

## This Week at St. Matthias

### Sunday, February 8

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 Hope & Hannah Help Table – Parish Hall
- 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 – Music Room

### Monday, February 9

- 9:00 AM Count Team Two – Church Office
- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling 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, February 10

- 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, February 11

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

### Thursday, February 12

- 11:30 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

### Friday, February 13

Church Offices Closed

- 10:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Two Set Up – Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM I Am A Safe Place Meeting – Church Office

### Saturday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day! ♥

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Scrapbooking/Crafting with Linda – Parish Hall

### Sunday, February 15

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
- 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
2.1.2026	7:45 AM Service	13
2.1.2026	9:30 AM Service	45
2.1.2026	11:15 AM Service	26
	<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>
	Online Views	326

## 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

- 2.8** Imantee Mallay
- 2.8** Sienna Stocki
- 2.9** Richard Ridenour
- 2.9** Barbara Elek
- 2.12** Joyce King
- 2.12** Coleen Cox

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 2.14** Dave & Karen Freiberg
- 2.14** Dale & Emilly Powell
- 2.14** Frank & Wendy Verbeke

### 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  
Carol Nembrotti on her Birthday  
Given with Love by Lidio Nembrotti

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



**CUTENESS OVERLOAD:** Please join us in welcoming our newest church family member, William James McNulty! William was born on Friday, January 30, 2026, weighing 7.14 pounds and 20 inches long. Mom, Nicole, and baby William are both healthy and doing well. Parents Jeff & Nicole and big sister Fiona are over the moon with happiness!!! Welcome to the St. Matthias family, sweet baby William!

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:** Please join us as we hold two services on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 12 noon and at 7:00 pm.** Please contact the Church office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will take place on **Fridays during Lent.** Please join us for week one on **Friday, February 20, at 6:00 pm.** Please contact Glen or Hope Martin (Glen: 352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com / Hope: 352.391.0428 or hopem687@gmail.com) if you would like to serve, read, and/or have any questions.

**SMAC:** St. Matthias Ads and Classifieds (SMAC) is here for you! We want to help you buy and sell personal property and advertise your business. Let me know what you want to sell or buy and we'll add it to the classifieds. In addition, if you have your own business, send us your business card (via email in .jpeg or .tiff format) so we can help get your name and the service you offer shared with our church family. Contact Karen Freiberg (freibegs4@aol.com) to advertise something and/or if you have any questions.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Please start saving some of your trash again. We shall recycle said trash into all things outer space related. Some items to start saving for us are:

**toilet paper tubes · paper towel tubes · CPAP hoses (old) · clean tin cans · old CDs/DVDs  
newspapers · landline rotary phones · 1- & 2-liter bottles · water bottles  
lids to containers of all sizes · no longer used handheld calculators**

This will get us started and we'll add more items as we go along. Thank you so much for your support and your trash! Hugs and blessings, Karen (freibegs4@aol.com)

**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).** Please RSVP via the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and if you are bringing food for the event, please indicate what food(s) you are bringing. Donations at the door and all proceeds go to paying down the air conditioner loan.

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** This **Sunday, February 8, 2026,** is a Sunday School Sunday. Be sure to drop off (9:20 am), check in, and start movin' and groovin' your way to the classrooms!

**NURSERY CARE:** Nursery Care is available 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, Nicholas Crumbo, and Elijah Mathews 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.

**HOPE & HANNAH HELP TABLE:** Since the Parish Hall was crowded at the Annual Parish meeting, Hope and Hannah will be available in the Parish Hall this **Sunday, February 8, 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.

**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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adult Sunday School will meet this **Sunday, February 8, 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.

**CARE MINISTRY MEETING:** Care Ministry will meet this **Monday, February 9, 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, February 10, 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 this **Tuesday, February 10, 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 11, 2026, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. The current topic of study is a study of the Minor Prophets. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON:** Brothers of St. Matthias, We will have our monthly lunch gathering this **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 12:00 pm** at Bob Evans in Clermont (2951 South Hwy 27, Clermont, FL 34711). We had a good group last month with good conversations. Please come out and enjoy a good lunch with good men. Let's check on each other, encourage each other, and have great conversations! Please RSVP! Sincerely, Matt Mobley (407.267.2312 or homeswithmatthew@gmail.com)

**SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFTING WITH LINDA:** **Saturday, February 14, 2026, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun, meet new friends, and create cards, scrapbooking pages, and craft projects of your choice. Please contact Linda Bullen (352.516.3845 or mamabulle@aol.com) if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

**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.

**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**

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**  
352.391.0430

# 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

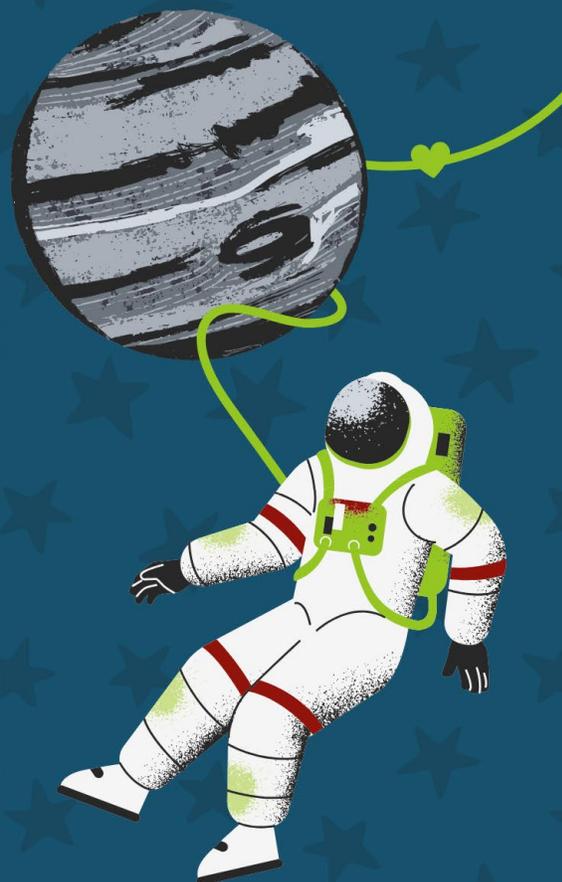
Join us as we explore the steps we need to take in order to forgive without sacrificing either justice or our humanity.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

# GOD LOVES YOU TO THE MOON AND BACK

BLASTING OFF INTO OUTER SPACE

RISING KINDERGARTEN  
THRU FIFTH GRADE  
JULY 13, 2026 – JULY 17, 2026  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## SPACE TRASH...ITEMS TO DONATE

PURCHASABLE ITEMS CAN BE  
FOUND AT THE DOLLAR TREE  
OR ON AMAZON

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW TO  
PURCHASE ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM  
OUR AMAZON WISH LIST!



<https://a.co/005FuAQ3>

### TO SAVE

Paper towel & toilet paper rolls • Old CPAP hoses  
Water bottles • Soda & water bottle caps • Newspaper  
Clean tin cans of various sizes (no sharp edges!)  
Packing insulation from meal kit services (white/silver)  
Old CDs & DVDs • Clean 1- & 2-liter soda bottles  
Old handheld calculators • Old TV remotes

### TO PURCHASE

White ping pong balls • Aluminum foil • Star stickers  
Tea light candles • Spray paint (silver & gray primer)  
Foam paint brushes • Tablecloths (black & starry sky)

PLEASE DROP OFF ALL ITEMS IN THE PARISH HALL

THANK YOU!

# 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)

Joe Cooper – 352.874.5764

joe@teamcooperhomes.com / teamcooperhomes.com



## 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!



## ADVERTISEMENTS – LOCAL BUSINESSES & SERVICES

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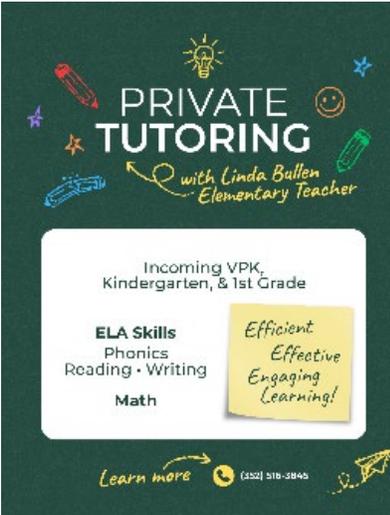
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