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Episcopal Church
Fellowship, Community and
Faith

March 2023

What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

I pray everyone is well at the start of this Lenten season, a time for reflection, penitence, and fasting. The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, everyone is invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption.

We had a very tasty pancake brunch, held a community Ashes to Go and Ash Wednesday service. The highlight last month was the election of our Bishop Coadjutor (Bishop elect). Karen and Joe represented St. Matthias as our delegates for the annual Diocesan Council in Corpus Christi. Fr. Dexter gave the Small Church Ministry report and rallied the small churches to come together for One Voice at the small church dinner. There are 56 small churches out of a total of 86 churches in the Diocese. St. Matthias, leading the way in our community, the Diocese, and in the Episcopal Church.



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Our Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7pm, finished Paul's letter to the Ephesians and is starting the book of Revelation. Everyone loves the new Parish Hall large screen TV. It's great seeing all our online participants up close. Pat even noticed Harry's blue eyeglasses! We can't wait to use it as we host community events.

Our improvements continue. We've installed brighter altar lights and have ordered speakers on stands for the front of the church. This will significantly improve the listening experience to hear the mics and hymns. We'll be able to finally retire my son's karaoke machine we've used for speakers for the last 15 years.

We delivered lots of clothing and hygiene products to 3rd Street Closet.

Ready for another parade?! We will be entering a float in the Natalia Bluebonnet parade on March 25th. It will be like the one we used for the Devine Cactus Festival parade. We'll be ordering St. Matthias T-shirts soon, just in time for the parade.



We're only 2 months away from our St. Matthias 50th anniversary, May 7, 2023, with Rt. Rev. Bishop High. Checklists are posted in the Parish Hall for anyone who would like to help by signing up.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings! Harry giving his advice for life well lived. Blessings for the first-year anniversary for Harry and JoAnn.



We now have a beautiful processional cross donated in memory of George Lesieur.



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.

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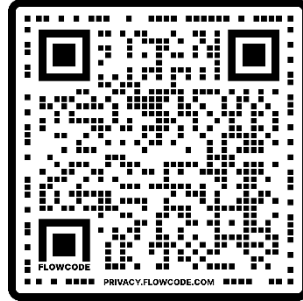
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GIVING LINKS

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>

On the back of our new contact cards is this QR code. When scanned this is what link you can access.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm Fr. Dexter Lesieur (BD)	2	3	4
5 HE 10:30 am	6	7	8 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	9	10	11
12 HE 10:30 am Pat Leece (BD)	13 Joe & Karen Martinez (A)	14	15 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	16	17	18
19 HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering	20 Life Skills Board Meeting 7 pm	21	22 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	23	24	25 Natalia Bluebonnet Parade 9 am
26 HE 10:30 am	27	28	29 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	30	31	

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