



St Matthias Parish

Email Newsletter

Dec. 1st to Dec. 14th, 2014

Saint Matthias Catholic Parish is a hearing and deaf community committed to continuing the ministry of Jesus the Christ. We invite and welcome all no matter what your race, language, or creed, no matter what your orientation or marriage situation, no matter where your journey has led you. Come; live, grow and be challenged by the message, through prayer, formation, and service.



Christmas & Holy Day Worship Schedule

Dec 24th @ 4:00PM Mass with Bishop Don Hying Presiding

Dec 24th @ 10:30PM Lessons & Carols with Mass to Follow 11:00PM

Dec 25th Mass: 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Holy Mary Mother of God: Dec 31st 4:00PM & Jan 1st 11:00AM





Advent Worship Schedule 2014

Communal Reconciliation:

- *Dec-4th @ 7:00PM at St Gregs
- *Dec 10th @ 12:00PM and 7:00 PM Our Lady of Lourdes
- *Dec 13th @ 10:00AM at St. Matthias



Immaculate Conception

Dec 8th @ 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, and 7:00PM

Taize Prayer

Dec 14th @ 6:30PM



St. Matthias Parish Schedule

Dec. 1st to Dec. 14th

- Jammie Night - Dec. 3rd 6:00 PM Steiger Hall
- Sleeping Bags for the Homeless - Dec. 6th - Steiger Hall - 8:00 am- Noon
- Set Ministries Christmas Party Dec. 7th

Parish School Corner

St. Matthias Parish School Jammie Night

What: Join us and our guest readers for a fun-filled bedtime story hour.

Who: 3, 4 & 5 yr. olds and their families of the parish

When: December 3rd, 2014 from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Where: Steiger Hall

Bring: PJ's and stuffed animals

Cookies and milk will be provided

RSVP - St. Matthias Parish School Office

414-321-0894

Advent Giving Tree

One of the various outreach programs of the St. Matthias Human Concerns Committee is the Advent Giving Tree. The parish community shares the Holiday spirit by purchasing gifts requested for the less fortunate of various groups. Gift tags can be taken from the Advent Giving Trees set up at the back of the church starting November 22/23.

On weekdays when the gift card box is not available, please drop off gift cards for the Advent Giving Tree at the parish office.

Gifts should be returned by December 14th.

Palkowski Family Fund

Many families have asked how they can help the Palkowski family following the death of Mrs. Laura Palkowski. I want to let you know that a fund has been set up for the children: Greg, Class of 2012, Taylor, Class of 2013, and Alex, 6th grade.

This will allow the children to have funds available to them for extras that come up with children. If you are interested in donating to this fund, it is set up at Associated Bank in WI, IL, or MN.

You may go into any branch and tell them you would like to donate to the



Palkowski Children's Fund. You can also send funds here to school. Checks should be made out to the Palkowski Children's Fund. We will forward the checks to the coordinators of the fund.

If you have any questions about this fund, please contact Mrs. Booth at (414) 321-0894 or sbooth@stmatthias-milw.org.

Please continue to keep the Palkowski family in your prayers.

In faith,
Mrs. Susan Booth

Are your children are getting enough sleep?

Good quality sleep is as important as healthy food.

Sleep is a foundation for proper mind and body development.

Recommendations for adequate sleep are:

Age 3-6--- get 10-12 hours of sleep

Age 7-12--- get 10-11 hours of sleep

Age 13-18--- get 8-9 hours of sleep

Wanda Nye Parish Nurse

Taizé Prayer, Sunday, December 14 6:30 pm St. Matthias Church

Taizé prayer comes from the ecumenical society in the village of Taizé, France. In addition to the movement's dedication to reconciliation, Taizé has spawned a meditation style of worship music based on Scripture, particularly the Psalms.

Repetition is a hallmark of Taizé music and it is intended to promote meditation and prayer. Give your family an early gift - come experience the quiet of Advent.

School Choice Survey

We ask all of our school families to complete this short 4 question survey in regards to school choice thank you for your time.

[Click here for Survey](#)

SET Ministries Christmas Party

We are in need of a few adults volunteers to join our teens as we throw a Christmas party with SET Ministries for the less fortunate in our community. On Saturday, December 7th, we will be traveling to the College Court Housing facility and throwing a Christmas celebration for a community of 70 residents, most of whom are disabled, elderly and impoverished. We will depart St. Matthias at 9 am and return by 1pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Nate Friday at nfriday@stmatthias-milw.org

Scripture Readings

Week of Dec. 1st

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5/ Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a/ Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6/ Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24/ Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/ Matthew 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/2



E-Giving

It is now easier than ever before to give to St. Matthias, use the We Share link to give online.

We Share

Bread for the World

The Human Concerns Committee would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all those who made the Bread for the World sale a success. We are grateful to all those who baked breads, those who purchased items and those who worked the sale. A total of \$828.00 was raised. \$621.00 will be donated to the Bread for the World organization which fights hunger, and \$207.00 goes to our own St. Vincent de Paul organization.

Free Italian Dinner and Program

All young adults are invited to join us for the first event of our new young adults ministry group; we are hosting a FREE Italian dinner, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and a wonderful program entitled *A New Year, Renewed Faith*.

Join us on Friday, January 2nd from 7-10:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, for this can't miss opportunity to meet dozens of other young adults in an exciting evening. The evening is FREE, but we do ask that you RSVP a count for dinner, to Nate Friday at nfriday@stmatthias-milw.org or at 414-321-0893 ext. 406. Also, please see our advertisements in church the week of November 22nd and 23rd.

Teen's Summer Service Experience

Back by popular demand, St. Matthias will be again offering a summer service opportunity for the teenagers in our community. July 12-17th, 2015, our students are invited to participate in Reach Out, Reach In Milwaukee. Students will spend the week working out of St. Monica's Parish in Whitefish Bay, traveling each day to various sites throughout the city to positively impact our community through service. Information packets and registration material can be found at <http://www.stmatthias-milw.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=346> Registration forms are due January 31st; free sponsorship's are available. Additionally, our very own Director of Lifelong Faith Formation Nate Friday, was recently named as Co-Director for the program and is looking forward to being joined by a large group from St.

Archbishop's Corner

The announcement was made yesterday that Bishop Donald Hying was appointed by Pope Francis as the new ordinary of the Diocese of Gary, Ind. It was a great selection for the people of Gary, who will have a bishop who loves the Church and has a heart for serving the people of God.

I know a little about the Diocese of Gary. My boyhood home was a 15-minute bike ride from Whiting, Ind., which is in the Diocese of Gary. The people of Gary are hardworking, faith-filled people who have suffered the loss of industry, including the steel mills, but despite economic depression, their faith has grown. Bishop Dale Melczek has been an anchor of faith, leading his people with a gentle hand. Bishop Hying will find a diocese that has been spiritually nourished.

I will miss Bishop Hying, who has been a blessing to all of us. But I know that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will always be his home. I give thanks that we were blessed to have him with us for more than three years as our auxiliary bishop. On the day of his ordination, I encouraged Bishop Don to exemplify docility, generosity and holiness. He has more than fulfilled my challenge. Now, the Church will use him as an instrument to further the great commissioning of Jesus Christ. Archbishop ListECKI To Sign up for the Archbishop's Weekly Email's [Click here.](#)

Seasons of Life- A Call to



Matthias.

Wholeness

You are invited to join us for a four week presentation and support group on grief.

To be held on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in room 9 at Our Lady of Lourdes, 3722 s. 58th street.

November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th we encourage you to be at every session as we will cover different topics each week.

If you are grieving from a life altering experience, please consider joining us. For more information or to register call. Wanda Nye RN, your parish nurse (414) 545-4281

A stewardship reflection by Mark and Lynn Zeidler

"Our Catholic journey began with our parents. Both my family and my wife Lynne's families had six children. All raised in Catholic Communities. Our parents set amazing examples by sharing their gifts of time and financial support to their respective parishes.

"We saw them donate their time and treasures because they believed in the Catholic ministry. It helped guide their families especially during the formative years. They also believed their donations would help improve their communities for those less fortunate, and support Catholic Education to develop future leaders in our community.

"After marriage, and as we began building our own family we realized this was the best journey for us as well. Both Lynne and I are following in our parents' footsteps as we raise our daughter in the Catholic faith. She currently attends St. Matthias Parish School. We are both very involved in the parish and school and truly believe to be Christ-like, you need to give back and share your blessings. We are very grateful for the blessings in our family and want to continue to support the vision of the Catholic Church and its mission of giving back and helping others." There is still time to return your Stewardship Renewal of Treasure. Copies of the mailing are in the usher's room. You can mail it or return it in the Offertory basket next week. We are asking all of you to return the forms.

Cold Weather Update

As the weather begins to turn colder, we urge all parishioners to continue supporting the Parish through the colder months if you are unable to make it to mass. E-Giving through we share is a great way to support the Parish even if the snow and cold make it hard to attend mass. We hope that everyone has a safe winter and continues to support our ministries throughout the winter.

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If you would like to have anything in future newsletters, or have comments please contact the editor at editor@stmatthias-milw.org

**St. Matthias Parish
Christmas Concert
Save the Date
January 11, 2015
at 3pm in Church**

Oplatki Sale

Families of Polish, Slovak and Lithuanian background observe this Christmas Eve Tradition. Family members and guests each are handed an oplatki and they each break off a piece from one another and eat it, expressing best wishes and blessings to each other, and asking for forgiveness. This is a tender, touching family celebration of love and forgiveness. Oplatki will be for sale after all Masses the weekend of December 20/21 in Steiger Hall. The sale of Oplatki is a great support to our Youth Ministry programs in the Parish. Cost is \$3. For those who can not make to church, we would be happy to delivery the Oplatki to you, just contact the parish office .



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Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri, 8:00am - 4:00pm

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