

## This Week at St. Matthias

### Sunday, September 28

#### Sunday School Classes

*Church Offices Closed*

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

### Monday, September 29

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

### Tuesday, September 30

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

### Wednesday, October 1

- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Little House (5pm-7pm)

### Thursday, October 2

- 4:30 PM Harvest Festival Kid Area Meeting – Church Office
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

### Friday, October 3

*Church Offices Closed*

- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Fellowship – Library
- 4:30 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:00 PM Altar Guild Team Four Set-Up – Sanctuary

### Saturday, October 4

*Church Offices Closed*

No Events Scheduled for Today

### Sunday, October 5

*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 – Little House
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

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

and in Celebration of  
Sharon Williams' Birthday  
Given with Love by Donald Williams

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the  
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## Those on Our Prayer List

### Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Tristen Babcock	Imantee Mallay	Cliff Spencer
Josef Boeni	Stanley Mallay	Joe Sturges
Mother Jane Clark	Larry Mobley	Mary Sturges
Beverly Green	Mark Nethersole	Sandy Unger
Nadia Mashi	Autumn Rose	Stuart Wilson

### Parish Family Continued Prayers

Harold Andrews	Anne Hollywood	Edna Marcus
Renee Babcock	Anne Luposello	Audrey Nethersole
Rose Brown	John Luposello	Marlene Parkinson
Esther Catino	Diana Mahoney	Sheila Seale
Michael Clark	CZ Mathews	Linda Thorp
Hugh Dial	Elijah Mathews	Connie Tracey
Anita Erickson	Isabella Mathews	Liane Trainello
Miranda Foster	Jackson Mathews	Keith Whitacre
Michael Giallella	Don Manny	Vera Wilson
Jeannine Helm	Lorna Manny	

### Family & Friends Continued Prayers

Nathan Allabaugh	Maria Figueroa	Judith Onjango
Anakin Boeni	Tony Flores	Richard Payne
Isabel Boeni	John Gilbert	Blanche Pfendler
Cooper Coole	Deidre Huffman	Sandi Rzepka
Reginald Crooms	Brenda Kelley	Gene Ruryk
Ivan Davila	Frances LaCroix	Suzanne Ruryk
James Dorn, Jr.	Francine Lacroix	Les Smith
Mary Dorn	Una McLachlan	Kishma Thomas
Eyer Family	Eleanore Meade	Kathleen Whitacre
Cheryl Ferrell	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  
Christopher Morelli, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Deputy  
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

- 9.28** Isabella Mathews
- 9.29** Wanda Klaas
- 9.29** Sarah Grimes
- 9.30** Liane Traniello
- 9.30** Sharon Williams
- 9.30** Sofia Rodriguez-Flores
- 10.1** Eleonore Macripo
- 10.1** Sawyer Stocki
- 10.3** John Giddens
- 10.3** Obi Udokwu

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 10.1** Jeff & Nicole Blumenauer

### Those Who Have Died

Marlene Jones, Edna Marcus & Dolores Malone's Cousin

**NAME TAGS:** We would love to see everyone wearing their name tags on Sunday mornings and during events and activities at the church. This is a great way for all of us to get to know each other's names, especially for new family members and visitors. If you do not have a name tag and/or are new to the St. Matthias family, we would love to order a name tag for you. Please send an email to Hope Blume ([hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com](mailto:hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com)) listing the names for the name tags (kids also) no later than **Monday, September 29, 2025**. If you are new and/or have not yet completed the church family membership form, please be sure to pick one up from the Welcome Table or contact Hope Blume, Linda Denslow, or Rod Denslow (407.923.6423 or [lindadenslow@gmail.com](mailto:lindadenslow@gmail.com)). Thank you for wearing your name tag and supporting the Welcome Committee's efforts!

**NEW TO ST. MATTHIAS:** If you are new to St. Matthias, WELCOME! We would love to get to know you better and get you into our church family system. Please pick up a church family membership form located at the Welcome Table in the breezeway or the Information Wall in the Parish Hall. Please complete and return to Hope Blume. If you would prefer to have one emailed to you, please email Hope Blume at [hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com](mailto:hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) and we will get one emailed over to you. Any questions, please contact Hope.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026:** Yes, plans have already started for our 2026 VBS program - *God loves you to the Moon and Back: Blasting Off to Outer Space!* Mark your calendars for the week of July 13-17, 2026. Looking forward to seeing you in the galaxy of blessings. Hugs and blessings, Karen

**HIGHSCHOOL FIT PROGRAM BACK TO SCHOOL 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](mailto:hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com)) if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your continued support!

**band-aids · crackers · canned meat · feminine products · hygiene items (any type)  
juice boxes · shelf stable milk · wet wipes · leggings (gently used welcomed - any sizes)**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025, at 9:20 AM!  
WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!!!**

There is something very special about the sounds of the kiddos filling the Sunday School building, and yes, I mean ALL the sounds and seeing their sweet smiles. It fills my heart with joy!

**Reminders:**

- Sunday School starts at 9:20 am and meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month unless otherwise noted. Nursery is open every Sunday during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am services.
- Please use the FRONT door (not the side door) to enter and exit the building.
- Doors are locked while Sunday School/Nursery are in session.
- We will bring the children to you for communion, please sit on the side closest to the Sunday School building (East side) so we can find you.
- We will need pumpkins next month for the kids to carve as we learn how we as Christians are like pumpkins. Thank you in advance if you can donate one or more.

God loves you to the moon and back and so do we! Hugs and blessings, Karen

**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, September 28, 2025, at 11:15 am** in the Choir Room. Please contact Dolores Wilson-Malone (856.625.1515) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN (RSVP Requested):** Janette Dorn is holding a new Bible Study class called Living Victoriously in Difficult Times. **The study begins this Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. When painful or frustrating circumstances invade your life, it's easy to wonder why. Why does life so often seem unfair? Why doesn't our all-powerful God stop the pain and suffering—not just for you—but for all His children. The truth is, we live in a fallen world filled with fallen people, and we cannot escape hardship and pain. Somehow difficult times are a part of God's plan, and they serve His purposes. In this six-week study you'll examine what the Bible says about suffering and why God allows it. Through the stories of many who persevered through times of testing, you'll discover how to find joy even when life seems unfair. You'll learn how to handle loss while glorifying God in the midst of your pain. And you'll find the peace that comes from trusting in the One whose strength is made perfect in your weakness. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and/or contact Janette Dorn (352.235-5168 or [jcmdorn@gmail.com](mailto:jcmdorn@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend or have any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS:** Class will meet this **Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or [klaas46@yahoo.com](mailto:klaas46@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions.

**HELLO SINGERS - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE:** Please join Hugh Dial this **Friday, October 3, 2025, at 4:00 pm** in the Library for teatime and at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room and Sanctuary for singing. If you know of anyone who would enjoy singing, please encourage them to join Hugh as he would like to increase the size of the choir for a new choir leader.

**HAUNTED MONSTER TRUCK RIDE (Reservations & Payment Required):** Now this could be fun for a group of us to experience together and then maybe a glass of wine before or after or before AND after. I've reserved a whole truck just for us, but it only holds 25 people. Let's have some fun! Hugs and blessings, Karen Come join the fun on **Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 8:00 pm** at Showcase of Citrus (15051 Frank Jerrell Rd, Clermont, FL 34714-9139). Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to attend this event. **There is space for 25 people, and the cost is \$25.00 per person, reservation and payment are due to the church no later than Sunday, September 28, 2025.** You can pay by check or cash (be sure to indicate Haunted Monster Truck Ride), or via our website and choose the Haunted Monster Truck Ride fund. **Any questions, please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or [freibergs4@aol.com](mailto:freibergs4@aol.com)).** This Halloween, as the sun sets and shadows stretch across the land, Clermont's beloved Showcase of Citrus transforms into a realm of unrelenting terror. An ancient curse has seeped into the soil, awakening sinister scarecrows, grotesque monsters, and hordes of the undead. The once-familiar orange groves are no longer a safe haven, they've become a harrowing landscape of fear. Your only hope for survival: climb aboard our towering 16-foot tall, 40-foot-long Monster Trucks, manned by fearless Showcase Rangers, and plunge into a wild escape through the cursed fields. But beware, this is no ordinary Halloween attraction. It's an immersive, heart-pounding thrill ride into the very heart of a nightmare. **Be prepared for camping like conditions, you may get wet, recommended for ages 12 and above.**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL/PET BLESSING EVENT (Volunteers Needed – PLEASE HELP):** Our Annual Pet Blessing Event is taking place on **Saturday, October 25, 2025**, and we need your help. **We need volunteers to assist in many areas** (some areas require strength and walking, and some require sitting and greeting, so there is a place for everyone to help and volunteer). Sign-up sheets for volunteering are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and each sheet includes the volunteer chair for that section. We also could use donations of *pet treats, cases of bottled water, and monetary donations*. Most importantly we need volunteers to assist with the event planning, leading up to the event, set-up, during the event, and clean-up. Please contact Keith Whitacre if you have any questions ([keith.whitacre@gmail.com](mailto:keith.whitacre@gmail.com) or 952.239.5870).

## SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
9.21.2025	7:45 AM Service	16
9.21.2025	9:30 AM Service	81
9.21.2025	11:15 AM Service	37
	<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>
	<i>Online Views:</i>	

### VESTRY MEMBERS

2026	2027	2028
<p><b>Sandra Bradshaw</b> <i>Vestry Consultant</i> bradshawsandral@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Maxine Hylton</b> <i>Jr. Warden</i> maxhyl1@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Elizabeth Nemeth</b> <i>Vestry Clerk</i> edreis55@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Anthony Aloï</b> <i>Technology</i> stolen1101@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Coleen Cox</b> <i>Sr. Warden</i> <i>Pastoral Care</i> drcoxm McIntosh@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Rod Denslow</b> <i>Welcoming</i> roddenslow@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Fred Jones</b> <i>Assistant Jr. Warden</i> 90proofhj@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Glen Martin</b> <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> <i>Stewardship</i> glenmartin286@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Eddie Rodriguez</b> <i>Christian Education Liaison</i> <i>Community Integration Coordinator</i> edrodz2391@gmail.com</p>

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# 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.

## FOR SALE

**ST. MATTHIAS T-SHIRTS:** We have a couple of t-shirts available for purchase in the following sizes and designs. These are the only quantities, sizes, and designs currently available for sale.

**St. Matthias T-Shirt Design - Adult Sizes – \$10.00 each**

1 Adult Large available and 2 Adult Extra Large available

**Sunday School T-Shirt Design - Children's Sizes – \$12.00 each**

4 Youth Medium available and 2 Youth Large available

These are on a first come first serve basis, please contact Linda Denslow (lindadenslow@gmail.com or 407.923.6423) if you would like to purchase one of the shirts listed above.

## 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 from the photos, they are beautifully handmade!

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