

St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

"A welcoming community, committed to fostering a deeper love of Jesus through faith, family, and service to others."
 Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston
 December 2, 2018

Established 1978
First Sunday of Advent



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Psalm 25)
A ti, Señor, levanto mi alma. (Salmo 24)

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 Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Celebration of the Eucharist

Monday: Word & Sacrament Service,
 8:00 am
 Tuesday - Friday: Mass, 8:00 am
 Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm, English
 Sunday Masses: English 8:00 & 10:30 am
 Spanish 1:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 9:30 am
 Friday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 - 9:30 am
 Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm
 Baptisms: Contact the parish office
 Matrimony: 6 months in advance
 Anointing of the Sick: 8am Mass 1st Fri.
 of each month or call the parish office
 First Eucharist & Confirmation:
 Call the parish CCE office

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Deacon	Rafael Millet
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WORSHIP

Advent Mission at St. Matthias

Christmas will be here soon and we all know what that means; decorations, shopping, parties, and stress.

How are you preparing your heart for the greatest gift ever, the coming of our Lord Jesus?

This Advent, St. Matthias is offering you the opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas through an exploration of the mysteries of the Incarnation, the Virgin birth and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, our savior.

Our Advent Mission began on Friday, Nov 30, and continues on December 6, 14, and 21. We'll start with food and fellowship at 6pm in the St. Mary Room (13/14) and the presentation will begin at 7pm. We will be using the FORMED Advent program.

Please join us with your family and friends to help keep the Christ in Christmas.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Our parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, Dec 19. Fr. Chris and a number of visiting priests will be available for Confession starting at 6:30 p.m. To help you prepare for Confession, Deacon Rafael will present a video and discussion also on Dec. 19 starting at 5:45 p.m. in the church in English. This presentation will help you begin the process of examining your conscience and preparing for Confession. What a great way to prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas.

Mass of Remembrance for your Lost Loved Ones

The date is just a few days away for our Remembrance Pot Luck - this coming [Saturday, Dec. 8](#) after [5 PM](#) Mass.

Some final reminders:

1. Make sure you register, with the number who will attend, by calling the parish office. ([Wednesday, Dec. 5](#) is the FINAL day to register.)
2. Choose an ornament to hang on our Remembrance Tree during mass.
3. Plan your MAIN DISH or SIDE DISH to bring to the Pot Luck (perhaps a favorite of your remembered loved one). Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Father Chris is looking forward to seeing everyone who has registered (and to eating the great food also)!

Attention Men of St Matthias - Men's ACTS Retreat

"Behold, your reward will be great in heaven". Luke 6:23

Do you think you may have the winter blues? Are you looking for some spiritual fire in your life? Well, here is the perfect cure! The next Men's ACTS Retreat, sponsored by St. Ignatius, is scheduled for February 14-17, 2019 at Circle Lake Retreat Center in Pinehurst. The retreat focuses on the themes of Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Registrations will begin shortly. Please take some time to consider taking this spiritual journey in February.

For more information, please contact Jerry Strenk (936-449-6686), Paul White (832-521-3573) or Glynn Trahan (713-292-7571).



December 3 - December 9, 2018

Monday	8:00 am	Word & Sacrament Service
Tuesday	8:00 am	Anne Saborgin †
Wednesday	8:00 am	Maria Luong Nguyen †
	7:30 pm	Caroline Holub †
Thursday	8:00 am	Joseph Khai Nguyen †
	10:30 am	Jan Berger †
Friday	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
	6:00 pm	Ofelia Templo †
Saturday	8:00 am	Martha Guerra †
	5:00 pm	Victor Ferrugia †
	8:00 am	Parishioners of St. Matthias Parish
Sunday	8:00 am	Carlos Valverde †
	10:30 am	Juan de Dios Sora †
	1:00 pm	Deceased † <i>Living (liv)</i>

Please contact the parish office to request a Mass Intention. If you would like to furnish flowers for the altar for a special occasion or in memory of someone, please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Anointing

Father Chris will administer the Sacrament of Anointing at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 7. If you would like to receive this sacrament, please sit in a front row pew when you come to Mass.

Immaculate
Conception



A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses

**Vigil Mass, Friday, December 7,
6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 8, 8:00 a.m.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH: Billy Ray Mosley, Wilma Lege, Joel White, Irene Valverde, Jaqueline Foster, Hayden Pillack, Ezmeralda Hernandez, Pat Zaiantz, Michael Czimny, Robert Harris, Heather Franks, Alicia James Forbes, Kimberly Ruffino, Rafael Sanchez, Candi Tatum, James Smith, Joel Rivera, Daniel Dimas, Sr., Ashley Hernandez, Vincent Perez, Simon Vargas, Raquel Dimas, Carl Willis, Daniel Millet, Joanne Viehman, Roman Coronado, Marie Calvillo, James Broussard, Jonathan Sutton, Stephanie Diehl, Brayden Banks, Chris Stilwell, Anne Bradford, Gregory Nolan, Margaret Mary Gebura, Mary Dollison, Edwina Kaminski, James & Marlene Gondek, Patty Havlin, Richard Nava, Antonio Nava, Andrea Corolla Phillips, Kimberly Copeland, George Nolan, Carolyn & Bob Foster

Names on the prayer list will be removed after 2 months. If you want a name to continue longer, please contact the parish office.

If a family member, a neighbor or someone you know from our parish is homebound and is in need of Holy Communion and/or prayer, please notify the office so that arrangements can be made for home or hospital visits. You may also call for assistance in leading rosaries for your deceased loved ones' funeral.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 17/18, 2018

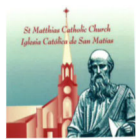
Collection envelopes (217) - \$ 8,109.00
 Cash/Checks - \$ 3,900.49
 Online Giving - \$ 1,899.76
 Maintenance Fund - \$ 123.00
 Children's Collection - \$ 77.00
 Campaign for Human Development - \$ 2,123.14

November 24/25, 2018

Collection envelopes (224) - \$ 8,301.00
 Cash/Checks - \$ 2,235.44
 Online giving - \$ 983.81
 Maintenance Fund - \$ 186.00
 Children's Collection - \$ 55.26
 Youth & Faith Development - \$ 1,921.07

Second Collection next weekend: Retirement Fund for Religious

Our deep gratitude to parishioners and visitors for your support to the ongoing work of Christ at St. Matthias.



CAMPAIGN FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

as of November 27, 2018

Phase I Construction Cost Est: \$ 9,500,000
 Families Pledging: 645 (out of 1700 registered)
 Amount Pledged: \$ 3,305,819
 Pledge Donations Received: \$ 2,453,985

PLEASE continue to pray for the success of our campaign and a goal to break ground in November 2019.

We are making good progress but still have to meet our financial goals in order to break ground which are:

- **\$3.1M** from capital campaign gifts
- **\$1.9M** in our parish savings account
- **\$150K** from fundraisers

That would give us a total of \$5,150,000 in the bank for our new church and would meet the Archdiocesan requirement of having funds to cover 50% of the project cost in the bank to break ground.

We'll have an update on our progress toward each of these goals in next week's bulletin.

There are a number of ways that you can support our campaign:

- The first annual **St. Matthias Christmas Ornament** is available for purchase after the weekend Masses and in the parish office for \$20.
- The **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration and Horse Parade** will be on Sunday, Dec 9, with plenty of good food, music, dancing horses, and fellowship.
- The parish **Cook Books**, with the favorite recipes of fellow parishioners, are available after Masses and through the parish office for only \$10.

If you have not made a pledge to help our parish achieve the dream of a new church, there are a number of ways you can help: 1) Contact the campaign team to discuss a possible pledge - No amount is too small, 2) Support the many fundraisers benefiting our campaign, 3) Use the pink campaign envelopes to make donations as you are able, 4) There is a flyer in the narthex with a number of ways to support our campaign that can also be beneficial to you regarding taxes, and 5) Become a member of the campaign team to help with the many tasks to put on the fundraisers, share information with parishioners, and more. Campaign information is available in the narthex including pink campaign donation envelopes and pledge cards.

Please contact our campaign team through Tom Condon at 281-382-8097 for more information or if you have questions.

ADULT EDUCATION

Monday Morning Bible Study

Monday Morning Bible Study sessions at St. Matthias are weekly on Monday, 9:30 am - 11 am, in the St. Mary room (13/14). "To know, love, and serve Him" is the reason God made us according to the old Baltimore Catechism. How can we know God— by studying His inspired Word. The Word comes to life in an exciting way in the Bible Plain and Simple as presented by Kevin Saunders from a geographic, historical, and cultural perspective. We will be studying Mark which is about the essential characteristics of Jesus's ministry. There is no cost to participate. Suggested materials to bring: Bible, notebook, pen, and highlighter. All are Welcome.



Adult Confirmation Classes

Do you come to Mass with the best of intentions, collect your thoughts, try to get your mind off of "what is next on your schedule for today"? and next thing you know Father Chris is giving the homily? Have you ever gotten "concert or show tickets" to a major star's performance? Ever heard of "Jesus Christ, Superstar?" "Godspell?" Well, YOU are cordially invited to join your fellow parishioners as we take a walk through the Mass. . . and hear about a Privileged Encounter with Jesus Himself!!!

Contact Chuck & Penny - 281-586-0045 & 281-389-4565 for more information.

RCIA

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a Process for not only gaining knowledge of the Catholic Faith but more importantly developing and deepening our relationship with God. This process is for you if you have never been Baptized and want to be; are a Baptized member of a non-Catholic church and want to become Catholic; or are a Baptized Catholic who never completed your Sacraments of Initiation and want to do so. If you think you might be interested or just want to ask a question, call Catherine Smith at 281-259-8840 or the Church. To intimidated to call? Email gran-smith2244@att.net.

Annual Giving Tree

The **Giving Tree**, sponsored by our St. Vincent de Paul organization, is in the narthex containing tags from needy children and their Christmas wishes. Your donations through the Giving Tree help brighten Christmas for children of families in need in our community and of St. Matthias.

Please take a tag or two and bring the wrapped gifts and tag back to the church by Tuesday, December 11. The tags have the family number and child with suggestions for gifts but you do not have to get everything on the tag. Your gifts will be distributed to the families on Friday, December 14, 10 am - 1:30 pm.



As we begin Advent, we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. Your gift in the poor box will help poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

Monthly needed items: boxed mash potatoes, boxed turkey or chicken stuffing mix, coffee, sugar, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, turkey, ham

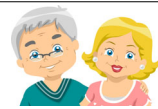
During October, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's kingdom of love and mercy to 908 friends. Of these were 304 children, and 67 seniors. Also helped were 104 disabled and 25 veterans friends, in food, utilities, rent, and other bills. We pray for continued support from St. Matthias, and we humbly thank you.

Appreciation Lunch for George Nolan

George Nolan has been our Sacristan, assisting Fr. Chris and previous Pastors with our Masses and other various services for many years. Recently, George made the tough decision to step down from this role due to physical limitations. Our entire parish is invited to an appreciation lunch for George that will be on **Saturday, Dec 15, at noon** in our parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



*Our prayers and condolences
to Bill Berger and his
family on the loss of his wife,
Janelle (Jan)*



GOLDENRODS

All parish members 50 and above are invited to join the Goldenrods on Thursday, December 6, for our monthly meeting and **Christmas Party**. We will begin with Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by a brief meeting and ending with a fully catered meal from Mel's Country Café and entertainment by the Cookie Crumbs. For more information, contact Ginny Mock, 281-252-6043

Knights of Columbus Briskets

If you ordered a brisket from our Fr. Frank Jones Knights of Columbus Council, the brisket will be available for pickup on Dec. 9 after the Sunday Masses. Thanks for your support!

LAY MINISTERS - December 8/9

5:00 p.m.

Mass Coordinator: J. Rayne

Acolytes: J. Grimm, M. Zanoff, R. Yoars

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, B. Jackson, C. Yost, P. Yost, T. Berger, P. Berger, M. Olszweski

Lectors: P. Yost, C. Yost

Ushers: J. Jackson, D. Stockert

Greeters: P. Ratcliff, D. Ratcliff

Rosary: B. Jackson

8:00 a.m.

Mass Coordinator: S. Hoffart

Acolyte: A. Braun, C. Brown, N. Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, M. Hoffart, L. Roesner, W. Roesner, D. Hoffart, S. Hoffart, E. Jauma, N. Nguyen, M. Sullivan

Lector: E. Jauma, R. Jauma

Usher: D. Smith, EJ Smith, JR. Holub, R. Davis

Greeter: D. Smith, EJ Smith

Rosary: T. Davis

10:30 a.m.

Mass Coordinator: G. Trahan

Acolytes: A. Higgins, K. Leonard, O. Daskalos, M. Schumann

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, M. Deo, D. Trahan, G. Trahan, S. Tamborello, R. Tamborello, J. Shaffer, T. Hancock, S. Broerman

Lector: S. Wrobleske, J. Chojnacki

Usher: J. McCaleb, A. Tamborello, T. Mayhew, R. McCorquodale

Greeter: J. Chojnacki, P. Chojnacki

Rosary: J. Shaffer

MEETINGS, ETC.

Sun., Dec. 2	8:00 am 9:05 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 11:35 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm	Mass, English Elementary CCE Mass, English, Apparitions Rehearsal, Pavilion Adult Confirmation Class, Spanish, St Mary Rm Elementary CCE Mass, Spanish MFCC Rehearsal, Parish Hall
Mon., Dec. 3	8:00 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Word & Sacrament Service Adoration Women's ACTS Meeting, St Francis Xavier Rm (5) English Consecration, St Philip Neri Rm (9/11) Bible Study, St Mary Rm (13/14) Boy Scouts, St Philip Neri Rm (9/11), St Catherine Laboure Rm (7), St Francis Xavier Rm (5) Spanish Consecration, St Francis of Assisi Rm (4)
Tues., Dec 4	8:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Adoration & Confessions Legion of Mary, St Mary Rm Guadalupanos Novena, Church Christ Renews, St Agnes Rm (4) Basic Faith Formation, St Philip Neri Rm (9/11) RCIA Children, St Catherine Laboure Rm (7)
Wed., Dec. 5	8:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:30 pm	Mass Adoration & Confession TEEN, Parish Hall Guadalupanos Novena, Church TEEN Parents Rosary, Church TEEN/Family Mass, Church
Thurs, Dec. 6	8:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 2:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Mass Adoration & Confessions AMSIF, all classrooms Goldenrods Mass, Meeting, Christmas Party, P. Hall Funeral, Church & Reception, Parish Hall Guadalupanos Novena, Church Advent Mission, St Mary Rm (13/14) English Choir Practice, St Jerome Rm (17) Taller de Oracion y Vida, St Philip Neri Rm (9/11) Hispanic Prayer Group, Speaker, Parish Hall Spanish Choir Practice, St Jerome Rm (!7)
Fri., Dec. 7	8:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Mass, Sacrament of Anointing Adoration & Confessions Vigil Mass, Immaculate Conception Guadalupanos Novena, Fatima Tour for Peace, Welcome, Crowning, Candlelight Procession Hispanic Prayer Group, Parish Hall All night Adoration, Fatima Presentation, Rosary
Sat., Dec. 8	8:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 3:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mass, Immaculate Conception Fatima Presentation, All Day Visitation Parish Hall Prep. for Remembrance Dinner Confessions, Church Mass, English RCIA, St Mary Rm (13/14) Guadalupanos Novena, Church Remembrance Dinner, Parish Hall
Sun., Dec. 9	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:05 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 11:35 am 1:00 pm	Delivery of KCs briskets Mass, English Adult Confirmation, English, St John Paul II Rm(15) Elementary CCE Mass, English, Apparitions Rehearsal, Pavilion Adult Confirmation Class, Spanish, St Mary Rm Elementary CCE Mass, Spanish

Nominations open for 2 Pastoral Council Positions

In January, two positions will be opening up on our Pastoral Council. Pastoral Council members represent all parishioners and serve as their voice in discussions within the council. Parishioners 18 years or older and in good standing with the Church can be a member of the council and serve a 3 year term. If you are interested in nominating a parishioner or yourself, nomination forms are located in the Narthex and can be placed in the drop box or returned to the parish office. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, December 16. Please contact Fred Cytacki if you have any questions at 281-252-6194.

FAITH FORMATION

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Marlene Grauvogl at 281-356-2000 x 14
E-mail: mgrauvogl@st-matthias.net

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word resumed a few weeks ago at the 10:30 Mass. We are still in search of more catechists. If we have a team of four, the commitment will be about 20 minutes one time a month. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry for the children, please contact the RE office. Looking forward to hearing from you.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN PRE K – 5TH GRADE!!!

We are still in need of participants for the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at 4pm. We need three wise men or wise women, a few more angels and a few more shepherds. If you would like your child to participate, please call the RE office. There will only be one rehearsal, date and time will be announced later. You will need to come to rehearsal in order to participate.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION MEETING

There will be a mandatory **Sacrament Information Meeting** on **Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00pm.** This meeting is for all parents who have a child that will be receiving their First Reconciliation and First Communion in the spring. This meeting is for **PARENTS ONLY.** Letters have been sent out to families of children that are on the sacrament list. If you feel that your child is eligible to receive their sacrament and have not received a letter in early December, please call the RE office.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Elementary CCE – December 2, 9, 16

Wednesday TEEN NIGHT – December 5, 19

Christmas Holidays – December 23 – January 7

Classes resume Wednesday, January 9 and Sunday, January 13

VIRTUS—Area Churches

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Spring, Tx –
Thursday, December 6 – 10:15 a.m.

Prince of Peace, Houston –
Saturday, December 15 – 9:00 a.m.

You must register online in order to attend
www.virtusonline.org.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY
Sylvia Perez at 281-356-2000 x 12
E-mail: sperez@st-matthias.net

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation Year ONE

Sunday, January 13, 2019

3:00pm – 5:00pm

We will all gather in the Church

Candidates, Parents, required to attend

Please bring your baptismal certificate if you
have not turned it in yet.

Year Two Only

Will begin on Sunday, February 10, 2019

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

We will all gather in the Church

Candidates, Parents, and Sponsors required to attend

 True Grit (Dignified)

HIGH SCHOOL - N.E.T. RETREAT (NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM)

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

TIME: 9:00AM—9:00PM PLACE: ST. MATTHIAS PARISH HALL

WHO CAN ATTEND: All 1st and 2nd year Confirmation students
must attend! Also open to all High School students.

COST: \$125.00 person (Non-refundable) (Includes: Breakfast, Lunch,
& Dinner + T-Shirt)

**NO EARLY RELEASE—YOU MUST STAY FOR MASS AND AFTER
MASS FOR DINNER!** (If you leave early you will have to make
another retreat!)

Early Registration Deadline: January 10, 2019

After January 10, registration becomes \$150.00

FOR NON - PARISHIONERS \$150.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

**ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THIS RETREAT IN ORDER TO
COMPLETE THEIR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO
ATTEND THIS RETREAT, IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LOCATE A
CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT ANOTHER PARISH PRIOR TO THE END OF MARCH
OF THIS YEAR.**

For Additional Information Contact: Sylvia A. Perez,

2019 Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally

Theme: "CLASSIFIED"

When: Saturday, February 23, 2019 Time: 10:30am - 9:00pm

Location: St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, The Woodlands

For all youth in grades 6th -8th

Registration \$40 by January 23, 2019

\$50 after Jan. 23, 2019 Last Day to register Feb. 6, 2019

Featuring National Musician & Speaker Steve Angrisano

ALL FEES NON-REFUNDABLE

Includes, Lunch, Dinner, and T-Shirt

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Declaración de la Misión Parroquial

"Una comunidad acogedora, comprometida a fomentar un amor más profundo por Jesús, por medio de la Fe, la familia y el servicio a los demás."

LA PROMESA DE JUSTICIA

Estamos en buena compañía cuando clamamos a Dios por justicia. Con frecuencia escuchamos y estamos de acuerdo con el pueblo de Israel que pregunta a Dios por qué el malo prospera. Sin embargo, cuando clamamos por justicia usualmente queremos que alguien reciba el castigo que se merece. Obviamente la justicia de Dios es más que eso. La justicia de Dios abarca una maravillosa rectitud entre Dios y la humanidad.

En la lectura de hoy Jeremías avizora un tiempo en el que un justo brotará del tronco de Jesé, de la casa y la familia de David. La vida no era justa en el tiempo de Jeremías. Los reyes de Israel mantenían viva la promesa de la fidelidad de Dios, pero era difícil ver cómo la promesa de Dios se podía cumplir por medio de ellos.

No obstante, Jeremías levanta la voz y anuncia que ya viene el Salvador prometido. El Evangelio de Lucas hace eco de ese anuncio, y Pablo se llena de un gran ánimo. De esta manera el Adviento comienza con una promesa.

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POR FAVOR, continúe orando por el éxito de nuestra campaña y la meta de romper tierra en noviembre de 2019.

Estamos haciendo un buen progreso, pero aún tenemos que cumplir con nuestros objetivos financieros para romper tierra, que son:

- \$3.1M de regalos de campana capital
- \$1.9M en nuestra cuenta de ahorros parroquial
- \$150K de recaudación de fondos

Eso nos daría un total de \$ 5,150,000 en el banco para nuestra nueva iglesia y cumpliría con el requisito de la Arquidiócesis de tener fondos para cubrir el 50% del costo del proyecto en el banco para comenzar. Tendremos una actualización de nuestro progreso hacia cada uno de estos objetivos en el boletín de la próxima semana.

Hay varias formas en que puede apoyar nuestra campaña:

- El primer **adorno navideño anual de San Matías** está disponible para comprar después de las misas del fin de semana y en la oficina parroquial por \$ 20.
- La **Celebración y Cabalgata de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe** serán el domingo 9 de diciembre, con mucha buena comida, música, caballos danzantes y compañerismo.
- Los **Libros de Cocina** de la parroquia, con recetas favoritas de los feligreses, están disponibles después de las misas y a través de la oficina parroquial por solo \$ 10.

Si usted no ha hecho un compromiso para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a lograr el sueño de una nueva iglesia, hay varias formas en que puede ayudar, 1) Póngase en contacto con el equipo de campaña para hablar sobre una posible promesa. Ninguna cantidad es demasiado pequeña, 2) Apoye a los muchos recaudadores de fondos que se benefician de nuestra campaña, 3) Use los sobres de la campaña de color de rosa para hacer donaciones como pueda., 4) Hay un folleto en el nártex con varias formas de apoyar nuestra campaña que también puede ser beneficioso para usted con respecto a los impuestos, y 5) Conviértase en un miembro del equipo de la campaña para ayudar con las muchas tareas para organizar eventos de recaudación de fondos, compartir información con feligreses y más. La información de la campaña está disponible en el nártex, incluidos los sobres de donación de la campaña rosa y las tarjetas de compromiso.

Comuníquese con nuestro equipo de campaña a través de Tom Condon al 281-382-8097 para obtener más información o si tiene preguntas.

MINISTROS PARA EL DOMINGO 9 DE DICIEMBRE 2018

Lectores: 1ra. Lectura: Carlos Hernández

2da. Lectura: Rosa Espínola

Ministros: J. Sayón 1b, A. Sayón 1c, F. Moreno 2b, R. Moreno 2c, A. Guevara 3b, B. Rodríguez 3c, M. Torres 4c, C. Juárez 5c, A. Alvarado 6c

Ministro para el Salón Parroquial: Diácono

Monaguillos: J. Mateo, A. Camargo, M. Rivas, I. Roque

Ujieres: R. Benitez, A. Balderas, M. Alcantar, C. Tadeo, M. Guevara, J. Rivera

Ofertorio: Luciano y Leticia Chavez

Visita de la Virgen Peregrina a la familia: Luciano y Leticia Chavez

Coordinador de la Misa: Elvia Osorio y Martha Torres

Rosario: Elva Sánchez (empezar a las 12:15pm)

Intención de Misa de Hoy es: Marisol Moreno en Agradecimiento

Día de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María Día de Precepto



Misas

Misa de Vigilia, viernes, 7 de diciembre a las 6:00 p.m.

sábado, 8 de Diciembre a las 8:00 a.m. (Inglés)

Celebración en Honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

¡El Grupo Guadalupano cordialmente los invita al novenario a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe! Empezando el martes 4 de diciembre al martes 11 de diciembre a las 6pm en la Iglesia San Matías.

El día miércoles, 12 de Diciembre

Mañanitas con Banda, Danza de Matachines, Rosario y Desayuno
5:00am a 7:45 am en la Iglesia

Danza de Matachines en el Jardín de Oración
5:00pm a 5:45 pm

Apariciones Guadalupanas
5:45pm a 6:30 pm

Misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
7:00 pm



Almuerzo en Agradecimiento para George Nolan

George Nolan ha sido nuestro Sacristán, asistiendo al Padre Chris y pastores anteriores con nuestras Misas y otros diversos servicios durante muchos años. Recientemente, George tomó la difícil decisión de retirarse de este rol debido a limitaciones físicas.



Nuestra parroquia completa está invitada a un almuerzo de agradecimiento para George que será el sábado 15 de diciembre a la tarde en nuestro salón parroquial. Se anunciarán más detalles en un futuro cercano, pero marque sus calendarios por ahora.



LAS POSADAS

Estaremos celebrando Las Posadas a las 7:00pm en el salón parroquial e invitamos a toda la comunidad a participar, todos son bienvenidos, rezaremos el rosario, pediremos posada, tendremos convivio y sobre todo compartiremos juntos como una sola familia.

Domingo	Dic. 16	Grupo Guadalupano
Lunes	Dic. 17	Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico
Martes	Dic. 18	Familia Merino
Miércoles	Dic. 19	No habrá Posada - El Diácono Rafael tendrá una Presentación en Español a las 5:45pm - Servicio de Penitencia a las 6:30pm
Jueves	Dic. 20	Familia Rodriguez
Viernes	Dic. 21	Grupo de Oración
Sábado	Dic. 22	Caballeros de Colón
Domingo	Dic. 23	Equipo Soldados de Cristo
Lunes	Dic. 24	Comunidad de San Matías - Misa de Nochebuena a las 6pm en Español



¡Los esperamos!



Arbolito Anual de Donaciones

El **Giving Tree**, (arbolito generoso), patrocinado por la organización San Vicente de Paúl, está en el nártex que contiene etiquetas de niños necesitados y sus deseos navideños. Sus donaciones a través del arbolito generoso ayudan a alegrar la Navidad para los niños de familias necesitadas en nuestra comunidad y de San Matías.

Por favor, tome una o dos etiquetas y traiga los regalos envueltos con la etiqueta a la iglesia antes del martes, 11 de diciembre. Las etiquetas contienen el número de familia y sugerencias de regalos que el niño/a gustaría recibir, no tiene que comprar todo lo que esta en la etiqueta. Sus regalos se distribuirán a las familias el viernes 14 de diciembre, de 10 am a 1:30 pm.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a Debbie Stachowiak al 281-635-4765.

Misa de Recuerdo De Sus Seres Queridos Difuntos

El sábado 8 de diciembre, el Padre Chris tendrá una misa a las 5 pm para recordar a los seres queridos que han fallecido, seguido de una Cena de Potluck y un programa corto en el salón parroquial.

Si planea asistir, llame a la oficina parroquial entre el 19 de noviembre y el 5 de diciembre con el número aproximado de familiares que asistirá. Le pedimos que traiga un platillo principal o un acompañamiento al salón parroquial antes de la misa. En esta misa especial, tendrá la oportunidad de recordar a su ser querido colocando un adorno especial en los arbolito en el altar. También puede colgar un adorno el domingo 9 de diciembre si no puede asistir el sábado.

Briskets de nuestros Caballeros de Colón

Si usted ordenó un brisket de nuestros Caballeros de Colón, los brisket estarán listos para ser recogidos el domingo, 9 de diciembre después de todas las misas. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

Recordatorio de Etiqueta en la Misa

“Inclinarse antes de recibir la Sagrada Comunión” Muestre su respeto con una inclinación de cabeza. Esta es una práctica antigua que se continua hasta el día de hoy.

Oficina de Educación Religiosa
Marlene Grauvogel al 281-356-2000 ext. 14
Correo Electrónico: mgrauvogl@st-matthias.net



Llamando a todos los Niños en grados Pre K al 5º ¡¡¡Llamando a todos los Niños!!!

Todavía necesitamos participantes para nuestra obra anual de natividad a las 4:00 pm en la Misa de Niños día de Nochebuena. Necesitamos 3 hombres sabios o mujeres, algunos ángeles y algunos pastores mas. Si a su hijo/a le gustaría participar en este desfile anual, por favor llame a la oficina religiosa. Solo habrá un ensayo, la fecha y la hora se anunciarán más adelante. Tendrá que venir a ensayar para participar.

Calendario de Diciembre

Clases de Doctrina - Primaria – Diciembre 2, 9,16
Miércoles Noche de Adolescentes – Diciembre 5, 19

Vacaciones Navideñas – Diciembre 23 – Enero 7

Las clases resumen el miércoles 9 de enero y el domingo 13 de enero.

Oficina de Ministerio Juvenil
Sylvia Perez al 281-356-2000 ext. 12
Correo Electrónico: sperez@st-matthias.net

Noticias de Confirmación

Candidatos de Confirmación Primer Año
Comenzara el Domingo, 13 de Enero de 2019
de 3:00pm a 5:00pm



Nos reuniremos en la Iglesia. Es obligatorio que los candidatos y padres asistan a las clases. Por favor traiga su Fe de Bautismo si no ha entregado.

Candidatos de Confirmación Segundo Año
Comenzara el Domingo, 10 de Febrero de 2019
de 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Nos reuniremos en la Iglesia. Es obligatorio que los candidatos y padres asistan a las clases. Por favor traiga su Fe de Bautismo si no ha entregado.



Retiro N.E.T. True Grit (Digno)
(Equipo Nacional de Evangelización)
para jóvenes en el preparatoria

Cuando: Enero 12, 2019 - Día: Sábado - Horario: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Donde: Salón Parroquial de San Matías

¡Quien puede asistir: cual quiere joven en la preparatoria y **todos los candidatos de 1er y 2do año de confirmación deben asistir!**

Costo: \$125.00 per persona (No reembolsable)
(Incluye: Desayuno, almuerzo y cena + camiseta)

¡No habrá salida temprana, debe quedarse para la misa y después de misa para la cena! (Si sales temprano tendrás que hacer otro retiro!)

Fecha límite de inscripción anticipada: 10 de enero de 2019

Después de 10 de enero, la registración será \$150.00

Para los que no son feligreses \$150.00 (No reembolsable)

Todas las tarifas no son reembolsables

Todos los candidatos de confirmación deben asistir a este retiro para completar su preparación de confirmación. Si no puedes asistir a este retiro, es la responsabilidad del candidato/a de localizar un retiro de confirmación en otra parroquial antes del fin de marzo de 2019.