

What a blessing to see these servants of the Lord serving the congregation of St. Matthias.



St. Matthias'  
Episcopal Church  
Fellowship, Community and  
Faith

October  
2023

## What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

We held a Celebration of Life for one of our saints, Erika Gibbs. Family and friends shared their love and stories of Erika during the reception following the service. If you weren't able to attend the service, you can view it on our St. Matthias Facebook page.



### Blessing of the Animals

The fall season is upon us, and we will start out with our annual community Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, October 7, 10:30am – 12pm. Folks will stay in their cars as Fr. Dexter blesses either your pets or a photo of your pets. In the past we've had Roy's goats, dogs, cats, hamsters, bearded dragon lizard, tortoise, deer, and chickens.



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We will hold our All Saints Day and Dia de los Muertos service on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-7pm. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved ones. We ask any names you want remembered during the service be provided to Meg by October 30<sup>th</sup>.



We will also hold our annual community Trunk or Treat, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5-7 pm or until the goodies run out. As in previous years, we will have tables in front of our cars with the goodies on them. Vehicles will enter and proceed through a circular pattern. We could really use your help in providing and handing out the treats. The more folks we have the more we can hand out. Please feel free to dress up in your favorite costume (not required).



We received a wonderful note from the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission which serves the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation in South Dakota for the 25 prayer shawls knitted by Karen Martinez, Meg Lesieur and volunteers in Weslaco. The prayer shawls will be used in their Pastoral calls.



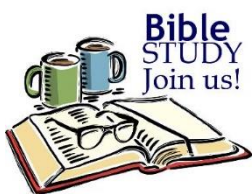
**Baby Shower News**

Allison and John's baby shower for Jameson was a wonderful and joyous celebration. Games, food, and presents made this a memorable and loving event. Jon was able to attend with Jameson through Zoom on our large screen TV. Thank you to everyone for your thoughtfulness.



This will be our second year we'll be entering our St. Matthias float in the Devine Cactus Festival, November 4th. If you would like to help or be part of the parade, let Allison know.

We delivered women's and children's clothing to the Hospice Thrift store and delivered food to the Devine Food Pantry. Thank you everyone who made donations.



Please join us for our Bible Study, Sunday Mornings 9-10 either in person in the Parish Hall or online through zoom. Just let us know if you want to attend on zoom and we'll send you the link invite. We just finished the Psalter and now are studying the Synoptic Gospels.

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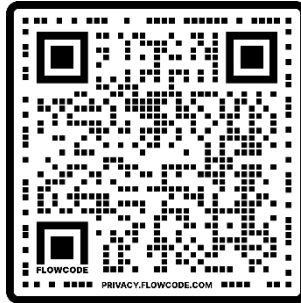
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## GIVING LINKS

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



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# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bible Study 9am HE 10:30 am	2	3	4 EP 6:00 pm	5	6	7 Blessing of the Animals 10:30-12:00 Drive Thru
8 Bible Study 9am HE 10:30 am	9 Hector Martinez (BD)	10	11 EP 6:00 pm	12	13	14
15 Bible Study 9am HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering Roberta Walters (BD)	16	17	18 EP 6:00 pm	19	20	21
22 Bible Study 9am HE 10:30 am	23	24	25 EP 6:00 pm	26	27 Anne Mente (BD)	28
29 Bible Study 9am HE 10:30 am	30	31 Trunk or Treat 5:00-7:00 pm	1 All Saints Day and Dia De Los Muertos Service 6:00 pm			

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