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

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Beloved in Christ,

As we arrive at the feast of All Saints, I have been thinking about the Church (Surprise, surprise!) The primary purpose of the Church is the worship of God the Holy Trinity. We ought to do that as well as we are possibly able. So the secondary purpose of the Church is to make saints, people whose lives are totally given to God. The saints of God can offer Him more authentic complete worship. And ideally, the more completely all of humanity can offer worship the better. So the tertiary purpose of the Church is to bring others into the life of the Church so that they may become saints and they also may join in offering worship to Almighty God.

What does that mean for us personally? Are you regular and present at Mass on Sundays (as a bare minimum)? Are you actively involved in advancing your own sanctity through the sacramental means our Lord has given us? When was the last time you made a thorough self-examination and confession of your sins to one of Christ's priests? Who have you brought into the fellowship of Christ's Body, the Church?

It should come as no surprise to you that I do believe we are at a critical place in the life of our parish. The natural way of things for any living being is 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 mission.

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.

I hope the Stewardship handbook we sent you will aid you in your deliberation. It is time for us to make our declarations for the coming year. You will receive both a Time & Talent Form and a Stewardship of Money Card to be returned to the Church at Mass on **Sunday, November 4th**. The *Solemnity of All Saints'* is an excellent day on which 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.

We finish the Christian Year with the Feast of Christ the King. We start 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,

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

## ALL SOULS' DAY IS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

There will be a Requiem Mass at 7:00am at which 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.



## SAVE LIVES – GIVE BLOOD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

Every day, close to 800 patients in North, Central and East Texas require timely blood transfusions. YOU can help. St Matthias' will be holding our Fall blood drive on **Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00am to 1:00pm** in the parking lot in front of the Church. It is very quick and convenient (each person has an assigned time).

Chef Larry Magruder will prepare a *sumptuous* breakfast for all donors so you even get a free (terrific) breakfast. (Just ask former donors – the breakfast is GREAT!) Your fellow Parishioners will be soliciting volunteers Sunday, October 28th. You can even sign up on-line; we will send around a link that takes you directly to the St Matthias sign-up area at Carter's website. **Please!** give. If you have any questions, can't wait to sign-up or want to help, please call Jim Nugent at 972-980-6949.





Daylight  
Saving  
Time  
Ends-  
Fall back

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR  
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR  
SATURDAY NIGHT  
NOVEMBER 3RD



FELLOWSHIP SUPPER  
Saturday, November 10th, 7:00pm



November means we are about to enter the wonderful season of holiday food – some traditional and some not-so-traditional. What better way to kick off the holiday eating than with a spicy and delicious Mexican dinner? Ay Yi Yi! Lots of options available – so put on your sombrero and come join us, please. We will gather at Margaret and Van Neinst's home, 1223 Chippewa, Richardson, 75080 for dinner at 7:00pm on **Saturday, November 10th**. Richardson is not that far, and you can carpool. Sign up on the form in the Sunday bulletin. Maps will be available on the narthex table the Sunday prior to the event.

Please bring a dish according to your last name...

A through H

Main dish or salad

I through P

Main dish or dessert

Q through Z

Main dish or vegetable

## PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

The Prayers and Squares Ministry will meet Thursday, November 8th at 6:30pm in the Education Center. Please join us. We have given 193 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.



### NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT SCHOOL CLASS beginning November 11th

Sunday, November 11th, Father Chris will begin his adult Sunday school class entitled: “*Mysteries of the Apostolic Age: Part I.*”

What happened during the first hundred years of the Church’s life? What did the apostles do? What were their challenges? It was both high drama and also hard work leading to martyrdom for almost all of them. To learn the answers to such questions, join us. The plan is to spend about twelve weeks exploring these questions. This is part one of a two-part class.



## VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATION

*Sunday, November 11th, following Solemn High Mass*

*Sponsored by the Evangelism Commission*

*with help from Parish, Fellowship & Activities*

Please help us honor those who have served their country – whether it's the U.S. military or that of another country.

We're planning a light reception and of course we'll all toast veterans – but especially to those veterans who are members of our parish and friends or family members of parishioners. To make the day more celebratory, we'll show photos of our veterans.

### **Here's how you can help:**

- Invite a veteran, family members, or friends to attend Mass and the celebration on November 11th. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring people to church – and who knows, maybe some will find a new church home here!

*Please note that Veterans' Day celebrates those who have served in the military – this is different from Memorial Day which is intended to honor those who died in service to their country.*

If you have any questions, call Kim Belcher 214-212-3379 or Donna Wheeler 214-263-8979.



## NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MINISTRY

**Shelter Team:** *Captains* William & Tommye Marr, Danelle Harris, Randall & Suzanne Jackson, Ida Perryman, Lori Luckey, John & Laura Stotz, Nancy Perrine. Team meets at church 4:00pm, **Sunday, November 18th.**

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



## THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 22nd. Matins will be read at 9:40am and a Sung Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am. 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 23rd, Matins will begin at 9:00am and Mass at 9:20am.

