Saint Matthew Catholic Church



January 30, 2022 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Vigil, 4p.m. Sunday 7 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Lord Jesus, increase the faith life of our parish and strengthen our families. Bless our parish with vocations to the priesthood. Call forth young men to great challenges and heroic deeds. We pray that they hear your voice and listen to your call. Give them courage, Lord, to follow in your footsteps and become priests for the salvation of souls. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Entrance: The Gift of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire And have the gift to all inspire And have not love, my words are vain As sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess And striving so my love profess But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship and are freed.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71



R. (cf. 15ab) I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

For you are my hope, O Lord;my trust, O God, from my youth.

On you I depend from birth;

from my mother's womb you are my strength.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

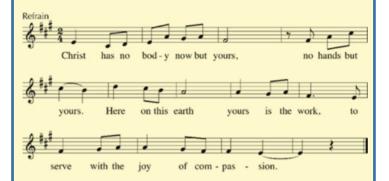
My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Offertory: Christ Has No Body Now But Yours



- 1. No hands but yours to heal the wounded world, no hands but yours to sooth all its suff'ring, no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.
- 2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see, to find the lost, to gaze with compassion; no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God.
- 3. No feet but yours to journey with the poor, to walk this world with mercy and justice. Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God.
- 4. Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need; As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing, with ev'ry gift a benediction be to the people of God.

Communion: God Has Chosen Me sen me. God has cho - sen me God has sen me, God has cho - sen me 3. God call ing me. God is call - ing bring good news to the God has cho - sen me, poor. a - light a new God has cho - sen me, God is call - ing me, whose cry is un - heard. God has cho - sen me sight bring new God has cho - sen me to bring to birth a new call - ing me with no raise up search-ing for light: God has cho - sen me, cho - sen me: king - dom on earth: God has cho - sen me, pow - er or choice: God is call - ing me, cho - sen me: call - ing me: the world that God's king-dom is near, move op-pres-sion and break down fear, yes, God's time is near,

God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.

Recessional: You Are the Way

- 1. You are the way; through you alone Can we the Father find; In you, O Christ, has God revealed His heart, his will, his mind!
- 2. You are the truth; your word alone True wisdom can impart; You only can inform the mind And purify the heart.
- 3. You are the life; the rending tomb Proclaims your conquering arm; And those who put their trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4. You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant us that way to know, That truth to keep, that life to win, Whose joys eternal flow.

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Jer 1:4-5*, *17-19*

"The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land: against Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17
R. (cf. 15ab) I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13

"Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, It is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick -tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Alleluia: Celtic Alleluia



Gospel: Lk 4:21-30

"Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum." And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in

accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE REVELATION OF GOD AS TRINITY, cont'd

255 The divine persons are relative to one another. Because it does not divide the divine unity, the real distinction of the persons from one another resides solely in the relationships which relate them to one another: "In the relational names of the persons the Father is related to the Son, the Son to the Father, and the Holy Spirit to both. While they are called three persons in view of their relations, we believe in one nature or substance." Indeed "everything (in them) is one where there is no opposition of relationship." "Because of that unity the Father is wholly in the Son and wholly in the Holy Spirit; the Son is wholly in the Father and wholly in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is wholly in the Father and wholly in the Son."

IV. THE DIVINE WORKS AND THE TRINITARIAN MISSIONS

257 "O blessed light, O Trinity and first Unity!" God is eternal blessedness, undying life, unfading light. God is love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God freely wills to communicate the glory of his blessed life. Such is the "plan of his loving kindness", conceived by the Father before the foundation of the world, in his beloved Son: "He destined us in love to be his sons" and "to be conformed to the image of his Son", through "the spirit of sonship". This plan is a "grace [which] was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began", stemming immediately from Trinitarian love. It unfolds in the work of creation, the whole history of salvation after the fall, and the missions of the Son and the Spirit, which are continued in the mission of the Church.

258 The whole divine economy is the common work of the three divine persons. For as the Trinity has only one and the same natures so too does it have only one and the same operation: "The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are not three principles of creation but one principle." However, each divine person performs the common work according to his unique personal property. Thus the Church confesses, following the New Testament, "one God and Father from whom all things are, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things are, and one Holy Spirit in whom all things are". It is above all the divine missions of the Son's Incarnation and the gift of the Holy Spirit that show forth the properties of the divine persons.

259 Being a work at once common and personal, the whole divine economy makes known both what is proper to the divine persons, and their one divine nature. Hence the whole Christian life is a communion with each of the divine persons, without in any way separating them. Everyone who glorifies the Father does so through the Son in the Holy Spirit; everyone who follows Christ does so because the Father draws him and the Spirit moves him.

260 The ultimate end of the whole divine economy is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the Blessed Trinity. But even now we are called to be a dwelling for the Most Holy Trinity: "If a man loves me", says the Lord, "he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him" (John 14:23). O my God, Trinity whom I adore, help me forget myself entirely so to establish myself in you, unmovable and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity. May nothing be able to trouble my peace or make me leave you, O my unchanging God, but may each minute bring me more deeply into your mystery! Grant my soul peace. Make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling and the place of your rest. *May I never abandon you there, but may I be there,* whole and entire, completely vigilant in my faith, entirely adoring, and wholly given over to your creative action (prayer of Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity).



HOLY HOUR FOR CONVERSION AND HEALING COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED

St. Matthew Church Wednesday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m.



- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Rosary Songs Sung Between Decades
- Benediction

All day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 7:30 a.m. Mass

Please join us in prayer

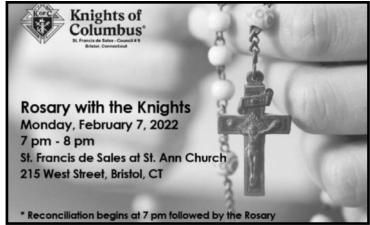


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(New Britain Deanery includes the towns of Bristol, Plainville, and Forestville)

The New Britain Council of Catholic

Women is kicking off their charity drive for the Prudence Crandall Center. The Center is dedicated to helping individuals achieve lives free of domestic violence. They accomplish this by providing care, advocacy, support and education. The Council is asking our members to contact their parish representative to determine what items/gift cards are needed for these women to set up a brand-new household. One need not be a member to contribute to this worthwhile cause. Please consider helping by reaching out to the council at nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com or calling Diane at 802-422-4487.



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VOLUNTEERS RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS!

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From the Saint Matthew School Faculty

2022 Parish & School Raffle

A committee is being formed to organize the 2022 raffle program. Volunteers are needed to make

this fundraiser a success; last year we raised \$29,000. Please contact Sonia Shavel in the rectory at 860-583-1833 to sign up for this important committee.





Dear Parishioners:

If you would like to have the name of a loved one included in our **prayer list**, please, call the parish office during business hours.



The prayer list is updated weekly.

Jill Synnott, Rita Lagasse, Ann Conroy, Kim Romano, Ada Zoccoli, Frank Baldino, Paul D'Aprile, Diane Bouchard, Barbara Morgan-Young, Murillo Bouchard, Teresa L. Darby, Betty Ann Silver, Gary Wycko,Sr., Lisa Harkey-Smith, Daniel Murzin, Kenneth Roy, Alice Caspar, Cecilia Dombrowski, Debra Bachman, Diane Theodora, Larry DeSimone, Loreta DiPietro, Carol Carrasco, Jacqueline Young, Robert Johnston and Pauline Casey.



January 30—February 6

The Sanctuary Candle is lit in honor of *Sally Kish* (birthday remembrance - 85th) requested by St. Matthew's Choir

The Candles in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues are lit in honor of all living and deceased members of St. Matthew Parish.

Family Chalice For Vocations 10:00 a.m. Terry Roach

will receive the Family Chalice for Vocations and pray for Vocations during the next week. If you would like to sign up to receive the Family Chalice for Vocations please contact Rich and Donna Slusz at (860) 589-4318.

31 Monday — St. John Bosco

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

1 Tuesday —

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 3—19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

2 Wednesday — The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

3 Thursday — St. Blaise

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12;

Mk 6:7-13 **4 Friday**—

Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51; Mk 6:14-29

5 Saturday— St. Agatha 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34



1 · Idea introduction	
Saturday	January 29th
8:30 am	† Elsie Caban by her husband, Juan,
	and daughter, Natale
4:00 pm	† Laurent and Rose Marquis by family
Sunday	January 30th
7:00 am	† John Jenkins by his wife,
	Bonnie-Marie
8:30 am	† Kelly Ann Thompson by Ken and
	Mary Benoit
10:00 am	Josephine Fiorente (anniversary)
11.20	by Jean Maynard
11:30 am	† Jay Johnson by Susanne LaFrance and family
5:00 pm	† Benedict Bedard (10th anniversary)
3.00 pm	by his mother
Monday	January 31st
7:30 am	Theresa Letizia Darby (living)
7.00 4111	by family
Tuesday	February 1st
7:30 am	† Beryl Chard by The Clark family
Wednesday	
7:30 am	† Antoinette Pahl and Carol Wilkinson
7.000 4.111	(birthday remembrance) by their
	children
Thursday	February 3rd
7:30 am	† Robert and Loretta Gibson by family
Friday	February 4th
7:30 am	† Jonathan Beaulieu by the Clark
	family
Saturday	February 5th
8:30 am	† Robert & Pierena Brown
	by Judy Brown
4:00 pm	† Carol Wilkinson by Matthew, Joey
	Wilkinson and Barbara Gagnon
Sunday	February 6th
7:00 am	† Robert and Loretta Gibson by family
8:30 am	All living and deceased members of
10:00 am	St. Matthew Parish Pages Figure 1 (birthday)
10.00 am	Rocco Fiorente (birthday remembrance) by Jean Maynard
11:30 am	† Helen M. Delfino by St. Matthew
11.50 am	Ladies Guild
5:00 pm	† Donald Theriault by his wife, Carole,
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and family

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