

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, February 1

Giving Envelopes Available for Pick-Up in Parish Hall

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 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 Hope & Hannah Help Table – Parish Hall
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 10:30 AM Music Ministries Gathering – Music Room
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room

Monday, February 2

- 9:00 AM Count Team One – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

VBS Fundraiser at Carrabba's Italian Grill

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Parish Hall
- 11:00 AM VBS Fundraiser – Carrabba's, Clermont (11:00 am to 9:30 pm)
- 12:00 PM Reception Set-Up – Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Sunday School Building

Thursday, February 5

- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, February 6

Church Offices Closed

Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Room

- 1:00 PM Altar Guild Team One Set Up – Sanctuary

Saturday, February 7

Church Offices Closed

- 11:00 AM John Luposello's Memorial Service – Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Reception in Honor of John – Parish Hall

Sunday, February 8

Sunday School Classes

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
- 10:30 AM Music Ministries Gathering – Music Room
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room

SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
1.25.2026	One Service	101
1.25.2026	Sunday School	19
	Total	120
1.25.2026	Annual Parish Meeting	82
	Online Views	368

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Josef Boeni	Fanya Jones	Mary Sturges
Cooper Coole	Diana Mahoney	Joe Sturges
Linda Denslow	Kathy Mahoney	Sandy Unger
Anita Erickson	Nadia Mashi	
Cheryl Ferrell	Jim Storr	

Parish Family Continued Prayers

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

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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

- 1.24 Kessler McClanahan (happy belated-birthday!)
- 2.1 Nicole Lopez
- 2.2 Garret Tyson
- 2.2 Kyle Tyson
- 2.3 Peyton Stocki
- 2.5 Richard Elek

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 2.4 Jason & KC Turner

Those Who Have Died

Dany Kyle, *dear friend & neighbor of Bob & Joan Allabaugh*
 Francine Thibault Lacroix, *Jeannine Helm's sister*

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

and in Loving Memory of Mike Hollywood
 Given with Love by Anne Hollywood

and in Loving Memory of Francine Thibault Lacroix
 Given with Love by Jeannine Helm

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

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 Given with Love by Anne Hollywood

THE BIG RED BUS IS COMING TO ST. MATTHIAS! Come help save lives this **Sunday, February 1, 2026, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**, in front of the St. Matthias Church Office. Appointments can be made using the following link: https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1573659. We are hoping for at least 12 to 15 donors, if we reach our goals, we could be a part of saving up to 36 to 45 lives. Every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion, every two seconds! Please come out and donate, receive some cool donor gifts, and most importantly, help save many lives! Each donation helps save up to three lives! Thank you for your support in this life-saving program!

HOPE & HANNAH HELP TABLE: Since the Parish Hall was crowded last Sunday after the Annual Parish meeting, Hope and Hannah will be available in the Parish Hall this **Sunday, February 1, 2026, after the 9:30 am service** to assist anyone needing membership or volunteer paperwork, name tags, giving envelopes, commitment of faith paperwork, help with realm directory, picture for directory, and any other like items.

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER: Join us for a joyful Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Dinner on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** as we celebrate with good food, fun, and fellowship before the season of Lent begins! Enjoy a delicious meal, festive Mardi Gras spirit, and a great evening together for all ages. Come hungry, bring a friend, and let's celebrate in style! If you would like to assist with the festivities, please contact Fred Jones (407.325.2256 or fjones59@cfl.rr.com). Donations at the door and all proceeds go to paying down the air conditioner loan.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM FANYA JONES: I want to sincerely thank everyone for your prayers, love, and continued support during this time. It has meant more to me than words can express. By God's grace, I am healing well, and I am so deeply grateful for the love and care of the St. Matthias family. With love, Fanya

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED: Welcome to 2026! Are you looking for a new way to serve at St. Matthias? Becoming a member of our Altar Guild is a wonderful way to become involved. The Altar Guild is a lay ministry within our church that is responsible for preparing the sanctuary for worship, maintaining sacred vessels, linens, and vestments. Members ensure the altar is ready for services like Holy Eucharist, weddings, baptisms, and funerals. The Guild works behind the scenes to clean and maintain the sacred space. The Altar Guild is a crucial ministry of service, reverence, and humility ensuring the beauty and order of the church's most sacred area. If you are interested in this vital ministry, contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com). No experience is necessary. We work in teams and will provide training at your convenience.

FLOWER GUILD VOLUNTEER NEEDED: If you are interested in joining the Flower Guild, please contact Lorna Manny (352.250.6202 or lornamanny23@gmail.com) and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have and get you on the volunteer schedule.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Beginning on **Sunday, February 15, 2026**, please join us at **11:15 am** in the Music Room for a Lenten Study about forgiving. "To err is human, to forgive divine," has long been aspirational. Timothy Keller passionately defends the central role forgiveness has to play in our lives and shows readers how and why forgiveness is the only way forward in an imperfect world. Forgiving anyone in a meaningful way is one of the hardest things a person can do. In *Forgive*, Timothy Keller shows readers why it is so important and how to do it, explaining in detail the steps you need to take in order to move on without sacrificing either justice or your humanity. Please contact Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

NURSERY CARE: Nursery Care is available this 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.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRIES GATHERING: A getting to know you/informational meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 1, 2026, at 10:30 am** in the Music Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Music Room to discuss where your place is in music ministries here at St. Matthias. Please contact Gina Mobley (407.782.3065 or ginamobley@aol.com) if you have any questions.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday School will meet this **Sunday, February 1, 2026, at 11:15 am** in the Music Room. Please contact Dolores Wilson-Malone (856.625.1515) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

GENESIS STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: Please join Janette Dorn as she provides a Bible Study of Genesis this **Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please 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, February 4, 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.

VBS FUNDRAISER: Come on out and enjoy a delicious lunch and/or dinner at Carrabba's Italian Grill on **Wednesday, February 4, 2026, from 11:00 am to 9:30 pm** to help support this year's VBS program. 10% of all proceeds will be gifted from Carrabba's to St. Matthias for VBS! Be sure to let your server know you are there in support of the VBS fundraiser. Extra flyers to share with family and friends are available at the back of the Sanctuary and in the Parish Hall. Any questions, please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com).

RECEPTION SET-UP: We will be setting up the Parish Hall on **Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 12:00 Noon** for a reception in honor of John Luposello. If you are available, and would like to help, please meet us in the Parish Hall at 12:00 Noon. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Hope (352.429.9778 or rush1937@embarqmail.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**



DONATE BLOOD

Donors Receive



St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Sunday, February 1
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

All donors receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Long-sleeved T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use **sponsor code 58636**

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2026
11:00 AM - 9:30 PM

We invite you to join us at Carrabba's Italian Grill for dinner to benefit **ST. MATTHIAS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Present this flyer or identify yourself as a supporter and **we'll proudly donate 10% of your total check!**



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If you have a Carrabba's coupon, please consider saving it for your next visit to provide the most support to your organization during this event.

SHROVE TUESDAY

MARDI GRAS & DINNER

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
5:00 PM • PARISH HALL

Join us for some homemade, delicious New Orleans and Caribbean foods served to you by the talented “chefs” of our Monthly Men’s Luncheon group.

RSVPing is required to ensure there is food for everyone. Please RSVP by Sunday, February 8, 2025, via:

Sign-Up Sheet in Parish Hall
Contacting Fred Jones

There is no set cost to attend, but we are asking for donations. All proceeds will go towards our A/C Replacement Loan.

For any questions, please contact:

Fred Jones
407.325.2256

Glen Martin
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forgive

A LENTEN BOOK STUDY

“To err is human, to *forgive divine*,” has long been aspirational. But our complicated modern world has questioned the benefits of forgiveness.

In his book, Timothy Keller passionately defends the central role forgiveness has to play in our lives and shows readers *how* and *why* forgiveness is the only way forward in an imperfect world.



JOIN US!

Sundays at 11:15 am
The Music Room
Begins February 15th

THE READING

Copies of *Forgive* will be provided for all attendees

QUESTIONS?

Contact Matt Mobley
at 407.267.2312

Join us as we explore the steps we need to take in order to forgive without sacrificing either justice or our humanity.

Let's Talk SMAC

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)

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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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