

Announcements

Adult Formation

The Adult Formation class is currently studying the History of Christianity. We are meeting in the Parish Hall at 9am Sunday mornings. All are welcome to join us in this lively discussion.

It's Time to REV up our Little Free Library

A large red box will be placed in the entry-behind the chair-to receive books that you would like to donate. Books will be taken from there to our Little Free Library and changed every week. Please, no school (language, math, English, typing, etc) or cook books.

Summer 8am Sunday Service

Our last 8am Sunday service for the summer will be on August 5th. This service will be Rite I (including Eucharist) and will be a said service (no singing). We will continue to offer our usual 10 am Sunday service with music. Please contact Rev. Laura if you have questions.

LORD'S DINNER -- SUNDAY, August 5th

Here is your opportunity to participate in a very rewarding ministry project. St. Matthias will prepare and serve dinner to about 135 homeless and less fortunate people at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall, 2021 W. Pikes Peak Ave. in Old Colorado City on Sunday, August 5th. A Sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk at the back of the church to donate food for the dinner and/or assist that evening. Please bring all food to the church the morning of August 5th or call me. If you wish to assist in the service of the meal /or setup, we would love to have you join us. We begin setting up at about 4:30 and serve dinner at 6:00. **DONATIONS: GENTLY USED OR NEW HATS, GLOVES, COATS, SWEATERS, SOCKS, TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES, TOOTHBRUSHES, DISPOSABLE RAZORS, NEW OR USED CANDLES AND BLANKETS** can be left in the basket inside the main door through August 5th. If you would like to make a cash donation, I would be happy to accept it and purchase toiletries at the Dollar Tree Store. They appreciate the meal, our prayers, and our fellowship. We always leave feeling that they have given us more than we have given them. Contact Kathy Strom (481-0943) for more information.



Lots of good food, face painting, 3-legged races, and a few surprises as well. Are you looking for a Peachy Good Time spent with friends and family? Want to make some new memories that will last for years? Be sure to set the date on your calendar for the **Annual Church Picnic on August 19th** following the service. The Daughters of the King are bringing peachy desserts. We will be needing water guns, gunny sacks, and other outdoor games.



Ministry Fair: August 26

Ministry Fair Sunday is coming up quickly. This is an important Sunday in the life of the parish as we renew our commitment and energy to the faithful ministries at St. Matthias. Part of our stewardship to God is the use of our Time & Talents. You will receive more information as that Sunday approaches, but for now, please mark your calendars and we hope you will join us!

Coffee Hour

We are in need of coffee hour providers. The August sheet is now up. There are places to sign up for set up/clean up and/or provide food. We will be doing Ice Cream Sundaes on Sunday during July.

Grocery Cards

Please see Bill Clewe after church to purchase Safeway and King Soopers reloadable grocery cards for \$10 each.



Feed my Starving Children

The day that we can go and pack meals for starving children will be here before you know it. Please think about participating in this very worthwhile event. I hope we will be able to work on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018. Save the Date and more information will follow.

Youth Group

Youth Group is on summer break. Please watch the bulletin for any summer youth gatherings.

Need an Announcement in the bulletin or eblast?

Send Micky the announcement as you want it to appear to stmatthias@comcast.net by Noon, Wednesday prior to the weekend you want it posted.

Parish Medical Equipment Lending Closet

Our Lending Closet, originally provided from the Vicki Cummings' estate, has received additional donations of new and near-new items. Available for short- or long-term loan (by reaching Jim Rosa 719-684-5882, or through the church office) are: transport (wheel-) chair, two foldable walkers, shower bench, commode with stand, foam cushions, folding bed-top table, arm sling, abdominal binder, system to help put socks on after surgery, pill organizer, and some consumables, like latex gloves. If you or a loved one has need of this home-use medical equipment, please call.

Photo Releases

There are photo release forms in the pew racks. Please complete one so that we may use pictures taken at church events in the newsletter/website/publications for St. Matthias. Thank You.

For Those Deployed

We want to pray for those deployed in the fight against Terrorism, especially those in Iraq or Afghanistan. If you have a friend or loved one so deployed, please pass along to us their name (and yours). You may let Micky in the office know - stmatthias@comcast.net.

St. Matthias and Tri-Lakes Cares: A Steady and Strong Relationship

As many of you know, St. Matthias has generously supported Tri-Lakes Cares for many years. Through our weekly food pantry donations, to the Giving Tree Ministry, to our school supply drives, you have helped Tri-Lakes Cares not only serve the needy, but to thrive and expand. What you may not be aware of, though, is that TLC is the **only** food pantry and resource organization located in and serving the Tri-Lakes Region. Because of this reality, they are a crucial resource in our area. In addition to their food pantry, TLC also offers financial, medical, and educational assistance to those in need. This dedicated, volunteer-based organization helps people in emergency situations, as well as those with day to day needs, and strives to guide its clients towards a life of self-sufficiency.

St. Matthias supports TLC weekly through our food pantry donations. New food slips will be in the offering baskets each month. I encourage you to take one, purchase what is listed, and bring the items back to St. Matthias. These items can be deposited in the large basket located behind the last pew, and will be brought to the alter for Reverend Laura to bless during the service. The collected items are then taken by a parishioner to the Tri-Lakes Cares facility for donation, where volunteers are always grateful for our help with this vital ministry.

If you're looking for a way to give back to our remarkable community, or maybe you used to participate regularly in this ministry, but have fallen away recently (like me!), consider re-igniting your desire to open your heart and support this awesome program! Questions? Contact Laura Barkocy at: lbarkocy@hotmail.com Thank you!

To read more about the services Tri-Lakes Cares offers, please visit their website at: tri-lakescares.org