

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, January 11

Sunday School Classes

Giving Envelopes Available for Pick-Up in Parish Hall

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Sunday School Building
- 9:30 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Monday, January 12

- 9:00 AM Count Team Two – Church Office
- 1:30 PM Care Ministry Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Tuesday, January 13

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 11:00 AM Finance Team Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette Dorn – Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 14

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Men's Luncheon – Beef O'Brady's, Clermont
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Sunday School Building

Thursday, January 15

- 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting – Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, January 16

Church Offices Closed

- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Three Set Up – Sanctuary

Saturday, January 17

Church Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Sunday, January 18

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Christmas Flowers & Greens given in Loving Memory of

Anna & Ed Hamilton
Regina Howland
Jason Mathews
Carol Nembrotti
Margaret Richardson
Dorothy Roth Treadwell
Erwin & Arlene Wuester

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Josef Boeni Linda Denslow Nadia Mashi
Jane Boyack Anita Erickson

Parish Family Continued Prayers

Tristen Babcock Diana Mahoney Mary Sturges
Esther Catino Imantee Mallay Joe Sturges
Mother Jane Clark Stanley Mallay Kayla Taylor
Michael Clark CZ Mathews Linda Thorp
Hugh Dial Elijah Mathews Connie Tracey
Robert Eyer Isabella Mathews Liane Trainello
Michael Giallella Jackson Mathews Sandy Unger
Jeannine Helm Don Manny Stuart Wilson
Anne Hollywood Edna Marcus Vera Wilson
Deidre Huffman Olive McPherson Dolores Wilson-Malone
Larry Lock Tracy Morelli
Anne Luposello Sheila Seale

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

Nathan Allabaugh Mary Dorn Felicidad Robinson
Anakin Boeni Eyer Family Autumn Rose
Isabel Boeni Cheryl Ferrell Gene Ruryk
Danielle Chavez Frances LaCroix Suzanne Ruryk
Deena Chavez Francine Lacroix
James Dorn, Jr. Danny Nemeth

Military & First Responders

Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
Vick Boothe, U.S. Army, Undisclosed Location
Delani Carter, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
Spencer Coole, U.S. Air Force, Charleston Air Force Base, SC
Greta Gaasch, U.S. Army Reserve
Lucas Freiberg, Federal Corrections Officer, Coleman Federal Prison
Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, SOCOM, MacDill Air Force Base, FL
Tyler Mathews, U.S. Army, Iraq
Ryan Moore, Clermont Fire Department Station #3
Stephen Nettles, U.S. Navy, NAS Pensacola, Flight School
Luca Newby, U.S. Marine Reserves
Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Afghanistan
Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

Those Celebrating Birthdays

1.11 Hope Blume
1.11 Arthur Forrest
1.12 Geraldine Engel
1.14 Sandy McGowen
1.15 Jackson Mathews
1.15 Carmen Gewirtz
1.17 Callie Longwater

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God & St. Matthias Church

and in Celebration of Diana Mahoney's Birthday
Given with Love by Kathy Mahoney

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God & St. Matthias Church



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday School will meet this **Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 9:20 am!** Please join us in the Sunday School Building just to the right of the Sanctuary. We don't want you to miss any of the fun. There is a lot happening this month and we're meeting every Sunday in January! Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

NURSERY CARE: Nursery Care is available every Sunday in the Sunday School Building during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am services for all infants and children aged one month to three years old. Abby Giallella and Nicholas Crumbo are our amazing caregivers who create a fun, safe, and loving environment for our youngest church family members and visitors. Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!: What a wonderful Sunday School Christmas Happy Birthday Jesus party we had after church on Sunday, December 21, 2025. There were games, crafts, candy trains, pizza, lemonade, birthday cake, and fun, lots of fun! We had parents and staff getting to know each other better sprinkled in with all the kids too. There were over 40 people sharing in the fun. Sunday School is not only thriving and growing, it's hopping and popping too. Let's do something like this again real soon!!! Thank you to Barbie Giddens for the delicious birthday cake; to Hope, Eleonore, and Elijah for volunteering to help; and of course to the teachers, Diane, Joy, Abby, and Nicholas for the extra time and attention....hugs and kisses to you all.

LITTLE HELPING HANDS!: During the month of December, the Sunday School kids were busy spreading kindness and joy! They assembled many sock bags for the St. Matthias Sock Ministry, helping those in need within our community and surrounding areas. They also collected toys for the Toys for Tots Christmas campaign, bringing smiles to children during the Christmas season. In class, we learned important lessons about caring, sharing, and helping others, while also exploring the meaning of Advent—including an Advent song, lighting the Advent candles, and learning about Christmas and the birth of Jesus. We've covered so much this month—and had a wonderful time doing it!

EPIPHANY PAGENANT: OH MY GOSH, do we have the cutest, sweetest, most talented kiddos around? The simple answer is YES, of course we do. They did so well in the Epiphany Pageant, and those wee little sheep were just cuteness overload. I'm so proud of them all! After the pageant we sat down in the Sunday School building for some cookies and juice and talked about our favorite things about the pageant, which included the kids talking about which part they want to play next year. I think that was the most rewarding part for me. My moms were amazing...big, huge thanks to Ana, Barbie, Kessler, and Thei who helped fit, dress, undress, fold and put away the costumes and frankly were happy to do whatever I asked of them. And the stage crew was johnny on the spot...big, huge thanks to Rick, Hannah, Hope, Dave, and Tom. Our Sunday School team really is the best...big, huge thanks to Diane, Joy, Abby and Nicholas. Everyone was such an incredible, cheerful and supportive helper.

GROWING, GROWING, GROWING: I'm sure you noticed, but in case you didn't, WE'VE GROWN QUITE A BIT within the past year. That in and of itself is soooo exciting but with it comes a few needs. Like, we need additional costumes. If anyone sews and would like to help boost the costume closet, we could use some more pageant costumes, and angel costumes, especially. Please let me know if you can help, we will supply a pattern or if you feel you can just whip one up, please do! Please let me know if you can assist as, based on cast member interest for next year, we are definitely going to need more costumes.

TEACHER NEEDED: We are still in need of another Sunday School Teacher. We are set up for four different age groups and have enough students for each class; however, we need someone to join the team. Please see me even if you have just an inkling of an interest in serving in this capacity. I'd love to discuss the options with you.

CLASS TIMES: We are now back to our regular "programming" for the next couple of months...second, third and fourth Sundays of the month at 9:20 am unless it is a single service Sunday and then we meet at 9:50 am. Hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com)

ANGEL TREE THANK YOU: Angel Tree is an opportunity to support the restoration of relationships and for children to know they are loved and remembered by their incarcerated parent as well as their Heavenly Father. This love and our love for our neighbors impacts lives across generations.

Together, as a parish we have made a positive impact and contributed to the hope and reconciliation of so many this past Christmas season. We provided gifts and support for 57 children from 23 families! In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus asks us to be generous givers for the support and the care of His people in need. Fellow parishioners you are generous givers, and through our outreach ministry we “offer our best to Christ.”

The Outreach Committee sincerely thanks you for your expression of God’s love and compassion for our Angel Tree children, their caregivers, and the incarcerated. Like you, we believe that Jesus has the power to redeem any story, no matter how broken, no matter how hopeless. We would ask you now to join us in praying God would continue to guide us in this ministry for His glory.

Wishing you God’s blessings, dear friends in Christ, Saint Matthias Community Outreach Committee

GIVING ENVELOPES: If you completed a request form for giving envelopes, they are available for pick-up in the Parish Hall. If you would like envelopes, please complete the request form located in the Parish Hall and forward to Hope Blume. Please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com or 352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: Please join us **Sundays in the Parish Hall from 10:30 am to 11:00 am** for fellowship, coffee, and conversation. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others and sometimes enjoy a few home-baked treats. All are welcome! Please contact Peggy Hope (352.988.7525) if you have any questions and/or would like to help.

CARE MINISTRY MEETING: Care Ministry will meet this **Monday, January 12, 2026, at 1:30 pm** in the Church Office. Please contact Kathy Mahoney (321.200.7032 or mahoney.kathleen7219@outlook.com) or Maxine Hylton (305.775.3415 or maxhyl1@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Finance Committee will meet this **Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 11:00 am** in the Church Office. Please contact Michael Giallella (352.394.3855 or michaelgiallella@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

GENESIS STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: Please join Janette Dorn as she provides a Bible Study of Genesis Chapters 1-13 beginning this **Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and/or contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS: Bible Study class will meet this **Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

MEN’S LUNCHEON: Hello Men of St. Matthias Church, we have begun our new year, and it feels good to know we will share 12 meals together this year. Our January luncheon is scheduled for **high noon this Wednesday, January 14, 2026**, at Beef O’Brady’s in Clermont. Be there or be square and please RSVP. Maybe you know someone who would enjoy lunch with the guys, please invite a friend! Sincerely, Matt Mobley (407.267.2312 or homeswithmatthew@gmail.com)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: The Stewardship Committee will meet this **Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 5:30 pm** in the Church Office. Please contact Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: It’s a new year and that means starting the planning for our summer VBS program. **Pull out your calendars and block off July 13-17!** We will start out slowly and quietly and move into a roar as we get closer to July. The theme is God Loves You to the Moon and Back: Blasting off into Outer Space. Our first meeting planned is scheduled for **Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Bring your comments, thoughts, ideas, and questions. This is a commitment, but the blessings FAR EXCEED what you put into it. So, how about we get this party started – see you at the meeting! Hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com)

HIGHSCHOOL FIT PROGRAM NEEDS: The Families in Transition (FIT) program is currently in need of the items listed below. If you can help with any of the items listed below, please place them in the red rolling bin in the Parish Hall. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your continued support!

**warm blankets · hoodies · sweatshirts · jackets · leggings (*gently used welcomed - any sizes*)
feminine products · hygiene items (*any type*) · shelf stable milk and food items · wet wipes**

OFFICIAL ST. MATTHIAS CANVAS TOTE BAGS – NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: Sturdy canvas tote bags featuring the **St. Matthias logo and Love Lives Here design** are on sale for **\$5.00** each. Bags may be purchased on Sundays or through the Church Office. These cute bags make perfect stocking stuffers or gifts for family and friends! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Denslow (407.923.6423 or lindadenslow@gmail.com).

FLOWER & SANCTUARY CANDLE CHARTS: The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Charts for 2026 are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. **The cost for flowers this year is \$45.00, and the Sanctuary Candle is available for a heartfelt offering of your choice.** Please be sure to print clearly and include all the information needed for the bulletin: in memory of, celebration of, or thanksgiving for, name or names of who they are being given for, and who they are being given by. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars for the Following Important January Dates

DATE	Day	EVENT	TIME
January 25	Sunday	Sunday Service	One Service - 10:00 AM
January 25	Sunday	Sunday School Classes <i>Nursery Care Available</i>	9:50 AM
January 25	Sunday	Annual Parish Meeting <i>Sanctuary</i>	11:00 AM
January 25	Sunday	Potluck & Fellowship <i>Parish Hall</i>	11:30 AM “ish”

SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
12.21.2025	7:45 AM Service	17
12.21.2025	9:30 AM Service	72
12.21.2025	Sunday School	23
12.21.2025	11:15 AM Service	39
Total		151
Online Views		411

12.24.2025	5:00 PM Service	97
12.24.2025	7:00 PM Service	90
12.25.2025	10:00 AM Service	28
Total		215
5:00 PM Service Online Views		432
7:00 PM Service Online Views		269
10:00 AM Service Online Views		201

12.28.2025	10:00 AM Service	89
12.28.2025	Sunday School	23
Total		112
Online Views		275

1.4.2026	10:00 AM Service	107
1.4.2026	Sunday School	32
Total		139
Online Views		357

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St. Matthias Ads and Classifieds

Supporting & Connecting Our St. Matthias Family!

If you have something to sell, or looking to buy, or a service to offer or one you're looking for, contact Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com) with all the pertinent information, and it will be included in our SMAC section.

HOUSE FOR SALE

If you are in the market for a new home, ours is for sale. Contact our agent Joe Cooper (see below) if you are interested. If someone you know is house hunting, please share the information below. If you have any questions for us, please reach out...hugs and blessings, Karen & Dave Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com or 352.432.3164)

Joe Cooper – 352.874.5764

joe@teamcooperhomes.com / teamcooperhomes.com



FREE

Vintage Ceramic Dog Figurines are free to a lover of Boston Terriers. Please call Peggy Hope 352.988.7525 if you are interested.



IN NEED OF

We need a **new or gently used oven to replace the current one in the parish hall kitchen.** If you are getting ready to replace your oven, and/or willing to donate an oven, please contact the church office at 352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com. Thank you!

FOR SALE

Twin Daybed with Trundle, Metal Twin Size Daybed with Pullout Trundle on Casters. Comes with cover, pillow shams, and sheets. Must pick up. \$75.00. Contact Maxine Hylton at maxhyl1@gmail.com if you are interested and/or have any questions.

FOR SALE

Wednesday Bible Study is selling hot/cold drink cups with all proceeds going to the a/c replacement loan. If you would like to purchase, please contact Anne Hollywood (228.229.6817) or Hugh Dial (863.557.8803). Cost is \$30.00 each and as you can see, they are beautifully handmade!



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