

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, March 8

Church Offices Closed

Sunday School Classes

Daylight Savings – Spring Ahead

- 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

Monday, March 9

- 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, March 10

Fr. Jim on Vacation

- 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, March 11

Fr. Jim on Vacation

City of Clermont Fire Inspection

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

Thursday, March 12

Fr. Jim on Vacation

- 4:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room & Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, March 13

Fr. Jim on Vacation

Church Offices Closed

Altar Guild Team Three Set Up – Sanctuary

- 10:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

Saturday, March 14

Fr. Jim on Vacation

Church Offices Closed

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

Sunday, March 15

Fr. Jim on Vacation

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

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Renee Babcock	Anita Erickson	Kathy Mahoney
Josef Boeni	Cheryl Ferrell	Nadia Mashi
Mother Jane Clark	Bob Gourley	Jim Storr
Linda Denslow	Diana Mahoney	Sandy Unger

Parish Family Continued Prayers

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

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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

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

- 3.9** Clarence Sweeney
- 3.9** Shirley Turner
- 3.10** Audrey Lombardi
- 3.12** Cindy Linney
- 3.13** Lidia Nembrotti

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 3.9** Michael & Mindy Giallella

**The Lenten Arrangement is given to the
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church**

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



CUTIE PATOOTIE: Please join us in welcoming our newest church family member, Eden Naomi Wells! Eden was born on February 19, 2026, at 2:29 pm, weighing 7.11 pounds and 20 inches long. Mom, Shania and Eden are both healthy and doing very well. Parents Brent and Shania are so in love with this sweet beauty and filled with much joy and happiness!!! Welcome to the St. Matthias family, sweet baby Eden! Another beautiful blossom to our St. Matthias family tree!

FR. JIM OUT OF THE OFFICE: Fr. Jim will be out of the office from Tuesday, March 10, 2026, returning to the office on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Please contact Hope Blume if you have a pastoral emergency.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to donate to the Easter Flowers, please use an Easter Flower donation envelope located in your service bulletin or at the back of the church. If donating via check, please be sure to indicate Flowers in the memo line. You may also donate via online by choosing the Flower giving fund. If you would like a loved one to be remembered in the bulletin, **all names need to be submitted no later than Sunday, March 22, 2026. Please be sure to clearly print the names.** Please contact the Church office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY: Sunday school will take place this Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 9:20 am in the Sunday School Building. Come join in on the fun! Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS workshops will be cancelled until later in March. Please keep the space junk coming... you can leave it in the Parish Hall on the back counter for us to collect and sort. We love and appreciate each one of you. Our Amazon wish list is also available if you would like to purchase something for us. Hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com)

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.

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: Please join us this **Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 11:15 am** in the Music Room for a Lenten Study about forgiving. Please contact Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

CARE MINISTRY MEETING: Care Ministry will meet this **Monday, March 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, March 10, 2026, at 11:00 am** in the Church Office. Please contact Michael Giallella (michaelgiallella@stmatthiasfl1.com or 352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

GENESIS STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: Please join Janette Dorn this **Tuesday, March 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: Please join Wanda this **Wednesday, March 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.

LADIES' LUNCHEON: All women of the parish and their friends are welcome to join Norma Sweeney for a Dutch-Treat ladies' luncheon this **Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 12:00 noon**, at Tabla Indian Restaurant (2447 Hwy 27, Clermont – a couple doors from KeKe's Breakfast). Please RSVP to Norma Sweeney (516.906.3646 or nsween820@gmail.com) to reserve a seat at the table. We look forward to seeing you there!

MEN'S LUNCHEON: Brothers, It's that time again! We had a wonderful time together in February at Bob Evans, 13 attended and our conversations were rich and enjoyable. Let's do it again! This month we are meeting at Chili's in Clermont this **Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 12:00 pm**. Please RSVP and bring a friend! Matt Mobley (407.267.2312)

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHOIR! Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? Now's a great time to give it a try! No previous choir experience is needed—just a willingness to sing and be part of a joyful group. Choir practice meets this **Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 4:30 pm** in the Music Room. We will meet every Thursday from **4:30 pm–6:00 pm** through May. Whether you can join us every week or just once in a while, for the full rehearsal, or just the last part, you are truly welcome. Come see what it's like, meet new friends, and lift your voice with us. If you're interested or have questions, feel free to contact Gina Mobley (407.782.3065) or simply show up. We'd love to have you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please join us for week three this **Friday, March 13, 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.

SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFTING WITH LINDA: **Saturday, March 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!

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 DIRECTRESS NEEDED: Our church family is seeking a volunteer to serve as Directress of the Flower Guild. This important ministry helps beautify our church and enhance our worship through the arrangement and care of altar flowers throughout the year. The Directress works with our florist, Kim from Kim E's Florist, coordinates volunteers when needed, oversees the flower schedule, and helps ensure that our sacred space reflects the beauty of each season in the Church calendar. Experience with floral arranging is helpful but not required, organization and a love for serving the church are most important. If you feel called to support this ministry or would like more information, please contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com). Janette will be stepping down as Flower Guild Directress in September when Fr. Jim retires and would love the opportunity to provide information, insight, and train the next Flower Guild Directress. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might serve!

FLOWER GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED: If you are interested in joining the Flower Guild, please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have and get you on the volunteer schedule.

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)

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**

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.

SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
3.1.2026	7:45 AM Service	18
3.1.2026	9:30 AM Service	80
3.1.2026	11:15 AM Service	30
	Total	128
Online Views		177

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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 (freibegs4@aol.com) with all the pertinent information, and it will be included in our SMAC section.

FOR SALE

Coffee Table—solid wood, 3'x3', excellent condition, \$100.00.

Dining room table with 8 chairs and a leaf—bar height, solid wood, drawer in pedestal, finish on two chair seats need refinish otherwise excellent condition, purchased at Havertys, \$500.00.

3 stools—seats spin, bar height, metal and wood construction with thick seat padding, excellent condition, \$60.00.

Call Karen & Dave Freiberg (freibegs4@aol.com or 352.432.3164)



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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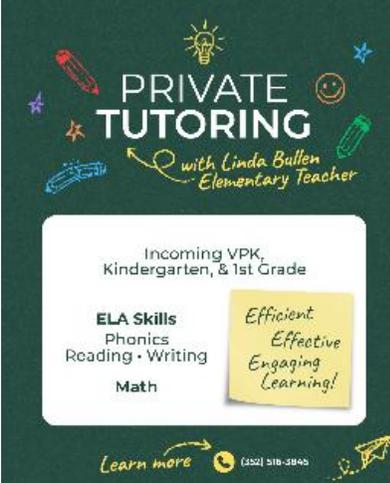
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