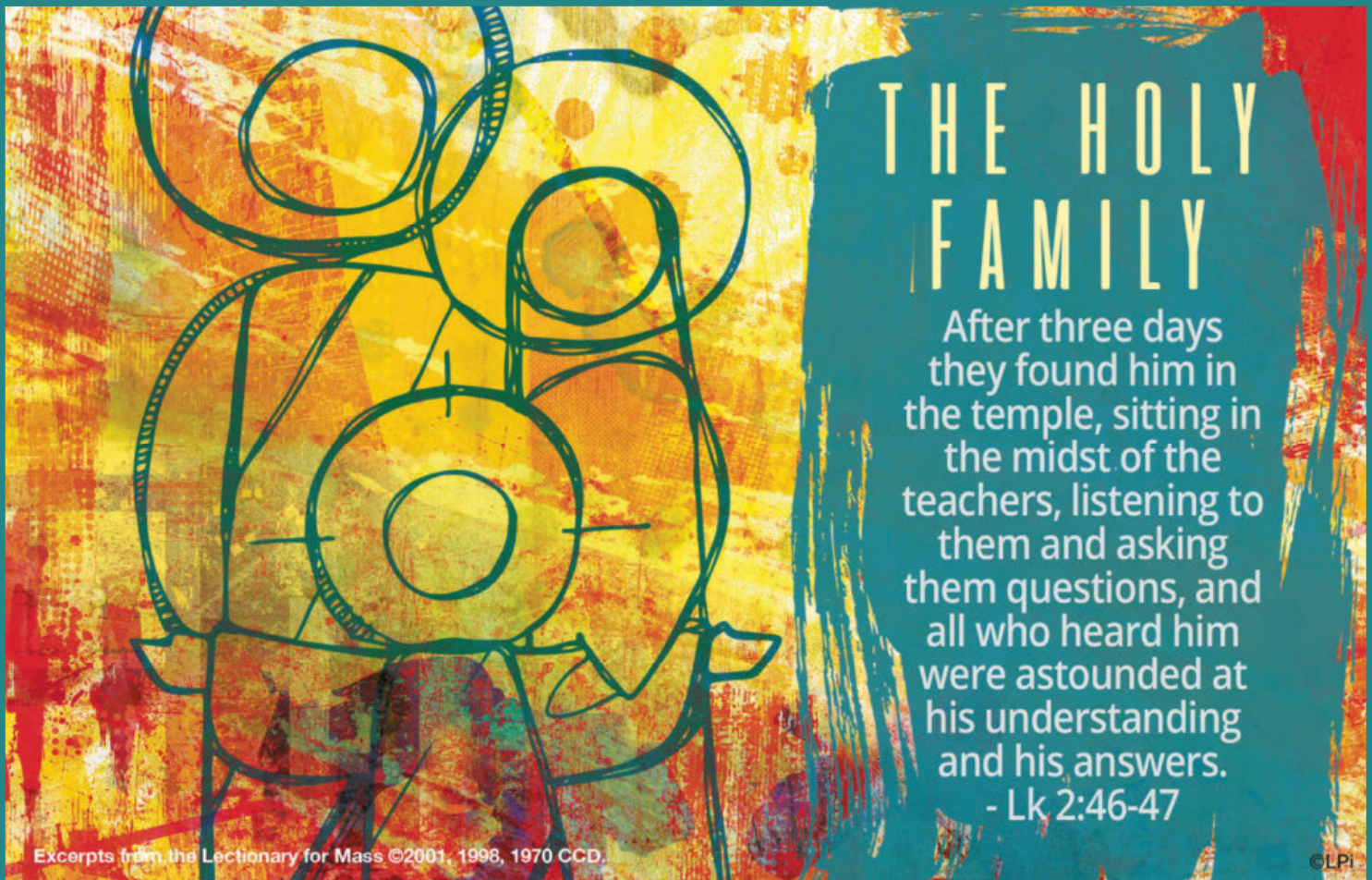


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the temple, sitting in
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them questions, and
all who heard him
were astounded at
his understanding
and his answers.
- Lk 2:46-47

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Weekend Masses—Sat 4 PM & Sun 8 & 10:30AM

Weekday Masses— Tues 5:30 PM, Wed & Fri 8:00AM
Thursday (School Mass) 8:30 AM

Reconciliations—Saturday at 2:45PM or by appointment

Parish Office Hours—Monday-Friday 8:30AM-4:00PM

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY!



146 FAMILIES—447 PEOPLE SERVED—21 HOMELESS BAG

The past few weeks we've seen higher demand for food and have given more baskets and senior bags to our special programs, which means the abundance of food donated gets used fairly quickly. We truly appreciate all donations, and regular donations of food and supplies are especially helpful.

Area parishes, schools, and businesses that have recently donated have been a real help, including All Saints, St. Ludmila, St. Patrick, St. Pius X, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Jude, the Archdiocesan Office at St. Patrick Parish, Xavier High School, and Quaker Pepsico. It takes a village to feed our neighbors in need. Thank you for being part of our village!

We will be closed for Christmas break from Friday, December 24th through Sunday, January 2nd.

All donations are appreciated!

Donate from your car!

Call our office when you arrive and we'll come out to receive your donation!

Current Pantry Needs:

- Peanut Butter !
- Jelly
- TUNA/Canned Meat
- SOUP, Stew, Chili
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Pasta (Ravioli, etc.)
- Potatoes (flakes or fresh)
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Cooking Basics-Oil, Flour, Sugar, Salt, etc.

Senior Bag Items:

- Microwaveable meal cups
- Nutritional shakes
- Yogurt cups

- Soup/Stew.Chili

Homeless Bag Items:

- (easy open single-serve items) -protein/ meals or snacks

Other Needs:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Wipes
- Toothpaste, Toothbrushes

- Household Paper Products
- Laundry detergent PODS
- Household cleaning supplies

- Brown paper grocery bags

- Tents and sleeping bags
- ponchos and umbrellas
- mittens and gloves
- Carts or luggage with wheels
- backpacks or drawstring bags

**bolded items are in short supply*

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Hours: 9 am-3 pm Monday-Thursday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2022

As Christians, we have an ancient tradition of praying for the deceased, praying for the repose of their souls. This tradition stretches all the way back to the Old Testament. One primary way this devotion is expressed in our day is through the offering of Masses for particular intentions (persons). When the priest offers Mass, he prays certain prayers specifically for the intention of that Mass. We are now scheduling Mass intentions through the entire year of 2022. The standard offering for a Mass is \$5 - please note that this is not the selling of a Sacrament, but rather an act of worship. Instead of bringing a calf or a pair of doves to the temple as they did in the ancient times, we can offer a gift to God from our livelihood. If you would like to request one or more Masses be offered for your loved ones, please contact Zach at the office, at zgignac@stmatthewcr.org, 319-363-8269, or by visiting during office hours (8:30-4:00).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are bringing back the opportunity for our young people to sing together at Mass! And we know everybody is very busy, so we are not asking for a monthly commitment until the end of time. Instead, check the dates, and reach out to Zach, our music director, to let him know if your kids are able to join for a particular date, as soon as possible.

WHO: All students in grades 3-8 (public AND private school) — parents and siblings can join too!

WHERE: We will meet in the Music Room at church (located right behind the statue of St. Joseph)

WHEN: Just one rehearsal before each Mass we sing Sunday, January 23 - 9:30AM rehearsal, 10:30AM Mass

RSVP to Zach ASAP so he can have enough music for everyone
zgignac@stmatthewcr.org or 319-363-8269

OCTAVE OF
Christmas

LIVING LITURGICALLY THROUGH CHRISTMAS

Fun fact: Christmas does not end on December 25th! Wouldn't it be such a bummer to have all of that waiting and build up through Advent only to have Christmas done in a day? How long Christmas lasts is actually up for debate: some say it's done after the Octave (8 days) following Christmas, others say that Epiphany marks the end of the season, and still some say that Christmas doesn't end until the Baptism of the Lord! Personally, I like to wait until February 2 (the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus), because that's when the Vatican takes down their Nativity. (If it's good enough for the Pope, it's good enough for me.)

There are several feast days between now and Epiphany, (January 2 this year) including St. Stephen (December 26), Feast of the Holy Innocents (December 28), Mary the Mother of God (January 1), etc. The overarching theme for these feasts is focusing on others. St. Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the Church. He gave his life for his faith in service of others. The Feast of the Holy Innocents remembers the baby boys murdered by King Herod in an attempt to kill Baby Jesus. Mary is a reminder of saying "yes" to God and motherly love to all.

In honor of these feast days, I challenge you to find a way to serve others this week. It could be as simple as buying coffee for someone, or more involved like volunteering at a food bank. Whatever it is, share a kindness with someone and help to share the joy of Christmas with others.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2021

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FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our *Forgiven* series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



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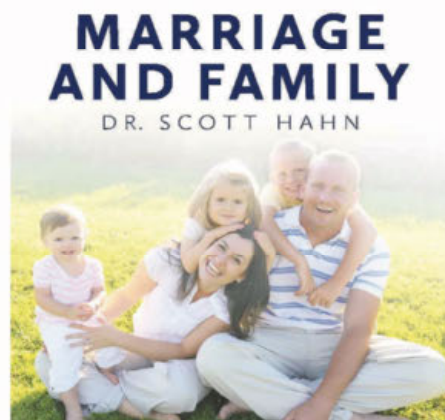
This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR
MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27, 2021

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28

5:30 P MASS

† **Fr. Gerald Condon**

No Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 A MASS

† **Thomas Lowell White**

6:30 P Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 30

8:00 A MASS

† **Anne Marie Valliere**

No Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 31

Parish Office Closed

5:30 P Vigil MASS

† **Hennessey/Valliere Families**

Saturday, January 1, 2022

2:45 P Reconciliation

4:00 P MASS

† **For the People of St. Matthew**

Sunday, January 2

8:00 A MASS † **Deceased members of Frank Whitters Family**

10:30 A MASS † **Brad Burhite**

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, December 27, 2021

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1, 2022

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Sunday, January 2

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1-12

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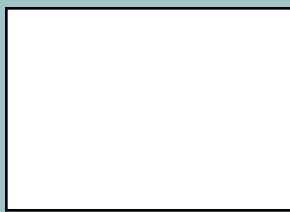
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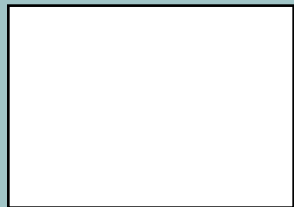
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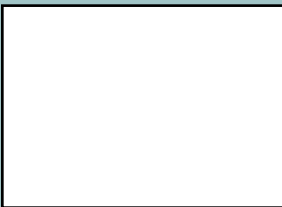
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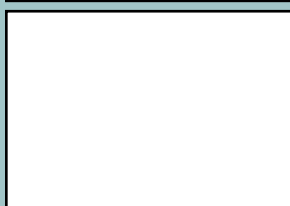
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