

2023-24 HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

DOUGLAS TALLAMY

October 22, 2023

Thanks to the Communities of Calling Grant, Douglas Tallamy, the bestselling author and environmental activist, will give a lecture about his Homegrown National Park concept. His simple and practical idea of landscaping your home's property to support the local ecosystem is a way we can contribute to a sustainable future. Tallamy says, "our landscapes must do the things that enable ecosystems to produce the life support we and every other species requires."

PARISH GOALS

- Assess our Christian education programming that spans the ten decades of life.
- Invigorate volunteer engagement in the parish.
- Do a financial analysis on how dollars from the Annual Stewardship campaign, planned giving, and rentals fund the congregation. Discover and implement best practices in stewardship, planned giving, and utilizing our space to create rental income.

SKILL SHARING CLASSES

Our Skill Sharing program is a social enterprise where we learn about each other's callings while raising money to alleviate poverty in our city. We host classes where parishioners and members of the community teach a skill that they describe as a calling. The Fall 2023 classes include journaling with Suzette Carty, bread baking with Justin Klassen, managing anxiety with Jamie Horsely, "Why we Love Africa," with the Stodghills, and country ham and bacon curing with the Rev. Benjamin Hart and Charles Frank.

DIMENSIONS OF FAITH

March 17, 2024

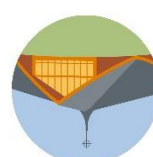
The purpose of this biannual lecture series is to offer intellectually stimulating and provocative forums on social, ethical, and theological issues. It is intended to reflect the Episcopal tradition of being open to diverse points of view. Our Spring 2024 speaker is the Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, the Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, who will speak about how we learn to be brave.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

This year, we celebrate 75 years of mission and ministry as a church. Watch for a very special St. Matthew's Day on September 24th, a 75th anniversary booklet—*Spreading our Roots*—which celebrates our origins and future vision, a special tribute to the Stewards of St. Matthew's in the fall, and other meaningful anniversary events throughout the year.

PARISH FORMATION

New intergenerational formation programs are being introduced this year to meet our education benchmarks across the ten decades of life and encourage a greater sense of community. Events such as the Parish Hike in August and the Parish Color Run/Walk in September are examples of new intergenerational formation. To learn more and/or to propose/host a program, contact Julie Mushkin and Lindsay Serrano.



MINISTRY FAIR
Sunday, 8/20, Saints Hall

Come as we highlight the ministries at work at SMEC; stay for fellowship and the annual pie potluck!

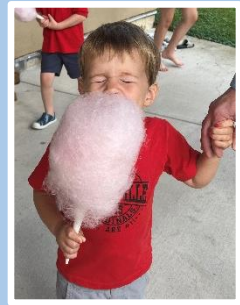


PARISH HIKE
Sunday, 8/27, Jefferson Memorial Forest

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation on Forest Sunday; hike through this tranquil nature preserve with guide Charles Frank.

PARISH COLOR RUN/WALK
Sunday, 9/10, 2p, Field

Celebrate community, individuality, inclusion (and gelato!) at the first-annual SMEC Color Run/Walk. Wear white and get ready to get colorful. All ages.



ST. MATTHEW'S DAY
Sunday, 9/24, Saints Hall

Celebrate St. Matthew's, and after the service, join us for bounce houses, food, cotton candy, and the kickoff for our 75th anniversary celebration.

SAINT FRANCIS SUNDAY
Sunday, 10/1, Saints Hall

During the 10a Eucharist, we celebrate all God's creatures. Bring your animals for this special service and blessing.



DOUGLAS TALLAMY LECTURE & RECEPTION
Sunday, 10/22, Nave, 6p



Hear from environmentalist and best-selling author, Douglas Tallamy, how to be better stewards of Earth.

BISHOP NICHOLAS & ADVENT FUN
Sunday, 12/3, Nave and Saints Hall

Enjoy Bishop Nicholas's visit at 10a, followed by crafts, lunch, and snowball fights!



CHRISTMAS SERVICES & PAGEANT
Sunday-Monday, 12/24-25, Nave



Advent 4 Services @ 8a & 10a
Christmas Eve Pageant @ 5p
Eucharist with the choir @ 8p
Christmas Day Eucharist @ 10a

BISHOP MARIANN BUDDE DIMENSIONS OF FAITH
Sunday, 3/17, Nave

The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington will preach at 8a, 10a, and 5p and will lecture at 6p.



YOUTH SUNDAY
Sunday, 4/14, Nave

Enjoy this special yearly service led entirely by the parish youth.



TRINITY SUNDAY
Sunday, 5/26, Nave

Celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity and the gift of our music program.



AUGUST 2023

- 8/5 Skill Sharing: Journaling w/ Suzette Carty
- 8/13 Final Affairs Fair at 11a in the narthex
- 8/16 Choir Practice Resumes
- 8/19 Food Pantry
- 8/20 Ministry Fair/Choir Returns/Road Rally
- 8/27 Parish Hike @ 2:30p/St. Matt's Class #1

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 9/3 St. Matt's Class #2
- 9/6 Handbells Practice Resumes
- 9/10 Parish Color Run/Gelato/St. Matt's Class #3
- 9/16 Food Pantry
- 9/17 Nature Sing & Scavenger Hunt/St. Matt's #4
- 9/23 Skill Sharing: Bread Baking w/ Justin Klassen
- 9/24 St. Matthew's Day/75th Anniversary Kickoff

OCTOBER 2023

- 10/1 St. Francis Day
- 10/12 Skill Sharing: Managing Anxiety w/ Jamie Horsely
- 10/15 Parish "Mandatory Fun" & Charcuterie
- 10/16—10/21 Rummage Sale Prep & Sale
- 10/21 Food Pantry
- 10/22 Douglas Tallamy Lecture @ 6p
- 10/28 Parish Campout

NOVEMBER 2023

- 11/1 All Saints' Day
- 11/12 Parish Pancakes and Pajamas 9a
- 11/14 Skill Sharing: Loving Africa w/ the Stodghills
- 11/18 Thanksgiving Food Pantry
- 11/19 Christmas Pageant Youth Casting Call

DECEMBER 2023

- 12/3 Bishop Nicholas/Advent Family Fun
- 12/5 Parish Ladies' Christmas Tea
- 12/14 Skill Sharing: Country Ham and Bacon
- 12/16 Food Pantry
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Pageant 5p & Eucharist 8p
- 12/25 Christmas Day Eucharist 10a

JANUARY 2024

- 1/7 St. Matt's Class #1
- 1/14 St. Matt's Class #2/Youth Confirmation Orientation
- 1/20 Food Pantry
- 1/21 St. Matt's Class #3/Vestry Town Hall
- 1/28 Annual Meeting & Parish Luncheon

FEBRUARY 2024

- 2/4 St. Matt's Class #4
- 2/9—2/10 Vestry Retreat
- 2/13 Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Supper 5-7p
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday: 7a, 12p, & 7p Services
- 2/17 Food Pantry
- 2/25 Adult Confirmation Orientation

MARCH 2024

- 3/16 Food Pantry
- 3/17 Dimensions of Faith: Bishop Mariann Budde
- 3/24 Palm Sunday
- 3/25—3/30 Holy Week
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday Service & Agape Dinner
- 3/29 Good Friday Services @ 12p & 7p
- 3/30 Great Vigil of Easter @ 7p
- 3/31 Easter/Egg Hunt after 10a Eucharist

APRIL 2024

- 4/14 Youth Sunday
- 4/20 Food Pantry
- 4/21 Legacy Sunday

MAY 2024

- 5/12 Confirmation Rehearsal
- 5/18 Food Pantry
- 5/19 Pentecost/Confirmation
- 5/26 Trinity Sunday

JUNE 2024

- 6/15 Food Pantry
- 6/22—6/28 General Convention

Additional events will be added throughout the year; some dates may change. For current programming information, please subscribe to the eSpirit and check the calendar on our website: www.stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org

