



St. Matthias'
Episcopal Church
Fellowship, Community and
Faith

December
2022

Worship God, Be Transformed in Christ, Change the World

What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

Busy, busy, busy! November at St. Matthias was exciting! After an absence of over 25 years, we had an entry in Devine Cactus Festival parade. Allison, John, Esme, Kaylynn, Olive, Meg, Amber, Rob, Erika Ryska and Luna either drove, waved, or tossed goodies to the spectators. We had lots of positive comments showcasing how St. Matthias is a thriving and exciting church in the service of Jesus Christ! I served as Chaplain for the 3-day Veterans Day weekend Wounded Warrior and Veteran Family Camp at Mustang Island. Harry, JoAnn, Karen, and Joe were also in attendance. We had a wonderful POSM event making family Advent wreaths. We did experience our Sanctuary heating system go down and held one service in the Parish Hall.

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Fun with kites – or at least we tried!

Season of Advent

We're looking forward to having a joyous Advent season. We're having our Consecration Sunday, December 4th when folks turn in their pledge cards. We'll have a delicious meal after the service. If you need a pledge card, please let us know. We'll be having our Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve service December 24th, 7pm and our Holy Eucharist Christmas service on Sunday 10:30 am. Kids are invited to bring a toy to be blessed during the service. For planning purposes, our Annual Meeting will be January 8th.



50th Anniversary Volunteers Needed

We're on 5 months away from our St. Matthias 50th anniversary, May 7, 2023, with Rt. Rev. Bishop High. Checklists are posted in the Parish Hall for anyone who would like to help by signing up.



Bible Study

We continue to offer Wednesday Evening Prayer/Compline at the church at 6pm followed by our Bible Study at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We have 9 folks participating either in person or online. We're now on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Please let us know if you would like to participate. We'd love to have you. As Harry says, "We have the best time you could ever imagine with lots of laughter".

At the Veterans Day Wounded Warrior and Veteran Family Camp at Mustang Island challenge coins were given out to all service men and women.



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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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Brooke Walters (BD)	2	3
4 HE 10:30 am Consecration Sunday Luncheon	5	6	7 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	8	9	10 Phyllis Soret (BD)
11 MP 10:30 am Roy Walters (BD) Nick Lesieur (BD)	12	13	14 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	15	16	17
18 HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering	19	20	21 EP 6:00 pm No Bible Study	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service 7 pm
25 Christmas Day HE 10:30 am	26	27	28 EP 6:00 pm No Bible Study	29 Stephen Veselovec (BD) Dexter & Meg Lesieur (A)	30	31

Legend: Legend: HE = Eucharist, EP = Evening Prayer, BD = Birthday, A=Anniversary