



Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isaiah 60:1-3

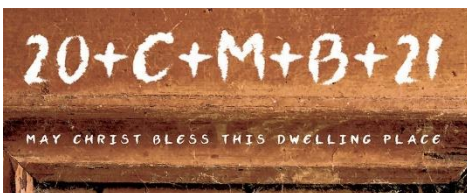
St. Matthias'
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What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

I pray everyone is having a joyous and Merry Christmas. We continue to attract new parishioners and have seen some long-term folks return. I want to thank everyone who submitted pledge cards for 2022. The pledges will help the Bishop's Committee plan our 2022 budget that we will present for your approval at our Annual Meeting and dinner January 16th. We will share our accomplishments for 2021 & plans for 2022. There's still time if you haven't submitted your 2022 pledge. We hope you can join us on this special day.



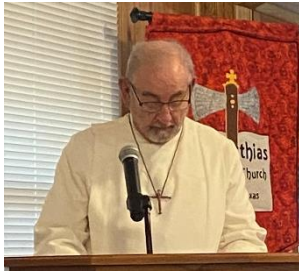
The Blessing of a Home at Epiphany. Father Dexter will be available on Epiphany to bless your homes if you live in the local area and provide blessed chalk to others who live outside our immediate area. "Chalking the door," as it is known, is seen as invoking Christ's blessing not only on the physical house but on the people who live there and those who visit. There is a long tradition of blessing homes, especially on the Epiphany, which falls on Jan. 6 each year. Europeans have chalked their doors as part of Epiphany house blessings for centuries. Traditionally, the chalking is done above the lintel and takes this form: 20+C+M+B+22 - The letters are the abbreviation

for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" - "Christ bless this house. The + signs represent the cross, and 20-22 is the year. Please contact Fr. Dexter by January 4th if you would either like your home blessed or receive blessed chalk.

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We had a joyful Christmas Eve service. Everyone was excited to see the pews full again with parishioners. I would like to thank Harry, Phyllis, Amanda, Halle and Karen for reading the lessons during the service.



St. Matthias Leadership
We're excited and looking forward to introducing our new Bishop's Committee, Altar Guild, Treasurer and Sextant during our January 19th service.



Consecration Sunday



We are blessed to have an updated kitchen in our Parish Hall. It was perfect timing to celebrate our Consecration Sunday with a smoked Turkey meal with plenty of side dishes and desserts



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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.fellowshipgiving.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.

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day Open House at the Lesieur's 3-7 pm
2 HE 10:30 am	3	4	5 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	6 Epiphany Blessing of Homes	7	8
9 HE 10:30 am Bishop's Com. Mtg	10	11	12 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	13	14	15
16 HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering Annual Mtg and Potluck	17	18 Roy & Roberta Walters (A)	19 MP 9:00 am Olive Lesieur (BD) Bible Study 5 pm	20	21	22
23 HE 10:30 am	24	25	26 MP 9:00 am Bible Study 5 pm	27	28	29
30 HE 10:30 am	31					

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