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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!*

A profound thanks to absolutely everyone who helped to make our observance of Holy Week and Easter Sunday the very glorious experience that it was! Fr. Duncan did an excellent job singing the Exsultet at the Vigil. The feast following the Vigil was a feast indeed! And all of the way through to the 10th Annual Second Sunday of Easter Egg Hunt, most everyone in the parish has been engaged and very busy! Wow! Many thanks to all who have worked to make it all come together, you are wonderful!

Please plan to be with us on Thursday evening, May 18th at 6:30pm 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 very grateful to Frs. Kalimi, Ivor, and Duncan for all of their support and encouragement. It is a wonderful blessing to us all to have the clerical team that we do!

My thanks also to Dick and to our choral scholars, Lisa Wells, Erick Reich, Lisa Crain, and Ellen McGee for the excellent music with which they continue to augment our worship. Blessings indeed!!

Typically, about now, I would be gearing up for our seventeenth annual Saint Michael's Youth Conference at Camp Crucis in mid-June (the 11th - 17th to be precise). The difference this year is that I will not be in attendance at the Conference. I have passed the Father Director baton on to Fr. Joseph Francis SSC of St Alban's, Arlington. Fr Francis himself is a product of the Conference. This will be his first year "soloing" in the role of Father Director - Please pray for him.

The Saint Michael's Conference is an intense week of immersion in the Anglo-Catholic Faith. Participants are youth between the ages of 12 and 19. Do you know of someone who might fit that description? Each year a team of priests and committed laity is assembled by the Father Director. Working together they provide our youth with a good foundation upon which to build their spiritual houses. The conference 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! Please pray for the Conference as preparations for the week continue. Pray for God to send plenty of young people, generous benefactors to provide scholarships, and angels to protect them all. (*The Enemy does not like Saint Michael's Conference!*)

We here in our parish have so very much to celebrate. Through his Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection, and Ascension, 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 very good news worth sharing. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Chrysostom", followed by a small cross symbol.

## MAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

In May, it's a family picnic hosted by Patrick & Megan McGehee on **Saturday, May 13th, 6:00pm** in the Great Hall. We will have games and snacks in Mary's Garden before heading inside to enjoy dinner. So bring your favorite picnic food and beverages--no ants allowed! Please make your reservation by completing the form in the Sunday bulletin.

<u>If your last name begins with</u>	<u>Bring either</u>
A through H	Vegetable or Main Dish
I through P	Salad or Main Dish
Q through Z	Dessert or Main Dish



## KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Tiffany Wright and Jeff Wright will be heading to prison on May 17-21 on behalf of Kairos Prison Ministry International. Through this ministry, the Kairos team will be able to share the love of Christ with the 42 inmates selected to participate in the Kairos 3-day short course in Christianity at the George Beto Unit in Tennessee Colony, Texas. This will be the 63rd Kairos weekend at The Beto Unit!!

There are a few ways you can be involved in this very important ministry:

1. **Prayer.** Commit to one or more prayer times during the weekend. Your times will be combined with all the times collected and turned into links, which will then be connected and hung up in the chapel at the Beto Unit so the 42 participants can see just how many people are praying for them during the weekend. Just let Tiffany or Jeff know the days and time(s) you'll be praying and they'll make sure your first name only is added to the Prayer Chain.

2. **Create placemats.** These will be put at each participant's place at the table for every meal. This is a great opportunity to share some beauty and words of encouragement to those who don't get to experience either very often.

3. **Financial contributions.** Also known as "Green Agape". Please make checks in any amount payable to "Kairos-TX-Beto".

4. **Attend a Closing.** This ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 21st at the Beto Unit in Tennessee Colony, Texas. This is an amazing opportunity to witness how God is still in the business of miracles!!

5. **Volunteer.** The next Kairos weekend will be in November, so talk to Tiffany about how to get on the team.

Finally, if have questions or would like to learn more about Kairos Prison Ministry International, you may contact either Tiffany ([twwright13@gmail.com](mailto:twwright13@gmail.com), 214.537.9671) or Jeff ([jeffpwright@verizon.net](mailto:jeffpwright@verizon.net), 214.208.2171).



THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION  
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Thursday, May 18th

*A Holy Day of Obligation*  
*No Morning Mass*

**6:30pm - Solemn Mass**

A Wine & Cheese reception follows Mass.

*There will not be a nursery. We want the kids with us in the Nave.*

Ascend to heaven with Jesus in the Eucharistic Sacrifice,  
joining with him in adoration of the Father  
and in thanksgiving for:  
his Resurrection victory,  
his going ahead to prepare a place for us in heaven, and  
our eventual union there with the Holy Trinity.

## MAY COMMUNITY MINISTRY

The Turnbull Team is scheduled to prepare a meal for the Austin Street Center on **Sunday, May 21st.**

**Shelter Team:** *Captains* Raymond & Cynthia Turnbull, Danelle Harris, Bill Kirkland, Aimee Hinshaw, Jillian Hinshaw, Randall Hinshaw, Patrick & Megan McGehee.

**Sandwich Makers:** Donald & Susan Conley, Richard & Dianne Couch, Patrick & Megan McGehee, James & Deborah Nugent, Susan McQueen, Donna Wheeler, Amy White, Aimee Hinshaw.



## OUTREACH MINISTRY

### North Dallas Shared Ministries:

May is our time to “**Stock the NDSM Pantry**”. Containers are in the narthex for you to drop off paper sacks and dry food items. Please pick up from the narthex table a list of the items that are needed. There is also a basket in which to put your donation/check. Your support is greatly appreciated. No clothing is being collected at this time.

