



St. Matthias Parish *Connections*

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL 2024 – VOLUME 20

Dear Parishioners of St. Matthias Parish,

People notice problems and errors around them and in the world. Rarely do we even notice when there are wonderful things happening.

Last year at this time, we had an average of less than 1,000 people attending Mass on a weekend. During the last few weekends, we have been averaging just over 1,200 people. During the last year, our weekend Mass attendance has gone up by over two hundred people. That is a 20% increase in Mass attendance in a year. That is amazing. Very few parishes have experienced that type of growth. This growth is because of our staff and parishioners. Our staff works hard to make sure we have the infrastructure, guidance, and competent people to allow the parish to thrive. Besides a great staff, you the parishioners make this parish grow. On the new parishioner registration form, there is a question about why you are joining the parish. One of the greatest responses is because the parish is so welcoming. You make it welcoming. Besides being welcoming to those people you do not know, you are inviting friends, neighbors, and family to join us on Sunday. People will not join us unless they know about us.

To celebrate this growth, I am throwing a pizza party for you, the parishioners of St. Matthias Parish. This celebration will be Tuesday, May 14 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on St. Matthias' feast day. This is to celebrate what you have done, are doing, and will do in the future. So, if you have not done anything until now to bring people to Christ, especially at your home parish, come and celebrate with us and begin.

Congratulations on the growth of your parish.

God Bless,

Father James E. Wynn

Fr. Jim



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You are welcome



ASH WEDNESDAY

Remember You are Dust and to Dust You Shall Return

**Wednesday,
February 14**

8:00 am Mass

**12:00 pm Service
(No Eucharist)**

7:00 pm Mass

**HAPPY
PALM SUNDAY**



Let us thank Jesus for His love and
blessings.

Sunday, March 24

**Weekend
Mass Times**

**Saturday
4:00 pm
&**

**Sunday
8:00 am
10:30 am
& 7:00 pm**



**St. Blaise Day
Blessing of Throats**

Traditional individual
Blessing of Throats with candles
at Mass on Saturday, February 3.

Blessings over the congregation,
not individually, at all Masses
on Sunday, February 4.

Lenten Confessions
Wednesday, March 20
12:00 pm & 6:00 pm
in the Church

Confessions will continue as long as there are people in line.
There will not be confessions on Thursday, March 21,
Wednesday, March 27 & Thursday, March 28.

TRIDUUM 2024



Holy Thursday Mass - March 28, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service - March 29, 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday - March 30, 8:00 pm

Easter Masses, Sunday - March 31, 8:00 am & 10:30 am (NO 7:00 pm Mass)



Vegas Night Experience
Saturday, February 3, 2024
5:00 pm — 11:00 pm

Vegas Night Table Games • Dollar Black Jack • Roulette • Dollar Bingo
Cash & Basket Raffles • Texas Hold'em • Jersey Raffles • Live Auction
Grand Raffle • 4 Buffets • Open Bar (Beer & Wine)

TICKETS: \$25 in advance
\$30 at the door

St. Matthias Parish Hall
101 W. Burrell Dr., Crown Point, IN

For more information call (219) 643-2201

www.stmatthiasparish.net



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PICK 7 FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturdays
February 17, March 23
& April 6

No Judgment • No Negative Stigma • Just Joyful Giving



10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Parish Hall

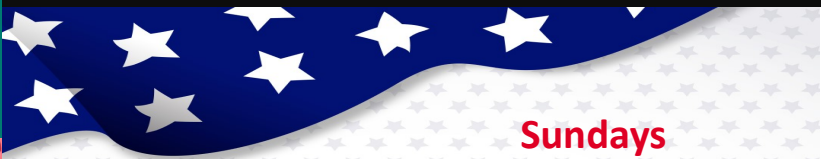
Each person, of any age, who walks through the door
can pick 7 items from the available options.

No Judgment
No Negative Stigma
Just Joyful Giving



Traditional Polish Easter Basket Blessing

Holy Saturday, March 30
at 12:00 pm
in the Church



NWI
Veterans
Village
Meal Share

Sundays
February 18
March 17 & April 21
9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Kitchen/Offsite



Parish Life
Commission
Upcoming Events

Trivia Night - Saturday, February 17
5:00 pm, Parish Hall

Mic and Cheese Night - Friday, March 1
7:00 pm, Parish Hall

Watch future bulletins for more information!



Catholic Cinema **MOVIE NIGHT**

Let's watch together

Oasis Room | At 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 8

Thursday, March 14

Thursday, April 11



We Love Gardening

Gardening Angels Meetings

Monday, February 19

Monday, March 18

Monday, April 15

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Double Classroom

JOIN NOW



Council Meetings

Monday, February 5

Monday, March 4

Monday, April 1

Double Classroom

7:00 pm

Knights of
Columbus
Upcoming
Events

Brackets, Brews & Bros

Saturday, March 23

1:00 pm

Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, April 13

4:00 pm



Ballroom **DANCE** Classes

Wednesdays

In progress

through

March 6

Parish Hall



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 13 - Mardi Gras

Saturday, March 16 - Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20 - Date Night

Monday, April 22 - Kids Club

Earth Day Celebration



DONUT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

We will enjoy a wide
variety of donuts
after both morning
Masses!



Bishop McClory will be making his Pastoral Visit to St. Matthias on Saturday, February 17. He will be meeting with the Staff and Parish and Finance Councils, as well as taking part in our parish events that day. You are invited to join him at the 4:00 pm Mass where he will celebrate Mass alongside Father Jim.



WELCOME TO
MARDI GRAS!
COME ONE, COME ALL
(for kids)
Tuesday, February 13
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Parish Hall



*Eat,
Pray,
Mom!*
**Parish
Center
Lobby**
**Wednesday,
February 21**
March 20
April 17
7:00 pm
MOMS • GRANDMAS • GODMOTHERS • STEPMOTHERS

St. Matthias Parish invites you to
FOR THE
Soup Soul
Lenten Soup Dinners

Savor the Spirit and warm the Soul
as you enjoy a bowl of soup!

**Friday, February 23 &
Friday, March 15**
6:30 pm
Parish Hall

Drop off your favorite meatless soup at 6:00 pm
before Stations of the Cross to share after...
bread will be provided!



SCAN ME
Or Click Here!
(online only)

To RSVP go to pastorstoolbox.com, via the link on our website home page,
or scan the QR code below by Wednesday, February 21 & Wednesday, March 13.

**FAMILY LIFE
PRESENTS**



**EASTER
EGG HUNT**
16 SATURDAY | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
MARCH
PARISH HALL & LAWN



Religious Education Sacramental Retreats

First Reconciliation
Sunday, March 10
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

First Holy Communion
Sunday, April 14
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Glow Ministry stands for Growing in the Light of Our Word and is a bible-based educational opportunity for children 3 to 6 years of age during the 10:30 am Mass. It is an opportunity for music, crafts, games, and prayer as these young parishioners learn about their faith. There is no cost for this ministry.

Join us for an evening of FUN!!

TRIVIA NIGHT

COMPETITION OF GENIUS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
5:00 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Trivia Questions
Parish Hall

Bring your favorite soup!
Bread & crackers will be provided!

BABYSITTING IS PROVIDED WITH ADVANCE NOTICE!
Call (219) 663-2201 to reserve your spot!
Play for FREE!

RSVP on pastorstoolbox.com via the link on our website homepage or by scanning the QR code above by Thursday, February 15.

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PRESENTED BY ADAM ANTONE, MA, LMHC

MENTAL HEALTH TALK & LUNCH

"Don't Be Afraid To Be Human"

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

IT'S OKAY TO NOT BE OKAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 3
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
PARISH CENTER LOBBY

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(online only)

Adam Antone, MA, LMHC

Having grown up in Chesterton, Adam is a native of Northwest Indiana. During his time in college, he spent four years discerning a call to the priesthood as a seminarian for the Diocese of Gary. After these years of prayer, Adam discerned not to continue seminary studies after graduating from Marian University with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy. Following a year teaching theology at Andrean High School, Adam served as the Director of Collegiate Outreach at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student Center in Valparaiso. While working in this role, he pursued graduate studies at Valparaiso University, earning a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. He, his wife, and his two children now live in Indianapolis where Adam is part of a group, Central Psychological Services, practicing as a licensed mental health counselor. In addition to working with individuals and couples in therapy, he has assisted with some cases at the Archdiocesan Tribunal, facilitated group therapy opportunities for seminarians at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, offered seminars on human formation to the permanent diaconate candidates of the Diocese of Gary, and was recently brought on as an adjunct lecturer for the St. Meinrad Permanent Diaconate Formation Program focusing on the area of Pastoral Care and Counseling.

"EMBRACE THE GARDEN"

Women's

LENTEN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION

LUNCH • PRAYER • REFLECTION • CONNECTION

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Sunday, February 25
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
in the Parish Center Lobby/Chapel

Presented by Paula Burrell

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**SMALL
FAITH
GROUPS**

Bible Study on Parables of Jesus

Tuesday Evenings
6:30 pm
in the Conference Room
Sessions are ongoing.

Live Lent Faith Sharing Group

Thursdays (3 weeks)
February 22, March 7, & March 21
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Virtual - Zoom

Women in the New Testament

Mondays During Lent (6 weeks)
Begins February 19, 6:30 pm
in the Conference Room.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*And he who does not take his cross
and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.*
Matthew 10:38



Friday Evenings during Lent beginning
February 16 at 6:00 pm in the Church.
In case of inclement weather, cancellation will
be communicated by Flocknote message.

*The Passion of the Christ viewing,
due to the graphic nature of this movie,
this is for ADULTS ONLY!*



The Passion of the Christ - A Story of Love and Sacrifice

Witness the power of faith.

Friday, March 29
12:00 pm
Parish Center Lobby

Scouts Pack



AYCE SPAGHETTI DINNER

BSA Troops 48 B & G

Saturday, March 9

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Parish Hall

Divine Mercy Experience



For The Whole Family!

Sunday, April 7
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
in the Parish Center

Babysitting available!

*RSVP, please sign up
on Pastorstoolbox.com,
via the link on our
website or scan
the QR code
by Thursday, April 4.*



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JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Why do we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for mercy in our own lives and in our neighbors too. We pray to remind ourselves that we must rely on God; we must recognize our weakness, and replace our anxieties and worries with abounding trust in God.

Why do we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 pm?

The hour of the Lord Jesus' death, 3pm, is a privileged time with regard to the devotion to the Divine Mercy.

Nocturnal Adoration Society

Prays the 1st Thursday of the month from 6:00 pm - 6:00 am in the Chapel.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration & Rosary
Prays the 1st Saturday of the month.
11:30 am in the Church.

Adoration with Parish Staff

Prays the 3rd Thursday of the month. 9:00 am - 11:00 am in the Chapel.

NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Monday, April 8

Time - TBD

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VS

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LIVE

Watch Game with Fr. Jim!

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Wednesday, February 7 (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm) *SPARK*

Saturday, February 17 - (12:00 pm - 2:00 pm)

Ladle of Love Community Lunch Clean up

Sunday, March 3 (3:00 pm - 4:30 pm) *Mario March Madness*

Wednesday, March 13 (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm) *SPARK*

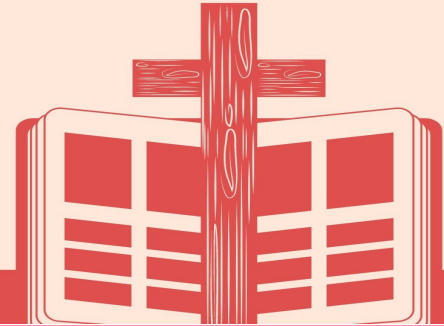
Wednesday, April 10 (7:00 pm - 8:30 pm) *SPARK*

Monday, April 22 (5:00 pm - 6:30 pm) *Phil's Friends*

Men's Bible Study Group

Meets on Saturdays,
beginning Saturday, February 10
from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
in the Conference Room before Mass.

All Are Welcome!



It is not easy to accept that your dear one has left.
In order to cope with the loss,
we need to talk it out with people.

Our newly formed
Widows and Widowers
Ministry meets on the
4th Thursday of every
month at 1:00 pm in
the Double Classroom.

All Are Welcome!

NO ONE EVER
TOLD ME THAT
GRIEF FELT SO
MUCH LIKE FEAR.

HOPE MINISTRY
(HELPING OUR PAIN EASE)
ST. MATTHIAS GRIEF SUPPORT

HOPE MINISTRY REUNION:
SUNDAYS - February 18, March 17, & April 21
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm in the Double Classroom

JOIN OUR **PRAYER** MINISTRY

St. Matthias is a prayerful community. We often pray for and with one another. Our parish staff consistently receives requests for prayers. These can be for those who have died, those who are sick, out of work, etc. We want to invite all our parishioners to join us in praying for those in need.

The St. Matthias Prayer Ministry will use the benefits of technology to invite parishioners to sign up on Flocknote to receive prayer requests via text or email. Our staff will take prayer requests through our Parish Office and use the Flocknote system to disseminate that information.

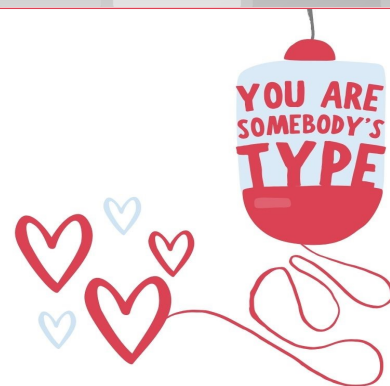
In the interest of privacy, only first names will be used on prayer requests. The specifics will be left out, allowing for only a general prayer request to be dispersed.

If you would like to join this Prayer Ministry,
please contact the Parish Office at (219) 663-2201.



Recovery Group -
AA Meetings
are offered here at
St. Matthias
on Tuesday at 7:30 pm
& Wednesday
evenings at
8:00 pm in the
Double Classroom.

The Liturgy of the Hours
Monday - Thursday
12:00 pm
in the Chapel.



Music Ministry invites you to join us!

Tuesdays

Youth 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Young Adult/ Adult 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Sundays

Young Adult/ Adult 10:00 am Rehearsal

10:30 am Mass

Will Akins

Music Director

P. (773) 377- 5122

E. WAKins@stmatthiasparish.net



HABITAT for HUMANITY



Save The Date

Saturday, March 2

Watch future bulletins for registration information.

Business Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
& Thursday -
8:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Friday & Saturday - Closed
Sunday -
8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Phone (219) 663-2201
Fax (219) 663-2567**



Mass Times Daily

**Monday - Friday 8:00 am
(livestream)**

**Saturday
Mass 4:00 pm**

**Sunday
Mass 8:00 am
Mass 10:30 am (livestream)
Mass 7:00 pm**



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