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### Quick Message Information

**Dial 478-5098**  
please press  

- Emergency Line for Sickness/Sickness ONLY: 1  
- Mass and Confession Schedule: 4  
- Infant Baptism: 5  
- Marriage (Contact Church 6 Months prior to Wedding Date): 6  
- CYO Athletic: 478-5027  
- Senior Nutrition Center: 478-5017  
- RCIA/Adult Confirmation: 478-5004

### Pastor’s Message

**What will the Church look like 50 years from now?**

The last talk in our Anniversary Series was given on November 15th by the President of the Oblate School of Theology, Rev. Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I. projecting how the Church might look in the future. Here are a few salient points about his thought provoking talk. He had 10 main points stating that the Church in the future may  

- Be made up of many tribes and blood – more ethnically and culturally diverse than what present generations grew up with  
- Have more diverse forms of ministry not restricted to only formally ordained ministers – this is a response to the acute shortage of clergy, especially in third world nations  
- Have new forms of communities beyond the model of parishes – parishes may focus on liturgical and sacramental ministry while there may be regional centers for religious education, formation and social outreach  
- Be made up of mystics as theologian Karl Rahner stated that in the future you will be either a mystic or an unbeliever; those who choose to come to Church will have a deep, personalized faith and a longing for community  
- Reflect Jesus’ call to bring glad tiding to the poor  
- Focus on offering mercy as Pope Francis offered the image of the Church as a “field hospital” that reaches out to those needing healing in their lives  
- May be more ecumenical, meaning finding common ground with non-Catholic Christians and more inter-faith, dialoguing with those who are non-Christians  
- May be more of a missionary Church  
- May be more focused on being “flesh for the life of the world” as Jesus stated instead of being more inward looking and being “flesh for the life of the Church”.
May be more focused on Jesus’ message and less on divisive political or ecclesial ideologies that separate conservatives from liberals. Although more information is entering the “virtual” space, the Church will always have physical buildings and places to gather for worship because of the centrality of the Eucharist and the fact that one cannot live Christianity in isolation of others. In response to a question someone asked about what we can do now to prepare for the Church of the future, Fr. Ron told us to welcome the outsider, hold your own ground in the face of our increasingly secular culture in a peaceful way and keep coming to Church!

How can we as a community make our Church more inviting and relevant to our youth and young adults so there will be a Church for years to come? —— Fr. Dennis

**Dec 1 & 2  Second Collection  
Blue Santa  
ADVENT CONCERTS  
Dec. 1 St. Matthew’s Adult Chorale and St. Paul’s Church Choir at St. Matthew Church at 7 p.m. and  
Dec. 2 St. Paul Church at 2:30 p.m.  
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**Dec. 7 - 8**  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Dec. 7 Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.;  
Dec. 8 8:15, and 10:00 a.m.  
Church Office Closed  
**Dec. 8 - 9 Second Collection for the Retired Men and Women Religious**  
**Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Confraternity of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations (Page 9)**  
**Dec. 13 Advent Penance Service 7:00 P.M., Church, (Page 6)**  
**Dec. 15-16  2019 Calendars will be available in the Main and Guadalupe Foyers. Please take one calendar per parishioner family**

**LEGION OF MARY MINUTE**  
“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin Mary too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.”  
- St. Maximilian Kolbe

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**  
Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins  
Monday: St. Francis Xavier  
Tuesday: St. John Damascene  
Thursday: St. Nicholas  
Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**DECEMBER BULLETINS**  
Due to the Christmas Holidays, all bulletin announcements for the month of December must be turned in by 10 a.m. Monday, December 10th.

**We offer our condolences and sympathies to the families of our parishioners who have recently died. Please remember them in your prayers.**

- Gerald (Jerry) Gueldner, father of Virginia Dicker and Christine Hoog
- Linda Hooper, mother of Dana Canales and mother-in-law of Paul Canales;  
- Mary Dreyer, mother of James Dreyer  
- Pat Boyd, mother of Michael, Bill and Daniel Boyd  
- James Meyer, husband of Julie Meyer  
- Pablo Lopez Sanchez, father of Sylvia Peterson  
- Minerva Guerrero, mother of Deborah Guerrero
Our Parish family rejoices with you as you prepare for this life-long covenant of love. We know that these next months will be filled with many details planning for your wedding day. In order to help you prepare for your sacramental marriage, take time from your busy schedule as soon as possible to contact Judith Poston at 478-5016 for Marriage Preparation. Together may you follow the way of love as Christ loved you.

NEWLY ENGAGED? CONGRATULATIONS!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR INFANT BAPTISM

“COMPLETED” registration packet is required by due dates. Late registrations will be moved into the following month’s schedule. Registration packets are available at the Administration Building.

NO DECEMBER CLASS

Class for January 14th 6:30 p.m.  
Completed Registration by December 22  
Group Baptisms 1/26/19 11:00 a.m.

Class for February 11th 6:30 p.m.  
Completed Registration by January 26th  
Group Baptisms 2/11/19 11:00 a.m.

The child’s state birth certificate is required.
Please insure that all required forms are provided when packet is turned in!
Those that have taken classes at another parish must have a letter of completion.
Please contact Deacon Oscar Vela 210 478-5013 or deaconoscar@STMATTS.ORG

SPANISH BAPTISMAL CLASSES

Deacon Rafael Lara will be conducting Baptismal Classes in Spanish in the Bride’s Room on the following dates: Tuesday, January 8th and January 15th at 7 p.m. in the Bride’s Room of the Church. Contact him at 210-601-0800 if interested in attending.


**Construction Update**

Only minor items remain to be completed on the building interior. Testing and tuning of sound, lighting and A/C systems will be done over the Christmas Break.

Sitework should be completed before the Christmas Holiday Masses. Final Completion of the entire project is anticipated during the Christmas Break.

Regular activities in the building are expected to begin on January 7.

**For a virtual tour to see progress on the inside and outside of the building, go to:**


Click on “manual sort order” and change to “sort by date added” to bring the latest videos to the upper left of the previews.

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**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited every "First Friday of the Month" (December 7) at 3:00 p.m. in the Church.

It will be followed with the recitation of the Rosary.

Come and join us.

Please call Deacon Oscar at 210-478-5013.

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**ADVENT SERVICES**

Due to the numerous talks and celebrations we had this November, we will not be having our annual Advent Evening of Reflection. We encourage parishioners to attend a Special Concert of Advent Music given by the combined choirs of St. Paul’s Catholic Church and St. Matthew’s 9:15 Chorale. The Advent Concert will take place at 7 p.m. in our Church on Saturday, December 1st and will be repeated the next day at St. Paul Catholic Church on 350 Sutton Drive (Zip Code 78228) at 2:30 p.m. in their church. There is no charge for the concert.

Our Advent Penance Service will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 13th; we hope to have 10 priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sacrament is also offered every Saturday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Please take advantage of these services as a way to prepare spiritually for the upcoming Christmas Season.

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**A BUSY MOTHER**

Only after the Last Judgement will Mary get any rest; from now until them, she is much too busy with her children. - - St. John Vianney
THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind. Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them. Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Attention all current and prospective Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. For those of you who missed the last training session in October, we are having an alternative training session on Monday, December 10, at 7 pm in the church. Please consider attending this session and serving the Lord and your fellow parishioners in this important ministry.
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4. Support our parish consistently, even if you are unable to attend Mass.
5. Give on-the-go! Access the site from your mobile phone or tablet.

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If you’ve never donated online before, signing up is easy!
1. Visit www.stmatts.org and click “DONATE” then “Online Giving.”
2. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
3. Click “Recurring Donation,” then enter your donation amount and frequency. Once you’ve added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It’s that easy!

Questions? Contact Nantie Dion @ 210.478.5015
St. Matthew Confraternity of Our Lady of Guadalupe
33rd Anniversary Celebration

December 12, 2018

6:00 a.m.    Mañanitas a La Virgen
             OLG Shrine at Devotional Park*

St. Matthew Catholic Church:

5:15 p.m.    Reenactment of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

6:00 p.m.    Mass Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:15 p.m.    Reception at McDonald Family Center
             with Live Entertainment following Mass

*Weather permitting the Mañanitas will be at the OLG Shrine. In case of
inclement weather, the Mañanitas will take place at the church after the 6:00 a.m. Mass.

Celebrant
Reverend Victor Valdez

Concelebrants:
Rev. Dennis D. Aréchiga
Msgr. Juan Alfaro
Rev. Jake Empereur, SJ
Rev. Abel Ruiz

Everyone is invited to JOIN US in honoring
Our Lady of Guadalupe, REINA de las AMERICAS
MASS REMEMBRANCES FOR 2019
We began taking requests for
2019 Mass Remembrances on
Wednesday, October 31 at 8:30 a.m.

The policy followed is shown below so that we can accommodate as many of our parish family as possible. According to Canon Law, a priest can accept only ONE MASS STIPEND per day. If there are multiple intentions for a particular Mass, the additional stipend is donated to the parish. This is the Mass Remembrance policy for St. Matthew.

Specific Masses will be designated monthly for:
Living and deceased members of the parish;
Specific intentions requested by organizations;
Special request of all parishioners;
We will accept requests on
Wednesday thru Fridays
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you mail your requests for Mass Remembrances, we cannot guarantee the dates you request but will give you the first available. In order to accommodate as many of our parishioners as possible, and to allow the availability for emergencies we must limit the number of Masses you request to one every other month (or 6 a year) (Maximum 2 of which could be Sunday Masses, only if available.) Thank you for helping us provide an opportunity for all our parishioners to schedule Masses.

Mental Health Ministry
Mission Statement

Through prayer, support, education and resources we can help our loved ones lead an emotionally healthier life. We can overcome and reduce stigma one individual, one family and one community at a time.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
"Family-to-Family Class"
St. Matthew Catholic Church is offering a Family-to-Family
Class, starting Thursday, August 16th through Thursday,
November 8th, 2018. Class times will be from 6:30pm-9:00pm
in Room 101 of the McDonald Family Center.

Please call 210-734-3349 to register for this free, 12-week
session educational program for family members, significant
others and friends of people living with mental illness.

The course is designed to help all family members understand and
support their loved one living with mental illness, while maintaining
their own well-being.

Course includes information on illnesses such as schizophrenia,
bipolar disorder, major depression and other mental health
conditions.

Thousands of families describe the program as life-changing. The
program is taught by trained teachers who are also family members
and know what it is like to have a loved one living with mental illness.

Parish contact person: Mary Ann Moquin fbmentalhealth@gmail.com
or leave a message at (210) 478-5000.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is a ministry of deep listening.
The Spiritual Director and seeker listen and become attuned to the Holy Spirit in every aspect of life.
If you have a committed prayer life and seek to discover God’s presence in your life, you might consider spiritual direction. The following are formed spiritual directors in our parish:

1) YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER SD IF:
2) YOU HAVE A COMMITTED PRAYER LIFE (OR ARE SEARCHING
FOR WHAT THAT MEANS),
3) YOU DESIRE TO DISCOVER HOW GOD IS PRESENT IN YOUR ORDINARY LIFE, AND YOU ARE ABLE TO HONOR A MONTHLY APPOINTMENT TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION TO GOD’S VOICE.

Ana Bernal- 210-823-7742- Bilingual
Sr. Vera Butler, PBVM- (504) 638-7745
Beth Duarte- 210-478-5006
Fr. Jake Empereur, S.J.- (210) 478-5026
Tina Guerra- 210-912-7526- Bilingual
Frinede Sabella- (210) 827-3112- Bilingual
Annette Smith- (210) 823-5832.
Carol Stehling- (210) 275-8495
Deacon Oscar Vela- (210) 478-5013
Pepe Villagomez- (210) 241-1990- Bilingual
Cecilia von Bertab - 210-492-0407- Bilingual
The St. Matthew Altar Society graciously thanks the parishioners of St. Matthew and friends outside of our parish for the generous support that you have given us. We will definitely have 100 more dozens of tamales next year because they sold out fast! The cookbook has been a great success; out of 560 we only have 20 left!!! We almost sold out of all the baked goods because they all looked so YUMMY. We are already planning to get busy soon making more arts and crafts for next year; we have only very few items left. We sold lots more raffle tickets this year because of the donation of cars for a weekend from North Park Lincoln. We are proud to announce the winners!

**Grand Prize:** Antique Quilt - Dan Vela
**First Prize:** 2018 MKC car for the weekend from North Park Lincoln – Elaine Ballard
**Second Prize:** 2018 cx-5 for the weekend from North Park Mazda – Ann Hoelscher
**Third prize:** $100.00 worth of gift cards – Ann Janecka

**Congratulations** to all the winners and a huge thank you for making our fundraiser a successful event! **God bless you from the St. Matthew Altar Society.**
Christmas Party
SCOTS ANNUAL CELEBRATION
(Senior Citizens of Texas

Celebrate the holidays with us, enjoy an evening
With friends, a delicious catered meal, beverage and dessert.

Dance to the music of poley.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018
ST. MATTHEW PARISH HALL
7:00—10:00 P.M.
TICKETS—$15.00 PP
RESERVATION REQUIRED NO LATER THAN DEC. 11TH

FOR TICKETS CALL:
DOLORES McATEE, 340-5449; LORETTA, 248-6644
LIBBIE, 641-8272; ART, 696-4852
OLGA, 684-5037, JANIE, 269-5942

TICKETS NOT SOLD AT THE DOOR
New Adult Bible Studies

2 Timothy 3:14-17: ‘All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient and equipped for every good work’.

Two new adult Bible studies on the Gospel of St. John will begin in September of this year and continue until the spring of 2019. Both studies will use the Ignatius Press workbook by Dr. Scott Hahn for only $10 for the entire year. Gail Dereszewski will be the presenter for both groups,

1. The Tuesday morning Bible study will begin on September 11th 2018 from 9:45 AM until noon and will meet most Tuesdays through April 9th of 2019, except between the Thanksgiving through the New Year’s holidays. Free childcare is available.

2. The Thursday evening Bible study will begin on September 13th from 7:00 - 8:45 PM in the school cafeteria and will meet most Thursdays until April 11th of 2019, except between the Thanksgiving through the New Year’s holidays. Free childcare is available.

For more information or to register, please call Gail Dereszewski at the parish offices at 478-5004.

Circle of L.O.V.E.
Living Our Values Extraordinarily
An Outreach Ministry for ALL women ages 21 & older.
Meeting Time: 10 a.m.—12 p.m.
Meeting Dates & Location:
McD Center Rm. 101: 8/11, 9/22, 10/6, 12/1
For Information contact Ana María Sánchez 210-508-3633
CircleOfLOVE@StMatthews@gmail.com

Have you ever wanted to dig deeper into the Sunday readings or wanted to ask a “follow up” to the homily? Please join us for “Breaking Open the Word” where we will delve more deeply into the Sunday readings and feed on the rich banquet of our Catholic Scripture tradition. We will discuss among ourselves how the tapestry of Old and New Testaments is woven into our lives. There are no requirements for this class, except having heard or read the Sunday readings for that weekend. There is no cost and no registration. We will meet every Sunday in the Music Room on the first floor of the school from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Bring your bibles and/or missal. All are welcome.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Or are you already a Catholic but want to know more about your faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an evangelization ministry that welcomes and prepares adults to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil.

A new group for English-speaking adults is beginning on Sunday, September 9th, in Room 106 of the McDonald Family Center after the 9:15 AM Mass, with the sacraments received at the Easter Vigil the evening of April 20th, 2019.

Topics that will be covered include faith, the Bible, prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the virtues, the sacraments, discipleship, social justice, the Mass, the Trinity, and many other topics on the teachings of the Catholic Church. Each session will begin with a presentation by various speakers, followed by small group discussion.

Anyone interested in participating in this new group is invited to call Gail Dereszewski at 210-478-5004 to register.

Lighthouse Talks
Augustine Institute

Scan the QR code and order any Talk in MP3 form and save to your phones, cost $3.50 or order a CD delivered straight to you home.

You are very important to this apostolate – keep it thriving
- in your parish – AND – in your community. Check out the kiosk on a regular basis – because the titles do change. Donations will be used towards the purchase of additional materials. Checks can be made payable to the parish.

For a donation of $5 you can choose either a CD or a Book.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana Para Adultos

Ha pensado en convertirse al catolicismo? O ya es católico pero quiere aprender más acerca de su fe. El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos le puede ayudar.

RICA es un Ministerio de evangelización que prepara a adultos mayores de 18 años para recibir sus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación) en la Vigilia de Pascua.

Empezaremos las clases en español el domingo 9 de septiembre en el salón 101 del McDonald Family Center a las 10:30 a.m. Sus sacramentos los recibirán en la Vigilia de Pascua la tarde del 20 de abril del 2019 Los tópicos a cubrir incluyen Fe, La Biblia, Oraciones, los diez mandamientos, las bienaventuranzas, las virtudes, los sacramentos, discipulado, justicia social, la santa misa, la Santísima Trinidad y muchos temas más en la enseñanza de la Iglesia Católica. Cada clase empezará con la exposición del tema por la maestra y después compartiremos el tema y algunas preguntas con todo el grupo.

Las personas interesadas en inscribirse favor de comunicarse con:

Lupita Ramos: 210-288-9748
Rosaura Davis: 210-215-8327

Announcing.....Level 1 Catechist Workshops Offered Again at St. Matthew Parish

It is one of the Archdiocesan and parish pastoral priorities to increase the number of certified catechists. To make this as convenient as possible, the parish has been approved to present the Level 1 Catechist Workshops on campus. All workshops will be held on Saturday mornings, from 9 AM until noon, in Room 106 of the McDonald Family Center. A total of ten different modules will be held on Saturdays beginning July 14, 2018 and ending on February 2, 2019, with breaks for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays. The fee will be $10 per module or $50 for all 10 modules. At the completion of all ten modules, participants will be awarded Level 1 Catechist Certification.

All current catechists (children, youth, and adult), anyone interested in becoming a catechist, and anyone who just wants to learn more about the Catholic faith are invited to register. Gail Dereszewski will be the presenter for all ten modules. The schedule for the workshops is as follows:

- July 14 and 21: Sacred Scripture
- July 28 and August 4: The Sacraments
- August 11 and 18: The Holy Trinity
- September 1 and 8: Understanding the Mass
- September 15 and 22: The Moral Life
- September 29 and October 6: The Church
- October 13 and November 10: Catholic Identity
- December 1 and January 5: Evangelization and Catechesis
- January 12 and 19: Methods for Catechesis
- January 26 and February 2: Foundation in Catechesis

Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, please call Gail at the parish offices at 478-5004.
December 7th Covenant of Love Date Night cancelled!!!
Please join us on January 11th for our next Date Night.
ST. MATTHEW SENIOR CENTER IS OPEN MONDAY THRU FRIDAY FROM 7 AM UNTIL NOON. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY SENIOR WHO IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND WHO RESIDES IN BEXAR COUNTY. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, FRIENDLY, AND INTERESTING PLACE WHERE OUR SENIOR CITIZENS CAN COME AND SPEND SOME TIME WITH OTHER SENIORS. NEW FRIENDSHIPS HAVE BEEN MADE AND SOME OLD FRIENDSHIPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED. VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ARE SPONSORED BY ST. MATTHEW PARISH DURING THE MORNING HOURS. THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION, PROVIDES THE CENTER MEMBERS WITH A NUTRITIOUS LUNCH FROM 11:15 AM TO 11:30 AM EVERY DAY. OUR SENIOR CENTER IS NOT CAPABLE OF CARING FOR THOSE SENIORS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. MEMBERS OF ST. MATTHEW SENIOR CENTER NEED TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SENIOR CENTER WITHOUT REQUIRING SPECIALIZED ATTENTION TO THEIR NEEDS.

PLEASE NOTE:

!!!Pre-registration is required for the lunch program and for the activities!!!
To register for the Senior Center, please go to the following website address: https://seniorstat4.net/seniorstatportal/home/home and select the “Register” button.
If you have any questions concerning the Senior Center, please call the Senior Center at 210-478-5017.

WHAT: SENIOR CENTER GARAGE SALE
WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
TIME: 9:00 AM UNTIL NOON

ORIGINAL CREATIONS AND GARAGE SALE MERCHANDISE WILL BE AVAILABLE. COME AND CHECK IT OUT!!

CLOSED DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
The senior center will be closed from Friday, December 21, thru Tuesday, January 1.
The Senior Center will re-open on Wednesday, January 2.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
The following activities start at 9:00 AM and end at 11:00 AM.
Monday – Bingo
Tuesday – Quilting Group (Quilting group is filled to capacity. No new members will be accepted until further notice. No instruction is offered with this group)
Tuesday - Bunco
Wednesday - Bingo.
Thursday – Jewelry Making, Mexican dominoes, Art Group
Friday – Bingo

Once during every month, we offer the following activities for our members.
1) A guest speaker who will speak on topics that are of interest to our senior citizens,
2) Lunch at a local restaurant (private pay)
3) A morning trip to a place of interest for our seniors (museums, historical places, shopping)
When the Senior Center bus is used for special events, members sign up in advance for a seat on the bus to transport them to the function.
For additional information, please call Georgia at 210-478-5017

HAIR CUTS FOR SENIORS
The schedule for $7.00 haircuts for senior citizens in the Parish Hall is as follows:

Monday, December 3
Thursday, December 6
Monday, December 17
Thursday, December 20

HAIRCUTS WILL RESUME IN JANUARY

ART GROUP
The Senior Center Art Group will continue to meet on Thursday mornings from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM.
If you are a senior citizen and like to paint, please consider joining this talented and friendly group of seniors. Or if you would like to, please drop by on a Thursday morning, and visit with this group. You are welcome.
The art group is currently in need of an art instructor. If you are 60 years of age and have experience in art instruction and are interested in working with very talented senior artists, please contact Georgia at 210 478-5017.

JEWELRY CLASS (For seniors 60 years young or a little older)
If you like to be creative and if you like jewelry, this is the place for you to come on Thursday mornings. This class is open to both men and women.
Bring your own beads and your own jewelry tools. Meet other creative, talented individuals who share your same interest in jewelry. Make new friends while sharing your ideas and learning from others.
No donations are required.
Instruction is offered on the 2nd Thursday of each month only.
Call 210 478-5017 for more information, or just show up on the designated Thursday mornings.
WIDOW/WIDOWER: COPING WITH LOSS GROUP

Grieving is a very powerful emotional journey that helps you adapt to drastic changes in your life. Sharing and walking with others who have experienced this type of loss is very helpful and healing. This support group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month in Rm. 104, MFC. For more information, please contact Lupe and/or Bruce Orey, 348-6199.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

Welcomes you to participate in an evening of song, prayer, discussion of Scripture and the writings of St. Faustina. This devotional community gathers on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the McDonald Family Center, Rm. 104, 7:00 — 8:30 p.m. Contact: Glen & Charlotte Jones, 479-0039.

ANointing of the sick

The practice of offering the Sacrament of the Sick will take place on the second Sunday of this month following the 12:45 Liturgy. This anointing is not a Mass. The format used is called “Anointing Outside Mass.” Fr. Dennis wishes to inform the parish as a whole that the Sacrament of the Sick is for the following: those who are sick, those facing surgery, those with a disease or illness, the aged and anyone who needs God’s healing presence in other areas of their lives. The following is the outline of the service that will be used December 9 for the Anointing of the Sick. It will begin approximately at 2:00 p.m. and conclude within 30-35 minutes afterwards.

Outline of the Rite

Introductory Rites
Greeting
Sprinkling with Holy Water
Instruction
Penitential Rite
Liturgy of the Word
Reading(s)
Response
Liturgy of the Anointing
Litany
Laying on of Hands
Prayer over the Oil
Anointing
Prayer after Anointing
The Lord’s Prayer
Concluding Rite
Blessing

SPIRITUAL BOOT CAMP—ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Pilgrim Center of Hope, 14th Annual Catholic Men’s Conference, Saturday, February 23, 2019, 8 am — 5:30 pm at Norris Conference Center. Have a powerful transformative experience in a spiritually-charged environment. Speakers this year: “Bishop Michael Boulette, Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM, and Dr. Ralph Martin. Reserve your seat ...invite a Brother in Christ to attend with you. Gather a group of ten or more and receive $10 off per man! Learn More/Register today at: CMCSanAntonio.com or call 210-21-3377.

God, I don’t like to be the subject of gossip. When I start to talk about others, remind me that they don’t like it either. Amen.

NEEDED: working washing machine & dryer, queen bed, study table, chairs, and an iron. If you can donate any of these items to help a family, please call Sister Therese at 210 478-5010. Your donations are greatly appreciated.
SENIOR CENTER GARAGE SALE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018
JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, THE SENIOR CENTER WILL HOLD A GARAGE SALE
ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.
IT WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 9 AM UNTIL NOON.
SOME ORIGINAL CREATIONS MADE BY THE SENIORS, AS WELL AS REGULAR GARAGE SALE MERCHANDISE WILL BE AVAILABLE

COME AND CHECK IT OUT.
SOME INTERESTING MERCHANDISE AND GOOD BUYS ARE PART OF THE SALE.
YOU MIGHT FIND THAT ONE ITEM THAT YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR, OR A GIFT FOR SOMEONE WHO IS HARD TO SHOP FOR!
!!COME AND BROWSE AND VISIT WITH MEMBERS OF OUR ST. MATTHEW SENIOR CENTER!!

CLASES DE BIBLIA EN ESPAÑOL: EL EVANGELIO DE SAN JUAN
Conoce tu fe; te invitamos a participar en clases de Biblia.
¿Por qué Clases Bíblicas?
La Biblia es la palabra de Dios.
La Biblia o Sagrada Escritura ilumina nuestro espíritu con Palabras de Vida Eterna.
Las Sagradas Escrituras son un tesoro que contiene todos los bienes. De este tesoro se han alimentado todos los santos, ya sean misioneros, doctores de la Iglesia, personas consagradas, etc.
¿Cómo debe ser nuestra lectura de la Biblia? Debe ser lectura guiada por el Espíritu Santo, atenta a las enseñanzas del Magisterio de la Iglesia para alimentar nuestra vida y nuestra familia.
Nos acompaña: Monseñor Juan I. Alfarò, especialista en Sagrada Escritura
Comienzan el 7 de septiembre, ven, te esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:15 a 8:30 P.M. en el salón 103 en McDonald Center
Para más información llamar a:
St. Matthew (210) 478-5000, Gino Lafuente (806) 570-968, Lupita Lafuente (210) 560-7638
New Year’s Eve Gala

Dinner - Dance

Complimentary Champagne at 12:00 AM

at
St. Matthew McDonald Center
10703 Wurzbach Road

December 31, 2018
Dinner 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Music by the Great Monserrat Band
Ballroom Dancing Music and Special Requests

For Tickets and Reservations Call:
Gloria Gallego    Estella Naranjo    Margarita Garcia
(210) 422-0055   (210) 349-3921   (210) 558-7532

Come Celebrate
Door Prizes
Tickets available at
St. Matthew Administrative Office
(210) 478-5088

Function Benefits the St. Matthew Building Fund
ATTENTION ALL FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORES:

NO CLASSES NOVEMBER 25TH

Happy Thanksgiving!!
See you again on December 2nd!

Service Hour Opportunities:
Don’t forget gift(s) for our Adopt-a-Family (see email)
Bring wrapped/labeled gift(s) to Class on December 2nd or December 9th

Continue to Complete Mass Logs Over Break!
1 Year: Sponsor Forms, Baptismal, & First Communion Certificates DUE
***Can Not Be Confirmed Without This Paperwork***

JUNIORS & SENIORS:

YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body

No Classes November 25th

TEEN RCIA

Happy Thanksgiving!! No Classes November 25th

Classes will be in Session December 2nd

Questions on High School Religious Education Classes, contact Missi Lutz @ 210-478-5038
Let us respond to the request of The Sacred Heart of Jesus through St. Margaret Mary: “Behold this Heart that loves so much and is so little loved in return.” Let us offer our Mass of reparation today for His consolation.
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLES will burn this week for the special intention of Nicole Banuelos.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLES OR THE SANCTUARY LAMP to burn in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for one week, please call 478-5003.

MASS ATTENDANCE for November 17/18 — 3,708 & November 24/25 — 3,661
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