



Weekly Mailer – November 10

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Faith First – Educating children while building a Catholic foundation that instills Christian values.



St. Matthias Parish School Mailer

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Dear St. Matthias School Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended parent/teacher conferences last week. We appreciate your time and support as we work together to "educate children while building a Catholic foundation that instills Christian values." [St. Matthias mission statement].

All School Food Drive

Thank you to everyone that has generously donated to our Thanksgiving food drive. Students will be completing their Thanksgiving boxes next week and donating them to the church's food pantry. Please continue to send donations through November 17th. See flyer for more information.

Meet the Author

Is your student an avid fan of big construction vehicles, a budding young environmentalist, or a curious Milwaukee urban adventurer? Explore our busy city through the eyes of a friendly wind turbine with Gust, a new children's book that shares the true story of how Port Milwaukee's Administration Building became fully energy independent. The author, Katie Meyer, will be in attendance to read and meet visitors. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 14 from 4:00-5:00pm at the Bay View Branch of the Milwaukee Public Library. Ms. Meyer serves as an educational coach for our school's leadership team. See the flyer for more details.

\$1.00 Out of Uniform Day

On Friday, November 17th, we will hold our monthly \$1.00 Out of Uniform fundraiser that will benefit the church's food pantry. Thank you for helping us bless those in need.

Out of Uniform and Spirit Days Expectations

We love showing our school spirit on Spirit Days and raising funds for charities on our \$1:00 Out of Uniform Days. Thank you for supporting and participating in these fun and impactful events. Recently, we are seeing a handful of students who are not following the dress code expectations. On Spirit Days, students are expected to wear St. Matthias tops or **SOLID** red, white or blue shirts. Tops should not have other decals, logos, pictures other than St. Matthias School logos. Girls who want to wear leggings are expected to wear a shirt that fully covers their bottom. Student who do not follow the dress code expectations will be issued a dress code violation and will lose their right to participate in future Spirit and Out of Uniform days.

Happy Thanksgiving

Our Thanksgiving recess will begin on Wednesday, November 22. School will resume on Monday, November 27th. MEC will be closed on Tuesday, November 21.

Mass, November 16 at 8:15

On Thursday, November 16, our 7th graders will lead Mass. Junior High Handbells and the Choristers will lead us in song. Please join us.



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Alumni Relaunch Event

The St. Matthias Alumni Association is having their first event of the year on Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 in the school gym. Committee members have started to gather contact information from alumni but need your help in spreading the word. If you know an alumni, please send them the following link and invite them to our planning meeting this coming Thursday. At the meeting, alumni will learn more about the association, have the opportunity to walk the school and connect with other alumni. More information can be found at <https://stmatthias-milw.org/school/general-info/st-matthias-alumni-association/>

Breakfast with Santa

The Home and School Association will be hosting Breakfast with Santa fundraiser on Saturday, December 9th from 8:00-11:00am in Steiger Hall (lower level of the church). Breakfast will be served, the nativity story will be shared, and students will have the opportunity to make an ornament. Of course, Santa will be on hand for pictures. Tickets are available through the school office and must be purchased by Friday, December 1st. Children 3 and under are free. Children ages 4-11 are \$5.00 and ages 12 and over are \$10.00. We hope to see you there!

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Home and School Committee

The Home and School Committee plans monthly activities and events for St. Matthias School. We are currently planning our biggest event of the year, Breakfast with Santa which will be held on Saturday, December 9 in the Steiger Hall located in the basement of the church. If you would like to get involved in planning and serving at the event, please plan to attend our next Home and School Committee meeting on Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 pm.

School Advisory Board

This group serves as an advisory committee to the principal and works with Mrs. Turner on long-term planning for the school. If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact Mrs. Turner. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, December 7 at 7:45pm. For more information, please contact Mrs. Turner.

Blessings,
Mrs. Alissa Turner
Principal



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WHO:

K4 through 3rd grade St. Matthias Parish and School students and their families.

WHAT:

Join us and our guest readers for a fun-filled Christmas-themed bedtime story hour.

WHEN:

Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 from 6:00 PM– 6:45 PM

WHERE:

St. Matthias School. Stories will be read in various rooms in the school. After you RSVP, the room you will be starting in will be sent home with your child.

WHAT TO BRING:

Come in your PJs and bring along your family and your favorite reading buddy (stuffed animal). Cookies and milk will be provided!

If your family will be attending Jammie Night, please fill out the form below and return it with your child to school by Monday, November 27, 2023.

Yes! My family will be coming to Jammie Night on Tuesday, December 5th!

Student first and last name

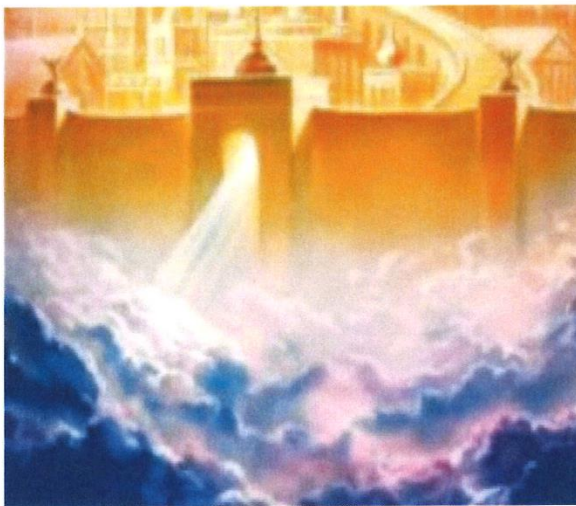
Teacher and grade

Number of people who will be attending: _____ children _____ adults



Building the City of God Presentation by Michael Kolz

We are living in troubled times. Everywhere we look we see division in the local, National and Global communities. Instead of respecting all human beings as people of dignity, we demonize or dehumanize them as our enemies. Jesus call us to love our neighbors and to love our enemies. A radical message that could change the world. To be a follower of Jesus is a challenging ordeal. But if done with your heart we become Builders of the City of God. Tonight we will examine ways that we can serve God by using our creative talents and avoiding our destructive tendencies.



Michael Kolz is a Theology Teacher at Pius XI Catholic High School for over 3 decades. He also worked as a Director of Youth Ministry. He is a passionate sports fan and has coached multiple sports. He is blessed with his wonderful his wife Lisa for the past 35 years, and he is a proud father of 3 sons. He loves to read, studying leadership, motivation and inspirational books. He has presented to hundreds of people in churches all over the Milwaukee community.

Monday November 13th, 2023—6:30—8:00 pm

Where: St. Matthias Catholic Church—Steiger Hall

**How Do I Register? - Call Brian Jens at 414-982-2406 or sign up online
at: <https://stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/>**

All School Food Drive 2023

Our St. Matthias Parish School will be donating non-perishable food items to our food pantry from October 30th through November 17th. Please feel free to donate items from your grade level lists to support those in our community. Together we can do great things!

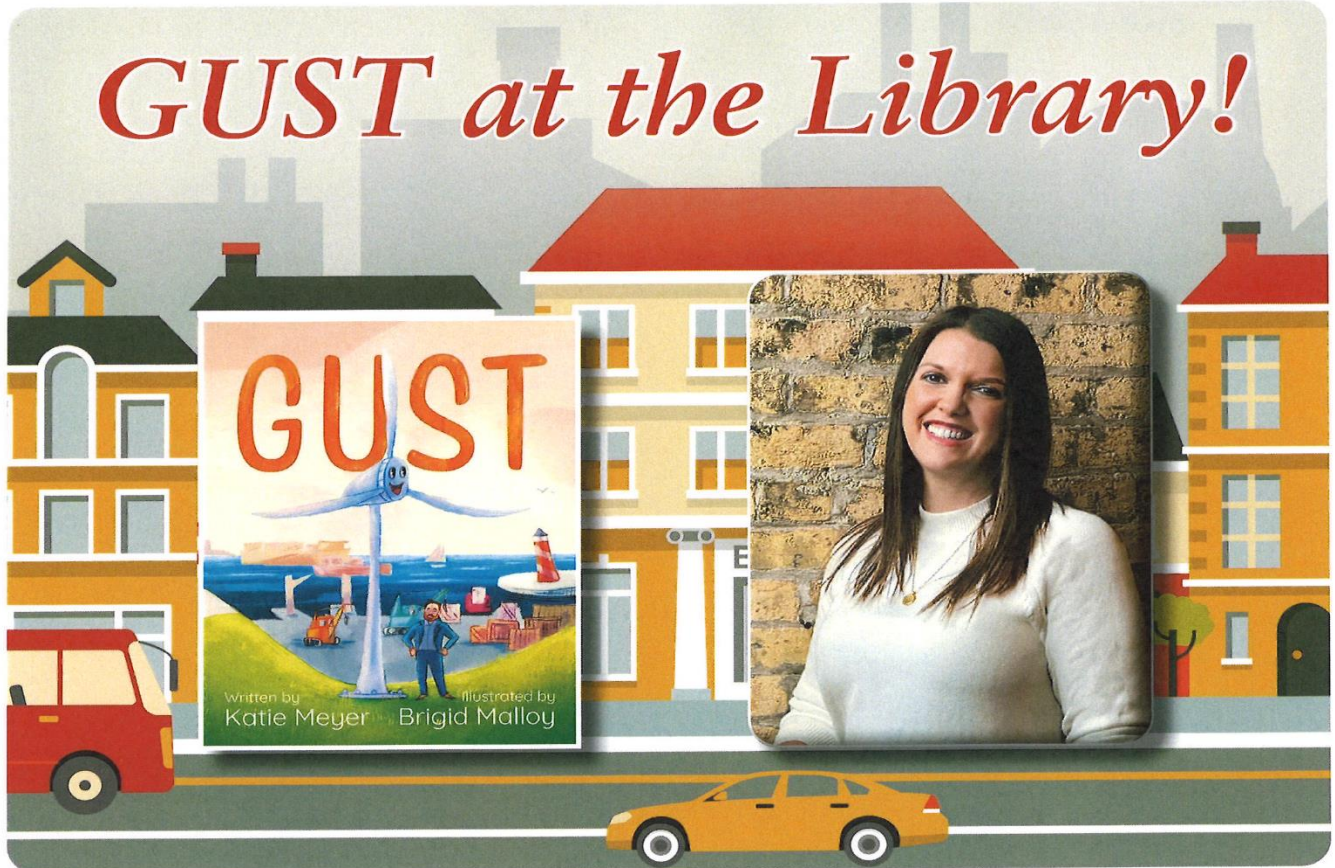


K4-3rd grade - please bring in canned vegetables (peas, carrots, corn, or green beans), macaroni and cheese, pasta or rice side dishes, canned soups, cereal, and plain pasta noodles (box or bag).

Grades 4-6th grades - please bring instant mashed potatoes, turkey gravy jar or packet, stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce, or canned vegetables.

Grades 7-8 - please bring in Hamburger Helper, cereal, pasta or rice side dishes, muffin or dessert mixes (brownie or cornbread), and canned vegetables (peas, carrots, corn, or green beans) or soup.

If needing to change, any other non-perishable food item will be accepted. Any questions, email lstachnik@stmatthiasmilw.org or krogalinski@stmatthiasmilw.org and **thank you for your kindness.**



GUST at the Library!

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Author and Bay View resident Katie Meyer will be joined by Port Milwaukee employees for an afternoon of reading *Gust*. Join us to learn more about Gust's adventures at Port Milwaukee and to make your very own wind turbine pinwheel. It'll blow you away!

Tuesday, November 14
4-5 pm
Milwaukee Public Library
Bay View Branch - 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Reasonable accommodations provided upon request.
Contact the ADA Coordinator at (414) 286-3475 or
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