

Coffee and Theology

On Second Thursdays at 1:00 PM
beginning in February.

Fr. Jim will be in the Conference
Room to talk about the Church
teachings for about one hour.

Topics include:

February - Ash Wednesday
& Lent

March - Holy Week



There are some items needed for
our upcoming Mardi Gras and
Carnivale Events. If you are able to
donate any of the following items,
please bring them to the Parish Of-
fice at your earliest convenience:

Mardi Gras Wish List:

Individually Wrapped Candy, Rec-
tangular Table Covers any color

Carnivale Wish List:

Tissue Paper, Cellophane, Extra
Large Bushel Basket, Extra Large
Laundry Size Wicker Basket

A weekend of food and fellowship at St. Matthias!
**Visit with your friends while you preview the growing array of
gift baskets to be raffled during Carnivale on Feb. 18.**

Hospitality Night - Saturday

Saturday, February 11 - After 4:30 Mass
Enjoy a plateful of appetizers in the large hall!

Donut Sunday

Sunday, February 12 - After the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses



HOPE MINISTRY.....(HELPING OUR PAIN EASE)
ST. MATTHIAS GRIEF SUPPORT - SESSIONS BEGINNING SOON!

Grief Support provides encouragement and support for those who have lost someone they love through a four week session. These gatherings give insight and tools for coping with loneliness, depression, anger, and resentment while guiding participants to a place of hope. Caring facilitators lead discussion and guide the healing process based on their specialized training and personal journey through grief.

The period of time following the holiday season can be difficult when dealing with grief. St. Matthias will offer a four session series this winter:

*Sessions will be held on Sundays from 11:00-1:00 p.m.
Sundays, February 12, 19, and 26th and March 4th
Facilitator: Mrs. Judy Sullivan & Mr. Joe Faulstich*

If you have an interest in attending, please contact Jackie Gentry, Pastoral Associate at
663-4281 or email jackiemgentry@yahoo.com

*For everything there is a season, And a time for every matter under heaven...A time to weep, and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn, and a time to dance... - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

St. Matthias Mystery of the Rosary Gardens

The Mystery of the Rosary Gardens was an idea formed by the St. Matthias Gardening Angels with the encouragement of Father James Wozniak. The Rosary is divided into five decades. Each decade represents a mystery or event in the life of Jesus.

There are four sets of "Mysteries of the Rosary" (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries).

The interpretation & design of the gardens has been created by Wayne A. Gruber, owner of Gardens on the Prairie. Each of four gardens will be designed and installed at the four entrances of the church. Each garden will be an interpretation of one of the sets of the "Mysteries of the Rosary". The foundation of each garden will be a travertine paver pathway in the shape of 1 ½ beads of the rosary with a bench to allow a place of reflection. The paver path will be open on both sides as if to continue completely around the church. Engraved travertine pavers explaining the mystery and sponsorship travertine pavers for parishioners will be artistically installed in the paver path.

The second garden the "Glorious Mysteries" will be installed at the Northeast Entrance to the church. "The Glorious Mysteries" garden will be themed in Purple & Gold flowering & foliage plants with the sponsorship pavers.

You are invited to sponsor the garden through the engraved travertine pavers (which will be a focal point of the garden). Please see the form below for sponsorship of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary Garden. If you have additional questions you may contact St. Matthias parish at 663-2201, Laura Maginot at 662-7503, or Wayne Gruber at 662-0269.



- The Glorious Mysteries
- 1)The Resurrection (Faith)
 - 2)The Ascension (Hope)
 - 3)The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Zeal)
 - 4)The Assumption (Happy Death)
 - 5)The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Love for Mary)

Sponsorship Paver Size 8"x8" (13 characters/line-3 lines) \$125.00 each (50 available)

Line 1) _____
 Line 2) _____
 Line 3) _____

Sponsorship Paver Size 8"x16" (19 characters/line-4 lines) \$250.00 each (30 available)

Line 1) _____
 Line 2) _____
 Line 3) _____
 Line 4) _____

Your Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Zip _____
 Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (payable to St. Matthias Church)
 Email _____
 Phone _____ PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Oh What A Night Las Vegas Carnivale

The St. Matthias Education Commission and Religious Education Staff have joined forces in an effort to host an evening of great fun and an opportunity to raise funds to support all aspects of Religious Education here at St. Matthias including the following programs: Religious Education, Vacation Bible School, RCIA for Adults and Children, Our Parish Library, Adult Education, Religious Education Endowment and Sacramental Preparation. The event: Carnivale! Will take place on Saturday, February 18th and will include a Las Vegas Night, Roulette, Money Wheel, Blackjack, Texas Hold Em Poker Tournament, Paczki Parade, All Parish Raffle, 50/50's, Pull Tabs, Tip Boards, A variety of buffets, an open bar and a spectacular basket raffle!

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All parish families are encouraged and invited to take part in the planning and operation of what we know will be an incredible event. Have you tried getting involved in the past and didn't feel welcome? Were you afraid to step forward and share your talents and gifts? Does your schedule prohibit you from offering a great deal of time? This new event has something for everyone! Whether your commitment is large or small, we need each of you!

Here are just a few ways you can get involved:

1. Join our planning team and/or help with any of the following areas:

Decorations/Setup	Dealers	Kitchen Crew	Raffle Support
Poker Tournament	Marketing	Basket Raffles	Clean Up
Bartenders	Greeters	Ticket Sales	Phone Calling

2. Help support the event by donating an item for our basket raffles! Here are those themes:

Chicago Sports: Everything Cubs, Sox, Blackhawks, Bulls and Bears!

Viva Las Vegas: Poker Chips, Cards, Gift Certificates to Casinos, Overnight Stays, etc!

Money Tree: Gift Cards of any kind!

Gardening Angels: Anything for the gardening enthusiast including hand tools, gift certificates, etc!

Kids Fun: Toys, Games, Crafts, anything fun for kids of all ages!

Night at the Movies: Family fun including movie tickets, DVD's, Popcorn, Family games!

Pamper Me: Bubble Baths, Candles, Spa Visits and more!

Basket of Holy Matrimony: Wine, Cheese, Couples Outings, Dinner for two

Candle Fun: Candles for any season, snuffers, lighters, supplies!

Awesome Automobile: Car cleaning supplies, car safety supplies, air fresheners, and more!

Putt it Up: Everything for the golf enthusiast including 18 hole play and supplies.

Italian Extravaganza: Pasta! Pasta! Pasta! Etc! Etc! Etc!

Kitchen Gadgets: Utensils, Specialty Items, Cooking Tools and more!

Beach Bums: Beach towels, games, suntan lotion, supplies and more!

Gift Card Basket - Did you receive a gift card for a place you will never go? Don't let that gift card expire in your wallet! Gift cards in any denomination to any location! Gift cards can be placed in an envelope marked Carnivale and given to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket at Mass. We appreciate your unwanted Gift Cards!

Our Carnivale Committee looks forward to speaking with you about this event and welcomes your questions or inquiries or your commitment to volunteer. Please call our Pastoral Associate via telephone at 219-663-4281, via text message at 219-331-3428, via email at jackiemgentry@yahoo.com or on facebook at St. Matthias Religious Education. Please join our committee in praying for the success of this endeavor and please take some time to discern how you might help in making this a signature St. Matthias event both now and in the future!

Oh What A Night..Las Vegas Carnivale

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH THIS EVENT!

YES! I UNDERSTAND A VOLUNTEER WILL CALL ME TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS.

YES! I ATTEST I AM AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR INTEREST:

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| _____ | Poker Tournament Dealer | _____ | Poker Tournament Assistant |
| _____ | Bartender (Must have license) | _____ | Tip Board Sales |
| _____ | Greeter | _____ | Blackjack Dealer |
| _____ | Money Wheel | _____ | Raffle Ticket Salesperson |
| _____ | Cashier | _____ | Pull Tab Sales |
| _____ | Roulette Wheel | _____ | Poker Room |
| _____ | Basket Raffle Ticket Sales | _____ | Kitchen Volunteers |
| _____ | Bake Sale Donator | _____ | Cleanup |
| _____ | Setup and/or takedown(any age) | _____ | Creating Decorations (any age) |
| _____ | Computer Assistance at event | _____ | Distribute Posters (any age) |
| _____ | I would like to donate an item to be placed in one of the themed baskets for raffle | | |
| _____ | I am a police officer and able to volunteer my services as security | | |
| _____ | I would like to be called to discuss other ways I might be able to assist | | |
| _____ | I would like to assist at the children's event for Mardi Gras on February 21 st | | |

For specific inquiries, please contact Jackie Gentry, Pastoral Associate at 219-663-4281 or email jackiemgentry@yahoo.com. Volunteer forms are asked to be returned by February 6th. They can be dropped in the collection basket, faxed to 663-2567, emailed, or returned to the parish office.



**St Matthias Young Adult
Ministry is bringing back our
hard candy sales!
Just in time for Valentine's Day!
Buy your sweetie some sweets!**



Flavors include:

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| Cherry | Cotton Candy | Cinnamon |
| Pomegranate | Raspberry | Peppermint |
| Watermelon | Tropical Punch | Spearmint |
| Tutti-Frutti | Bubble Gum | |

**\$5.00 A BOX
ON SALE AFTER
MASSES
THE WEEKEND
OF FEBRUARY 11 & 12,
2012**



**2012 Prom
Saturday, March 3, 2012
5:30p.m.-9:30p.m.
St. Matthias Hall**



Golden Age Gala

**A Walk Down Memory
Lane**

**A Prom Experience for 50
and older**

Reserve Your Spot

This event is hosted by:

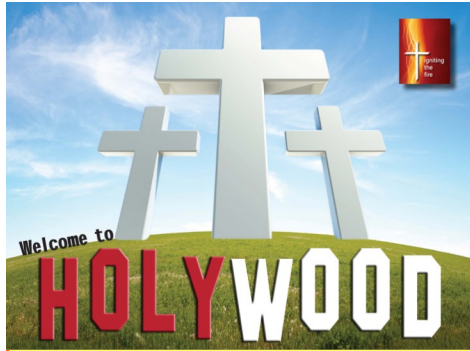


**Ticket Prices:
\$10 per person
\$15 Per Couple**

Tickets can be purchased after
Mass on February 11 & 12,
and throughout the week in
the church office

Your Ticket includes:

**Cocktail Social
Dinner
Dancing
and a Complimentary 5x7 picture of
your walk down memory lane**



Igniting the Fire 2012 Youth Lock-In

It started here at St Matthias....

The Premier Lock-In Event in Northwest Indiana in
Coming to Holy Spirit Church in Winfield
Music, Fun, Mass, Prayer, Food, Games & Much More!

Saturday – Sunday March 3-4
Grades 6-12 are invited!

Register by Feb 18 for only \$15/person! Don't get the late fee!

Register through the youth office or at www.facebook.com/ignitingthefire
Pick up a form in the narthex or offices.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER JUNE 25-30!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! ONLY A \$50 DEPOSIT!

If you're looking for an opportunity to grow in faith and help others in need, then SHINE is for you! For the past 12 summers, SHINE has been offering daily Mass, great service projects, team building, nightly youth group prayer, friendly staff, nightly chapel, skits, home cooked meals, praise and worship with an awesome praise band, multi-media presentations, great Catholic keynote speakers, confessions, Adoration, Reconciliation & more!

SUMMER SERVICE WEEK!



"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." -Matthew 5:16

REGISTER NOW THROUGH THE YOUTH OFFICE! PLEASE LET US KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST BY FEBRUARY 15 TO KEEP COST TO A MINIMUM!

Location: Gordon Tech High School, North side of Chicago
Who: Current 8th grade on up (age 14-20 + adults!)
Contact: Teresa Lekan for questions or more information at teresa.ym@stmatthiasparish.net or (219) 663-2201 x 2333



We had a great time ice skating with our middle school youth on Sunday January 29! Thanks to all who joined us for a great afternoon!

