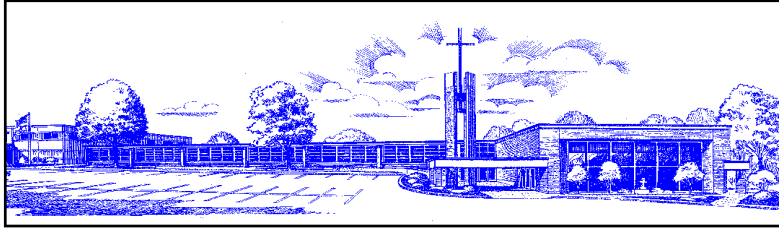


St. Matthias the Apostle Newsletter

February & March 2022



Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars !!

- **Feb. 2,** Wednesday - Bible Study with Dr. Carr Worland
- **Feb. 4,** Friday - Two Hearts First Friday Mass and Adoration
- **Feb. 9,** Wednesday - Bible Study with Dr. Carr Worland
- **Feb 12-13,** Saturday & Sunday - K of C - Ladies Auxiliary - Bake Sale
- **Feb. 16,** Wednesday - Bible Study with Dr. Carr Worland
- **Feb. 19-22,** Sunday-Tuesday - Parish Mission
- **Mar. 1,** Tuesday - Ash Make
- **Mar. 2,** Wednesday - Bible Study with Dr. Carr Worland
- **Mar. 4,** Friday - Fish Fry
- **Mar. 9,** Wednesday - Bible Study with Dr. Carr Worland
- **Mar. 11,** Friday - Fish Fry
- **Mar. 16,** Wednesday - Bible Study with Dr. Carr Worland
- **Mar. 18,** Friday - Fish Fry
- **Mar. 23,** Wednesday - Bible Study with Dr. Carr Worland
- **Mar. 25,** Friday - Fish Fry
- **Mar. 30,** Wednesday - Bible Study with Dr. Carr Worland

Fish Fries - 2022

When - All 6 Fridays of Lent:

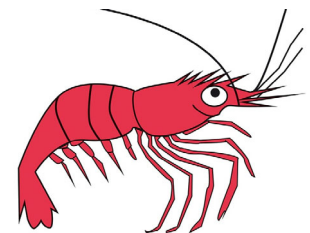
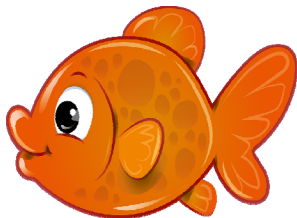
March 4, March 11, March 18,

March 25, April 1

4:00pm - 7:00pm

April 8

11:30am - 7:00pm



Be on the look out for more details in our upcoming Parish Bulletins
or by visiting our website at: www.stmatthiastheapostle.org

We look forward to seeing you!!!

Sunday of the Word of God

In 2019, Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter entitled *Aperuit illis* instituting that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time will annually be observed as the Sunday of the Word of God for all dioceses and churches throughout the world. The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time this year is January 23.

Enthroning the Bible in the Family

To show that God is at the center of their lives, many families enthrone the Bible, the Word of God, in a visible place in their homes. By placing the Sacred Scriptures in a prominent place decorated with flowers and art, and by gathering at this spot for daily prayer, families show that God is present and active through his Word.

Enthroning the Bible in your home is easy. Simply pick a place where the Bible can be honored. The Bible should be placed where it will be seen regularly, but the location should be apart from the noise and confusion of the family entertainment. Place the Bible, opened to a favorite passage or the readings of the day (these can be found at www.usccb.org/nab), on a table or shelf. Decorate the area around the Bible with a cloth, flowers, and/or a candle—whatever makes sense to you. Use the following ritual prayer when you gather as a family to enthrone the Bible.

Things to Prepare

- Bible
- A shelf or table where the Bible will be placed (the shelf may be adorned with a cloth and candles)

Ritual

When possible, the ritual may start outside the main door to the house or outside the main entrance to the room. One member of the family holds the Bible, raised slightly. The father, mother, or other leader begins the celebration with the opening litany:

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Word of the Father.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You became one with us to tell of the Father's love.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You are the light that shines in the darkness.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You save us from fear and break the bonds of sin and death.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You come to guide our steps and lead us to God.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You are the Word of eternal life.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You fill us with the Holy Spirit.
Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

As everyone enters the house or room, they may sing a suitable song.

Then one of the following Scripture passages is read from the Bible:

Matthew 4:17-23 *Jesus calls and heals through the power of his Word.*
Mark 4:1-20 *The Word is like the seed.*
Luke 4:14-21 *Jesus proclaims the Word in Nazareth.*
John 1:10-14 *Jesus is the Word of God and the light of the world.*

After the reading, the leader places the Bible in the place prepared for it. All bow deeply before the enthroned Bible.

Leader:

We have heard your words, Jesus.
They give us joy and bring light and truth into our lives.
Your presence gives us peace in our troubled and divided world.
Let your Word create in our hearts a deep desire for you.
Be with us in our hearts and homes, in our community and country.
Give us your Holy Spirit to help us to understand your Word.
We enthrone now this Holy Bible in our midst.
Make your Word the center of our lives.
May your Word inspire all that we think and say and do.
May your Word bind us together in unity with each other and with you,
today and forever.

Response: Amen.

All join in saying the Lord's Prayer.

All repeat after the leader:

We promise to respect the Word of God in our midst.
We shall read and reflect on it as a family of God.
May we draw from it inspiration for our decisions,
 strength for our work,
 and comfort in suffering.
Jesus, help us to be faithful to our promise,
 you who live forever and ever.
Amen.

The celebration concludes with a sign of peace.

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January, February, & March

Wedding Anniversaries

January

Tan & Phi Nguyen January 1, 1982 Years Married: 40
James & Mary Hopkins January 3, 1987 Years Married: 35
James & Sarah Reichert January 9, 1965 Years Married: 57
Gary & Mary Fehrman January 13, 1973 Years Married: 49
Richard & Joan Kofron January 13, 1962 Years Married: 60
Michael & Linda Mahfood January 15, 1999 Years Married: 23
David & Deborah Robert January 17, 1993 Years Married: 29
Ronald & Mary Hansen January 23, 1976 Years Married: 46
William & Maribel Townsend January 23, 2019 Years Married: 3
Tom & Carol Gielow January 27, 1962 Years Married: 60
Jerome & Sandra Jacobs January 31, 1970 Years Married: 52

February

William & Jaime Gast, Jr. February 3, 2007 Years Married: 15
Keith & Susan Erb February 5, 1994 Years Married: 28
Donald & Geraldine Branam February 7, 1959 Years Married: 63
Raul & Carleen Velez February 7, 2007 Years Married: 15
Francis & Sharron Aufmuth February 14, 1969 Years Married: 53
Philip & Laura Schrubbs February 18, 2006 Years Married: 16
David & Kathleen Gurley February 19, 1966 Years Married: 56
Mitchell & Elizabeth Fassler February 21, 1990 Years Married: 32
James & Carolyn Payne February 22, 2012 Years Married: 10

March

James & Teresa Stuckel March 3, 1984 Years Married: 38
Lance & Andrea Meyerpeter March 5, 2004 Years Married: 18
Gari & Marcia DeGuire March 17, 1990 Years Married: 32
Thomas & Stacy Pepper March 24, 2007 Years Married: 15
Stephen & Dale Buechler March 26, 1988 Years Married: 34
Brian & Dawn Stroup March 28, 1992 Years Married: 30



Prayer For Married

Couples

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect
the union of Christ with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice
in the gift of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Valentine Bake Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary, DeSmet
Council 742, will be sponsoring a
bake sale, after the masses on

Saturday, Feb. 12th

Sunday, Feb. 13th.

Please stop by the tables in the
Narthex and help us support

Cardinal Glennon Abused Kids.

Thank you for your continued
support.



SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus

Ladies Auxiliary

25th Fashion Show and Luncheon

Sunday, May 1, 2022



**Ash Wednesday is
March 2**

Eucharist Schedule:

**Ash
Wednesday**

**8:00 am
12:00 Noon
6:00 pm**



From the Pastor
Palm—Ashes—Prayer—Preparation
The Time is Now !!



Dear Fellow Parishioners and Visitors,

Have you ever wondered what to do with the palm given out on Palm Sunday once it becomes old and dry? Did you know that the ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from the burned palm that was blessed the year before? We are now in the process of collecting old blessed palm in the Narthex of Church.

On Tuesday, March 1st the evening before Ash Wednesday, at 6:30PM there will be a special ceremony which will involve the burning of the palm and actual turning of the palm into ashes by the people of the parish. These ashes will be blessed and used on Ash Wednesday.

Following the service there will also be a Pre-Lenten Pot Luck Dinner for the people of the parish. This is a very moving and fitting way to begin Lent as the one body of Christ.

Please come and pray and have some fun with our parish family. The people of the parish are asked to bring a covered dish to share. The Parish will provide the main course. Please RSVP to the Parish Office (314-892-7500).

Fr. Dennis Port

Leader:

Fr. Tom Donaldson
 Mission Preacher



Senior Associate
 St. Alphonsus Liguori
 "Rock" Church St. Louis

Meet with Attendees
 Feb 21, 2022 at 9:00 am
 Feb 22, 2022 at 9:00 am

For More Information,
 Call: Sue Morton
 314-606-1343

St. Matthias
 The Apostle
 Parish Community

800 Buckley Road,
 St. Louis, MO 63125

Our Parish
Mission

February 20-22
6:30 pm each night

Theme: Return, Renew, Rejoice

Please accept this invitation to participate in our Parish Mission.

A parish mission is a grace-filled happening, an opportunity to experience in a special way the wonderful and incredible presence and love of God.

If you judge yourself to be in need of spiritual growth, this mission is for you.

The Mission is for everyone!

Fr. Tom will invite us to a deeper relationship with the Lord. You will be amazed to discover how putting aside an hour each evening will create a lifetime of enrichment for your faith.

*People of all faiths are welcome to attend.
 Refreshments will follow.*