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

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Beloved in Christ,

Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Many, many thanks to absolutely everyone who helped to make our observance of Holy Week and Easter Sunday the glorious experience that it was! From the Spring Fling all the way through to the 6th Annual Second Sunday of Easter Egg Hunt, most everyone in the parish has been engaged and very busy! Wow! You are wonderful!

Several of us had the pleasure this past weekend of attending a Solemn Evensong followed by a Banquet in celebration of 25 years of episcopal ministry for our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker, SSC. We have indeed been wonderfully blessed by his ministry, both to the Diocese of Fort Worth and to the wider church. I came to the Diocese of Fort Worth while he was still bishop coadjutor, assisting Bishop Clarence Pope. I am very grateful for his faithfulness, courage, kindness, and good-natured leadership. He was very clear in his remarks at the banquet when he said, *"This is not a retirement speech."* For that, thanks be to God! Please continue to hold him in your prayers, as I do daily.

Please plan to be with us on Thursday evening, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. It is the 40 Day marker of the Great Fifty Days, therefore it is always a Thursday *and* a holy day of obligation. We will begin with a sung Mass and then finish up with a wine & cheese reception in the Lady Garden (*weather permitting, of course!*)

I am gearing up for our thirteenth annual Saint Michael's Youth Conference at Camp Crucis in early June (the 17th - 23rd to be precise). The Conference is an intense week of immersion in the Anglo-Catholic Faith. Participants are youth between the ages of 12 and 19. Each year I assemble a team of priests and committed laity to provide our youth with a good foundation upon which to build their spiritual houses. The week is made up of excellent worship, solid Catholic teaching, activity (*and fun*). This means we are in registration season - if you are coming to St. Mike's this year, it is now time to get your paperwork in to me! Please pray for us as we prepare for the week. Pray for God to send us plenty of young people, benefactors to provide scholarships, and angels to protect us. (*The Enemy does not like Saint Michael's Conference!*)

We have much to celebrate. Our Lord Jesus Christ has won for us a great victory over sin and death, and we are the heirs of his conquest. And that is all news worth sharing. *Alleluia, Christ is risen!*

God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. John" with a small cross at the end.

## PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

This month, the Prayers and Squares Ministry will meet **Thursday, May 17th** at 6:30pm in the Education Center. We have given over 175 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.

## FELLOWSHIP SUPPER RETURNS!

*Theme: "Country Comfort Food"*

Fellowship Supper returns on **Saturday, May 12th!** What could be better than a short trip to the country for some comfort food? Dave and Lori Luckey will be our hosts at their new home in Lantana. It's not far, and the fellowship, food and fun are well worth the trip! Don and Susan Conley will help out as co-hosts, and the party begins at 7:00pm. Bring your favorite comfort food dish, and we'll have a great time! The Luckey's address is 9101 Violet Drive, Lantana, Texas, 76226. Complete the sign up form in the Sunday bulletin. Maps will be available in the narthex the Sunday prior to the event.

To help you decide what to bring, just select from one of the following:

**If your last name begins with**

A through H

I through P

Q through Z

**Bring either**

Main dish or dessert

Main dish or salad

Main dish or vegetable



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies, please join us on **Saturday, May 19th** for lunch and a trip to the Biblical Arts Center. We will meet at the church at 11:00am, have lunch at the Forestwood Garden Tea Room, then on to the Biblical Arts Center. Regular admission is \$12.00, Seniors 65+ is \$10.00. If we have a group of 12 or more, admission is \$9.00. They have decent tours at no additional cost. For questions, contact Nancy Perrine or Virginia Wallace.

The trip to Winnsboro for blueberry picking will be in either late May or June rather than in September.

## MAY COMMUNITY MINISTRY

**Shelter Team:** *Captains* Donald & Susan Conley, Thomas & Cynthia Coughlin, James & Gracie Hamilton, Donna Jarecke, Danelle Harris, Luellen Bassano, Marilyn French. Team meets at church 4:00pm, Sunday, May 20th.

**Sandwich Makers:** Team 1 - Luellen Bassano, Donald & Susan Conley, Richard & Dianne Couch, Lisa Crain, Jo Gordon, Jo Neese, James & Gracie Hamilton, Donna Jarecke, Kathryn Magruder.



### PENTECOST PIE DAY!



You've heard of Pi Day, well this is even better—Pentecost Pie Day! Join us on Sunday, May 20th after Solemn High Mass as we celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit with Pie! Bring your favorite pie—store-bought or homemade—for sharing and tasting. Our hosts, the Evangelism Commission, have added a new category this year: savory (think quiche or shepherd's pie or chicken pie or ...).

Pull out your cookbooks or secret family recipes or plan a visit to Mrs. Kroger or Mr. Thumb. If it's a pie, it's welcome!

While you're planning, be sure to invite your neighbors and friends. What better way to share Our Lord than over a piece of pie?

More details in the Sunday bulletin in the coming weeks.

## ROUGHRIDERS GAME

SAVE THE DATE - St Matthias' night at the Frisco Roughriders game is Wednesday, May 30th. For more information or to order tickets, please contact Bob Priest at 972.234.1034 or email at bobpriesthomes@yahoo.com.



THE VISITATION OF  
THE BISHOP OF FORT WORTH  
TO ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH

Sunday, June 10th

Mattins 9:00am // Mass 9:30am

*(One Mass only this day. Please note the time.)*

You will not want to miss this Mass. A reception follows in the Great Hall.

## MEN OF THE PARISH - SAVE THE DATE!

We will be building a wheelchair ramp with Dallas Ramps on Saturday, June 9th. Plan to join us and help make a disabled or elderly person's home accessible. Dallas Ramps will provide materials and expertise. The ramp in the photo below was built in March. We will provide the manpower and in a few hours we will give someone the freedom to leave their home. More information will be provided soon, and you can contact Van Neinast if you have any questions.



## NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES (NDSM) Support the Pantry Month

The NDSM Pantry provides a one week supply of emergency food and toiletries (\$80 for a single person or \$50 per person for a multiple person household). The Pantry tries to stock a full complement of food and hygiene items. Eligible families cross out any items they don't want or need on the pantry list and volunteers then fill their orders. Applicants

must meet eligibility requirements and may receive food up to eight times in a twelve-month period.

As one of the original covenant congregations, St Matthias' helps support the Pantry two months each year -- May and September. This support is primarily through donations of money, groceries, and paper grocery bags. YOU can help provide this support by writing a check, donating grocery/hygiene items, and/or bringing in large paper bags. Because of NDSM's buying power and special relationships, every \$1 they spend equals almost \$12 we might spend at a grocery or warehouse store. They can stretch every dollar to obtain many basic items, thereby leveraging our contributions. However, there are some items which they cannot obtain at a discount and donations of these items certainly will enhance Pantry selections. A list of these items will be in the Narthex for your use.

One thing you may not know is that 98% of the funds received by NDSM go directly to programs and services. Their full-time Executive Director serves as an unpaid volunteer; only the Medical Clinic Director and an Administrative Assistant receive salaries. These three individuals manage the work of the approximately 500 volunteers to see that services are delivered efficiently and that the volunteer experience is rewarding.

So, PLEASE BE GENEROUS by doing the following this month:

- Make out a check (tax deductible of course) to NDSM, memo line St Matthias, and place in the marked basket on the Narthex table;
- Bring donated groceries to the Narthex, where they will be collected and delivered to NDSM (for your convenience, lists of needed items are on the Narthex table);
- Bring donated clothing (clean and in good condition) to the Narthex where it will be collected and delivered to NDSM; children's/men's/large size women's clothing are especially needed;

- Bring paper grocery bags to the Narthex – plastic bags don't work; paper bag donations help NDSM by reducing the cost of purchasing paper bags;
- VOLUNTEER at NDSM. Their needs are great and experience is not required! All schedules are part-time and NDSM can use whatever skills you may have. Needs include volunteers to interview clients, work in the Pantry, job counselors, receptionists, data entry, clerical, medical clinic clerical staff, nurses, physician assistants, dentists, doctors, pharmacists, ESL teachers, etc. No matter what your skills, YOU can be of help.

Contact Nancy Gaines ([nancygaines6@gmail.com](mailto:nancygaines6@gmail.com) or at 469-774-9033) if you have any questions; you may also visit NDSM's website at [www.ndsm.org/](http://www.ndsm.org/).