



St. Matthias'  
Episcopal Church  
Fellowship, Community and  
Faith

January  
2023

**Worship God, Be Transformed in Christ, Change the World**

## What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

I pray everyone had a Merry Christmas. We had wonderful Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Thank you everyone who donated for the purchase of the beautiful Poinsettias. Folks were able to make their own Advent wreaths for our December POSM event. We held our Consecration Sunday on December 4th. We still are waiting on a few pledge cards. If you need a pledge card, (or just send Meg the information) please let us know so we can work on next year's budget.

We lost one of our saints, Roy Walters in December. He was a very big part of St. Matthias and will be greatly missed. Can you believe there were 147 folks inside our sanctuary for his Celebration of Life service? He had such a tremendous impact on so many lives. 879 folks who couldn't make the service watched it online.

We delivered a truck load of clothing to World Missions, made 3 deliveries of donations to 3rd Street Closet, and one delivery of food to the Food Pantry.

Father Dexter will be available on Epiphany, January 6th, 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. Traditionally, the chalking is done above the lintel and takes this form: 20+C+M+B+23 - The letters are the abbreviation for the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" -

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"Christ bless this house. The + signs represent the cross, and 20-23 is the year. Please contact Fr. Dexter by January 4th if you would either like your home blessed or receive blessed chalk.

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

### Annual Meeting

We're looking forward to our Annual Meeting, January 8th to discuss our past accomplishments, pass a budget, announce our delegates for the annual Diocesan Council Feb 16-18, welcome our new Bishop's Committee and finalize plans for our St. Matthias 50th anniversary, May 7, 2023, with Rt. Rev. Bishop High. We're only 4 months away and checklists are posted in the Parish Hall for anyone who would like to help by signing up. We will have a potluck during the annual meeting. On January 22nd, we'll be honored with a visit by the Venerable Mike Besson, archdeacon of our Diocese.



Please give a special thank you to Rob, Erika, and Harry for all the work they did on our Parish Hall kitchen floor.



Laying wreaths for Wreaths Across America. Putting wreaths on armed forces veterans graves in Devine.

### 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 's love to have you join our group of 9 folks participating either in person or online.



Ring the bell for Salvation Army for the holiday season.

### Coming up next month

Next 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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## 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.

# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HE 10:30 am New Years' Day Open House 2-6 at Lesieur's	2 Amber Veselovec (BD)	3	4 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	5	6 Epiphany Blessing of the Homes	7
8 HE 10:30 am Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon	9	10	11 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	12	13	14
15 HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering	16	17	18 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	19 Olive Lesieur (BD)	20	21
22 HE 10:30 am Potluck Luncheon w/ Ven. Mike Besson after the service	23	24 Pre-meeting 5:30-7:30 online	25 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	26	27	28
29 HE 10:30 am	30	31				

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