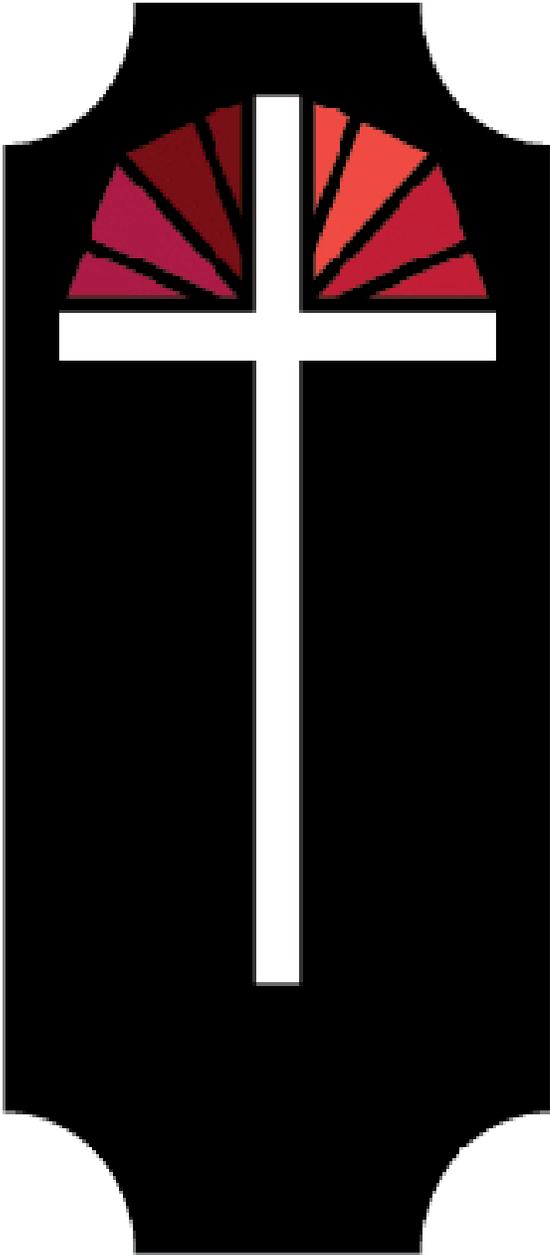


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Office Hours

Tuesdays 9am – 2pm

Wednesdays 9am – 2pm

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Fridays 9am – 2pm

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 4

8:30AM Victor and Miriam Ramirez

Wednesday, January 5

8:30AM Thomas Lauderback

Thursday, January 6

8:30AM Linh and Thu Nguyen

Friday, December 7

8:30AM 'Maria'

Saturday, January 8

5:00PM Elva Jaconette

Sunday, January 9

9:00AM The People of Our Parish

11:00AM John Hollern

Recently Deceased

+Mary Breckler

Mass Times

Tues-Fri 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:30 PM (Haitian)*

3:00 PM (Nigerian)**

7:15 PM (Brazilian)

* Every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month

** Third Sunday of the month only

Reconciliation

First Saturdays from 3:45 – 4:45 PM

PASTORAL POST

'Series on the Synod' by Fr. Tony Davis

Over the past few months, Pope Francis has been laying the groundwork for a new approach to being the Church, known as the synodal approach. Over the course of the coming year, I will be writing many pastoral posts on the theme of the synod (synodal, synodality, etc.) so that we can all come to a better understanding of what it means and learn how we can participate in the process. It is a new concept to me as well, so I will be learning with you.

Simply put, synod means 'walking together.' As the people of God, all of us share a common desire to see the church be the best it can be. We all want the church to flourish, preach the Good News to all the world, and be a place where we can belong. However, just as with any institution, different people have different ideas of what exactly that entails. What I think is right might not be what the person next to me thinks is right. What I prefer might be different than what someone from a younger generation prefers. What I am comfortable with might be uncomfortable for someone of another ethnic background. While these sorts of conflicts are inevitable, the synodal church is one where we choose to still walk together. We choose to stay.

In his October 10, 2021 homily opening the theme of the synod, Pope Francis beautifully set the scene of what he means by synodality in three terms: encounter, listen, and discern.

Encounter: For the pope, encountering each other is essential. Instead of hiding behind screens, siding with those who agree with us, or living in isolation, we must get out of ourselves and meet others. This is simply done by "taking the time to encounter the Lord and one another." Regarding the former, we do this by creating time for prayer and adoration with Jesus. For the latter, we do this by approaching others with sensitivity and without formalism or pretense.

Listen: Unlike people who think they have all the answers, we should instead listen with both our ears and our hearts, acknowledging that we all can learn from each other. Hearing people's stories and allowing them to express themselves are sacred moments. As the pope says, "let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. So often our certainties make us closed. Let us listen to one another."

Discern: Discerning is a necessary follow up to encounter and listen. Before the Lord, we must decide together the best way to advance on the journey. For the pope, this is not the church becoming a convention, study group, political gathering, or parliament, but is rather "a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Spirit."

As the synod process moves ahead and as the Church sets out into the third millennium, may we encounter, listen, and discern with one another the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who is full of surprises.

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CHURCH NEWS

THANK YOU FROM FR. TONY

I would like to thank our staff and volunteers for their extra work getting ready for the Christmas Masses. A special thanks to Mrs. Rehm for the great music and coordination with our other musicians and cantors, Mr. D'Angelo for being our lead sacristan for both the Church and the Gym, Mr. Momoh for cleaning and directing our student volunteers, and all who came for our cleaning and decorating day on Wednesday, December 22. We could not have done it without you!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

On behalf of the Church and School, we wish all of you a Happy New Year and hope that 2022 be filled with God's blessings.

YEAR END STATEMENTS

Year-end contribution statements are available upon request. These reports include all your contributions to the parish during 2021. Note that they do not include any contributions in exchange for services (Catholic Times, Christmas Flowers, etc.) or one-time gifts that have already received a letter of acknowledgement from the Parish Offices. To request your statement, please call the Parish Offices and we will include you in our next round of printing. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT-CHILD MEETING

Congratulations to our students who made their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 15th! Our next sacrament to prepare for is First Communion. There will be an informational Parent-Child meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 7 pm in the church. Students eligible for First Communion this May are our 2nd grade Catholic School students, our PSR students who have been faithfully attending Sunday classes, and the other students who have made special arrangements with Fr. Tony. Please don't miss this important meeting.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Matthias School is accepting applications for next year's Kindergarten class. Potential students must be 5 years old by September 30, 2022. Please call the school office at (614) 268-3030 or email preither@cducation.org to place your child on the enrollment list.

GRADES 1-4 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

If you have a child that you would like to enroll in St. Matthias School for next year, we have openings in Grades 1 - 4. Please call the school office at (614) 268-3030 or email preither@cducation.org to place your child on the list.

FISH FRY 2022

After consulting with the Parish Council, Finance Council, and Church staff, we decided not to have Fish Frys in Lent of 2022. This is due to the ongoing uncertainty of the pandemic as well as needing more leaders and volunteers. In the meantime, we will be looking for leaders to rejuvenate or reimagine the Fish Frys for Lent of 2023. We do plan on offering adoration of the Eucharist from 6:30 – 7 pm on the Fridays of Lent with the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

December 19, 2021	CURRENT	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
Contributions (+ online)	\$11,491.00	\$180,986.00
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$200,000.00
Difference	\$3,491.00	\$(19,015.00)

NOTICES

THANK YOU

The Parish Offices would like to thank our parishioners and vendors for all their Christmas Cards and gifts these past few weeks. We are very grateful.

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY

Our parish collected \$6,127 for our offertory at our Christmas Masses. We also collected about \$2,500 for our special collections at those masses, including Christmas Charities, Building Repair and Improvement, and Retired Religious Funds. Thank you!

LECTOR AND SERVER SCHEDULES

Lector (3 months) and Altar Server (1 month) schedules are now being issued by Flocknote. Please let us know if you are having trouble accessing these schedules.

MASS OF A JOYFUL HEART

Please join us in singing the 'Mass of a Joyful Heart' by Steve Angrisano during this liturgical season. Copies of the music are available in the vestibule.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The Sunday Missal books are available before or after mass from the sacristan. They include all the Sunday readings for the next year (Year C) as well as mass prayers and reflections. Please donate \$3.00 per copy.

2022 CALENDARS

The 2022 St. Matthias Calendars are in! Please take a calendar from the vestibule starting this weekend. We wish all our parishioners a peaceful and joyful New Years.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Parishioners unable to come forward during communion time can remain in their seats. After the communion line is complete, the Eucharistic Ministers will walk around the seating sections to bring you communion. Simply raise your hand to get their attention.

MUSIC MINISTRY

To access the digital worship aids please visit <https://www.stmatthiascolumbus.com/worship-aids> Then insert the password "Music".

The next choir rehearsal will be Tuesday, January 4th from 7:00-8:30pm in the church.

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