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April
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What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

I pray everyone is enjoying our beautiful spring weather. Our Lay Chaplain, Jo Ann and I went with another Lay Chaplain, Rhonda, and our friend, the Diocesan Military Ministry Liaison (Leslie) to visit the Frank Tejada Veteran's Home in Floresville. St. Matthias has been sending the Home, Veteran's Day and Valentine cards for a few years and we were finally able to visit them. They have veterans from WWII to the current conflict in the Gulf. We spent time visiting, listening, and sharing. We also presented veterans with prayer shawls and bracelets, Armor of God challenge coins and pins. Jo Ann and I also visited the Devine Nursing Home to see how we can get involved with visits in the future.

We had an emotional and Holy Spirit filled Holy week as we retraced the Passion of Jesus. If you couldn't attend, you can watch our Palm Sunday, Stations of the Cross, Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday worship services on our St. Matthias Facebook and YouTube pages. Our Easter service with the children flowering the cross will be posted as well.

We're entering a float in the Natalia Bluebonnet Festival Parade like last year, Saturday, April 6th. We'll be tossing our famous church bags filled with goodies to the spectators. If you haven't seen Allison throw one of those bags, wow!

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Inquirers Classes to Start Soon

We'll be offering an Episcopal Inquirers class for anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal faith. Our short classes will be held after our Sunday worship services starting April 21st. The classes are available both in person and online via Zoom. Anyone who would like to become an Episcopalian after the classes are completed will be Received or Confirmed by Bishop Read visits on Father's Day, June 16th. Please let Fr. Dexter know if you're interested in attending.

We're excited to offer a solar eclipse viewing party in our St. Matthias parking lot on April 8th, 11-2 pm. We have 110 pairs of eclipse glasses. We'll have popcorn, Frito pie, lemonade, and water to snack on and activity sheets for the children.

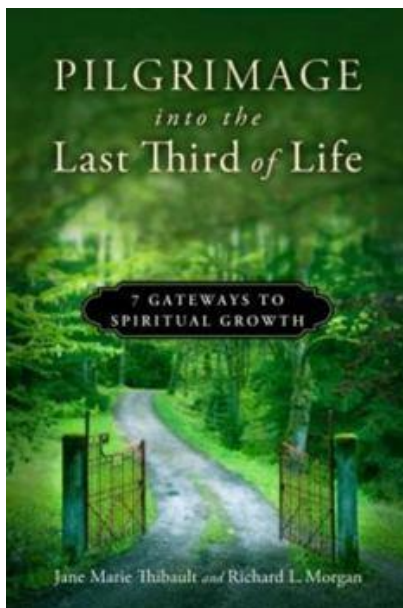


Bishop's Warden's Wanderings

by Karen Martinez

Upcoming Book Study

On April 18, the online community, The Wonder Years, will begin exploring the book, *Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life*, by Jane Thibault and Richard Morgan. We often ask ourselves what God wants us to do now that we can't (or don't want to) do EVERYTHING. This study will help us discern what God wants us to do, because even though some of us are older, He is not finished with us yet. If you are interested in joining us, contact Karen Martinez at 830 349-8682 for sign up information.

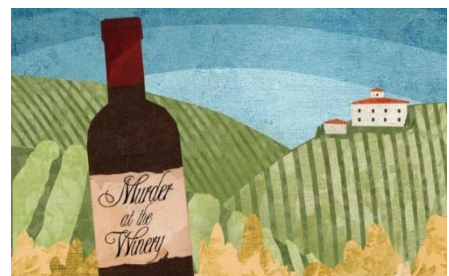


It Is A Mystery!

Back in 2021, St. Matthias started hosting mystery parties twice year. All but one has ended up with a dead body (figuratively speaking), and the point is to decipher Who Dun It. These have been full of surprises and fun, not to mention great food. One year, as I was gathering facts and information, I realized that my character had committed the dastardly deed! Hmmm.

Our church will be hosting Murder in the Vineyard on April 20, 2024 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Meg and Fr. Dexter's house. Mark your calendar, invite a friend, and join us in channeling your inner Sherlock Holmes.

Murder in the Vineyard
Saturday, April 20, 2024
2:00 p.m.
The Lesieur Residence



We had a blessed Holy Week



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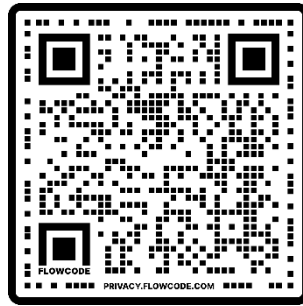
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GIVING LINKS

We've added an online giving link on our St. Matthias Web Site and Facebook pages. Your support is greatly appreciated.

<https://www.fellowshiponegiving.com/App/Form/d9b59938-5252-4e7f-8828-75939fd5be8c>

On the back of our contact cards is this QR code. When scanned these are the links you can access



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April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 EP 6:00 pm Cassandra Eads (BD)	4	5	6 Natalia Bluebonnet Parade gam
7 Bible Study 9 am HE 10:30 am	8 Eclipse Party 11 am-2 pm	9	10 EP 6:00 pm Bob & Crystal Haskins (A) Nick & April Lesieur (A)	11	12	13 Sandra Pace (BD)
14 No Bible Study MP 10:30 am Ronald Benefiel (BD)	15 Tom & Joyce Gill (A)	16	17 EP 6:00 pm	18	19	20 Murder Mystery at the Vineyard 2 pm at the Lesieur House
21 Bible Study 9 am HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering	22 Robert Pace (BD)	23	24 EP 6:00 pm	25 5	26	27
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Legend: Legend: HE = Eucharist, EP = Evening Prayer, BD = Birthday, A=Anniversary