

And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it

is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them. *Acts 4:24*

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Fellowship, Community and Faith

February 2022

What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

I pray everyone is having a wonderful Epiphany season.



We had a great Annual Meeting. We reviewed all our many accomplishments for the past year (We were very active and busy), passed this year's budget and discussed upcoming month by month services, outreach and opportunities to gather with many fun activities planned. We also enjoyed a delicious potluck of a wide variety of delights.

New Bishop Committee Members

We are so excited to welcome our Bishop's Committee members Evan Eads – Bishop's Warden, Erika Gibbs – Jr. Warden, Roy Walters member and Meg Lesieur Administrative Clerk. We're also happy to announce Rob Nichols as our church Sexton and Cassandra Eads our Treasurer. Allison Soret and Rob Nichols will head up our new Social Media team. We're excited to see what plans they come up with. We're thankful Phyllis is serving as our Altar Guild.

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The wise men journeyed to find the baby Jesus and stopped by St. Matthias for directions. They followed all safety protocols and practiced social distancing as well.

Happy Epiphany!

Bible Study

Our study of Isaiah is very prophetic, and we continue to add more in-person and on-line folks through Zoom.











POSM

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the POSM bags. Remember the one we just gave in January included some materials to make Valentine's for Vets. Please be sure to bring the completed cards to church on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Or give Father Dexter a call to arrange a pickup or drop off. If you didn't get a POSM bag, feel free to make some cards on your own.

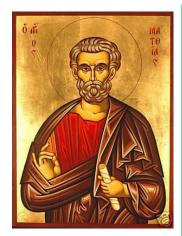


Both Meg and I will be attending the annual Diocesan Council Feb $24^{th} - 26^{th}$. Meg will be our delegate and I'll be attending as clergy. Due to Covid, this will be an online event. It'll be great to see how the Holy Spirit is working among all the churches in the Diocese.



The Biship is Coming! The Bishop is Coming!

On February 27th Bishop Reed will be coming to St. Matthias. He was originally scheduled to come in June but had to move his visit up due to a conflict. We already planned on a Pancake breakfast after the service to celebrate Shrove Tuesday (early), so let's do it up big! Hoping we have some confirmations with the visit as well. More to come!



St. Matthias Day is February 24th. Our celebration on February 27th includes a visit from Bishop Reed and our annual pancake breakfast.



Blessing of Homes

During Epiphany it is tradition to bless homes. Father Dexter traveled around and blessed homes in the area. He blessed chalk for those who live further away, so they could chalk their homes as well.



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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.

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	3	4 Evan Eads (BD)	5
6 HE 10:30 am	7	8	9 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	Meg Lesieur (BD) Kenneth Puente (BD)	11	12
HE 10:30 am Corey Walters (BD)	14 Valentine's Day	15	MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	17	18	19
20 HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering	21 Harry Trupp (BD)	Riley Hagdorn (BD)	MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	Tom Gill (BD) St. Matthias' Day	25	26
HE 10:30 am St. Matthias' Day Celebration Bishop's Visit Pancake Breakfast after the service	April Lesieur (BD)	1	Ash Wednesday MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	3	4	5

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