

SAINT MATTHIAS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 3rd

Children's Christmas Pageant
@ 10:00am Mass

Women's Bible Study

Monday, December 4th @ 7pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6th @ 7pm

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Cancelled This Month

Sunday, December 10th

Parish Christmas Party & Potluck
Following Mass

Please bring unwrapped Angel Tree
Gifts by December 10th

Saturday, December 16th

Ministry to the Homeless
Austin St. Shelter @ 11am

Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass @ 11pm

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DECEMBER 2023

New Beginnings!

With the beginning of a new month, we also celebrate the beginning of our new Liturgical year. This is not something that the church takes lightly nor should we. Welcome to Advent, the beginning of our year and a season of preparation and reconciliation for the coming of the Lord.

So many times, I comment that Jesus is not concerned with our past, rather He is invested in our future. Our response to His investment should be found in how we live out and celebrate Advent. Are we as invested in our future as Jesus is? Or, do we find ourselves distracted by the past?

As we cross over into a new year, let us leave the past behind. Let us bury it in the soil of the earth, so that we may fully live in the promise of our own resurrection and eternal life. Jesus came to offer us a better way, a new way, and to become The Way! Let us embrace Him in our devotion as we prepare for His coming to usher in the fullness of eternity.

Christ **has** died, Christ **is** risen, Christ **will** come again!

The Memorial Acclamation is the very essence of our faith. Let us live out this Advent season in penitence knowing that Christ has died so that we might live, Christ is risen offering us a new life in Him, and that Christ will come again to make all things new.

Peace and Blessings,



NEWS & UPDATES

Helping Hands Items of the Month

Personal Hygiene



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Angel Tree is here and it's in the Parish Hall. Return your unwrapped gifts by Sunday, December 10th @ 11:00am. Please securely attach your Angel tag to the gift.
- Annual Parish Christmas Party and Potluck will follow mass on Sunday, December 10th. There will also be a White Elephant Gift Exchange for those who want to participate. Please bring a gift valued at \$20 to join the fun.
- We have an Online Directory. It is only accessible to members of the church. You will need to create an account from the church website under the Resources tab. Do not share your login information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday, December 4th at 7pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, December 6th at 7pm

Children's Christmas Pageant



This Season of Advent will begin with an adorable cast of Sunday School kids who have been practicing really hard to put on the very first Christmas Pageant in our church history. You don't want to miss this on *Sunday, December 3rd.*

Server's List

10:00 am Mass

Date	12/03/2023	12/10/2023	12/17/2023	12/24/2023	12/31/2023
Reader	Megin Danna	Rhiannon Young	Josh Zachary	Vicki Graska	Gerry Coppler
Altar Guild	Marguerite Brindock	Margie Chung	Cristina Zachary	Leslie Coppler	Erica Casares
Altar Server	Juan Garza	Mark Volpi	Steven Danna	Preston Landman	Ryan Holmes
Eucharistic Minister	Cristina Zachary	Bob Marcoux Emily Holmes	Jeff Gay Andrew Brindock	Juan Garza Yolanda Garza	Cristina Zachary
Usher	Eric Younes	Frank Kopec	Pam Slovak	John Hajdu	Steven Danna
Childcare	Vicki Graska	Allie & Maggie Volpi	Yolanda Garza	Cecilee Younes	Rhiannon Young
Parish Council	Frank Kopec	Marc Holmes	Rhiannon Young	Jeff Gay	Mark Volpi

Advertisements

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

² A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

³ A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build.

⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

⁵ A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

⁶ A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

⁷ A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

⁸ A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

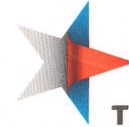


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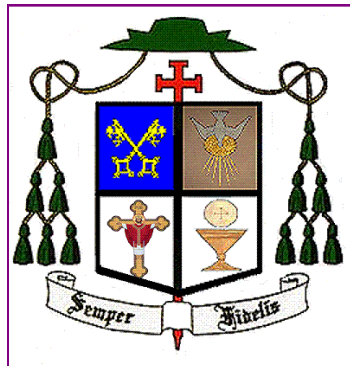


Saint Matthias Catholic Church

116 Kenway St
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Sunday English Mass..... 10:00 am
Childcare is available for children
Up to Kindergarten during the
10:00 am mass.

Confession.....Available by appointment



Saint Matthias Church Office

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Office Hours

Please call to make an appointment..