

Christian Formation 12-14-25

The Saint Matthew's Children's Pageant!

Sunday morning, Dec. 21, at 10:00 am (One Service) Each Christmas our children bring the Nativity to life with costumes, speaking parts, music, and the irresistible charm of little angels, shepherds, lambs, and holy family characters. We'll have one service so the whole parish can enjoy this beautiful tradition together. A highlight of our Advent season.

Children's Formation 10:15 between the services!

Infants through 5K New Location: The Nursery

1st - 5th Grade: The Large Classroom: Adults are always welcome to accompany kids or just stop by. We love when you visit!

Youth Sunday Morning Youth Room, 10:15 am.

Adults Library Conf. Room at 10:15 am. Grab coffee and join us for coffee and great conversation about Discipleship led by our own Debbie Rutledge.

EYC! Episcopal Youth Community. 5:30 pm w/Derek, Education Bldng.

Bible, Bread & Wine Our final gathering of the year is tonight in the Kelly Room at 5:30 pm for a deep dive into the day's Holy Scripture, with Eucharist. And snacks. **We resume our meetings on January 11th.**

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist with Healing 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. A quietly moving service rich in prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, petition, intercession, praise, and faith.

Compline Every evening www.facebook.com/groups/stmattsc.

Starts between 9:15 and 10pm. We gather together in prayer to re-ground ourselves in the acceptance, hope, and strength we find in the beautiful Anglican rite of Compline.

A Fresh New Parish Photo Album See highlights from parish life here: stmattthewsepiscopal.org/learn-connect/parishlife. Email photos to Susan Englert, sgenglert@gmail.com.

The Grapevine, St. Matthew's biweekly newsletter

Be sure to check for Christmas Season Upcoming Events in the Grapevine!

Subscribe & see what's happening at grapevine@stmattthewsepiscopal.org

Remember: One Service Dec. 21: for the Pageant!

Christmas Schedule:

Dec 24 *Christmas Eve, 5 & 11 pm in the Sanctuary.*

Dec 25 *Christmas Day, 10 am. Live streamed from our Rector's home.*

Dec 26 *Friday: Parish Office Closed.*

Dec 28 *One Sunday Service, at 10 am in the Sanctuary.*

Dec 31 *Wednesday Evening Healing with Eucharist. 6:30 pm.*

Jan 1 *Thu: New Year's Day, Office Closed.*

Jan 2 *Friday: Office Closed.*

Jan 4 *Epiphany Sunday One Service at 10 am.*

Soup-er Stew-pondous Epiphany Supper in the gym, at 5:30 pm.

Congratulations to our new Vestry and Delegates: Vestry: Sherrie Foster, Susan Englert, and Henry Roberts. Delegates: Denise Cannon, Ben Loftis, Allie Fowler, Lindsey & Bob Leaman, Grace Keller. God bless your work on behalf of the entire parish of St. Matthew's.

The Brotherhood of St. Matthew Join us on the Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Library. New projects coming up.

Volunteers needed Turns out it's always true that more hands are needed:) Here are some specific ministries that are in need currently for helpers. Altar Guild, The Livestream Team, Children's Christian Formation helpers, meals for EYC, Visiting Homebounds, Photographs to Album, Food Pantry... not to mention the Brotherhood of St. Matthew's is ALWAYS doing some fine service in the background supporting the parish in myriad ways. Ask any vestry member.

Food Pantry & Free Medical Clinic ****New Permanent Hours****
9:30 - 11:00 am. Volunteer Coordinators: Harvey Gloystein at 713-816-0112, and Heather Yevcak at 704-560-3905. Food Pantry Wish List: <https://a.co/7s3dFWI>.

Stewardship We're grateful for the 120+ households who've returned their pledge cards! If you haven't yet, please do so soon - your commitment helps us plan for the year ahead. Extra cards are available in the narthex or from the church office, or contact Jane Bird at (864) 576-0424 / jbird@stmattthewsepiscopal.org. Contact the office, or visit: stmattthewsepiscopal.org/giving. Thank you for supporting St. Matthew's mission!



Ways to Give As the year ends, remember there are many ways to support St. Matthew's - pledges, stock gifts, online giving, or direct transfers such as Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from retirement accounts. Contact the office, or visit: stmattthewsepiscopal.org/giving