



October 2023

The Messenger

ST. Matthew's Episcopal Church
9349 E. 65th Street, Raytown, MO 64133

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Service Times

Sunday Worship
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S CELEBRATES PATRON SAINT



This year St. Matthew's Day, to honor our Patron Saint, was celebrated on September 17, 2023 with decorations, a pot luck feast, and a special cake.



The Altar Guild worked their "magic" to switch out all the linens to red in honor of our Saint. Red flowers were also on the altar and many parishioners wore their red, to honor our Saint as well.

Virginia Sembower provided money themed decorations to represent the fact that St. Matthew was a tax collector. There was some assembly required, so the Daughters of the King pitched in to help. Hospitality Co-Chair Christina Brooks assembled the list for volunteer food donations and Zella Forsythe provided the special cake. Thanks to everyone who came to celebrate, brought food, and helped clean-up. A good time was had by ALL!

Linda Gerding-reporting





St. Matthew's Day



Special Blessing For Educators

On Sunday August 27, 2023 Fr. Jeff asked all the Educators present to please come forward for a special prayer and blessing, and for Zella Forsythe to please come up and assist him.

It is the beginning of another school year and the congregation likes to send our teachers out with prayer

“That they would be effective in all their labors and service for our children, and that they have a good and safe year.”

Fr. Jeff and Zella blessed, Marci Brown Turlin, Janet, Anderson Brown, and Jim Laney. Following that they all laid hands on Fr. Jeff and blessed him as well. (Fr. Jeff substitute teaches in the Park Hill School Dist.)

Reporting,
Linda Gerding



Diversity and Reconciliation Fall Workshop

On Saturday, September 16, 2023, Fr. Hurst, Judy Taylor, Jason Brooks, and Linda Gerding, attended the Diversity and Reconciliation Workshop presented by that Diocesan Commission Team. It was an all-day workshop and included breakfast pastries and a hot lunch.

The Diocese awards a Certificate of Completion and requires the training every five years for clergy, vestry, and other parish leaders.

It was well presented, enlightening, and informative. Anyone can register to attend at no charge when the classes are offered in the Spring and Fall. St. Matthew's was well represented by its leadership at this training session.

Linda Gerding-reporting



Flying Solo

On Saturday, September 16, our movie was My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3, a funny, feel-good movie. Linda and Jane joined the rest of us at Minsky's after the movie. A fun time was had by all.

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Online Links

Online Giving Link:

<http://stmatthewsraytown.org/>

Facebook:

[St. Matthew's Episcopal Church | Facebook](#)

St. Matthew's Website:

[St. Matthew's Episcopal Church \(stmatthewsraytown.org\)](http://stmatthewsraytown.org)

**NOVEMBER
MESSENGER
&
CALENDAR**

**DEADLINE
OCTOBER 23RD**





The Celtic Commandments from the *Carmina Gadeia*

Give thou thin heart to the wild magic,
To the Lord and the Lady of Nature,
Beyond any consideration of this world.

Do not covet large or small,
Do not despise weakling or poor,
Semblance of evil allow not neat thee,
Never give nor earn thou shame.
The Ancient Harmonies are given thee,
Understand them early and prove,
Be one with the power of the elements.;
Put behind thee dishonor and lies.

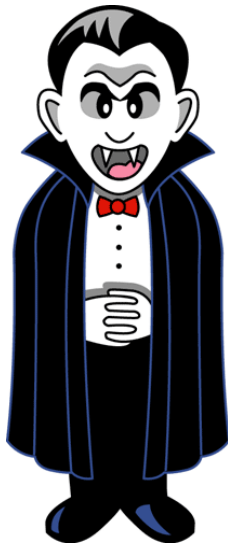
Be loyal to the Lord of the Wild Wood,
Be true to the Lady of the Stars,
Be true to thine own self besides,
True to the magic of Nature above all else.
Do not thou curse anyone,
Lest thou threefold cursed shouldst be,
And shouldst thou travel ocean and earth,
Follow the very step of the ancient trackways.

Linda Batson – Daughters of the King





TRUNK OR TREAT



SATURDAY, OCT 28TH

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

ST. MATTHEW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARKING LOT

9349 EAST 65TH STREET

RAYTOWN, MO

