

St. Anna's Episcopal Church, Louisiana gifted St. Matthias with a stack of 50 solar eclipse viewing glasses as a thank you for being the backup site for launching weather balloons in a NASA experiment.



St. Matthias'
Episcopal Church
Fellowship, Community and
Faith

November
2023

What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

I pray everyone is enjoying the fall weather. We had a busy October at St. Matthias. We held our annual community Blessing of the Animals, annual community Trunk or treat, and attended the National Night Out. We're looking forward to our second year of entering the St. Matthias float in the Devine Cactus Festival parade. Thank you, Jon and Allison, for spearheading this event and everyone who is volunteering.

I want to thank everyone who purchased goodies and helped to stuff the church white hand-out bags for our Trunk-or-Treat and parade. Javier, Cheri, Karen and Meg stuffed 400+ Bags.

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Bishop High and Fr. Dexter were invited to speak at the Diocese of Northwest Texas Annual Convention in Lubbock. At the Small Church dinner, Fr. Dexter gave a presentation on the efforts of our Diocesan Small Church Ministry efforts highlighting St. Matthias's community outreach activities and engagement of our online community of faith. Bishop High and Fr. Dexter also shared with the delegates, ways their small churches can get involved and offered the DWTX support as a resource.

Tamalada

On Sunday, December 3rd, after the service we are going to have a Tamalada for the St. Matthias family! We will all learn how to make tamales and when we are done everyone will get to take some home for their families. What a great way to come together as a community and enjoy a new tradition with our church family!



Odds and Ends

We're looking forward to our All Saints' Day Eucharist and Dia De Los Muertos service on Wednesday, November 1st, 6pm. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved ones.

Several parishioners will be attending the Wounded Warrior and Veteran's Family Camp at Mustang Island. Fr. Dexter will be the Chaplain for the retreat.

Everyone is invited to attend the Baptism of Jameson Zinsmeyer, Nov 19th. A reception will follow.

We'll be hosting a Thanksgiving feast for our parishioners on Friday, Nov 24th.



Trunk or Treat Success! Another fun night giving to the community. Thank you to all the volunteers that made it happen!



Luna, the comfort dog, enjoyed meeting many new friends at the National Night Out.

Bible Study Break
We're taking a break from Bible Study until after the holidays. We'll start up again in the New Year!

Meg continues to support our Military Ministry by sewing another 4 Quilts of Honor tops this month. Finished quilts were presented to veterans as they departed on their Honor Flights to D.C. in September.

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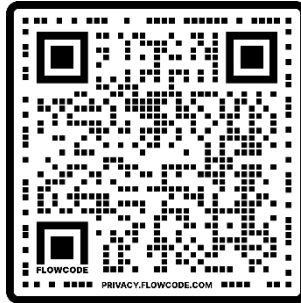
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GIVING LINKS

We've added an online giving link on our St. Matthias Web Site and Facebook pages. Your support is greatly appreciated.

<https://www.fellowshipongiving.com/App/Form/d9b59938-5252-4e7f-8828-75939fd5be8c>

On the back of our contact cards is this QR code. When scanned these are the links you can access.



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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints Day and Dia De Los Muertos Service HE 6:00 pm	2 Jonathan Zinsmeyer (BD)	3	4 Cactus Parade! Line up at 9 am, parade starts at 10 am
5 MP 10:30 am	6 Joyce Gill (BD)	7	8 EP 6:00 pm	9	10	11
12 HE 10:30 am	13	14	15 EP 6:00 pm	16	17	18
19 HE 10:30 am Baptism Noisy Offering	20	21	22 EP 6:00 pm	23 Thanksgiving Day Julian Cuervo (BD)	24 St. Matthias Family Thanksgiving Dinner	25
26 HE 10:30 am	27	28	29 EP 6:00 pm	30		

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