

THE TROUBADOUR

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024



Singer-songwriter, Matthew Wise, has been touring Texas with Americana band Down for the Count for the last thirteen years. When the pandemic shut down most venues and prevented the band from playing live shows, Matthew got back to writing. His first solo album, entitled "We Ain't Finished Yet" is co-produced with the legendary Lloyd Maines, and was self-released in October 2023. The album's style reflects the influences of Texas artists from Hayes Carll to Lyle Lovett, and features dance hall tunes as well as retrospectives on marriage and parenting. Drawing upon his own experiences as an Episcopal priest, husband and father, this songwriter's lyrics reveal a vulnerability and depth you don't often hear on country radio.

SUNDAY EASTER CELEBRATION

Eggs, eggs, eggs were everywhere! Children found treasures outside, and adults searched the kitchen, the parlor, and even the restrooms for candy bearing eggs. In the parish hall, they didn't have to look hard to find eggs even hanging from the ceiling!

Following the hunt, prizes (H-E-B gift cards) were awarded to the persons with the most eggs, Christine & Cynthia Flores. Second place was awarded to Rosie Tatum and Braxton Feemster. A beautiful spring plant was awarded to the person with the least eggs, Sandy Whitley.

After the flowering of the cross and an Alleluia enriched Eucharist, the congregation once again moved to the parish hall, Chez Franceez, where tables had been set with the finest crystal, flatware, and china our church has to offer. Debbie Studer had decorated each table with a beautiful and fitting Easter centerpiece.

Our Parish Luncheon featured side dishes from our own gourmet parish chefs. These complimented the amazing smoked Turkey breast provided by Doug Wuest and delicious baked ham provided by Kay and Paul Roeh.

Many thanks to "The Spitballers" (a St. Francis "think tank" - LOL comprised of Kay Roeh, Melanie Klotzman, and Andrea Wise.) Thank you also to Mike and Rosie Tatum, Ted Wise, Paul and Kay Roeh, Judy Robisheaux, Sue Howard, Charlie Kouba, and Cynthia, Christine, and Evillio Flores for all their help with clean up.

The first ever Adult Egg Hunt and Parish luncheon promises even more fun next Easter!









Easter Sunday was a phenomenal day in so many ways! We had great fun before, during, and after the service. One of the things I loved most was the sound of the bells as we rang in the allelujah's. Each time we rang them I was reminded of your generosity and support for our tower bell as we raised then fully funded its repair. Thank you to everyone who gave to support this important project. We are finalizing our contract with the company and hopefully

getting our repairs scheduled soon. I'm already looking forward to hearing it rung again soon! Blessings, Stephen+

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 ~ Judith Thompson

April 15 ~ Scott Gorsuch

April 28 ~ Joyce Scott

April 28 ~ Andrea Wise

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 16 ~ Mark & Melanie Klotzman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Allison, Angie, Ben & Luke, Beth, Bill, Bruce, Chris, Christy, Daniel, Debbie, Dianna, Elizabeth & Charlie, Frank & Stella, Glenn, Hayes, Heather, Jason, Jim & Louise, Joyce, Kathy & Richard, Kaye, Lauren, Luis & Dianne, Luke, Melinda, Melinda, Michael, Noack Family, Nolan, Raden, Rae, Reagan, Rebecca, Richard, Richard, Riley, Robyn, Ronnie, Russell, Sheri, Shirley, Standing Committee of the DWTX, St. Jacques' School-Haiti, Van Dusen Family, Young Life, Zak