

THE PARISH FAMILY OF MARCH 5, 2017

ST. MATTHIAS

THE APOSTLE CHURCH



CELEBRATION of EUCHARIST

Weekend

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday8:30am
.....10:30am

Daily

Monday-Friday.....8:00am

National Holiday

9:00am

Holy Day of Obligation

Please call the Parish Office

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:00pm-3:30pm

Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers

Tuesday, 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, 8:30am until Noon,

Living the Word, Sharing the Spirit, Loving Each Other

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Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office
three months before the birth of
the child.

Marriages

Arrangements should be made a
minimum of one year before the
planned date of marriage.

Parish Office Hours

9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday

Bulletin Deadline

Noon on Monday

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The 1st Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Jesus' filial prayer is the perfect model of prayer in the New Testament. Often done in solitude and in secret, the prayer of Jesus involves a loving adherence to the will of the Father even to the Cross and an absolute confidence I being heard.

In his teaching, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray with a purified heart, with lively and persevering faith, with filial boldness. He calls them to vigilance and invites them to present their petitions to God in his name. Jesus Christ himself answers prayers addressed to him.

The prayers of the Virgin Mary, in her Fiat and Magnificat, are characterized by the generous offering of her whole being in him.

'Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ.'



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of:

Ronald Anthony

Brother of Annette Jamboretz
of our Parish

Robert Carty

Father of Mary Carty
of our Parish

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Next Week - 2nd Sunday of Lent

His face became dazzling as the sun, his clothes as radiant as light."

Many of today's parents, and most all grandparents, recall the days when there was so much emphasis about dangers of unworthy communion; many approached the reception of this great sacrament with anxiety rather than joy. Today's Catholics have scarcely heard of such fears.

In the Bible, fear is the *normal* reaction of people who encounter God. Think of Moses at the burning bush or the disciples seeing Jesus walking on the water. Whenever the friends of Jesus sensed that he came from the higher world of God, they experienced fear.

In none of these cases was their fear banished by an assurance that the encounter with God was a casual everyday experience. It took a direct word from Jesus to calm their fear and raise them to their feet again. "Get up, do not be afraid."

The encounter with God is never matter-of-fact. It is true that Jesus came to proclaim a message of love, not of fear; that God wants us to feel at home in our Father's house when we come to church. But what we do here is different from every other human activity.

We do not come just to have a good time. We come to *worship*. The one we worship is the God before whom the angels veil their faces. Anxiety and fear are not appropriate. Awe and reverence are.

Reverence is not possible if the body is there while the thoughts are far away. Do you ponder the reading and enter deeply into the prayers? People get nothing out of Mass because they put so little into it.

Worship without reverence is always flat, boring and trivial. In awed and reverent worship, we hear again the voice from the cloud, saying to us: *This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him."*

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

(John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday March 1, 2017) and Good Friday (April 14, 2017) are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All Fridays in Lent are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

2018 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Every year St. Matthias offers a pilgrimage to holy shrines throughout the world for the spiritual and intellectual development of parishioners and friends. The next pilgrimage will take place **January 16-25, 2018**.

There is no better way to understand the Gospels than to see, feel and walk in the places where Jesus actually walked, taught, lived, died and rose from the dead - the **Holy Land**.

The fourth day in the Holy Land continues with a visit to St. Peter in Gallicantu (Church of the Crowing Rooster), built over the house of Caiaphas, the High Priest. The opportunity will be given to stand and pray in what is believed to be the underground cell where Jesus spent the night following his arrest.

“Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, “You are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, “Didn’t I see you in the garden with him?” Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

John 18:24-27



For more information contact Fr. Port (314-892-7500).

Brochures detailing the entire itinerary of the Pilgrimage are available at the Parish Office and the Narthex of the church.

Christian Initiation Process Unwrapped

For most parishes, Sunday Mass during Lent has been different, as people called “the elect” and “candidates” have been called forth to the altar. As the Easter Triduum approaches, the Church prepares to welcome these participants in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) through the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA is not only for those seeking full initiation into the Church, RCIA involves the whole Christian community.

RCIA is mainly for two groups of people: the unbaptized and baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Church. Some dioceses also include baptized but uncatechized Catholics. For the unbaptized, RCIA prepares them to receive all three Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Baptized Christians and Catholics will receive Confirmation and/or the Eucharist.

Here are ten important steps in the RCIA process and their significance for the participants and the entire Church:

1. Period of Evangelization: Through baptism every Catholic is called to preach the Good News and share the gift of faith they received with the world; all are urged to invite friends and family members to Mass. Sometimes, this invitation inspires people to consider the Catholic Church and RCIA.

2. Rite of Acceptance and Welcome: This marks the first time those in RCIA officially assemble before the parish. After their initial conversion, they declare publicly their intention to enter into a relationship with Christ and his Church. The parish commits to praying for them. From this point on those seeking baptism are called *catechumens*, and those seeking full communion with the Church are called *candidates*.

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2017 Pilgrimage to the Northwest and Canada

Join Fr. Port in seeing the beauty that God has created in the Northwest U.S. Alberta Canada and the Canadian Rockies. Also visit many of the Catholic shrines and churches of these areas. In Canada visit Banff and Jasper National Parks, Lake Louise, Vermillion Lakes and many more natural wonders. In the Northwest U.S. just a few of the areas to be visited are: Glacier National Park, Custer National Monument, Devil's Tower, the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, and even Wall Drug.

Devil's Tower rises dramatically 1,267 feet above the Belle Fourche River, standing 867 feet from summit to base. The summit is 5,112 feet above sea level.

Devil's Tower was the first declared United States National Monument, established on September 24, 1906, by President Theodore Roosevelt.



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ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCES

There are many excellent resources for the Season of Lent you might wish to use . Following is a list of some resources available for Lent this year:

- Living the Eucharist Lenten program: <http://www.livingtheeucharist.org/>.
- Best Lent Ever daily reflections from Dynamic Catholic:<http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/#signup>
- USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/prayer-resources-for-lent.cfm>

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3. Celebration of the Word: After the Rite of Acceptance, the catechumens are usually dismissed from Mass after the Liturgy of the Word to reflect more deeply on Scripture and prepare themselves for their eventual participation in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This dismissal is not meant to exclude those in RCIA from the Liturgy of the Eucharist but to help them and the parish joyfully build up anticipation of the Easter Sacraments.

4. Sending of the Catechumens and Candidates: Before the First Sunday of Lent, those in RCIA are called before the parish, which prays for them and sends them forth to present themselves to the bishop. They are presented to the bishop because he is the chief pastor of the diocese and admits them to the Easter Sacraments on behalf of the entire Church.

5. Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion: This rite is usually held on the First Sunday of Lent and marks the catechumens and candidates' final preparation for the Easter Sacraments. They reaffirm their intention to join the Church. In the presence of the bishop, the catechumens inscribe their name in the Book of the Elect. From this point forward, the catechumens are called *the elect*.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Margaret Blickle, Benjamin Boyd, Bob Carroll, Laverne Chaney, Charlene Cruse, Janice G. Czapla, Sylvia Czapla, Denny Dearda, Charles Denzel, Gerry DiMaggio, Lorraine Dohm, Jack Eckles, Maria Edwards, Olivia Edwards, Dan Fitzsimmons, George Flaton, Ann Forthaus, Alice Gereaux, Lorraine Greene, Jaimi Grimm, Joan Grippo, David Goetz, Cassie Gorecki, Dawn Guardano, Jane Hackett, Ed Hasler, Brett Haubrich, Mary Ann Heberer, Anne Heuvelman, Kathleen Holmes, Frances Holtkamp, Mary Ellen Howard, Lukas Inman, Charles Jones, Jim Kargus, Frances Kasting, Delores Kersting, Shirley Kramper, Paula Kunz, Ronald Lamb, Josephine Lange, Oliver Lange, Nancy Linder, Donna Meyer, Shania Meyer, Janet Millslagle, Rich Millslagle, Louise Moore, David Oppland, Lauri Pennycook, Radomir Polach, Yvonne Proehl, Bobby Randazzo, Kenneth Reeg, John Ryan Jr., Tony Sauer, Ben Schaab, Lorraine Scheffer, Timothy Schiefelbein, Donald Schlingman, Fr. Eugene Selzer, Margaret Sevem, Leonard Suttmoeller, Irene Taschler, Marian Thompson, Norm Valenta, Rich Veile, Lucille Venverloh, Gloria White, Bob Wissler,

CANDLES

Lighting a candle expresses a prayer need and invites others to join in praying for that intention.

The prayer needs this week are:

Tom Sanders Sr. and families; Tom Sanders Jr. and family; Brian Davis Jr. and families; Hailey Schoemehl and parents; Branam family; Special Intention for my grandchildren; Zelch/Dove/Medley families; Hope and pray treatments continue to work; Keep my strength; Steven; Health for Dietz family; Dot, Emily, Ken, Michael; Mary and her sons; Rose L. - better health and healing; Gus L. - better health and healing; Vernon Arnold - better health; Jessica Duvall - to keep her safe, she works in the Jewish Community Center in Kansas and the community is scared of bomb threats; Cindy Romito - to pray for her continued success with battling bone marrow cancer; Surgery for friend - cancer found; GeGe; St. Jude - Special Intention; Jason Rowley; Shawn Rowley; To accept God's will on all; Special Intention; Jacob Baldwin;

MASS INTENTIONS

- Mar. 6, Monday**
8:00 a.m. Deloris Lange
- Mar. 7, Tuesday**
8:00 a.m. Marie Simon
- Mar. 8, Wednesday**
8:00 a.m. Therese Weger
- Mar. 9, Thursday**
8:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Mar. 10, Friday**
8:00 a.m. Carol Jean Walker
- Mar. 11, Saturday** *Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent*
4:00 p.m. Dave Cieslinski
- Mar. 12, Sunday** *The 2nd Sunday of Lent*
8:30 a.m. John Opich
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Stations of the Cross

On each of the six Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in the Church at 6:00pm.



6. Period of Purification and Enlightenment: This period begins with the Rite of Election and is a season of intense spiritual preparation and reflection on the Paschal Mystery. The elect and candidates are called to deepen their

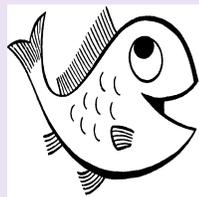
relationship with Christ, and the parish community is called to increase their prayers and support of the elect and candidates.

7. Scrutinies: The Scrutinies are rites of conversion and repentance. They include prayers of intercession and exorcism and are intended to deliver the elect from sin, protect them from temptation and invite them closer to Christ, who is the living water, the light of the world, and the Resurrection and the Life. The three Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

8. Presentation of the Creed and Lord's Prayer: After the first Scrutiny, those in RCIA are entrusted with the Creed and after the third Scrutiny, the Lord's Prayer. The Creed professes the faith, and the Lord's Prayer teaches believers to call upon the Father as Christ did. At the Easter Vigil, those in RCIA will for the first time publicly profess the Creed and participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist to pray the Lord's Prayer.

9. Easter Vigil: The "most blessed of all nights," as proclaimed by the Exsultet, is the night the Church joyfully anticipates Christ's Resurrection. The elect receive all three Sacraments of Initiation and candidates for full communion receive Confirmation and/or the Eucharist. For the first time, the elect and candidates are welcomed to the Lord's Table as full disciples of Christ.

10. Mystagogy: After receiving the Easter Sacraments, the neophytes (newly initiated) continue their faith formation during the period of *mystagogy* (which means "interpretation of mystery"). Mystagogy is the time of post-baptismal catechesis. It typically lasts for one year. This time allows the neophytes to reflect on their experience of the sacraments, Scripture, grow closer to Christ through the Eucharist, and participate more frequently in the parish. The parish community is called to mentor the neophytes as they begin to live as Christian disciples and fulfill their baptismal vocation to evangelize. One way to support our newest brothers and sisters in Christ is to invite them to join a parish ministry or to dinner!



LENTEN FISH FRY:

Mark your Calendars !!!!

March 10th

March 24th

April 7th

Parish Center 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Carry Outs Available!



Seniors \$8.00

Fish, Shrimp or Combo, 2 sides & Hush Puppies

Adults \$8.00

Fish, Shrimp or Combo, 2 sides & Hush Puppies

Children \$6.00

Fish, Shrimp, Mac'n Cheese or Spaghetti Dinners, one side, & Hush Puppies

Shrimp Basket \$6.00

Sides Include:

Spaghetti, Green Beans, Mac'n Cheese, Slaw, Applesauce.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!!



Why Do Catholics Give Things Up for Lent?

Ask nearly anyone who grew up Catholic what they're doing for Lent, and they'll probably tell you what they're "giving up." The notion of giving up some pleasure for the 40 days of Lent is very much in keeping with the penitential character of the season.

Of course, the primary pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. All of these are intended to turn our hearts back to God, to purify us, and prepare us for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter. One of the things that the whole Church gives up for Lent is the Alleluia acclamation before the proclamation of the Gospel.

When it comes to giving things up for Lent, people often get into trouble by taking on too much, or by working from the wrong motivation. To take on too much is to set oneself up for failure. Several years ago, I decided to give up both meat and chocolate for Lent. Instead of turning my heart back to God, this only served to make me irritable, as every bacon cheese-burger or peanut butter cup I encountered began to grate on me.

The following year, I decided that perhaps the spiritual discipline of Lent was what I needed to help me lose 10 pounds by Easter. This was obviously the wrong motivation, because it made my Lenten practice all about me. This discipline is supposed to get us out of ourselves and back to God. Needless to say, by Easter I still had those 10 pounds and felt like a failure besides. The gift of humility comes from all sorts of interesting places.

So this year, I'm trying a different tack. For Lent, I'm giving up . . . complaining. I'm also trying to give up a grudge that I've been quietly carrying around since Christmas. I've also given up elevators, as an occasional reminder of my tendency to take the easy path. Time will tell, but I think I might make it all the way to Easter this year.

Bunko Night

Sponsored by St. Matthias Ladies' Guild

When: **Thursday, March 23, 2017**

Where: Multipurpose Room from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm (**Doors Open at 6:45pm**)

Cost: \$5.00 per person

All ladies of St. Matthias Parish (18 years and older) and their friends are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of Bunko. Beginners are always welcome!

Snacks and beverages provided

Please RSVP by March 20th, 2017

Sandy Sandweg at 314-894-9792, Shelia Brown at 314-952-8336 or email: foges@charter.net

Mark your calendar for upcoming Bunko Nights:

April 27, 2017; May 25, 2017; June 22, 2017; July - NO BUNKO; August 24, 2017; September 28, 2017; October 26, 2017; November 30, 2017; December - NO BUNKO





40 Cans For Lent

The Knights of Columbus - Council #742 is sponsoring “40 Cans for Lent”.

The idea of this program is to sacrifice one can of food a day for the poor and needy during the 40 days of Lent.

Donations from this Lenten program will be given to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Containers for your daily sacrifice are in the vestibule of Church. They are clearly marked:

“40 Cans”

The poor and needy will always be with us in our journey of life. We are grateful to all who decide to participate in this program and for their acts of kindness.



Another Parish Success



Thank you to everyone that volunteered and attend the New Orleans Pre-Lenten Feast last weekend. Your on-going participation makes our events as well as our parish a continuing success!

See you at the Fish Fry!

Bible Study

Bible Study will be starting up after a brief break. We will resume on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM in Room 4 of the education building.



Parish Mission

A big thank you to all who helped make the Parish Mission a success. A special thank you to Justin Jacobs, LaVone Frigo, Jane Bozdeck, Jo Barriner, Deacon Charlie Bacher, Doyle Heaman, Pat O'Donnell, and Kevin Proot.

AARP

TAX PREPARATION

Low income Senior's may have their income taxes prepared by qualified individuals for free at St. Matthias in the Multi-Purpose room.

You must have an appointment.

Please call AARP TaxAide Call Center at 314-525-1660 to make an appointment.

2016 Contribution Statements

Statements are now available in the following ways:

- If the Parish Office has your email address you will receive it automatically through the email on file.
- Fax, when a fax number is provided to the Parish Office.
- Mail, when a self addressed stamped envelope is provided to the Parish Office.
- Pick up at the Parish Office, during Office Hours as listed on the front of the bulletin.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

A parish is not a place, it is a community. A parish is not a thing it is the Body of Christ. We can only be such a community if every

Catholic in the area registers in the parish. To receive a registration form or indicate an address change or move from the parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Name _____ and _____

Number in Family: _____

Adults _____ Children _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____

New Parishioner _____ Moving Out _____

Offerings to Support the Mission of the Parish

February 22 - March 1, 2017

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,595.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 522.00
Parish Upkeep	\$ 120.00
Parish Upkeep (E-Give)	\$ 40.00
Votive Candles	\$ 93.00
Space Utilization Donations	\$ 1,050.00
Pre-Lenten Feast (Gross)	\$ 2,802.00

The following funds are "Restricted" which means that they may be used only for the intention for which they were given. These funds are placed in separate interest bearing accounts.

Parishioner Helping Parishioner	\$ 130.00
Memorial Prayer Garden	\$
Operation Life Support	\$ 330.00
Operation Life Support (E-Give)	\$

The following funds are transferred directly to the Archdiocese or other Special Campaigns:

Black and Indian Missions	\$ 45.00
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A Little Humor For Lent

Thanks for sharing Deacon Charlie

A Catholic Guide to Ashes



First in Line



The Blob



The Hasty



Rorschach



Father's Revenge



The Mini



The Hipster



Load Toner



The Hindu



The Franciscan

St. Matthias the Apostle
Memorial Prayer Garden

I (we) would like to purchase the following in the
Memorial Prayer Garden. I choose the following:

_____ Engraved Brick \$75.00

_____ Stone Boulder \$200.00

(For engraving of Boulders and Tree Memorials talk
with Jonathan at the Parish Office 314-892-7500)



_____ Spruce Tree \$250.00

*Please print in block letters the name(s) you would like engraved on the Memorial:
A space should be left between names and on either side of "&". 15 characters are available per line,
Including spaces and punctuation; 3 lines per brick or marker:*

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Purchase Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

*Please make checks payable to: St. Matthias
For extended term payments please contact the Parish Office.*