



*Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.
Isaiah 7:14*

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church
Fellowship, Community and Faith

**December
2021**

What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

I pray everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are excited as we enter this Advent season. The season of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory." We have a wonderful Christmas Eve Family service planned December 24th, 4pm. We will have Lessons and Carols with a Eucharist service.

An important day is coming up soon. Please ensure we receive your estimate of giving pledges for 2022, for our Consecration Sunday on Dec 12th. Some folks give on-line, some through allotments and others during the service. Please pray about what is God asking you

to give. Your generosity will really help us prepare a budget for the annual meeting. Pray about it and make a financial commitment to God through the continued work of St. Matthias. Your donations make a positive impact for so many people.

Stewardship is: Sharing in God's mission with a glad, generous and grateful heart. Transforming lives in our community. It's a deeply spiritual matter. Something that blesses the giver more than the receiver.

Give Sacrificially. At times, God asks you to give until you can truly feel the giving. Giving sacrificially usually includes

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one of the following: a rearrangement of priorities, a change in lifestyle, or a forfeiture of something valued. When you give sacrificially, you give your best.

The Annual Meeting will be on January 16th. To prepare the budget, please return your pledge cards by Consecration Sunday (December 12). If you have any questions just ask Father Dexter. Thank you!

Thanksgiving with Airmen

What a joyous Thanksgiving we had at the Diocesan Bishop Jones Center. We helped serve Technical School Trainees from Lackland AFB a homecooked Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. They greatly appreciated the meal and being able to relax, play games and wonder the lovely grounds of the BJC.



Kitchen Make Over Underway



Remember a loved one this Christmas Season by helping to purchase the Poinsettias and to support our outreach donations. Forms will be available for you to fill out and return with your donation. Your loved ones will be remembered in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.



Advent Wreath Making

We had a wonderful time getting Advent Wreaths ready for the start of Advent. There was great participation. We hope everyone uses the wreath to prepare for the Christmas season.



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GIVING LINKS

We've added a new 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>

Amazon Smile update:

Here is a direct link for you: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2727034>

Use this link and then just shop as you normally would, renew your smile organization every 6 months. What an easy way to support St. Matthias!

AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you can choose from nearly one million public charitable organizations.

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 MP 9:00 am Advent Study 5 pm Brooke Walters (BD)	2	3	4
5 HE 10:30 am 2nd Sunday of Advent	6	7	8 MP 9:00 am Advent Study 5 pm	9	10 Phyllis Soret (BD)	11 Roy Walters (BD) Nick Lesieur (BD)
12 HE 10:30 am 3rd Sunday of Advent Consecration Sunday	13	14	15 MP 9:00 am Advent Study 5 pm	16	17	18
19 HE 10:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent Noisy Offering	20	21	22 MP 9:00 am Advent Study 5 pm	23	24 Christmas Eve Service at 4 pm	25 Christmas Day
26 HE 10:30 am	27	28	29 MP 9:00 am Advent Study 5 pm Fr. Dexter & Meg (A)	30	31 New Year's Eve	

Legend: Legend: HE = Eucharist, MP = Morning Prayer, BD = Birthday, A=Anniversary