



## Weekly Mailer – January 5

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- Upcoming Faith Opportunity (2 pages)

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# St. Matthias Parish School Mailer

January 5, 2024

Dear St. Matthias School Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a fabulous Christmas vacation. It was wonderful to see so many in church for the holidays and I encourage your family to continue to attend Mass this year. I want to congratulate and thank the Choristers, Middle School Handbells and other young people who served for these special Masses. Thank you for sharing your talents. Beautiful job!

## **After School Parking**

The safety of our students is our number one priority. Thank you to all who have reviewed the parking video and heed the directions of those directing traffic after school. Please continue to share the video with anyone who picks up your student so that we can maintain the safety of pedestrians and drivers alike.

## **Inclement Weather**

The season for snow is upon us. St. Matthias Parish School will follow the decision of the **West Allis-West Milwaukee Public Schools** and will cancel school when WAWM schools close for inclement weather. Parents will also be notified if school will be closed via the Remind app. Notification will also be sent to television stations. If the school closes before regular dismissal time, parents will be notified via the Remind app.

## **Present and On Time**

Research shows that there are a number of benefits for students who are on time to school. Being on time allows students to maintain a routine, leads to better focus for students as well as the teacher, and models responsibility to children. Conversely, tardiness can have a negative effect on academics and social interactions. Please do your best to have students present and on time to school. If there is a way we can support your family in this endeavor, please reach out to the administration. We are here to help.

## **School Mass**

On Thursday, January 11th, we will celebrate school Mass at 8:15. Students from 7th grade will lead. Please join us.

## **Home and School Committee**

The Home and School Committee plans monthly activities and events for St. Matthias School. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 11 at 6:30pm in the library. Drop in and see how you can get involved. **We will begin to plan our winter family fun night, spring cleanup, a fundraiser, and the school picnic.**

## **Alumni Association Meeting**

This group is working to revive our alumni relations. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 11 at 7:45pm. For more information, please contact Mrs. Turner.

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## **Spirit Wear Day**

Our next Spirit Wear day will be Friday, January 12th. Please refer to the handbook for all acceptable clothing. When wearing leggings, shirts must cover students' bottoms when they raise their hands above their head.

## **Winter MAP Testing**

Students will be taking their Winter MAP tests the week of January 15. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast will help students do their best on the test. Please make every effort to have your child on time and present.

## **Celebration of Learning Open House**

On Wednesday, January 24th from 6:00-7:00pm, St. Matthias School invites you to join us at our Celebration of Learning Open House. This evening is set aside for students to display their learning and academic success. Student projects, writing samples, and hands-on science experiments will be displayed for families and friends to see. This is also a great opportunity to visit the teacher and class your student's will be in for the 2024-25 school year.

As a bonus, we will be hosting a friendly door decorating contest as a part of our upcoming Catholic Schools Week activities. All attendees will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite door. We hope to see you there!

## **Early Dismissal**

Our next early dismissal is scheduled for Friday, January 26. MEC will be open

## **Athletic Schedules**

Basketball season is in full swing. Check out our team standings [here](#). The teams are doing well! Check out the link below to find out when and where our students are playing basketball this coming weekend. Players love to have fans cheering at games. Basketball Schedule: <http://tinyurl.com/mppmmcxn>

## **Coat Wearing Policy**

**PLEASE SEND STUDENTS WITH A COAT TO SCHOOL.** The following policy went into effect last month. *Students are expected to wear outerwear during recess and before and after school. If the temperature is 60 degrees or above, students will be allowed to take off their coats. If the temperature outside is 50-59 degrees, students will be allowed to unzip their jackets. If the temperature is below 50, students will be expected to zip and wear their jackets.*

Blessings,

Mrs. Alissa Turner

Principal

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# LAUDATE DEUM

MONDAY

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JANUARY  
6:30 - 8:00  
PM

**To All the People of Good  
Will on the Climate Crisis**

**JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION ON POPE  
FRANCIS' LATEST MESSAGE ON CLIMATE CHANGE.**

**FREE EVENT - ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT: [STMATTHIAS-MILW.ORG/FFO](http://STMATTHIAS-MILW.ORG/FFO)**

**OR CALL BRIAN JENS AT 414-982-2406**





# SPECIAL ADULT FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENT!

## THE CHOSEN UPDATES:

JOIN US ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH IN  
STEIGER HALL FROM 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Get in the Christmas spirit with food, film, and fellowship! All are welcome to join us as we watch “The Shepherd” and “The Messengers”.

These wonderful short Christmas specials were created by the same producers as “The Chosen”.



**STARTING THIS JANUARY, WE WILL BE MAKING OUR WAY  
THROUGH “THE CHOSEN” SEASONS 2 & 3  
TUESDAYS 6:30-8:00 PM IN STEIGER HALL AT ST. MATTHIAS!**

### Season 2

January 9th, 2024 - S2/E1  
January 16th, 2024 - S2/E2  
January 23rd, 2024 - S2/E3  
January 30th, 2024 - S2/E4  
February 6th, 2024 - S2/E5  
February 13th, 2024 - S2/E6  
February 20th, 2024 - S2/E7  
February 27th, 2024 - S2/E8

### Season 3

April 2nd, 2024 - S3/E1  
April 9th, 2024 - S3/E2  
April 16th, 2024 - S3/E3  
April 23rd, 2024 - S3/E4  
April 30th, 2024 - S3/E5  
May 7th, 2024 - S3/E6  
May 14th, 2024 - S3/E7  
May 21st, 2024 - S3/E8

**THERE IS NO COST TO JOIN AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

TO SIGN UP VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [STMATTHIAS-MILW.ORG/FFO/](http://STMATTHIAS-MILW.ORG/FFO/)  
OR CONTACT BRIAN JENS AT: (414) 982-2406 OR [BJENS@STMATTHIAS-MILW.ORG](mailto:BJENS@STMATTHIAS-MILW.ORG)