



Weekly Mailer – December 8

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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,

The week of December 10th is the second week of Advent. During this week, we light the second purple candle in the Advent wreath and reflect on the Peace of Christ. May you find time to reflect on how we can trust God to care of us. It is when we lay our cares at his feet, we can truly begin to find peace in our lives. Let's pray for one another and take time to thank God for the gift of his peace this week. Peace be with you.

Report Cards

Report cards are being sent home today. Please look for the brown colored envelope in student backpacks. Please sign it and return the envelope to school on Monday, December 11. Thank you in advance.

New Religion Standards

At the beginning of the school year, the Archdiocese released the new Religion standards for grades 1-8. The new curriculum standards have been expanded and are quite detailed. We will use this school year to familiarize ourselves with the new standards but may not cover every standard this first year.

Staffing Update

In case you did not see yesterday's announcement, I would like to share this staffing update. For personal reasons, Mr. Joyal has found it necessary to resign from St. Matthias School.

Christmas Concerts

Students in grades K4 through 4th grade are getting ready for their Christmas concerts. On Thursday, December 14, grades 1-4 will present their dress rehearsal to the school at 2:15pm and in an evening concert for friends and family at 6:30pm in the school gym. **CONCERT ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY** for students in grades 1-4. Please see the attached flier for all the details.

The K4 and K5 will present a short concert on Wednesday, December 20th at 2:15pm for friends and family. We can't wait to see the kids perform and celebrate the Advent and Christmas season with us.

I am so grateful for these dedicated homeroom teachers and their willingness to see the concert through. Please join me in thanking them for taking on this project.

Mass, December 14th at 8:15

On Thursday, December 14th, we will celebrate school Mass. Students from 3rd grade will lead us. Please join us.

Tardies

The office is seeing an increase in the number of students that are arriving at school late. Please do your best to get students to school on time. Being on time allows your student to participate in our daily routine and decreases anxiety. It also ensures that students receive all classroom instruction and limits distractions for all students. Thank you for helping everyone succeed.

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Candy Cane Lane 4th Grade Service Project

The fourth graders would like to invite the St. Matthias students, staff, and families to 4th Grade Candy Cane Lane on Thursday, December 21st from 2:00 - 3:00pm in the 4th grade classroom. Each year, 4th Grade creates a version of the West Allis Candy Cane Lane during the season of Advent. All are invited to tour and make a donation. All donations will be donated to the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer Inc. (the MACC Fund) which is dedicated to funding childhood cancer and related blood disorder research. Please consider donating to this worthy cause

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. 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 2024-2025 school year. We can't wait to share our hard work with you! Save the date!

Athletics

The athletic board is in search of parents and guardians who are interested in taking leadership positions next year. Many of the current leaders will be retiring from their positions at the end of this school year. We want your help as we look to the future and dream how we can build our St. Matthias sports programs. Please contact Mr. Sowu, PE teacher and athletic director, for more information.

dsowu@stmatthiasmilw.org

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, 2024 at 6:30pm in the library. Drop in and see how you can get involved.

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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St. Matthias Christmas Concert 2023

Dear 1st through 4th grade families,

Hello! This letter is to inform you about the upcoming Christmas program. The concert will take place on Thursday, December 14th at 2:15PM and 6:30PM. Please mark your calendars now; **student participation in the program is mandatory.**

Our dress rehearsal will take place at 2:15PM in the gym. Clothes for the dress rehearsal is normal uniform. Family and friends are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal. Be enter through the front school entrance for the afternoon rehearsal.

For the evening concert, student attire for the program should be students' Sunday best clothes. It is acceptable for students to wear their "Christmas outfit" as long as it's on the dressier side. Girls should be in dresses, skirts or nice pants with a nice shirt or sweater. Boys should be in nice pants, khakis or dress pants and a nice top or sweater. Uniform pants are fine. **No jeans, please!**

Our evening show is at 6:30PM. Students have been instructed to leave their coats and all electronic devices with the grown-up that brings them to the concert. Students should arrive between than 6:15PM and 6:20 PM. Supervision will not be available for your student until this time. Please ask your child to use the bathroom before they sit down with their class. Students will be sitting on the floor in front of the stage for the duration of the concert.

The outer doors will open at 6:15PM. Please enter the school through the teacher parking lot (alley) door labeled G1. We are so excited to perform for you! See you Thursday!

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Christmas Spirit Week

Friday, December 15 - Thursday, December 21

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Friday
12/15

Spirit/Tree Topper Day
Wear St. Matthias Spirit wear and holiday hat/headband

Monday
12/18

Holiday Cozy Cheer Day
Wear **Red** and **Green** OR your Holiday PJs

Tuesday
12/19

Mad About Plaid Day
Wear your favorite plaid shirt or pants

Wednesday
12/20

Winter Wonderland
Wear "Frozen Gear", **Blue**, or White

Thursday
12/21

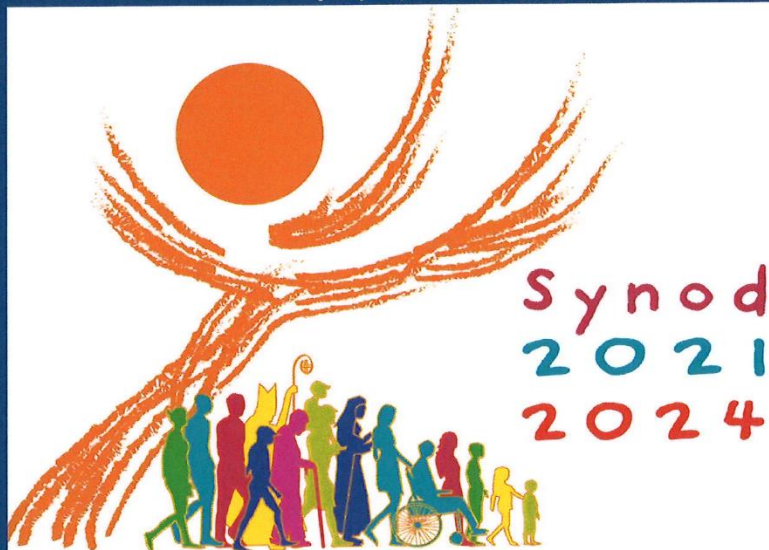
Deck the Halls
Wear your favorite holiday shirt/sweater



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SYNOD ON SYNODALITY UPDATE

**MONDAY DECEMBER
18TH, 2023 - 6:30 - 8:30
PM STEIGER HALL**

**SIGN UP BY CALLING
BRIAN JENS AT THE PARISH
OFFICE AT
414-982-2406
OR REGISTER ONLINE AT:
[HTTPS://STMATTHIAS-
MILW.ORG/FFO/](https://stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/)**

Come and join us for this special conversation on how the journey through the Synod on Synodality is taking place! Help us bring their proposals to life as we talk about new opportunities for formation in 2024!