

St. Matthias Messenger ~ January 16, 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.

2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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MASS INTENTIONS

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

† Tommy Dembeck— by Nancy Coulon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30 a.m. ~

† Betty Straka— by Barbara J. Zakens

† Giovanni & Angela Cedroni-by Andy & Antoinette Ceccacci

11:00 a.m. ~

♥ Our Family of Parishes

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

♥ Our Family of Parishes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

♥ Our Family of Parishes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

† Wanda Rudzki— by Family

♥ Vocations

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

† Tommy Dembeck— by Dominic Bona & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 a.m. ~

† Mitchell Rzepka— by wife, Rita & Children

† Giuseppe & Teresa Ceccacci -by Andy & Antoinette Ceccacci

11:00 a.m. ~

♥ Our Family of Parishes

† Bridget Anne DeWitt— by Nora-Noreen Naughton & Sheila Cassidy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS

4:00 P.M. ROSARY

4:30 P.M. MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

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 18

8:40 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

9:00 A.M. MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:40 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

9:00 A.M. MASS

9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M. SVDP

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

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10:30 A.M. HOLY ROSARY

11:00 A.M. MASS

1:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS





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Larissa Brown/Air Force
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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

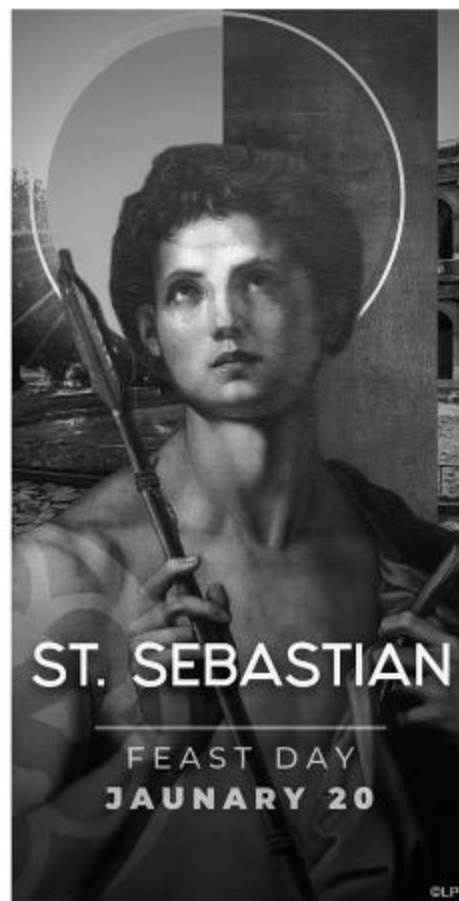
Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 - 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.



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“Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.” Ps. 96

Eileen Wirth Creighton's Department of Journalism, Media, and Computing invites us to join in the fun. There are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

My parish refugee team co-chair, Ann, is a retired hospice nurse who skillfully manages the complex medical and dental problems of our Karen family— everything from negotiating with school nurses on immunizations to collaborating with a Creighton Dental School parishioner on extensive dental work.

Every day, I marvel at her dedication and competence in doing things I could never do. She, however, could not imagine handling the promotional tasks that are second nature to me.

When we met, we knew instantly that we shared the same “Spirit” but grew to appreciate how our gifts complemented each other. Our whole team illustrates St. Paul’s celebration of different services coming from the same Spirit.

One person collected the furniture. Another took charge of setting up the apartment while one woman supervised laundry and apartment maintenance issues. Another has become our social activities leader while a young woman does our monthly statistical reports. Our teen volunteers are wonderful with the kids and we have a faithful team of drivers to English classes. God gave us all different gifts and we share them with each other and our family,

Today as I reflect on this wonderful passage from Corinthians, I’m not going to even try to say anything profound. Instead I’m celebrating people for their differing gifts of service and I invite you to join this fun. Here’s to elementary, junior high and high school teachers who manage classrooms of little people and adolescents with patience, love and grace.

Hats off to people who tutor children, volunteer in nursing homes, deliver meals, sort books for library book sales, ring bells for red kettles, staff food pantries, distribute communion to the sick and do any form of hands-on volunteer work.

Thanks to people who turn seemingly mundane jobs into service by the way they treat others.

I’ve often marveled at the willingness of people to volunteer for things I detest like selling raffle tickets or running Scout troops. No one gives plaques to all these almost invisible servants or honors playground monitors or people who scoop snow for elderly neighbors. Fortunately they aren’t looking for glory.

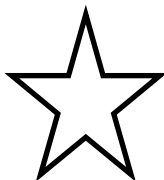
It’s probably not so much what we do as why we do it, knowing that “the same God” produces these different works and services in his very different children.

Now, go out and use your gifts (whatever they may be) and celebrate all those people who give so generously in all these different ways. Have a blessed day!



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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 January 6, 2022	
Total Gifts.....	177
Goal.....	\$ 42,680.00
Total Pledged.....	\$ 40,997.00
Difference.....	(\$ 1,683.00)

**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, 8:30 & 11:00 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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Pastor in Family
Fr. Roman Pasieczny– St. Lawrence

Family Parochial Vicar
Fr. Paul Graney– St. Lawrence

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

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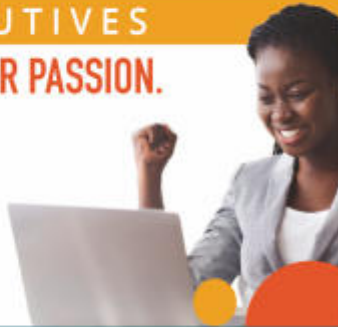
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