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The Parish Newsletter of  
St Matthias' Church, Dallas, Texas

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Beloved in Christ,

As we move through October toward that great feast of the Church Catholic, the Feast of All the Saints, I am mindful that the matter of our annual stewardship declarations is upon us. I appreciate that we take a low-hype, even-tempered approach. Stewardship of our lives is a matter that does need our careful contemplation. I trust that you have been doing just that. I hope the handbook we sent you has aided you in your deliberation. It is now time for us to make our declarations. You will be receiving this week both a Time & Talent Form and a Stewardship of Money Card to be returned to the Church at Mass on November 5th. The Solemnity of All Saints is a perfect time to take care of this matter. We and the Church throughout the world will be engaged in giving thanks to God for all of those who have gone before us in the Faith, giving of their time, talents, and treasure for the spread of the Kingdom of God

I do believe we are at a critical place in the life of our parish. The natural way of things is for a parish to go through the normal life cycle of birth, growth, maturity, decline and even death. As I say, that is the natural progression. But beloved, our parish has a supernatural vocation and we serve the Living God. There is no question that our collective goal must be revitalization. The only way that will come about is by our willingness to step out in faith. Stepping out in faith involves making some adjustments in what we are doing. It means making some faithful decisions. As we pray and prepare to make our stewardship declarations of time, talent,

and treasure for the coming year, let me remind you of our Lord's teaching in the Parable of the Talents (*Matthew 25:14-30*). The Master expects a return on what he has entrusted to his servants. He blesses those willing to take a risk of faith. We have been entrusted with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to share with a world around us that is perishing. If we do nothing but what we have always done, we will continue to go in the way that we are headed, the way of the world. That would be equivalent to burying our talent in the ground.

Alternatively, we would like to use our resources to build on what we have been given. We need to continue to support our music ministry. First and foremost to give glory to God in our worship, and secondarily to attract new people into our parish. To do that best, we need a good foundation. Through the support of a few of us this year, we have been able to underwrite a couple of trained singers. And these singers, I hope you will agree, have made a real difference in the quality of our worship. I would like to see us move this into our regular operating budget. So I am asking you to make the meeting of this particular need part of your stewardship considerations also.

At the High Mass each Sunday, the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward at the Offertory. At both Sunday Masses we take up a collection of money and bring it forward and offer it to God. That activity is a sign of this whole business of the stewardship of our lives. We take of what the Father has given us and we offer it back to Him. And He gives himself back to us in a wonderful exchange. And the result is - He in us and we in Him. As the alms basins are presented at the altar, I say on our behalf, "*All things come of thee, O Lord*" to which you should add, "*And of thine own have we given thee.*" This sentence comes from First Book of Chronicles, Chapter 29, verse 14 from the mouth of King David. I have found it a helpful way to be more intentional of what I am about in giving to God.

We finish the Christian Year with the Feast of Christ the King. We begin this month giving thanks for those who have gone before us in the Faith and we end it acknowledging and celebrating the dominion of our Lord, the King of Glory. All things do indeed come of thee, O Lord.

God bless you all,



## ALL SOULS' DAY IS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

There will be no morning celebration of the Mass that day. Instead we will be celebrating a sung Requiem Mass at 6:30 in the evening. At that Mass we will pray for the faithful departed of the parish and also for those whom you have submitted through the form in the Sunday bulletin. Of your charity, please plan to be with us and join in interceding for those who have gone before us in the Faith.



Daylight  
Saving  
Time  
Ends -  
Fall back

**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR  
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR  
SATURDAY NIGHT  
NOVEMBER 4th**

## NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT SCHOOL CLASS

Sunday, November 5th, Father Chris will begin his adult Sunday school class entitled: “*Holy Bits and Pieces, Batman: Relics in the Life of the Church.*”

This will be an investigation into the devotion and adoration of the remains of the saints and objects associated with them. There is a long and deep tradition concerning relics running through the history of the Church.

In fact, Saint Matthias’ has a relic of the True Cross and a relic of St. Peter the Apostle. Let’s take a look at the subject.



## PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

The Prayers and Squares Ministry will meet Thursday, November 9th at 6:30pm and Friday, November 10th at 9:30am. Please come to one or both meetings. We have given over 170 quilts and many prayers to those in need. If you know someone who would benefit from extra prayers and support, please consider a quilt for them. Contact [nitahinshaw@aol.com](mailto:nitahinshaw@aol.com) to make a request.



## NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MINISTRY

**Shelter Team:** *Captains Captains* William & Tommye Marr, Kristen Beller, Danelle Harris, Randall & Suzanne Jackson, Ida Perryman, Lori Luckey, John & Laura Stotz, Nancy Perrine. Team meets at church 4:00pm, **Sunday, November 19th.**

**Sandwich Makers:** Team 3 - Ida Perryman, Randall & Suzanne Jackson, Robert & Robyn Priest, Lori Luckey, Randall & Nita Hinshaw, John & Laura Stotz, Jason Hinshaw, William & Tommye Marr, Patricia Haney.



**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - TEXAS BBQ**  
**Saturday, November 11th, 7:00pm**



Niesa Page and Amy White are inviting us all over to enjoy some old fashioned *Texas Barbeque* for this month's Fellowship Supper. Bring some barbeque to share and your favorite libation to drink. Soft drinks and mixers will be provided. Niesa's home is at

2528 Lake Bend Terrace in Carrollton.

Make your reservation by completing the sign up form in the Sunday bulletins. Maps will be on the narthex table the Sunday prior to the event.

**If your last name begins with**

A through H

I through P

Q through Z

**Bring either**

Dessert or Main Dish

Salad or Main Dish

Vegetable or Main Dish

## MUSIC MINISTRY

As we look toward the season when we consider the abundance of God's mercy and blessings, we also consider how we respond in the form of pledges to St. Matthias, pledges necessary to the programs that minister to our congregation and community. If the choral music at St. Matthias has blessed you, please prayerfully consider underwriting the choral scholar positions which are vital to the choral program through an increase in your pledge for the coming year . For more information, please speak with Susan Williams after worship or email her at [swilliams@stmatthias-dallas.org](mailto:swilliams@stmatthias-dallas.org).



## THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving is November 23rd. Mattins will be read at 8:40am and a Low Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am. Before you enjoy your turkey, plan on gathering with the parish family to return thanks for the bounty we have received from our Heavenly Father. Friday the 24th, Mattins and Mass will begin at 9:00am.



## WOMEN'S GROUP

**CHRISTMAS ADOPT A FAMILY** – It's that time of year again! Be on the lookout in the Sunday bulletins for important events during the months of November and December. By popular demand, we are repeating many of the fund raising items offered

last year and a few new ones. Suggestions for new fund raising ideas you might have are welcomed. As always, the angel tree will be set up to enable you to choose a name and item(s) to purchase for one or more of the family members. For those who prefer not to select an angel, cash donations will also be accepted. If you have any questions regarding these activities, please contact Patty Goodwin.

We are still collecting Mason/canning/jelly jars. If you have any Mason or other types of canning jars from last year, or have any you would like to donate to the cause, please bring them to church with you and leave them in the Great Hall kitchen on the white table by the refrigerator. Just look for the printed signs designating where to leave these items. Contact Patty Goodwin with any questions.

A raffle for a Christmas quilt will be held again this year. Look for future announcements regarding when the quilt will be on display and the date of the drawing. Proceeds will be used to benefit the Prayers and Squares ministry. If you are interested in offering tickets outside of the parish, please contact Nita Hinshaw or Patty Goodwin.

