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Resolution congratulating St. Matthias on its 175th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH

celebrated its 175th anniversary during a special mass on September 23rd, 2025; and

WHEREAS, *German Catholic settlers formed a small faith community in Greenfield Township in the 1840s and Bishop John Martin Henni incorporated it as St. Matthias Parish in 1850, naming it in honor of Fr. Matthias Steiger; and*

WHEREAS, *Three farming families donated land at Whiskey Corners (now Beloit Road), as this gift established the parish's permanent home, and early parishioners gathered for Mass in homes and barns; and*

WHEREAS, *St. Matthias soon founded a school, first led by the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi and for more than a century, the School Sisters of St. Francis educated thousands of children in faith and academics; and*

WHEREAS, *Through generations of growth, immigration, hardship, and renewal, St. Matthias expanded its facilities and ministries, faithfully serving Milwaukee families in prayer, education, and community outreach; and*

WHEREAS, *For 175 years, St. Matthias has been a light to its community—serving the vulnerable, nurturing faith across all ages, and inspiring parishioners to “Come... live, grow, and be challenged by the message through prayer, formation, and service”; and*

WHEREAS, *In 2025, St. Matthias Parish celebrates 175 years of devotion and service, beginning with a Commencement Mass on September 23rd and a Day of Reflection on September 27th, along with other anniversary events throughout the year; now, therefore be,*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates St. Matthias Parish on celebrating 175 years and wishes the parish all the best,*

FUTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to St. Matthias Parish.*

Introduced by Common Council members Peter Burgelis, Marina Dimitrijevic, DiAndre Jackson, Sharlen P. Moore José G. Pérez, Andrea M. Pratt, Milele A. Coggs, Robert Bauman, Mark Chambers, Jr., Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker, Larresa Taylor, Alex Brower and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 23, 2025.

