

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



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Carry Your Church in Your Pocket!

Hello friends:

If you haven't yet played with St. Matthew's new App I encourage you to check it out! There's a world of information at your finger tips and it's so simple to use. Jay Theriot has got this up and running and is continuously refining and improving it. This is designed to be used on your smartphone, or iPad or tablet. You'll be amazed at all the great info you can easily access at the tip of your finger.

If you like to see pictures of recent goings on there's a gallery full of them that pull up instantly when you press the link. If you want to hear an audio recording of one of our past worship services, they are all there. And if you missed the sermon, it's recorded there as well. If you can't remember the date or time of an upcoming event, check out the calendar and you'll see it. (If you're a leader of a ministry group you can update the calendar of events yourself). If you want to pull up the eNewsletter (or a past issue) it's there also. If you're curious about St. Matthew's School, or wondering how to schedule a visit, the info is right there. Interested in getting involved with a particular ministry group....all the details are listed about what each group does and how one can get involved.

One of my favorite features is called "Faith Resources." From here you can launch to the Diocese's website, to Churchwork, to Bible Gateway, the Book of Common Prayer, the Episcopal Lectionary, Girlfriends in God, and also to Morning/Evening Prayer. Jennifer and I now use this feature for our morning devotions as it's so easy to use. If you tap the icon at the top of the Morning/Evening Prayer window it takes you to the entire text of the Daily Office. It even provides the full text of the scripture lessons appointed for the day. So you can pray wherever you may be: sitting in carpool, at an airport, or on your sofa. And you will be praying the same prayers and reading the same lessons as people all across the globe.

We also have a Prayer Wall now on which you can post requests for prayer. Finally, once you see how neat this is, you can text or email your friends a link where they can download the app as well. It's all free so I encourage you to give it a try, and to help spread the word. This is such a useful tool—and so user friendly. It will help us stay connected and also help us maintain an online presence so we can continually reach out and invite others into our community of faith.

To download the App click here:

Appstore: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/st.-matthews-episcopal-church/id1091481317?ls=1&mt=8>

Playstore: http://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app_matthewhouma.layout

HTML5: <http://editor.web4uonline.com/html5?appcode=matthewhouma>

See you in Church,

Fr. Craig

Announcements:

- There will be no garage sale drop off on April 21st. The next drop-off date is **April 16, from 9-4**. Only furniture can be dropped off the week of May 2.
- The **129th ECW Annual Gathering** will be on Friday, April 22, & Sat., April 23, in Baton Rouge at St. James' Episcopal Church. Accommodations are at HOTEL INDIGO located at 200 Convention St. , Baton Rouge, La. For reservations, call 1-225-343-1515. Cost is \$50. Please contact Debby Fortier to inquire: 985-851-1473 or 985 -856-2669 cell.

CONGRATULATIONS!

[Julien Noel D'Souza](#) was born to his parents Leon and Gredel on February 22, 2016. He weighed a healthy 8 lbs 2 oz.

Also, Bob and Dana Davis are proud new grandparents of [William Sawyer Beducian](#) who was born to Robin and John Elliott on March 27. Mama and baby are both doing well.

The Rector is quite excited about this recent church growth!



Les Amis Performance and Reception

April 24th from 5 pm until 7 pm at St. Matthew's Church Les Amis de la Chanson will perform a musical celebration of St. Matthew's home-coming!

The concert choir began performing in 1987. Les Amis' repertoire includes sacred and secular music of all styles and all periods.

The spring program at St. Matthew's on April 24th at 5 pm includes selections from the 20th century, but nevertheless includes "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" (Brahms - 19th century) in a musical celebration of St. Matthew's home-coming.

We welcome all that can attend. There will be a reception following the performance in the Parish Hall.

SMEC Website:www.stmatthewshouma.org

Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

www.edola.org**SMES Website:**www.stmattsschool.com

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Sunday Service 10:00am

Nursery & Youth Programs

Prayers & Thanksgivings

Barbara & Alex S., Kathy, Margaret, Frances, Wilma, Ingree, Andr e, Sharon, Sybil, Marian, Johanna, Angelle & Taylor, Emily, Rocelle, Warren, Harold, Gordon, Phil and Shirleen, Pete & Paula, Russell, Jennifer, Hunter, Penny, George, Delores, Kellie, Barney, Flo, Ray, Louise, Kimble, Gerard, David, Gina, Jeanie, Steven, Chris, Genevieve, Connie, Fannie, Frank, Ed, Ben, Herman, Barbara, Grady & Teresa, Kim & baby, Janet, Cher, Ray, Flavia & Charlie, Charles, Annabelle, Mick, Hannah, Steven, Samantha, Roger, Colby, Shawn, and our Partner-In-Mission sister parish, San Jose in Honduras. We give thanks and pray for St. Matthew's Episcopal School, S. Myers McAllister, Head of School, members of the Board, faculty, staff and students, our Parish Vestry.

Happy Birthday!

1-Ryan Kilgo	25-Charleen Westbrook
3-Bob Davis	26-Bill Fortier,
4-Lyle Lirette	26-Sandra Deroche
8-Charles Dalferes	29-Laura Kern
14-Shanna Himel	29-Mike Niette
15-Abby Ricker	29-Erica Polk
15-Lilie Ricker	30-Shirley Lirette
19-, Louise Dupont	
20-Rachel Boquet	
24-Corey Pellegrin	
25-Dixon Lewis	

Happy Anniversary!

4-Harold and Lydicia Belanger
11-Chris and Bonnie Siegrist
29-Lane and Anne Bates

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over your child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Schedule

April 10, 2016

Team 2

Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon Pontiff, Donna Knight
Lector	Sybil Webb
Acolyte	Kalli Willett
Ushers	George Drury, Karen Chauvin, Tina West
Vestry Member on Duty	Gail Duhe'
Altar Guild	Sandy Ostheimer, Karen Kelly
Flower Guild	Carolyn Lirette
Hospitality	Hildegard Blanchard

Wednesday, April 13, 5:30PM – Healing Service – Hildegard Blanchard

April 17, 2016

TEAM 3

Eucharistic Ministers	Alex Ostheimer, Sandra Deroche
Lector	Jessica Blair
Acolyte	Kayleigh McNelis
Eucharistic Visitors (EV)	Emilie Daye
Ushers	Sharon Pontiff, Emmalee Antill, Keith
Vestry Member on Duty	Suzette DeHart
Altar Guild	Gail Duhe', Sharon Pontiff
Flower Guild	Keri Kelley
Hospitality	Karen Kelly
Homes Visited Today:	Kathy Ryan, Wilma Belviy

Wednesday, April 20, 5:30PM – Healing Service – Hildegard Blanchard

Tickets on Sale Now!

Call 985-872-5573

or email Kelly Phillips at
kelly.phillips@stmattshouma.org



Come enjoy an evening of amazing works of art from the students, faculty, and staff at SMES, along with works of art from community leaders, families, and friends. These masterpieces will be on exhibit for silent and live auction. Guests are invited to bid on VIP Experiences, reserved parking and seating for school events, Teacher Treasures, and more!

Thursday, April 28, 2016 6 – 8 PM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church & School Parish Hall

243 Barrow Street | (985) 872-5573

www.StMattsSchool.com/art-under-the-oaks

Tickets : \$5 (entry & door prize chance included)

Current SMES students admitted at no charge!

Patron Party 5 – 6 PM

signature cocktails • hors d'oeuvres • early bidding • complimentary childcare during party • \$25 ticket also includes entrance into art show and door prize chance

For details on the event, to donate art or services, or become a sponsor, contact Kelly Phillips.
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Silent Auction 6 - 7:15 PM
Chorister Performance 6:30 – 6:45 PM
NEW! Live Auction 7:15 – 7:30 PM
Checkout 7:30 PM
Event Ends 8 PM
Live Music, Food, & Fun all night!

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE SMES ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN.