

Worship God, Be Transformed in Christ, Change the World

## St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

Fellowship, Community and Faith

February 2023

### What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

I pray everyone is having a joyous Epiphany! Fr. Dexter provided blessed chalk and a prayer card for parishioners to Chalk their front door, invoking Christ's blessing not only on the physical house but on the people who live there and those who visit.

We had our annual meeting which was also on zoom for out-of-town parishioners. We went over all of our many community activities for last year, passed a budget, announced Karen and Joe as our delegates for the annual Diocesan Council Feb 16-18, and introduced our New Bishop's Committee for 2023: Harry as our Bishop's Warden, Erika as our Jr. Warden, with members Joe and Allison. Cassandra is our treasurer and Meg is our clerk.

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We were honored with the Venerable Mike Besson, the Diocese of West Texas Archdeacon (photo above). He gave a powerful sermon and was honored with a potluck after the service. He was impressed with our recent improvements and was wowed by Pat. He said St. Matthias is the only church out of 87 Diocesan churches having an online Psalmist!

We delivered lots of clothing and hygiene products to 3rd Street Closet, and one delivery of food to the Food Pantry.

We're blessed to have Erika as our newest Lay Eucharist Minister.

St. Matthias, leading the way in our community, the Diocese, and in the Episcopal Church.

We purchased a large screen tv with grant funds for the Parish Hall. We won't have to squint to see the zoom participants during Bible Study on a laptop anymore. This will help us when we have various Diocesan zoom events and trainings as well as for overflow from services like funerals and weddings. Folks will now have a comfortable place to sit instead of standing in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you, Robert, for running all the wiring and getting the tv installed.







Birthday Blessings for Olive!

#### **Bible Study**

Everyone's invited to join our Wednesday evening Prayer/Compline at the church at 6pm followed by our Bible Study at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We'd love to have you join our group of 10 folks participating either in person or online. The newly mounted 75" TV is really helping for everyone to see each other.

Let there be light! Please give a special thank you to Harry and Juan who installed new ceiling lights in our Sanctuary. It's so much brighter and long overdue. They also repaired the sanctuary ceiling seams, repaired the Parish Hall hallway lights, installed new restroom towel holders and 2 new Parish Hall window blinds.



#### Coming up this month

We will hold our Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast after our Sunday worship service Feb 19th. Our community "Ashes to Go" on February 22nd, 5pm followed by Evening Prayer at 6pm and Bible Study at 7pm.

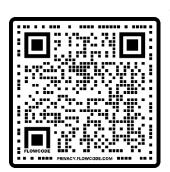
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## February 2023

| Sunday   | Monday                | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                              | Friday  | Saturday                              |
|--|-----------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
|  |                       |  | EP 6:00 pm<br>Bible Study 7 pm  | 2                                     | 3   | 4<br>Evan Eads (BD)                   |
| 5<br>HE 10:30 am   | 6                     | 7  | 8<br>EP 6:00 pm<br>Bible Study 7 pm   | 9                                     | Meg Lesieur<br>(BD)                                       | 11                                    |
| 12<br>HE 10:30 am  | Corey Walters<br>(BD) | 14   | EP 6:00 pm<br>Bible Study 7 pm<br>Stacey<br>Veselovec (BD)                                  | 16                                    | 17  | 18                                    |
| HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering Pancake Breakfast after the service | 20                    | Harry Trupp (BD) Harry Trupp & JoAnn Esckilsen (A) | Ash Wednesday<br>Ashes to Go 5pm<br>EP 6:00 pm<br>Bible Study 7 pm<br>Riley Hagdorn<br>(BD) | Diocesan Council<br>in Corpus Christi | Diocesan<br>Council in<br>Corpus Christi<br>Tom Gill (BD) | Diocesan Council<br>in Corpus Christi |
| 26<br>HE 10:30 am  | 27                    | April Lesieur<br>(BD)                              |   |                                       |   |                                       |

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