

St. Matthias Messenger ~ January 2, 2022



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.



The Epiphany OF THE LORD

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

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Wishing you
a *blessed*
New Year



They were
overjoyed at
seeing the star.

Matthew 2:10

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MASS INTENTIONS

Weekly Schedule

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

♥ Our Family of Parishes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

♥ Our Family of Parishes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

♥ Our Family of Parishes

♥ Vocations

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 a.m. ~

† Frances Straka— by Daughter

† Francesco & Antoinette Orsini—
by Andy & Antoinette Ceccacci

11:00 a.m. ~

† Angeline Zaprawa— by Kaye Family

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:40 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

9:00 A.M. MASS

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

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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
Larissa Brown/ Air Force
Sgt Andrew Chapoton/Army
SMSgt Mark Darling/ Air Force
Pvt Brandon Dodson/Marines
Capt David G. Fox/Army
Sgt. Jeffrey Frame/Army
A/Sgt Brandon Gadde/Air Force
Pvt Aaron B. Goebel/Army
Sgt Andrew W. Goebel/Army
Thomas A. Goebel/Marines Recruit
T/Sgt Glenn Harbaugh/Air Force
Austin Inman/Navy
Adam Karas/ Air Force
Cpt. Michael Kelvin/ Air Force
1st Lt. Christina Kelvin/ Air Force
1st Lt. Timothy Kelvin/ Air Force
Paul Koss/Marines
Jack W. Manning, Jr./Navy
Sgt Daniel Mills/Army
Teri Priebe/Navy Reserves
Capt Christopher Ray/Marines
Cpt. Jonathan Recor/ Air Force
CW2 Joseph Recor/Army
E5S/Sgt Scott J. Resk/Air Force
SSgt John Salvio/ Air Force
Steven Schatzberg/Army
Gunnery S/Sgt Jonathan Stampor/Marines
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CMSgt Gerald Szydloski/Air Force
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Spc Peter Zelenak/Army

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 Jamie Adams
 Adrienne Akers
 Mary Angeles
 George Azara
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 John David Battani
 Gerri Beaupre
 Craig Bierl
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 Kimberly Cameron
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 Sue Clements
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 Helen Decker
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 Mary Wodzinski-Hulse
 Fred Wolfe
 Pat Wolfe
 Trever Zimmerman
 Mary Ziskie
 Mike Ziskie

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day 3pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass
2 8:00 am Rosary 8:30 am Mass 10:30am Rosary 11:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Spanish Mass	3	4 8:40am Rosary 9am Morning Mass	5 8:40am Rosary 9am Morning Mass 9am SVDP 8pm AA and Al-anon	6 8:40am Rosary 9am Morning Mass	7 Church and Offices Closed	8 3pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass
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“We have seen his star in the east, and we have come with gifts to adore the Lord.” Matt. 2, 2

Mary, through her fiat, allows God to bring forth his plan of salvation to all the world. The celebration usually on January 1st of the Holy Mother of God is fitting on the octave day of Christmas, for it is through Mary’s yes that Jesus comes into the world to save us.

It is all too obvious that none of us can be Mother of God and that none of us will be taken up to heaven without experiencing corruption. But Mary’s greatness does not lie primarily in what she did, but rather in what she allowed God to do with and in her, in her total availability to God’s desire for her. It is her inner attitude that is exemplary for us more importantly than what resulted from that attitude. What is truly great in Mary is that, being as human as we are, she remained always available to what God was asking of her, without clinging to her not being equal to God. We risk missing this point in extolling Mary.

Today we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord as the three Magi were among the first to recognize Jesus as King, and Tradition holds that their encounter transformed them from outsiders (Gentiles) to faithful believers who proclaimed this Good News. God desires salvation for the whole world, and we are commissioned by our baptism to bring others to encounter Christ, so that they too, might be transformed.

The Epiphany is a grand revelation that God will not be found to satisfy human thinking. This seeking of us by God encourages us to live with the dissatisfactions of our hearts. Jesus has come among us and within us to accompany our spirits and not merely slack the thirsts of thought. We are invited to lay down our intellects, as precious gold, which they are. We, like the Magi, pick up our lives which have been met, found and sent off, the better for the finding.

Today’s Gospel is unique to Matthew who presents Jesus as both the One Who is to come and the One who has come for all. The Magi represent the “beyond” or distant lands and peoples to whom the Christ will offer His universal wisdom.

These “Wise Men” also represent the former ways of thinking, wondering, and philosophizing. They come in a sign of surrender to this new “epiphany” or display of this “One God” Who is for all and is now known as the God Who does the seeking and the finding. The Magi are the figures of the world who did the seeking for and the finding of God. The Light is initiated by God and this Light is meant for the whole world.

The gifts which the Magi present represent what is valuable to these seekers who leave them at the “house” and leave by “another way”. They have not so much found as they have been found and leave that place to begin spreading the news of the Finder they found. This is all a grand ending and beginning. The Magi-story is the revelation that mere human wisdom searches for more than it can understand. The Wanderers, who have come from afar in distance and time, arrive - not at an idea or principle, but at the mystery of a Person. They are we as well.

The Magi did not stay at the place to which the star guided them. Nobody who came to find Jesus, from the shepherds to those seeking Him within the tomb, were ever allowed just to stay nice and close to Him, the finder. He moved them along in their human-heart search. This too is not a bad, but rather holy way to journey. Source: Creightononline ministries.

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 22, 2021	
Total Gifts.....	175
Goal.....	\$ 42,680.00
Total Pledged.....	\$ 40,602.00
Difference.....	(\$ 2,032.21)

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



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.

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Family Clergy
Moderator–
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Weekend Mass Times:
Confessions: Saturdays: 3 p.m. until all heard
or by appointment.

Saturday 4:30pm— Sunday 8:30am & 11:00 am
1:00pm Spanish Mass

Parish Office Hours:
Monday thru Thursday: 8 am-1 pm
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Catholic Services of Macomb586-416-2300

Pregnant & in need?1-800-848-LOVE

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