

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, October 11

Church Office Closed

Altar Guild Team Two

Sunday School Classes

- 9:00 AM Yard Sale Drop-Off – Library (9am-12pm)
- 9:00 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 10:30 AM Sunday School Classes – Sunday School Building
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room

Nursery Care Available

8:45 am to 12:15 pm in the Sunday School Building

Monday, October 12

Church Office Closed in Observance of

Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day

- 9:00 AM Yard Sale Drop-Off – Library (9am-12pm)
- 6:00 PM Al-Anon Book Club – Sunday School Building
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Sunday School Building

Tuesday, October 13

- 9:00 AM Count Team Two – Church Office
- 9:00 AM Finance Team Meeting – Church Office
- 11:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 4:15 PM Curious Minds Science – Sunday School Building
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Counseling Office (5pm-7pm)

Wednesday, October 14

- 9:00 AM Yard Sale Drop-Off – Library (9am-10:30am)
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda – Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Men's Luncheon – Salt Shack, Clermont
- 5:00 PM Yard Sale Committee Meeting – Parish Hall

Thursday, October 15

- 9:00 AM Yard Sale Drop-Off – Library (9am-12pm)
- 4:00 PM Choir Social Time – Music Room
- 4:15 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room/Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Sunday School Building

Friday, October 16

Church Office Closed

- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Room
- 12:30 PM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Room

Saturday, October 17

Church Office Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Sunday, October 18

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Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Bob Adkins	Denslow Family	Miranda Foster
Josef Boeni	Hugh Dial	Lidio Nembrotti
Nancy Boyer	Bibi Farashian	
Rod Denslow	Ann Forehand	

Parish Family Continued Prayers

Linda Adkins	Larry Lock	Sheila Seale
Doreen Asregadoo	Anne Luposello	Joe Sturges
Sandra Bradshaw	Diana Mahoney	Mary Sturges
Reta Bramwell	Kathy Mahoney	Kayla Taylor
Esther Catino	Nadia Mashi	Linda Thorp
Mother Jane Clark	Imantee Mallay	Connie Tracey
Michael Clark	Stanley Mallay	Rigoberto Valle
Cheryl Ferrell	Lorna Manny	Stuart Wilson
Michael Giallella	Don Manny	Vera Wilson
Diane Gustafson	Olive McPherson	Dolores Wilson-Malone
Wanda Klaas	Tracy Morelli	

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

Nathan Allabaugh	John Floyd	Ezra Perez
Eric Barefoot	Bob Gourley	Perez Family
Anakin Boeni	Sharon Hess	Gene Ruryk
Isabel Boeni	Samantha Latham	Suzanne Ruryk
Cooper Coole	Billy Nelson	Darren Trevino
Chol Faust	Danny Nemeth	Dorothy Williams

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
Noah Froehlich, VP16 War Eagles
Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, SOCOM, MacDill Air Force Base, FL
Kaitlyn Linney, U.S. Army, Ft. Campbell, KY
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

10.11	Jane Boyack	10.15	Joseph Sturges IV
10.11	Patricia Treadwell	10.16	Harris Outlaw
10.13	Buddy Forehand	10.17	Camille Gustafson

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

10.13	Keith & Karen Whitacre
10.14	Drake & Bianca Parker

Those Who Have Died

Linda Denslow, *very dear parishioner & Rod Denslow's wife*

SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
10.4.26	10:00 am Service	110
Total		110
<i>Online Views</i>		<i>349</i>

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

and in Thanksgiving for Fr. Bill Boyer
Give with Love by The St. Matthias Family

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WELCOME: Please welcome our dear friend Fr. Bill Boyer as he celebrates and worships with us today! Fr. Bill and his wife Nancy have a long history with St. Matthias, and we are so excited to worship together again this Sunday, October 11, 2026! Be sure to stop in during coffee and conversations to say hello.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We will have Sunday School this **Sunday, October 11, 2026, starting at 10:30 am.** If you are sitting in the pews with the kiddos, send them on over to the Sunday School Building.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS & CARE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need to increase our Care Ministry and Eucharistic Visitors, especially during this time of transition. If you are interested in visiting St. Matthias family members that find themselves in the hospital, a rehabilitation facility, an assisted living facility, or unable to leave their home, please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com). We are looking for caring hearts and good listeners. The visits do not need to be long, even just a quick pop-in will let our loved ones know we are thinking of them, praying for them, and love them. Please take time to pray and consider being a part of this vital ministry. Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closed this **Monday, October 12, 2026**, in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day. All emails and voice messages will be returned on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Hope Blume, Coleen Cox, or Glen Martin.

LAPEL MICROPHONE NEEDED: We find we need a lapel microphone to help ensure everyone can hear the celebrant when speaking during services. The cost of this new microphone is about \$300.00. If you would like to donate towards this new purchase, please indicate on your check or envelope "Lapel Microphone." Thank you very much for your consideration and support!

CHURCH YARD SALE NEEDS: We need volunteers to help with sorting and pricing items during the weeks leading up to the sale, as well as volunteers to help on the days of the sale. We are also in need of donations of clothing hangers (or hangers we can borrow) and plastic and paper grocery bags for the day of the sale. Please contact Eddie Rodriguez (407.271.7817 or edrodz2391@gmail.com), Norma Sweeney (516.906.3646 or nsween820@gmail.com), or Angela Smith (352.349.4155 or alanaleona2621@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

YARD SALE DROP OFF THIS WEEK: Sunday (10.11) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday (10.12) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Wednesday (10.14) from 9:00 am to 10:30 am, and Thursday (10.15) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Library. Please keep all large donations for Sunday drop-off to be sure we have someone able to help lift the larger items.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are looking for pumpkin donations for our annual Sunday of pumpkin carving and discussions. Though size isn't that important the really big ones are hard for us to handle. We will need about 20 pumpkins. Once they are carved and shared with the congregation, they will go home with the children. This will take place on Sunday October 25, 2026. Donated pumpkins can be dropped off in the Sunday School building kitchen or the table in my classroom. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

There are several Diocesan Youth Activities coming up. From Father Kevin Bartle, Diocese Youth Minister, kbartle@cfdiocese.org :

"Last year, a few youth groups from around the diocese got together for a trip to a corn maze, and they're talking about doing it again! They've been texting back and forth, but I wanted to share the info, so everyone has a chance to join in. Great Scott Farms Corn Maze: <https://www.visitgreatscott.com/>. A couple of groups are looking at Oct. 18 and/or Oct. 25. It could be a fun chance to meet up and enjoy an event together.

For the 2026/2027 school year, we will have three events:

Made New – Fall: Nov. 13-15. Please note that this is not simply a rename of New Beginnings; it is a different event. Our goal is to offer a Gospel presentation that is uplifting, engaging, and fun, as well as meaningful and inspiring. Rather than placing youth who have never met into small groups, we will give each youth group time to meet together in its own small group, and we will find other ways to help everyone get to know each other. Details are available on the Diocesan Website, and there is still time to register: cfdiocese.org

Common Ground: Spring & Summer Mission Event: Summer (name coming soon)

These events will follow the diocesan three-year theme of Gospel, Church, Mission, except that we will take on all three topics each year: Made New – Gospel, Common Ground – Church, Summer Mission Event – Mission." Hugs and blessings, Karen

A/C LOAN UPDATE: We are in the homestretch and have almost completely paid the \$43,546.23 air conditioning loan we secured from the Diocese on October 1, 2023. In the last three years, we have paid over \$40,000.00! This is due to all of YOU! Your extra donations, support with various fundraisers, and sharing extra funds when you were able to are why we are where we are today. At this time, we owe less than \$2,500.00 and hope to have the loan completely paid off by the end of this October. Thank you to EVERYONE for making this possible!!! We cannot wait for the Sunday when Glen Martin announces, “we have completed paying off the A/C loan!”

WEBBER CHARCOAL BBQ FUNDRAISER: We will be selling tickets to raise funds to help alleviate some of our operating budget shortfalls. We have been given a very generous gift by church family member, Robert McClanahan! Robert has donated a brand-new Webber Charcoal Grill, complete with lighter, chimney starter, grilling utensils, and two 20-pound bags of charcoal. This is an extremely generous gift and we are very grateful. We will be selling tickets on Sundays for the month of October and will draw a winner on Sunday, October 25, 2026. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. If you like to grill and enjoy time with your family outdoors, this fundraiser is for you! If you don't enjoy grilling, but know someone who does, what an awesome gift this would be for a family member or friend. Please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) or Glen Martin (glenmartin286@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to purchase some tickets.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Meets this **Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 11:15 am** in the Music Room. Please contact Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

COUNT TEAM: The Count Team will meet this **Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 9:00 am** instead of Monday due to the holiday.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Committee will meet this **Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 11:00 am** in the Church Office. Please contact Michael Giallella (michaelgiallella@stmatthiasfl1.com or 352.394.3855) or Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS: Please join Wanda this **Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

MEN'S LUNCHEON: Brothers of St. Matthias Church, we will have our October Luncheon on **Wednesday October 14, 2026, at 12:00 pm** at The Salt Shack in Downtown Clermont. Please RSVP (407.267.2312 or homeswithmatthew@gmail.com). See you there, Matt Mobley

YARD SALE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Committee will meet this **Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 5:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Eddie Rodriguez (407.271.7817 or edrodz2391@gmail.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 on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 12:00 noon**, at the Crooked Spoon in Clermont. 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!

CHURCH YARD SALE: Mark your calendars for our Church Yard Sale on **Friday, October 23, and Saturday, October 24!** Now is the perfect time to start cleaning out your closets, drawers, garage, and office. If you have gently used items that are taking up space and are no longer needed, set them aside to donate to the yard sale. Thank you for helping make this event a success — we appreciate your generosity and support! Please contact Eddie Rodriguez (407.271.7817 or edrodz2391@gmail.com) if you have any questions and/or would like to help with the event.

LIFT YOUR VOICE THIS CHRISTMAS! Do you love the Christmas season? Make our Advent and Christmas services even more enjoyable by singing in our Seasonal Choir! This choir is designed to include all ages and stages of life. We offer a flexible rehearsal schedule to fit your busy holiday calendar and provide several different opportunities to sing throughout the season. No formal auditions are required – just a heart ready to celebrate! Reach out today and help us make this season truly meaningful! Please contact Gina Mobley (407.782.3065 or ginamobley@aol.com).

THANKSGIVING BASKET PROGRAM: We have already begun coordinating our Seventeenth Annual Thanksgiving Basket project. This year, we will provide Thanksgiving Baskets to 150 families in need within our community. We know we often ask for help, and the Thanksgiving Basket program is no exception. Financial support for the program is crucial, and we ask that you give what you can, any amount helps. This year we estimate the cost of each basket being around \$60.00 to \$65.00 which also includes the \$20.00 gift card for the purchase of a turkey, ham, or meat of choice. This year, as in the past couple of years, has brought on many additional challenges for families who were already in need, as well as challenges for families that may not have been in need in the past. We at St. Matthias have always been very blessed and willing to share with those less fortunate. We ask that everyone share what they can to help our neighbors and friends in Christ during this Thanksgiving season. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted soon. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

The Plan:

- All 150 families will be provided with a food basket.
- All 150 families will be given a gift card in the amount of \$20.00 to purchase meat of their choice.
- All food items for the baskets will be ordered and/or purchased ahead of time.
- Basket building and distribution will take place at St. Matthias on Saturday, November 21, 2026.
- Basket building will take place from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and basket distribution will take place between 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. We will have two teams for the day, feel free to sign up for the basket building team, the basket distribution team, or both.
- Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted soon.

How to Give:

Envelopes for monetary donations are available at the back of the church, in the pewholders, in the Parish Hall, and at the Welcome Table. The donations will be used to purchase gift certificates and food items for the baskets.

You may drop in the plate offering, mail a check to the church office (528 West Montrose Street, Clermont, FL 34711) and note in the memo line that it is for the Thanksgiving Basket project, or give a donation via online.

Information for online giving can be found on St. Matthias' website:

<https://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/>

Please use the following link for online giving:

<https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/Give>

Thank you for your continued support of the Thanksgiving Basket Program!

HIGHSCHOOL FIT (FAMILIES IN TRANSITION) PROGRAM NEEDS: If you can help with any of these needed items, please place them in the red rolling bin in the Parish Hall. Breakfast bars, canned meats, canned Chef Boyardee, individually wrapped items, ramen noodles, shelf stable milk and food, deodorant, feminine products, soap, toothpaste, and wet wipes. Thank you very much for your continued support!

DO YOU HAVE FAVORITE RECIPES? Did you know that St. Matthias produced a family cookbook? Well, you might not have known that because it was over 20 years ago. Is it time to produce a new one? Maybe so? You can certainly get recipes from just about anywhere other than cookbooks these days, but are they tried and true like they would be from a parish family cookbook? I think not. The irony that I am suggesting this is not lost on me since my dream house is without a kitchen and strategically located among many fine restaurants. However, I do love a good recipe. So, give me a little feedback as to whether or not you'd be interested in contributing a couple of your favorite recipes. I would like to include the kiddos in this project with some quotes and/or pictures they can draw to add some "color" and humor to the project. Hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com)

VOLUNTEER PAPERWORK REQUIRED: Please contact Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you would like to start volunteering and have not yet completed the required background check and safeguarding training. **This is a Diocesan Requirement – no background check & training – no volunteering – no exceptions. The Diocese of Central Florida and St. Matthias want to ensure that St. Matthias remains a safe environment for all who worship and visit.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hope Blume, Coleen Cox, or Glen Martin. Thank you to everyone who has already completed these requirements, we very much appreciate your support and understanding in keeping St. Matthias a safe place!