

May 2024

The Messenger

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
9349 E. 65th Street
Raytown, Missouri 64133



Dear Church family,

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make my recent Installation as rector so meaningful. Much appreciation to Patti for recruiting such special people to sing in the choir! Patti's chanting of the Litany for this reception was amazing too! A huge thank you to Jason Brooks for the excellent sermon he delivered with such short

notice. Thanks to the altar guild for their work with the elegant preparation of the altar. I am also appreciative of everyone from the church who attended and all our special guests; Bishop Diane all the diocesan staff.

Thinking ahead, let's remember **Pentecost Sunday** on **May 19th**. We will celebrate with a procession, the sounds of a Mighty Wind and delicious meal of red food after the worship service in the church undercroft. Unfortunately, the Wildwood boys can't be with us this year for Pentecost Sunday, however they will be with us for a **BlueGrass Sunday** on **June 2nd** in the 10 a.m. worship service. We will observe Morning Prayer with Bluegrass gospel music interspersed throughout the service with a short sermon. Please feel free to dress like a hillbilly and as one who loves Americana music! Let's try and sing along and clap when we can!

On the next **Sunday June 2nd**, **Bishop Diane** will be us in the 10 a.m. service. In this service, **Eric Martinez** will be received from the Roman Catholic Church as a member. After the service, we will have a luncheon with Bishop Diane leading some discussion around the table. We hope to see all of you there for this special service. There will be an opportunity to give to the Bishop's discretionary fund. Please make those checks out to the Diocese of West Mo.

Blessings on all,

Fr Jeff and Brenda

St. Matthew's Staff

The Rev. William Jeff Hurst

Rector

Sherry Minzey

Admin. Assistant

Patti McGill

Music Director

Officers

Jason Brooks

Senior Warden

Carl Turlin

Junior Warden

Brenda Laney

Treasurer

Linda Gerding

Secretary

Service Times

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 a.m.

Streamed on YouTube

THE INSTALLATION OF FR. JEFF HURST

AS RECTOR OF ST. MATTHEW'S

April 20, 2024



It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon to finally have our part-time Priest-in-Charge (for the past two years) be installed as our Part-time Rector! The 2:00 PM Installation service was officiated by The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Provisional and one of St. Matthew's ordained, Barbara Wegener, serving as Deacon.

Jason Brooks, Sr. Warden, delivered the Sermon, and Janet Anderson was Lector. As part of the Induction the following items were presented to Fr. Jeff: a Bible by Brenda Hurst, water by Bishop Bruce, a Stole by Christina Brooks, a book of prayers by Brenda Laney, olive oil by Linda Gerding, keys to the church by Jason Brooks, an edition of the 1949 Constitution and Canons by Fr. Tim Coppinger, and the bread and wine by Linda Gerding. All these items to be signs of ministry in St. Matthew's.

The choir included several guest singers: David Beckers, Toni Boehm, Christi Brown, Jim Jandt, Bruce Quayle, Cindy Sheets, and Jessica Toro, and filled the sanctuary with beautiful hymns. Patti McGill, Music Director, also did a wonderful job serving as Cantor.

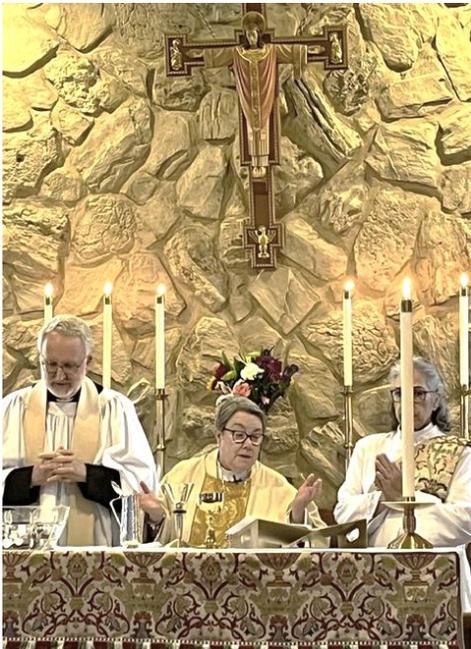
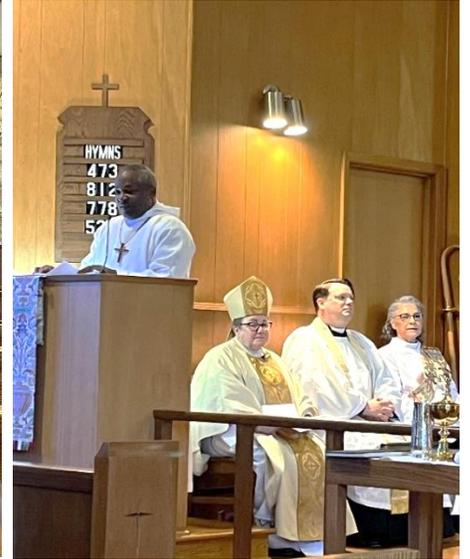
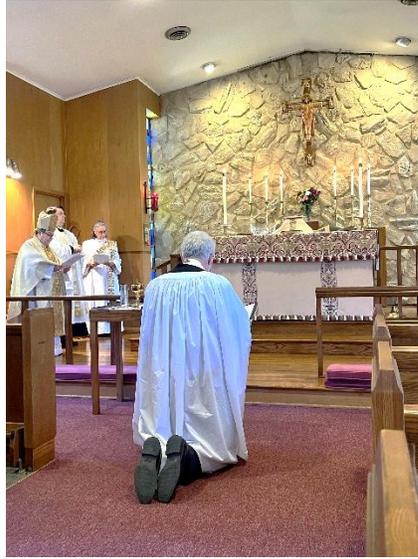
A basket for Congratulation cards and gift cards was overflowing. A special gift of two identical polo shirts with "Here I Am Lord" printed on the back was given to Fr. Jeff and Brenda by the Altar Guild.

Thanks be to God! Amen

Linda Gerding-reporting

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INSTALLATION OF FR. JEFF HURST





Message from the Sr. Warden

The year 2024 is a new chapter in St. Matthews history and I'm glad to participate in our future. For anyone who is new to the story, my name is Jason Brooks, and I have been appointed by Fr Jeff and the vestry as St. Matthew's Senior Warden for a 2-year term.

My Christian life started in the parish with baptism and marriage. I have been a member of St. Matthew's for 20 years. This welcoming community made it easy for me to fit in and find a place to work out what it means to know how Jesus Christ shapes my life.

I'm naturally a service-oriented man who appreciates a job to do in a community. In past years I have applied my talents in varied roles and worked into the position I have today. As senior warden, my aim is to continue my spiritual growth and the growth of the church through service and employing biblical direction to stay on track.

I urge everyone to invite everyone they meet to come to church and share the enthusiasm of worshipping God together.

Jason Brooks, Senior Warden



Flying Solo

On April 27 our movie was *Unsung Hero*, a faith based true story of the Smallbone family who moved from Australia to the states in the 1990s. The children became two of the most successful acts in contemporary Christian music. We all enjoyed it and really enjoyed our dinner at the Firebirds' Restaurant in Lee's Summit.

Mary Cease

36TH ANNUAL AIDS WALK

APRIL 27, 2024



Due to the impending forecast of rain showers, this year's Walk was shortened to just a little over a mile; they do the Walk rain or shine. Also because of the weather forecast, St. Matt's Team consisted of one participant; AND, it never rained...thank you Lord!

As always, St. Matthew's Parish had many donations that ended up totaling \$175. Thank you to those who donated this year: Janet Anderson-Brown, the Brooks', Mary & Charles Cease, Linda Gerding, the Laney's, Janie Matson, and the Turlins. If you missed catching me to donate to this Walk...fear not!...the Crop Walk is coming up next in October. 😊

St. Matthew's Community Service & Outreach Chair is ALWAYS grateful for the generosity of this Parish.

Blessings, Linda Gerding



This I Wish

*May you relish your individuality,
Living every day as you--and only you—desire*

*May you honor your intuition,
Listening to your innermost self,
knowing divine order endures*

*May you treasure life's intricacies,
Lingering in the details, ever
transforming your vision*

*May you laugh infectiously,
Looking for lightness in each moment,
cherishing those who laugh with you*

*May your spirit shine incandescently,
Lighting up lives around you,
brightening stranger's days*

*May you find love that lasts infinitely,
Loving inclusively—and being loved
incomparably*

*May your education go on into infinity,
Learning without end,*

Amen.

Heide Aungst

Linda Batson, Daughters of the King



FAREWELL TO JEANNIE MILLER

March 15, 1938 - April 25, 2024

She was born on March 15, 1938 in Kansas City, Missouri, to Vosco and Nina Huffman. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was married to George Miller for 69 loved filled years. She and George loved to dance. She enjoyed spending time sewing, crocheting, working on crafts, and her yard filled with flowers. Some of her most precious memories was time with family. Her granddaughters and her great- grandkids were her pride and joy. She loved having them over for the holidays and always having something she had made by her own hands for them to enjoy.

Jeannie worked as a stay-at-home mom until her girls were in school. Once she entered the work force she was employed by Rycom, Research Credit Union and Research Rockhurst College of Nursing.

She was a faithful member of St. Matthew's for 63 years. She loved serving on the alter guild and helping whenever the Church had a need arise. Her passion was for the Church to be reverently prepared for all seasons and bring honor to her Lord and Savior.

She was preceded in death by her husband George. Jeannie is survived by her daughters Denise and Janice (Mark) ; 2 granddaughters: Stacey (Jarrod) and Natalie (Brian) ; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family would request contributions to Saint Luke's Hospice or St. Matthews Episcopal Church Raytown. All contributions would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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May 23rd

June

Messenger & Calendar

Deadline

