

## Tamalada

Sunday, December 3rd, after the service we are going to have a Tamalada for the St. Matthias family! We will all learn how to make tamales and when we are done everyone will get to take some home for their families. What a great way to come together as a community and enjoy a new tradition with our church family!



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December  
2023

## What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

We lost one of our saints, Harry Trupp on November 21st. He blessed St. Matthias with his presence and was the epitome of being a disciple of Christ as an evangelist inviting everyone he met to attend St. Matthias. He is our Bishop's Warden and served as Worship Leader, Lay Eucharist Minister, Visiting Eucharist Minister, and Lector. He was directly responsible for almost all the recent improvements at our church. Harry was also a key member of our annual community events. Visitation is Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 at Primrose Funeral Home in Devine. We'll be having a Celebration of Life service Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthias' Church, 1:00 pm with reception following the service and

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As we enter the Advent season, we'll have the hanging of the greens on Consecration Sunday, December 3rd. We'll bless pledge cards during the service. After the service we'll be making tamales for Tamalada Sunday. We'll share a meal then make different kinds of tamales for everyone to take home.

On December 17th, we're honored to recognize St. Matthias's first Lay Chaplain! JoAnn has been working and studying very hard. We'll see what great plans the Holy Spirit has for her.

On Wednesday, December 20th we'll have our annual Lessons and Carols service.

We're taking a break from Bible Study until after the holidays. We'll start up again in the New Year.

November was a busy time for St. Matthias. We were excited having our St. Matthias float in the Devine Cactus Festival parade again this year. A big thank you to, Jon and Allison, for spearheading this event along with Javier and Esme for helping.



We sent cards of thanks to the Veteran's Home for Veteran's Day.



We held an All-Saints Day Eucharist and Dia De Los Muertos service. We honored our lost loved ones with photos, prayers and candles.

We had 50 folks attend the Baptism of Jameson Shelton Zinsmeyer. Followed by a reception. He was Fr. Dexter's first Baptism! Jameson was wonderful, just being happy and smiling on his important day.



Joe, Karen, Eddie and Allison Martinez, Meg and I attended the Wounded Warrior and Veteran's Family Camp at Mustang Island. Fr. Dexter was the Chaplain for 58 folks who attended.



Per Harry's suggestion, we held a Thanksgiving feast for our parishioners on Friday, November 24th. Turkey, smoked pork, tamales, vegetables and desserts galore. This will be an annual church tradition.

We also hosted "Finger Foods and Football" on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, for anyone who didn't have a place to spend the day.

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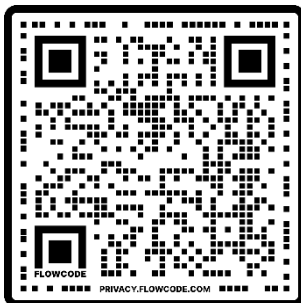
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We've added an online giving link on our St. Matthias Web Site and Facebook pages. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

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# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Brooke Walters (BD)	2
3 HE 10:30 am Consecration Sunday Tamalada after the service	4	5	6 EP 6:00 pm	7	8	9 Reception for Phyllis (1-5 pm) Parish Hall
10 HE 10:30 am Phyllis Soret (BD)	11 Nick Lesieur (BD) Visitation for Harry 2-5pm Primrose	12 Harry's Funeral at the church 1pm, reception following interment	13 EP 6:00 pm	14	15	16
17 HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering	18	19	20 Lessons & Carols 6:00 pm	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve HE 10:30 am	25 Christmas Day	26	27 EP 6:00 pm	28	29 Stephen Veselovec (BD) Dexter & Meg Lesieur (A)	30
31 New Year's Eve HE 10:30 am						

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