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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 5:30 PM Wednesday 8:00 AM Thursday 8:30 AM (School Mass) Friday 8:00 AM Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Sat 4 PM & Sun 8 & 10:30AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:45 PM or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY!



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 now 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, and we have many openings left to fill! 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 <u>zgignac@stmatthewcr.org</u>, 319-363-8269, or by visiting during office hours (8:30-4:00).

Marriage Enrichment Date Night

All married and engaged couples are invited to join us for social time, snacks, a talk on marriage, and small group discussion.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD 3:30-5:30 PM kearn hall at st. matthew

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE Childcare will be provided

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 our to Zach, our music director, to let him know if your kids are able to join for a particular date, as soon as possible.

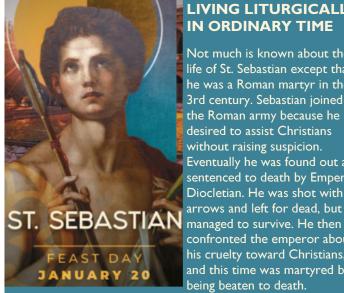
WHO: All students in grades 3-8 (public AND private school) — parents and siblings can join too!

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

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LIVING LITURGICALLY IN ORDINARY TIME

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr in the 3rd century. Sebastian joined the Roman army because he desired to assist Christians without raising suspicion. Eventually he was found out and sentenced to death by Emperor Diocletian. He was shot with arrows and left for dead, but confronted the emperor about his cruelty toward Christians, and this time was martyred by being beaten to death.

Sebastian is the patron saint of soldiers, archers, and athletes. So there are a few relevant options to celebrate his feast day including a family game night or sporting event, and giving a nod to the art that depicts Sebastian skewered by arrows, perhaps shish kebobs could be on the dinner menu!

You can skewer just about anything, but I recommend marinated chicken or beef with a medley of vegetables—onions, peppers, squash, tomatoes, etc—grilled and served with rice. Letting your kids make their own skewers (with supervision) includes them in this fun activity, too!

Dear Lord, thank you for giving us St. Sebastian as an example of holiness. Grant us the spirit of fortitude, so that guided by the example of the martyr St. Sebastian, we may learn to bear witness to our Christian faith. St. Sebastian, pray for us! Amen.

Cedar Rapids March for Life Saturday, January 22nd



We will meet at 9am in Kearn Hall. We will march down 1st Ave to pray at Planned Parenthood.

For those who would like to pray indoors, Eucharistic Adoration and a rosary will be hosted by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women from 10-10:30am in St. Matthew Church.

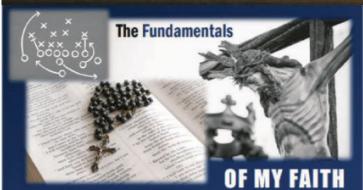
A chili social will begin at I I am with guest speaker Bernie Hayes at 11:10am. The event will conclude at 11:40am.

We are collecting disposable diapers, wipes, and newborn clothes for distribution to Bridgehaven and Birthright.

For more info contact Sue Martinek at 319-270-0054 or coalitionforlife@gmail.com



Catholic Evangelization Outreach





Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it. - Proverbs 22:6

Coach Duane Schulte doesn't consider himself to be an amazing Catholic of any sort. He does, however, practice the fundamentals of our God-given faith.

His time-honored & peer-supported, winning strategy on the football field is consistent with the strategy he applies in his daily life of faith.

You are invited "inside the huddle" to hear Coach Schulte share from his faith playbook, and best prepare for the most important game of all... life!

Livestream: https://vimeo.com/event/821526

Where: St. Jude Catholic Church 50 Edgewood Rd NW - Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 When: Monday, January 24, 2022 Time: 6:30 -8:00 PM

This event is FREE and ALL are welcome! A light meal will be served - Child care is not available

Visit CRCEO.INFO

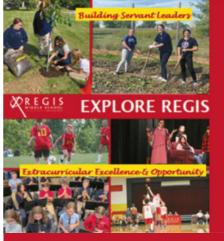
Sunday, January 16, 2022 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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All 21-39 year olds are invited to join us at Parlor City on January 20th at 6pm to hear from Deacon Scott Zogg on "Faith and Science". Your first drink is on us! Check out <u>facebook.com/CRToT</u> for more information.





Families with 5th Graders: Save the date to explore Regis!

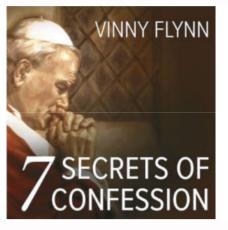
Saturday, January 29th from 9-11am, current fifth grade students and their families will have the chance to learn all about the opportunities Regis offers and will meet Regis students, parents, teachers, and staff. Please contact Dianne Clark at dclarke@regisroyals.org or 319-363-1968 to RSVP or if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing your at *Explore Regis* on January 29th!



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