

**SAINT MATTHIAS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

CALENDAR:

Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day
Office Closed

Sunday, September 8th

Back to regular mass times
& Sunday School Begins

Monday, September 9th

Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 10th

Adoration
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Wednesday, September 11th

Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm

Saturday, September 21st

Ministry to the Homeless
Austin St. Shelter @ 11am

Monday, September 23rd

Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 25th

Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm

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SEPTEMBER 2019

“Who Is Your Leader”

We live in a world that is more about following than leading. People follow political parties, candidates for office, preachers, teachers and denominations. We, as Christians, are not called to be followers of men, but followers of Jesus Christ. Paul who is regarded in such high esteem for writing the majority of the New Testament and for having a powerful conversion story addresses this in his first letter to the Corinthians; “I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe’s household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.” Paul goes on to ask the question, “Is Christ divided?”

The only true leader of Christians must be Jesus Christ Himself. If we are following ideologies that bring about division among the faithful, then we are being led astray. Jesus preached a message of love, forgiveness and unity, not one of hatred, defamation and division.

It is time for Christians to start acting like, speaking like and being like Christ. I’ll close with my favorite passage in scripture from 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, “And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation”.

Peace and Blessings,



NEWS & UPDATES

Helping Hands Items of the Month Cereal



**Helping Hands
Volunteer
Pam Slovak**

This has been an ongoing ministry of our congregation for many years. Please consider being a part of our giving to Helping Hands.

Sunday, September 8th Back to Regular Schedule

Mass Schedule Sunday
8:30 am and 10:30 am
*Childcare is available for children
Under the age of 7 during the
10:30 am mass.*

**Children's Church School
Adult Sunday School**
9:45am—10:15am

Tithe Pledges

- Step 1: Pick Up a Tithe Pledge Sheet from the front table in the foyer.
- Step 2: Take home and pray about your pledge
- Step 3: Fill in the Tithe Pledge sheet
- Step 3: Attend Mass
- Step 4: Place your Tithe Pledge sheet in the collections bag

Please Turn-in pledges no later than September 8th

Tithe Pledge

Family Name: _____
 Monthly Pledge:\$ _____
 Yearly Pledge:\$ _____
 Building Fund:\$ _____

Social Committee

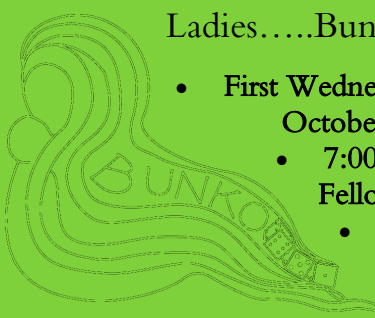
Holy Land Tour in 2021

If you and your family are interested in joining Saint Matthias on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Israel, please sign-up.

Date and cost are TBA



Ladies.....Bunko is back!



- First Wednesday in October, 10/2/19
- 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- \$10/per person
- Prizes

- Bring a "small" food item to share
- Iced tea/coffee will be provided by the church – you are welcome to bring your own drink as well

There is an organization, the Women In Need - My Sister's Closet Rockwall that Bunko will be supporting through donations. Each month you will have the opportunity to donate to this organization.

Summer Server's List

9:30 am Mass		10:30 am Mass			
Date	09/01/19	09/08/19	09/15/19	09/22/19	09/28/19
1st Reading	Gerry Coppler	Josh Zachary	Kathy Oehler	Emily Gathman	Dee Schueler
2nd Reading	Josh Zachary	Juan Garza	Bonnie Penny	Adam Dingwell	Greg Oehler
Eucharist	Andrew Brindock	Kathy Oehler	Juan Garza	Yolanda Garza	Gerry Lamb
Ushers:	Bob Marcoux John Bulsterbaum	Albert Hernandez Luke Krawietz	Bobbie Walker Sara Linehan	John Bulsterbaum Brandon Morgan	Erv and Pam Slovak
Altar Guild	Cristina Zachary Jody McGee	Karen Anderson Margie Chung	Tracy McLeland Jody McGee	Pam Slovak Marguerite B.	Margie Chung Cristina Castro
Torch Bearers	Juanito Garza Angela Garza	Logan Zachary Noah Danna	Emma Linehan Angela Garza	Ramon Garza Ryan Holmes	Logan Zachary Noah Danna
Acolyte	Juan Garza Preston Landman	Juan Garza Preston Landman	Juan Garza Preston Landman	Juan Garza Preston Landman	Juan Garza Preston Landman
Childcare	Yolanda / Ramon	Yolanda / Ramon	Allie / Maggie	Cathy / Tessa	Juliana / Anabelle
Parish Council	Jeff Gay Bobbie Walker	Bonnie Penny Greg Oehler	Greg Oehler Jeff Gay	Bobbie Walker Marc Holmes	Jeff Gay Bobbie Waler

8:30 am Mass				
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1st Reading	Bonnie Penny	Jim Davis	Gerry Lamb	Gerry Coppler
2nd Reading	Adam Dingwell	Gerry Coppler	Bonnie Penny	Dee Schueler
Eucharist	Gerry Lamb		Andrew Brindock	Marguerite Brindock
Usher:	Albert Hernandez	Luke Krawietz	Brandon Morgan	Albert Hernandez
Altar Guild	Emilia Hernandez	Margie Chung	Marguerite Brindock	Jody McGee

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"For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings." (Hos 6:6)

Imagine the public square of Florence, Italy, on Shrove Tuesday of 1497. A huge number of things deemed sinful or offensive to God have been piled up - with an effigy of Satan on top - and set afire. As they watch their old things burn, part of the crowd sings Christian hymns.

I don't know if hearts were changed by this 'Bonfire of the Vanities', but I hope so, because our heart is the whole point. Unless we **love the Lord with all our heart and soul and mind and strength**, all of our outward actions fall short. (*Dt 6:10, Mt 22:37, Mk 12:30*)

"People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Sm 16:7) The Lord said this to the prophet Samuel when he was sent to anoint David as King Saul's replacement. David made many mistakes, but he had a heart for God. His prayer was **"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within in."** (*Ps 51:10*)

That should be our daily prayer. It is certainly one of mine.

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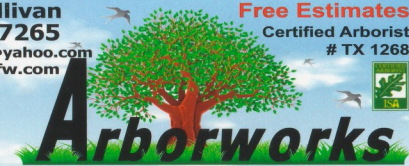
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