

# St. Matthias Messenger ~ January 30, 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.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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## MASS INTENTIONS

## Weekly Schedule ©LPI

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

† Tommy Dembeck— by Susan Stepniak  
† Michael Gensor— by

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 a.m. ~

† Frances Straka— by Daughter  
† Steven Goff— by Mom & Dad

11:00 a.m. ~

† Gennette Klaczkiewicz— by Randy & Kathy Kaye  
♥ Our Family of Parishes

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

♥ Our Family of Parishes

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

♥ Our Family of Parishes

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

♥ Vocations

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

† Tommy Dembeck— by Mike Barkume  
† Michael Gensor— by Renee & Family  
† Remo, Josephine & Bernard Orsini— by Andy & Antoinette Orsini  
† Paul Lally— by Family  
† Ken Laski— by Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30 a.m. ~

† Betty Straka— by Mr. & Mrs. Macker  
† Steven Goff— by Mom & Dad

11:00 a.m. ~

† Geraldine Borowy— by Family  
♥ Our Family of Parishes

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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, FEBRUARY 1

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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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**Sgt. Michael J Borg/ Air Force**  
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**Sgt Andrew Chapoton/Army**  
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**Capt David G. Fox/Army**  
**Sgt. Jeffrey FrameArmy**  
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**Pvt Aaron B. Goebel/Army**  
**Sgt Andrew W. Goebel/Army**  
**Thomas A. Goebel/Marines Recruit**  
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**Adam Karas/ Air Force**  
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Simon Langlois	Debbie Swecker
Bernard Latasiewicz	Torrey Swider
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Sharon Malarick	Michelle Taylor
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Jim Marshick	Olivia Kelly Tsvetkoff
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Michael Misiewicz	Vokes Family
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Bill Mullaly	Dave Williams
Tom Murray	Greg Wilk
Vatasha K. Napier	Mary Wodzinski-Hulse
John Niedowlika	Fred Wolfe
Theresa O'Connor	Pat Wolfe
Michelle Pardee	Trever Zimmerman
Lynn Piotrowski	Mary Ziskie
Joseph Placek	Mike Ziskie

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk  
5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-  
8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

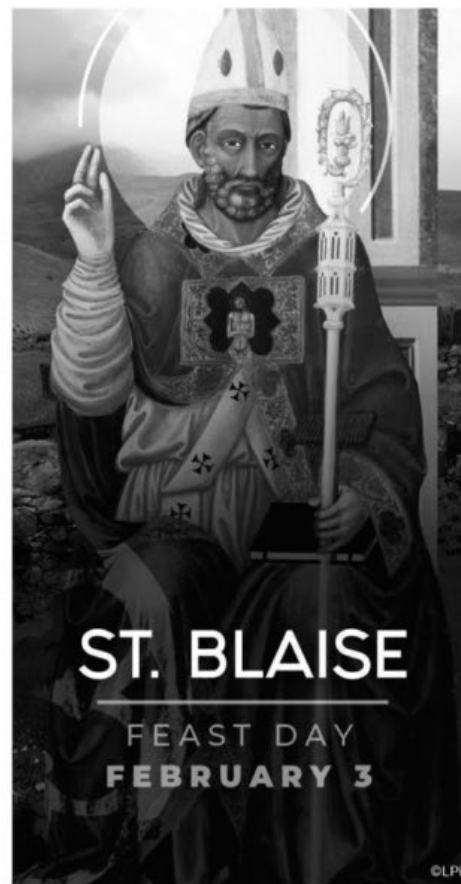
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Thursday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Saturday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions,  
Martyrs

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Prophets possess an intimate knowledge of God and act on their experience of God. Prophetic messages usually challenge the status quo and draw us up and out of ourselves, focusing us on the bigger picture. We often think of ourselves and our own needs first. When we listen to someone speak, we judge the merit of the message by its degree of usefulness. If the message or vision contains no personal benefit or profit but a call to stretch and grow, we can become indignant. Prophets are usually the ones whose message challenges us and calls us to see things differently and love more perfectly and deeply. God is love. When listening to St. Paul speak about love we witness the unfolding of this type of unconditional, other centered, self-sacrificial perfect God. It is an invitation to life, freedom, and happiness that can be offered to us only by God. Jesus, who is God and Love incarnate, calls us to this richer expression of love. Are we ready to listen and be challenged and stretched?



# ST. BLAISE

FEAST DAY  
FEBRUARY 3

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



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"In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord." Ps.138

The disciples in the gospel story today have spent the whole night "toiling and had caught nothing." As professional fishermen, they must have been disappointed. Fishing in the right places at the right time, they should have seen big results from their labors; but no! Still, now they had a tale to tell afterwards, but the story had much deeper implications for them and for others.

Jesus had been preaching to the crowd and, because of their great number, they crowded him further towards the waters of the Sea of Galilee. To alleviate the situation, Jesus stepped into Simon's boat and asked him to go out a bit from the shore. There he preached to the people from the boat in the shallow waters. Afterwards, he turned to Simon, "go out into the deep water and lower the nets for a catch".

Simon the pro fisherman, must have resisted the request because he had just done battle with the sea and had caught nothing. But this "fish story" had a much fuller meaning soon to be discovered: they caught a great number of fishes so that their nets were bursting.

In astonishment they call to their companions in another boat to come and help them contain their enormous catch. Simon falls to his knees before Jesus and announces, "depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." To this proclamation Jesus replies promises, "do not be afraid from now on you will be catching people."

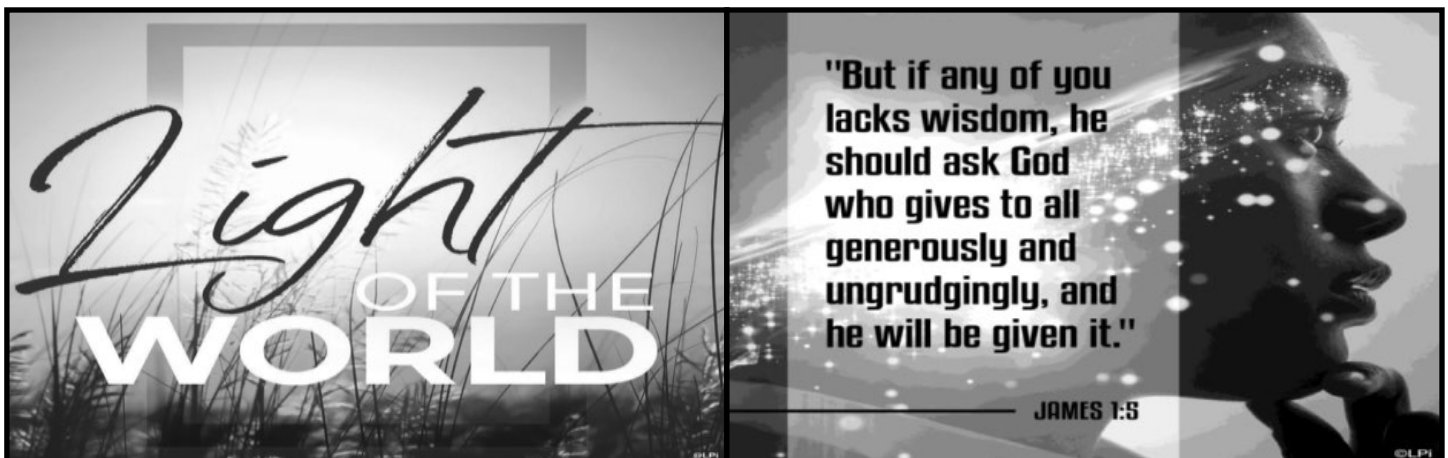
What stands out in the story is a two-fold blessing Jesus invites the fishermen to notice., captured by the words out into the deep and do not be afraid. Going out into the "deep" implies not simply the deeper waters of the Lake, but so much more. For the disciples, and us the "deep" is a metaphor for things greater than the depth of the sea; it's an invitation to throw one's whole self into the call Jesus sends out to the fishermen. That call is extended as a blessing to all faithful Christians from the disciples' time to our present day.

The "do not be afraid" message is much more than simply a consoling word Jesus says to his special new set of friends. Afraid of what? It doesn't matter! The point is that Jesus is with us (along with Simon and his pals). Ultimately, we need not be afraid since Jesus' promise will make all the difference in the world.

Our call into service is a call to trust in Jesus' promise, that despite my status paralleling Simon Peter's "I am a sinful man," I too am invited to give in to following him more closely. What a joy! We are fishers "of people" like the disciples. Might this be the ultimate "fish story?" Source Tom Shanahan, S.J. Creighton online ministries

### **Have Car, Will Travel? Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Volunteer Drivers urgently needed!**

All our "snowbirds" are heading South for the Winter! Won't you please help fill in for them? Many of our regular drivers take a couple months off this time of year, but the need for transportation does not lessen. The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program needs drivers who can provide rides for our older and disabled neighbors so that they can get to doctor appointments and essential errands. Just a couple hours of your time can make a huge difference in someone's life. You pick your own area and your own times. Drive as often or as little as you like in the comfort of your own car. Even one ride a year might get someone to an appointment that could save their life! Daytime drivers especially needed! Please call IVC at 586-757-5551. For more information visit website [www.ivcinfo.org](http://www.ivcinfo.org)



### 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

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

CSA Update as of January 20, 2022	
Total Gifts.....	177
Goal.....	\$ 42,680.00
Total Pledged.....	\$ 41,666.00
Difference.....	(\$ 1,014.00)

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

M/M Ruszczycki  
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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

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday thru Thursday: 8 am-1 pm  
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**Baptism Preparation:** Teresa Fortuna

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**Protective Services (CHILD & ADULT)**..1-877-412-6109

**St. Matthias/St. Vincent de Paul** .....739-2922

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**Baptism:** Contact Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Arrangements are to be made  
six months prior to the wedding date.



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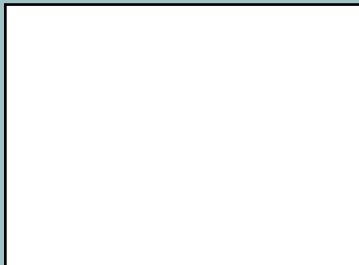
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