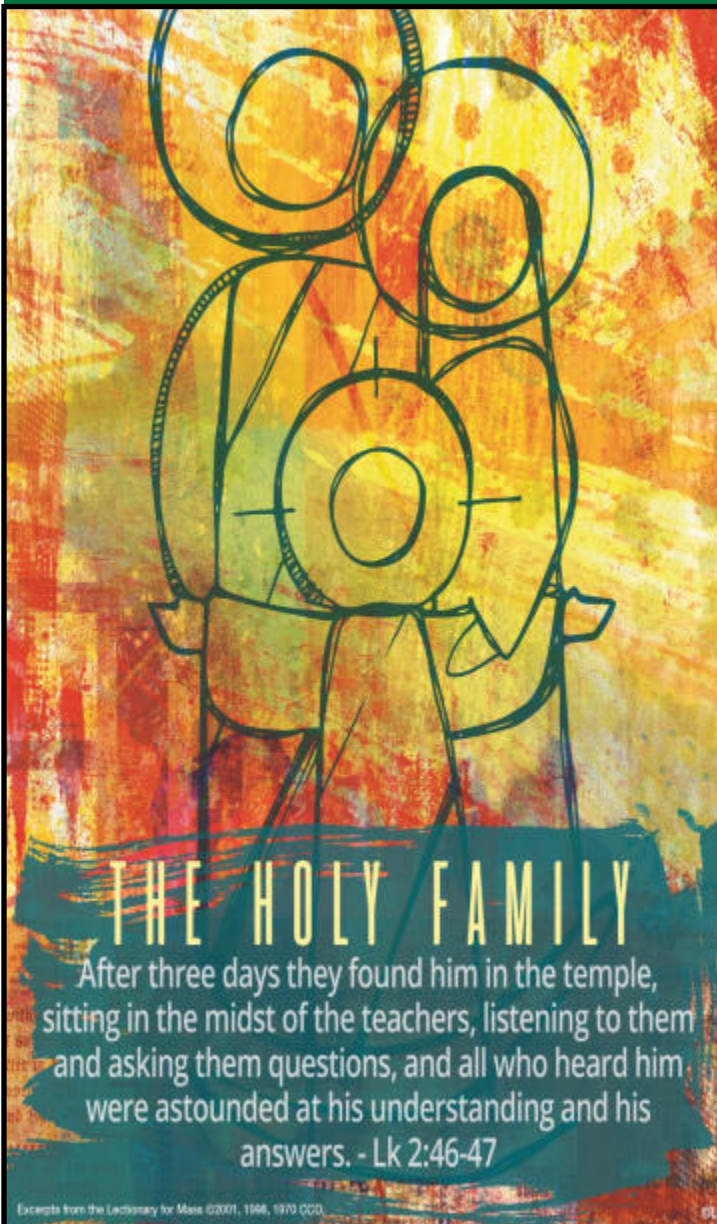


St. Matthias Messenger ~ December 26, 2021



Mission Statement

St. Matthias Parish is committed to becoming a prayerful community by celebrating the Sacraments together, and supporting the parish and one another by sharing the time, talents and treasures God has given us. Through prayer and good works we will strive to grow in peace and unity with God and our community.



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Christmas

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~Christmas Schedule~

Monday– Thursday, December 27-30, 2021-
Offices Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
December 28, 29 & 30
9:00 am Mass

Friday, December 31, 2021-New Year's Eve-
7:00 pm Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022– New Year's Day-
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 2, 2022-
8:30 am Mass
11:00 am Mass
1:00 Spanish Mass



MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:30 a.m.-

† John, Frances & Betty Straka— by Jackie Straka

† Jan Siemen— by Family

11:00 A.M.-

† Tommy Dembeck— by Alice Carter

♥ Nancy Yang Family — by Family

♥ Jacob Family— by Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:30 a.m. ~

† Howard & Della Finkel— by Finkel Family

† Dorothy Pagoto— by Agnes

† Jan Siemen

11:00 a.m. ~

† Janet Siemen— by Hans & Rose Medina

† Lucjan Stolarczyk— by Wife, & Family

♥ † Gensor & Krisak Families— by Gensor Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

† Frank Gensor— by Gensor Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

† Christine Loucks— by Terese Pauken

† Roger Valade Sr.— by Anna Pawlitz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

† Anne Spearing— by sister, Fran

† Tom Spearing— by sister, Fran

♥ Vocations

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 p.m.

† Wanda Michalski— by Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

4:30 p.m.

† Giuseppe, Robert and Flora Orsini— by Andy & Antoinette Ceccacci

† Tony Dubosh— by Don & Barbara Klukavy

† Tommy Dembeck— by Frank & Alice Singer

† Jean Willis— by Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 a.m. ~

† Betty Straka— by Denise Macker

† Veronica & Craig Chione— by John & Barbara Klukavy

11:00 a.m. ~

♥ Our Family of Parishes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

8:30 A.M. MASS

10:30 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

11:00 A.M. MASS

1:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS

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10:30 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

11:00 A.M. MASS

1:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:40 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

9:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:40 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

9:00 A.M. MASS

8:00 P.M. AA AND AL-ANON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:40 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

9:00 A.M. MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 P.M. MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS

4:00 P.M. ROSARY

4:30 P.M. MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

8:30 A.M. MASS

10:30 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

11:00 A.M. MASS

1:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS



Pfc Aaron C. Alley/Army
Spc Melissa Alston/Army
Larissa Brown/Air Force
Pvt Alexander Bayadich/Marines
Sgt. Michael J Borg/ Air Force
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 Mary Angeles
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 Gerri Beaupre
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 Art Gonzalez
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 Krystyna Griffith
 Dorothy Grunwald
 Mark Grunwald
 Geri Gura

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Arthur Halperin	Joseph Recor
Loretta Hart	Terri Reetz
Garrett Henderson	Barbara Richards
Decker James Hilbert	David Richards
Daniel Himm	Ramona Romero
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Albert Hundt	John Saba
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Joan Iwanski	Salvatore Saputo
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James Jakubowski	Pat Scogins
Ronnie Jones	Kyle Scott
Mary Kaltz	Dennis Selengowski
Marlene Kanthook	Stephanie Serafimovski
Arlene Karas	Tahlia Serafimovski
Emily Karas	Michael Serafino
Evelyn Karas	Anne Shaw
Kenneth Karas	Betty Showler
Martha Karas	The Smith Family
Frank Kengel	Judy Smith
Veronica Kern	Gerald Stevens
Patsy Kletcha	Larry Stevens
Irene Kocis	Adam Stolarczyk
Mikey Komlosan	Mac Sullivan
Thomas Komlosan	Debbie Swecker
Marianna Kozlowski	Torrey Swider
Jason Krosnicki	Walter Szatkowski
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Vatasha K. Napier	Mike Ziskie
John Niedowlika	
Theresa O'Connor	
Michelle Pardee	
Joseph Placek	

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer for St. Matthias but don't have much time? How about joining our Lector group! You will get the following: training, a workbook to practice from and an explanation of your readings, setting your own schedule, select the Mass you want to read at and **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING** is proclaiming our Lord's word to the parish community. Right now I am in desperate need for readers at the 4:30 Saturday and 8:30 Sunday Masses. You must be at least 13 years old please. If you have a medical issue and cannot climb the steps to the Ambo, you can read from the pew. If this sounds like something you would like to do please call me; Denise 586-566-7546. This is a land line so please do not text me. Thank you and God bless.

The
Most
Perfect

Dance

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

PSALM:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

SECOND READING:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

GOSPEL:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

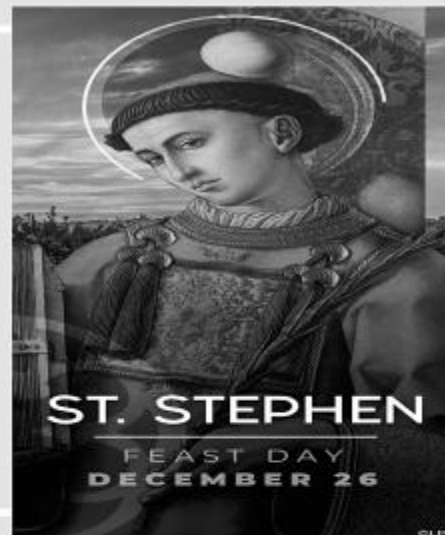
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church



THE HOLY FAMILY



Saint of the Week

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



Director: *Teresa Fortuna*
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Larry Gillick S.J. ,Creighton online ministries shares: The story of the birth of Jesus, as told to us by Luke, is full of joy in the midst of great conflict and sadness - even irony and rejection. It prepares us for the scandal of the cross by helping us see, in such a beautifully told story, that Jesus' mission is revealed to us, in how he came to us - in poverty and humiliation. There, in the hay, we begin to know. There, in the manger, we begin to understand. Our God is revealed to us by coming in the lowliest of possible places. It is a meditation for our whole lives. This story is here to bring us light in the midst of any darkness, poverty, rejection, emptiness, sinfulness we experience. By reminding us of where he comes, the Good News is also a revelation of who we are. We are the "people who walk in darkness." We are people who experience parts of our lives as dry and unwelcoming as that hay. We are people who, on our own, not only fail to know and understand; we are capable of tremendous infidelity and stubborn independence.

We get our word "manger" from the Latin (and so French, Italian, Spanish) root, which means simply "to eat." Jesus comes, into the greatest place of our poverty, not only to be "with us" but to nourish us. The manger can be the place we go this Christmas to be fed with the acceptance, love, and peace we need. There is no place of darkness in which we need ever feel alone. There is no situation, no loss, no tragedy that need ever leave us empty.

There is no sin, no matter how selfish that will ever leave us apart from God's love.

We have prayed, "Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord." Now, our eyes are opened to the wondrous joy of his coming to us in that manger 2,021 years ago, so that we will know and understand his coming to us in our hunger today, and ultimately so that we will long for his final coming to bring us to the banquet that has been prepared, to fill all our longing.

The spaceless and timeless infinite Mystery invites the world and each one of us to receive, beginning with the stable-birth, this double-intent, this declarative statement about the Giver and the receiver, namely the universe and each of us. The Giver, the Sender, the Revealer, the Wrapper, the many-named Lover, is come to us to be received. We are asked to unwrap what the Teller is saying about all human life and our share of that mystery. When I take Jesus tenderly and seriously, then I equally take my self and yourself tenderly and seriously. Gifts usually come with cards and notes making explicit the revelation. We grow to understand what is exactly being expressed.

The major problem with Christmas and the celebration of God's love made visible in Christ is that we cannot totally take it all in at once as we can do with a gift of handkerchiefs from a loving aunt or socks from a neighbor. These gifts are clear, definite, easily received and forgotten. Mary, Joseph the shepherds, the kings, the whole cast of characters could receive only parts to be pondered, treasured in their minds and hearts. We too are frustratingly so limited while we kneel and watch and listen. We do need socks and handkerchiefs as little reminders and glimpses into what the Christmas Giver is trying to offer. The Timeless has permanently taken up space, to give us space and time to receive just what we can, but there is always more to be unwrapped and received. Imagine that!



St. Vincent de Paul Society

The SVDP volunteers want to thank our parishioners who have responded to our request for the needs of our pantry in the past. We are again in the need of some items as follows:

Needed Items

Breakfast Cereal– Canned Soup, Veggies or Pasta - Rice or Pasta Mixes– Jello or Pudding -- Pancake Mix or Syrup -- Saltine Crackers

Thank You again and may God Bless You All!

~ 2021 CSA Has Begun ~ Our CSA goal this year is \$42,680.00

CSA Update as of December 16, 2021	
Total Gifts.....	175
Goal.....	\$ 42,680.00
Total Pledged.....	\$ 40,102.00
Difference.....	(\$ 2,057.21)

Help us reach our goal! Thank You so Much!!



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Confessions: Saturdays: 3 p.m. until all heard
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Saturday 4:30pm— Sunday 8:30am & 11:00 am
1:00pm Spanish Mass

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Baptism: Contact Parish Office.

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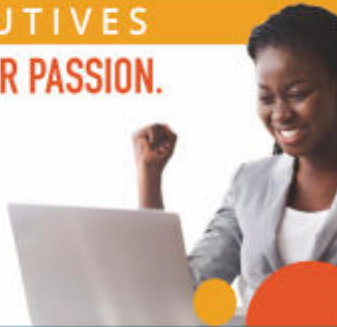
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