

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 9, 2018

Established 1978
Second Sunday of Advent



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros, y estamos alegres. (Salmo 126).

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 Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 The parish offices will be closing at 12:00pm on Tuesday, December 11

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

Parish Staff

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WORSHIP

Celebration Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Guadalupanos cordially invite all parishioners to pray with us!

Mass Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.



Advent Mission at St. Matthias

During 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 will continue on Fridays, December 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.

This is a great opportunity to prepare your heart for the greatest gift ever, the coming of our Lord Jesus. 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.

Advent Penance Services in Neighboring Parishes

St. Thomas, Huntsville, Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.
 Sacred Heart, Conroe, Tuesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.
 Prince of Peace at St. Ignatius, Spring, December 18, 6:30 p.m.
 St. Matthias, Magnolia, Wednesday, Decemer 19, 6:30 p.m.

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 10 - December 16, 2018

Monday	8:00 am	Word & Sacrament Service
Tuesday	8:00 am	Legion of Mary Auxilliary
Wednesday	8:00 am	Desiree Medrano (liv)
	7:00 pm	Guadalupanos
Thursday	8:00 am	S. J. Corolla †
Friday	8:00 am	Liliana Nava (liv)
Saturday	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Matthias Parish
Sunday	8:00 am	Elizabeth † & Henry Kana †
	10:30 am	David Galindo †
	1:00 pm	Family Movement
		<i>Deceased † 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.



Monday, December 24

3:30 p.m.	Christmas Carols, Church
3:45 p.m.	Children's Nativity Play, Church
4:00 p.m.	Children's Mass, English Church
4:00 p.m.	Mass, English, Parish Hall
6:00 p.m.	Mass, Spanish, Church
10:30 p.m.	Christmas Carols, Church
11:00 p.m.	Mass, English, Church

Tuesday, December 25

10:30 a.m.	Mass, Bilingual, Church
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH: Lily Filar, Philip Golembiewski, 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.



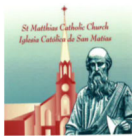
WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 1/2, 2018

Collection envelopes (205) - \$ 8,925.80
 Cash/Checks - \$ 2,786.50
 Online Giving - \$ 995.76
 Maintenance Fund - \$ 533.90
 Children's Collection - \$ 93.00
 St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag - \$ 4,473.67

Second Collection next weekend: Youth & Faith Development

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 30, 2018

Phase I Construction Cost Est: \$ 9,500,000
 Families Pledging: 645 (out of 1700 registered)
 Amount Pledged: \$ 3,306,621
 Pledge Donations Received: \$ 2,457,872

Another month has passed and we have made some progress toward our goal to be met in order to break ground in November of 2019. The Archdiocese requires that we have funds in the bank covering 50% of the project cost to break ground. Our overall goal is that we have **\$5,150,000** in the bank by mid-2019. This is made up of the following:

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

As of Dec 1, here's where we stand - Good News first:

- In October, we were able to transfer \$100,000 from our parish checking account to savings giving us a total of **\$1,915,351 surpassing our goal!!!**
- The fundraisers over the last month totaled receipts of \$16,530 which included \$14,060 coming from the Men's Club Reverse Raffle. This brings our fundraising total to-date to **\$153,785 surpassing our goal!!!**

Regarding gifts from pledges to our Capital Campaign, we received a total of \$28,284 in Nov, bringing our total received to-date to \$2,457,443 of the Pledge Total of \$3,306,621. Of the remaining pledges, \$849,000, we are showing that \$388,000 has not been received as initially pledged. This would leave us over \$200,000 short of reaching our goal of \$3,100,000 by mid-2019 assuming all other pledges are received as promised. If you are not up to date on your pledge, please pray about what you can do to help our parish reach the goal.

The final goal is to continue to manage the total cost of the project. Our last estimate from our general contractor was in May 2017, at the end of our Design Development Phase with the architect, a total of \$ 9,500,000. Our next update on the cost will be at the completion of the Construction Drawings phase in Spring of 2019. While we are working with the architect to control the costs, we are concerned that the cost of materials is increasing such as steel and concrete so we have to be prepared from some increase just due to changes in the economy.

Even if we meet our financial goals above and are able to break ground, our parish will have to assume a sizable debt and a monthly payment around \$30,000. We will continue to host fundraisers and keep a tight budget so we can hopefully, transfer additional funds to savings.

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 continue to pray for the success of our campaign and a goal to break ground in November 2019. Contact our campaign team through Tom Condon at 281-382-8097 for more information.

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 gransmith2244@att.net.

ENGLISH BAPTISM CLASSES

January 13 & 20, 2019

2:00 p.m., St. Mary Rm.



Parents of children to be Baptized are required to attend Baptism Classes if you have not attended a class in the last three years. Contact the parish office by December 28 if you plan to attend these classes. Godparents are encouraged to attend classes also.

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.



Today John the Baptist urges us to "prepare the way of the Lord" and this is what Advent is all about.

We are called to help the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

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

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.

Fr. Chris's Christmas Wish List

If you are thinking about doing something special for our parish this Christmas, Father Chris has a short wish list that may give you an idea:

- Clothes washer for the rectory
- Full size mattress for Father to sleep better
- Table top games for the new youth area
- Basic computers for internet access in the youth area
- 46" - 55" flat screen TVs for CCE classrooms
- Portable standing projector screen

Mass Etiquette Reminder of the Week

"Bow Before Receiving Holy Communion" Show your respect with a bow of the head. This is an ancient practice that is continued until this day.



The parish staff thanks
Cindy Degeyter for her kindness.
God Bless You Cindy!

LAY MINISTERS - December 15/16

5:00 p.m.

Mass Coordinator: P & C Yost

Acolytes: M. Zanoff, P. Amador, R Yoars

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, D. Rivera, P. White, B. Ratcliff, P. Yost, C. Yost, M. Cytacki

Lectors: J. Scott, G. Zanoff

Ushers: F. Cytacki, D. Clark

Greeters: D. Clark, F. Cytacki

Rosary: M.A. Zanoff

8:00 a.m.

Mass Coordinator: J. Okopinski

Acolyte: C. Brown, N. Brown, J. Kreitz

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, M. Sullivan, S. McClean, P. Taake, P. Hummel, E. Jauma, J. Ojkopinski, R. Hancock, L. Cardenas

Lector: L. Cardenas, R. Hancock

Usher: B. Holland, T. Cndon, J. Daskalos, G. Glowski

Greeter: T. Condon, J. Daskalos

Rosary: S. Smith

10:30 a.m.

Mass Coordinator: R. Grauvogl

Acolytes: A. Hillman, C. Hillman, J. Denison, A. McCown

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, S. Leonard, M. Lloyd, B. Lloyd, L. Honeycutt, L. Denison, M. Galindo, C. McCown, R. Grauvogl

Lector: M. Galindo, L. Honeycutt

Usher: T. Mayhew, G. McDaniels, T. Denison, J. Denison

Greeter: Y. Garcia, S. Leonard

Rosary: L. Denison

Ministers— Sign-up sheets for Christmas Masses are in the Minister's Room. Please sign-up soon.

MEETINGS, ETC.

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 2:00 pm 6:00 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 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, Pavilion Guadalupanos Novena, Church
Mon., Dec. 10	8:00 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Word & Sacrament Service Adoration Women's ACTS Meeting, St Philip Neri Rm (9/11) English Consecration, St Philip Neri Rm (9/11) Bible Study, St Mary Rm (13/14) Guadalupanos Novena, Church Boy Scouts, Parish Hall Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting, Men's Bldg Spanish Prayer Group, St Francis of Assisi Rm (4)
Tues., Dec 11	8:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Adoration & Confessions Legion of Mary, St Mary Rm Guadalupanos Novena, Church Christ Renewals, St Agnes Rm (4) Basic Faith Formation, St Philip Neri Rm (9/11) Men's Club Meeting, Men's Bldg. Hispanic Prayer Group Servers, Parish hall RCIA Children, St Catherine Laboure Rm (7)
Wed., Dec. 12	6:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am 7:00 pm 8:15 pm	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mañanitas, Apparitions, Church Mass, English Adoration & Confession Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Spanish Guadalupe Dinner, Parish Hall
Thurs, Dec. 13	8:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Mass Adoration & Confessions AMSIF, Parish Hall English Choir Practice, St Jerome Rm (17) Family Movement, Parish hall Quinceanera Rehearsal, Church Spanish Choir Practice, St Jerome Rm (!7)
Fri., Dec. 14	8:00 am 8:30 am 7:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Adoration & Confessions Knights of Columbus Turkey Bingo, Parish Hall Advent Mission, St Mary Rm (13/14) Hispanic Prayer Group, Parish Hall Family Movement, St Philip Neri Rm (9/11) Hispanic Prayer Group, Church
Sat., Dec. 15	9:00 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm 3:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:00 pm	Parish Hall reserved George Nolan Appreciation Luncheon, Parish Hall Quinceanera, Church Confessions, Church Mass, English RCIA, St Mary Rm (13/14)
Sun., Dec.16	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:05 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:00 am 11:35 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass, English Adult Confirmation, English, St John Paul II Rm 15 Elementary CCE Mass, English, Order Empanadas Adult Confirmation Class, Spanish, St Mary Rm Elementary CCE Mass, Spanish Posadas, Parish Hall

**The Parish Offices will close at 12 noon
on Tuesday, December 11.**

Men's Club Meeting

All men of the parish are invited to attend the monthly Men's Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. on 11-December. Dinner will be provided, followed by a short business meeting to discuss our projects for the Parish and elect New Officers. We will also have our end of year Jackpot drawing which is open to anyone attending the meeting.



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!!!

There will be a rehearsal for the children that have signed up to be in the Christmas Nativity Play on **Saturday, December 22 at 10AM**. Please meet in Rm 9/11, parts will be confirmed, and costumes given out. The children **MUST** come to rehearsal in order to participate in the play on Christmas Eve.

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 9,16

No TEEN Night - December 12

Wednesday TEEN NIGHT – December 19

Christmas Holidays – December 23 – January 7

Classes resume **Wednesday, January 9 and
Sunday, January 13**

Food for Thought

“MAY THE VIRGIN MARY HELP US JOYFULLY
FOLLOW JESUS ON THE WAY OF SERVICE,
THE ROYAL ROAD THAT LEADS TO HEAVEN”
— POPE FRANCIS

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."

A LA ESPERA DE LA SALVACIÓN DE DIOS

El mundo no parece tan grande como para contener el alborozo que causa la primera lectura. En la lectura del Evangelio, el Imperio Romano tampoco es lo suficientemente grande. Los grandes poderes de Roma se designan y se hacen esperar por la salvación de Dios. Y encontramos a Pablo que medita gozosamente en lo que importa, en lo que realmente cuenta.

De acuerdo con Baruc, la ciudad de Jerusalén es como una persona que en puntillas espera la salvación de Dios, que viene del Este. Los que fueron llevados a pie, con la cabeza gacha, regresan ahora orgullosos. Todo el camino está pavimentado. Al lado del camino hay árboles fragantes y frondosos.

No puede haber algo mejor que eso, ¿no es así? Bueno, sí puede haber algo mejor. Porque una voz grita en el desierto. Aquí comienza la salvación de Dios.

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A partir del 1 de diciembre, aquí es donde estamos: Buenas Noticias primero:

- ◆ En octubre, pudimos transferir \$ 100,000 de nuestra cuenta de cheques de la parroquia a la cuenta de ahorros, dándonos un total de **\$ 1,915,351 superando nuestra meta!!!**
- ◆ Las recaudaciones de fondos durante el último mes totalizaron \$16,530, que incluye \$ 14,060 provenientes de la rifa para hombres del club. ¡¡¡Esto trae nuestra recaudación de fondos totales al día a **\$153,785 superando nuestra meta!!!**

Con respecto a las donaciones de promesas a nuestra Campaña Capital, recibimos un total de \$ 28,284 en noviembre, lo que elevó el total recibido a \$ 2,457,443. Esto deja \$ 642,557 para ser recibido a mediados de 2019 para alcanzar nuestra meta de \$ 3,100,000. Esto equivale a un promedio de \$ 92,000 al mes. La cantidad total prometidas es \$ 3,306,621. Estamos demostrando que no se ha recibido un total de \$ 387,986 como comprometido hasta el 1 de diciembre. Si no está al día con su promesa, por favor ore acerca de lo que puede hacer para ayudar a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar la meta.

El objetivo final es continuar administrando el costo total del proyecto. Nuestra última estimación de nuestro contratista general fue en mayo de 2017, al final de nuestra Fase de Desarrollo de Diseño con el arquitecto, un total de \$ 9,500,000. Nuestra próxima actualización sobre el costo será realizará a la finalización de la fase de planos de construcción en la primavera de 2019. Mientras trabajamos con el arquitecto para controlar los costos, nos preocupa que el costo de los materiales esté aumentando, como el acero y el concreto, por lo que tenemos que estar preparados para algún aumento solo debido a los cambios en la economía.

Incluso si cumplimos con nuestros objetivos financieros mencionados anteriormente y poder romper tierra, nuestra parroquia tendrá que asumir una deuda considerable y un pago mensual de alrededor de \$ 30,000. Continuaremos organizando eventos para recaudar fondos y mantendremos un presupuesto ajustado, por lo que esperamos poder transferir fondos adicionales a ahorros.

Si no ha hecho una promesa 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 la campaña para hablar sobre una posible promesa. Ninguna cantidad es demasiado pequeña. 2) Apoye a los muchos recaudadores de fondos que benefician nuestra campaña. 3) Use los sobres de la campaña rosa para hacer donaciones como pueda. 4) Hay un folleto en el nártex con varias formas de apoyar nuestra campaña que también puede ser beneficiosa para usted con respecto a los impuestos, y 5) Hágase miembro de el equipo de la campaña para ayudar con las muchas tareas para poner en la recaudación de fondos, compartir información con los 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.

POR FAVOR, continúe orando por el éxito de nuestra campaña y una meta de romper tierra en noviembre de 2019. Comuníquese con nuestro equipo de campaña a través de Tom Condon al 281-382-8097 para obtener más información.

Miércoles, 12 de Diciembre Día de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Misa las 7:00 p.m.

Lectores: 1ra. Lectura: Gloria García

2da. Lectura: Cathy Padrón

Ministros: J. Sayón 1b, A. Sayón 1c, A. Navarro 2b, L. Chávez 2c, M. Velázquez 3b, A. Guevara 3c, E. Osorio 4c, C. Juárez 5c, M. Torres 6c

Monaguillos: N. Juárez, V. García, L. Guevara, E. Pacheco

Ujieres: R. Benítez, J. Aguirre, V. Guevara, E. Guzmán, E. Rodríguez, A. Balderas M. Estrada

Ofertorio: Cecilia y Karina Castro

Coordinador de la Misa: Elvia Osorio, Martha Torres, Carlos Hernández

Intención de la Misa para este Miércoles: Grupo Guadalupano

Petición Guadalupana Miércoles, 12 de diciembre de 2018

Por todos los Guadalupanos del mundo entero, en especial por los que ya fallecieron, por los que se encuentran enfermos, la hermana Isidra, Virginia Flores y por nuestra comunidad de San Matías para que en este tiempo de adviento estemos abiertos al mensaje de Jesús y preparemos el camino que nos conduzca a él, y también de amarnos como verdaderos hermanos y lo mantengamos en nuestro corazón.

Celebración en Honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 12 de Diciembre

Este miércoles el la gran celebración de nuestra Patrona de las Américas.

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

Danza de Matachines en el Jardín de Oración
5:00 p.m. a 5:45 p.m.

Apariciones Guadalupanas
5:45 p.m. a 6:30 p.m.

Misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
7:00 p.m.

Cena en el Salón Parroquial
8:15 p.m.



MINISTROS PARA EL DOMINGO 16 DE DICIEMBRE 2018

Lectores: 1ra. Lectura: Flor Zacula

2da. Lectura: Yaneli Rojas

Ministros: A. Rodríguez 1b, M. Rodríguez 1c, C. Hernández 2b, C. Hernández 2c, F. Alvarado 3b, Y. Merino 3c, B. Rodríguez 4c, M. Mendiola 5c, E. Osorio 6c

Ministro para el Salón Parroquial: Ángel Ramírez

Monaguillos: J. Rivera, O. Benítez, F. Yáñez, D. Juárez, Y. Pacheco,

Ujieres: M. García, O. Velázquez, M. Tadeo, E. Rodríguez, V. Guevara, M. Torres, G. Pereyda

Ofertorio: Jorge y Maribel Franco

Visita de la Virgen Peregrina a la familia: Jorge y Maribel Franco

Coordinador de la Misa: Carlos Hernández y Gabino y Carmen Silva

Rosario: Juan y Rosa García (empezar a las 12:15pm)

Intención de Misa de Hoy 9 de Diciembre: Juan de Dios Sosa †

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.

LAS POSADAS

Estaremos celebrando Las Posadas a las 7:00pm aquí en San Matías 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 - Servicio de Penitencia a las 6:30pm
Jueves	Dic. 20	Familia Rodríguez
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



Lista de Deseos Navideños del Padre Chris

Si está pensando en hacer algo especial para nuestra parroquia esta Navidad, el Padre Chris tiene una breve lista de deseos que puede darle una idea:

- Una lavadora de ropa para la casa de Párroco
- Un colchón de tamaño completo (matrimonial) para que el Padre duerma mejor
- Juegos de mesa para la nueva área de jóvenes
- Computadoras básicas para acceso a internet en el área juvenil
- Televisores de pantalla plana para los salones de clases de doctrina
- Un estándar portátil para nuestro Proyector de Pantalla

Almuerzo de 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.

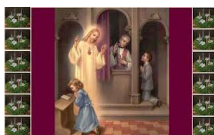


El Padre está buscando nuevos miembros para Consejo Pastoral

En enero, se abrirán dos posiciones en nuestro Consejo Pastoral. Los miembros del Consejo Pastoral representan a todos los feligreses y sirven como su voz en las discusiones dentro del consejo. Feligreses mayores de 18 años y en buena posición con la Iglesia puede ser miembro del consejo y cumplir un mandato de 3 años. Si está interesado en nominar a un feligrés o a usted mismo, los formularios de nominación se encuentran en el Nártex y se pueden colocar en el buzón o devolverlos a la oficina parroquial. La fecha límite para las nominaciones es el domingo, 16 de diciembre. Comuníquese con Fred Cytacki si tiene alguna pregunta al 281-252-6194.

Servicio de Penitencia

Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento se llevará a cabo el miércoles, 19 de Diciembre a las 6:30pm. Varios sacerdotes estarán aquí para asistir al Padre Chris. Qué gran manera de prepararse para la venida de nuestro Señor en Navidad.



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

Obra Navideña

Habrá un ensayo para los niños que se inscribieron para estar en Obra Navideña el **sábado, 22 de diciembre a las 10AM**. Por favor reúnanse en salón 9/11, las partes serán confirmadas y se entregarán los disfraces. Los niños **DEBEN** venir al ensayo para participar en la obra en la Noche Buena.



Calendario de Diciembre

Clases de Doctrina - Primaria – Diciembre 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**.

Reunión de Información Sacramental

Habrá una reunión obligatoria de **Información Sacramental** el **Jueves, 10 de enero de 2019 a las 7:00pm**. Esta reunión es para todos los padres que tienen un hijo/a que recibirá su Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión en la primavera. **Esta reunión es SOLO PARA PADRES**. Se han enviado cartas a las familias de los niños que están en la lista sacramental. Si cree que su hijo es elegible para recibir su sacramento y no ha recibido una carta a principios de diciembre, llame a la oficina de educación religiosa.



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
Comenzará 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
Comenzará 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

¿Quién 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 parroquia antes del fin de marzo de 2019.