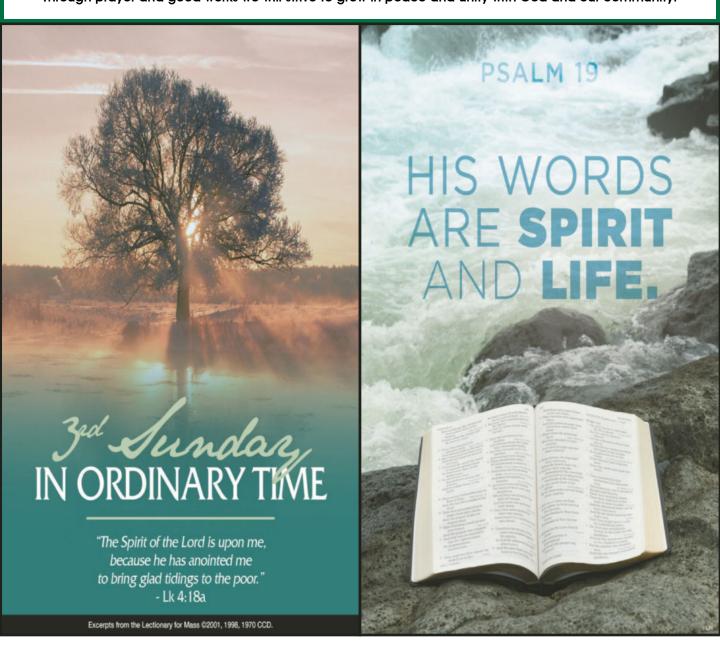


#### **Mission Statement**

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.



## MASS INTENTIONS

# Weekly Schedule

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

† Tommy Dembeck– by Dominic Bona & Family

† Ronald Jendrezejewski– by Family

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 a.m. ~

† Mitchell Rzepka– by wife, Rita & Children

† Giuseppe & Teresa Ceccacci -by Andy & Antoinette Ceccacci

† Donnie Bernat– by Loving Family

#### 11:00 a.m. ~

♥ Our Family of Parishes

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

† Nicholas Stanziola- by Randy & Kathy Kaye

† Elizabeth Stanziola- by Randy & Kathy Kaye

## TUESDAY, JANAUARY 25

♥ Our Family of Parishes

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

♥ Our Family of Parishes

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

♥ Vocations

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

† Tommy Dembeck– by Susan Stepniak

† Michael Gensor- by

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**

8:30 a.m. ~

† Frances Straka– by Daughter

11:00 a.m. ~

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## SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS 4:00 P.M. ROSARY 4:30 P.M. MASS

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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 25

8:40 A.M. HOLY ROSARY 9:00 A.M. MASS

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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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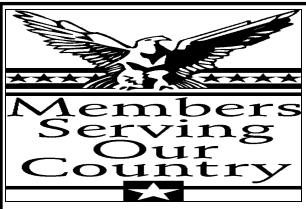
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## **WEEKLY PRAYER**

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk

4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor

12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

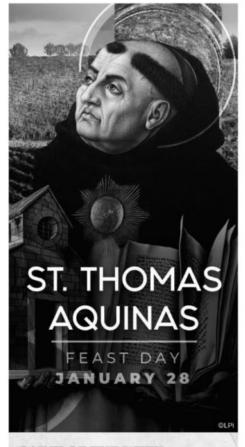
Friday: St. Thomas Aguinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

## LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 -1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



## Director: Teresa Fortuna 586-731-0650 ext.107

#### Dick Hauser, S.J. Creighton University's Emeritus Professor reflects:

The ancient apostolic creed we Christians recite each Sunday boldly professes:

"We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Life-Giver." I wonder how many of us grasp the profound implications of this statement, implications both for Jesus and for ourselves. Today's readings invite us to celebrate the life-giving role of the Spirit in Jesus' life, in the Corinthian community -- and in our own lives! The Spirit had profound implications for Jesus. Listen to Jesus' first public proclamation after his forty days in the desert: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tiding to the poor."

Recall that Jesus had lived unobtrusively for thirty years in Nazareth and been known locally merely as the carpenter's son. Then Jesus left Nazareth abruptly to be baptized by John the Baptist. During prayer after the baptism Luke tells us that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove and he heard the voice from heaven, "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased."

Perplexed, Jesus was led by the Spirit to the desert for forty days and then back home to Nazareth where he made the startling announcement to his local synagogue, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Jesus understood that God had chosen him -- as God had chosen previous prophets -- to speak on behalf of God to the people of Israel.

Obediently Jesus left Nazareth and began his public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Jesus forthrightly acknowledged that God had called him and that he was responding to God's call: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." And receiving the Spirit had profound implications for the Corinthians. Paul instructs the Corinthians that something momentous had happened to them through their reception of the Spirit in baptism: "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit."

Paul reminds the Corinthians that reception of the Spirit had concrete implications for their lives. Just as the Spirit called Jesus to new ministry, so now the Spirit was calling them. Some would be called to proclaim the Good News beyond their local communities. All would be called to serve local communities in various roles. But all calls all came from the same source, the Spirit.

And the Spirit they received is the same Spirit Jesus received. The Corinthians are now so intimately united with Jesus through the Spirit that now they are the "Body of Christ" and are now called to proclaim Christ to their world as Christ's ambassadors.

Today we are the Body of Christ for in one Spirit we were all baptized! Our readings prompt a basic question: How is the Spirit calling us to serve our communities and our world? Have we responded to our vocations of being Christ's ambassadors proclaiming and witnessing to Christ both within our local communities as well as beyond them?

Perhaps a brief note on the first reading is appropriate. The Old Testament reading from the Book of Nehemiah reminds us of the great gift God gave Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai – the gift of the Law, the Torah. Exiled in Babylon for some sixty years many of the community lapsed in observance of this Law. Now having returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, both the high priest Ezra and governor Nehemiah proclaimed and recommitted the Israel to renewed fidelity to the covenant. All were weeping with joy.



### 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:

<u>Needed Items</u> Mustard- Toilet Paper- Paper Towel- Detergent- Dish Soap-

Thank You again and may God Bless You All!

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

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Goal......\$ 42,680.00 Total Pledged.....\$ 41,666.00 Difference.....(\$ 1,014.00)

## 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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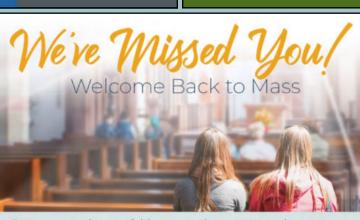
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