



## St Matthias Parish

Email Newsletter

Dec. 15th - 31st, 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



### St. Matthias Parish Schedule

Dec. 15th to Dec. 31st

- Hospitality weekend 12/21
- Raffle Calendars on Sale
- Oplatki on Sale
- Mary Mother of God Mass

### Parish School Corner

**St. Matthias Parish  
School Open House**

## Calling All Young Adults

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:nfriday@stmatthias-milw.org) or at 414-321-0893 ext. 406.

## Teen's Summer Service Experience

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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. Matthias.



## Oplatki Sale

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Families of Polish and Eastern European descent 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 support our Youth Ministry programs in the Parish.

## and Registration

St. Matthias Parish School invites you to our Open House on January 25, 2015. Tour the school, talk to teachers, see the service opportunities, and learn about our high-academic standards. Join us on Sunday, 25, 2015, from 10:00 AM -1:30 PM.

Registration paperwork for the 2014-2015 school year will be available at the registration table during Open House.

Call the school office at (414) 321-0894 for more information.



## School Choice Survey

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

[Click here for Survey](#)

## Scripture Readings

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### Week of Dec. 15th

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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 .



## **St. Matthias Parish Christmas Concert**

**Save the Date  
January 11, 2015  
at 3pm in Church**

### **West Central Interfaith Spaghetti Dinner**

#### **Save the Date West Central Interfaith Spaghetti Dinner**

West Central Interfaith is gearing up for its Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Cost is \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door and free for children under 4 years old. The meal will be catered by Leah's Italian Restaurant and includes spaghetti or mostaccioli, salad, bread, coffee, milk, and dessert. In addition, there will be a chance to purchase raffle tickets for some fabulous prizes!

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2015  
Location: St. Matthias Parish, 9306 W. Beloit Rd.  
Time: 4:00-7:00pm  
Dine In or Take Out

This is an important fundraiser for us. West Central Interfaith has been helping older adults remain living in their homes for over 20 years. We are passionate about helping the older adults in our community. We hope you will join us for a fun evening and a good cause. Please contact the parish office with questions or to purchase tickets. If you are unable to attend, consider purchasing a ticket that will be donated to one of Interfaith's clients.



### **The Christmas Manger Scene**

**So why do we have a Christmas Manger Scene**  
"Following a beautiful and firmly-rooted tradition, many

### **E-Giving**

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

**We Share**

### **Christmas Gift and Tax Notification**

As you are purchasing your final Christmas gifts, please consider sharing a year end gift with St. Matthias.

As we are closing out 2014 and entering 2015 all parishioners will be receiving a tax notification reflecting all your generous giving to the parish in the last year. Thank you for your generosity this past year. We could not offer the wonderful ministries we do without your support.

### **Archbishop's Corner**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sometimes we feel as if we are out of sync with the rest of the world. We care about things that the rest of the world simply ignores.

As we finish the first week of Advent, we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The majority of our community would not even know the feast - much less care about its observance. This Marian feast is a holy day of obligation and reflects the plan of salvation, in that Mary was conceived without original sin. Most Catholics would be befuddled at the term "original sin." The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, had consequences for all of the human family. Original sin really is an insightful understanding of the human inclination to choose to do evil over good. It separated us from God's ultimate plan and necessitated a

families set up their Crib immediately after the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus. Putting up the Crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one's children.



The Crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. St. Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living Nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today.

Indeed, the Crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who 'though he was rich he made himself poor' for us (2 Cor 8:9)."

-Pope Benedict XVI, *Angelus*

divine act to reconcile us and restore salvation for us. Mary would be the person who would bring the Savior into the world.

The simple answer is that it is the truth given to us from God's revelation. The truth is that God loves us and demonstrates that love through His willingness to be one with us. This is what the incarnation is all about. But, we shouldn't be shocked that we must still witness to the truth and publicly proclaim our allegiance to the King of Kings. John's Gospel (1:10) "He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him."

So even if we are out of sync with the world, Advent helps us to be in sync with "mystery" which speaks to the soul and prepares us for a life beyond this world. Our preparation includes following Jesus who tells us to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

***Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI***  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

To Sign up for the Archbishop's Weekly Email's [Click here](#).

## 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 weshare 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.

## Contact Us

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

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