

## This Week at St. Matthias

### Sunday, November 2

Christmas Tree Ornament Craft Sunday

*Church Offices Closed*

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 8:45 AM Christmas Tree Ornament Craft – Library
- 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
- 10:30 AM Christmas Tree Ornament Craft – Library
- 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, November 3

- 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, November 4

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

### Wednesday, November 5

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

### Thursday, November 6

- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

### Friday, November 7

*Church Offices Closed*

- 12:30 PM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Fellowship – Library
- 4:30 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Two Set-Up – Sanctuary

### Saturday, November 8

*Church Offices Closed*

No Events Schedule for Today

### Sunday, November 9

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

### SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

| DATE       | SERVICE          | ATTENDANCE |
|------------|------------------|------------|
| 10.26.2025 | 7:45 AM Service  | 20         |
| 10.26.2025 | 9:30 AM Service  | 69         |
| 10.26.2025 | Sunday School    | 33         |
| 10.26.2025 | 11:15 AM Service | 20         |
|            | <b>Total</b>     | <b>142</b> |
|            | Online Views     | 205        |

## Those on Our Prayer List

### Immediate & Urgent Prayers

- |                   |                 |              |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Josef Boeni       | Brenda Kelley   | Autumn Rose  |
| Mother Jane Clark | Larry Lock      | Joe Sturges  |
| Connie Gamb       | Olive McPherson | Mary Sturges |
| Hugh Dial         | Nadia Mashi     | Sandy Unger  |
| Mrs. Felicidad    | Tracy Morelli   |              |

### Parish Family Continued Prayers

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

### Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Mindy            | Eyer Family      | Eleanore Meade |
| Nathan Allabaugh | Cheryl Ferrell   | Danny Nemeth   |
| Anakin Boeni     | Maria Figueroa   | Judith Onjango |
| Isabel Boeni     | Tony Flores      | Richard Payne  |
| Danielle Chavez  | John Gilbert     | Sandi Rzepka   |
| Deena Chavez     | Deidre Huffman   | Gene Ruryk     |
| Ivan Davila      | Frances LaCroix  | Suzanne Ruryk  |
| James Dorn, Jr.  | Francine Lacroix | Les Smith      |
| Mary Dorn        | Una McLachlan    | Kishma Thomas  |

### 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

- 11.2** Riley Giddens
- 11.2** Mitchell Stocki
- 11.5** Alex Onugha
- 11.5** Linda Thorp
- 11.6** Michael Giddens

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 11.5** Nathan & Theresa Knight
- 11.7** Arthur & Phyllis Forrest

### Those Who Have Passed

Blanche Pfendler, *Rod Denslow's Sister*

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

and in Loving Memory of  
 Mr. Elbert & Mrs. Marnie Bonner  
 Mr. & Mrs. William Jefferson  
 Mr. Joseph A. Bradshaw Jr.  
 Given with Love by Sandra Bradshaw

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

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU:** Thank you so much to all our volunteers for your incredible support during our recent Harvest Festival & Pet Blessing event! Your dedication and love for animals (and humans) shone through in every aspect of the day. From setting up to helping with the blessings, taking photos of the vendors and event, grilling and selling food, donating and selling delicious cookies and beautifully painted cards, warmly welcoming people to St. Matthias, sharing fun arts & crafts and hair braiding with all the kids, organizing and gathering many, many crafting vendors and non-profit vendors, taking photos of the pets and their families, helping direct people, keeping the grounds and buildings clean, purchasing items from the many vendors, breaking down and cleaning up, and for smiling and sharing the love of Christ throughout the day. Everyone's hard work made this event a heartfelt success and the joy on the faces of the pets, their owners, and all the kids was a testament to your efforts. We are truly grateful for your time and dedication. Together, we created a special day filled with the love of Christ and community spirit! Looking forward to many, many more events at St. Matthias. Love and Blessings, Hope

**THANKFUL SUNDAY: Sunday, November 23, 2025**, will be a day of Thanksgiving where we will have the opportunity to lift prayers for all that we are thankful for. If you would like to share what you are thankful for and have it read during the Prayers of the People, please fill out a Thankful Sunday form included in your bulletin as well as located at the back of the church and **drop in the basket located at the back of the Church or return to the Church Office no later than next Sunday, November 9, 2025**. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

**ENCHANTED FOREST OF TREES (Volunteers Needed):** St. Matthias has signed up to participate in the Enchanted Forest of Trees this year at Victory Pointe in Downtown Clermont. We will be creating ornaments for the tree this **Sunday, November 2, 2025, after the 7:45 am and 9:30 am service**, so be sure to join us in the Library to help create the ornaments – fun for kids and adults of all ages! Mindy Giallella has generously accepted chairing this Christmas Season event and will need help decorating the tree on **Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to join in on the fun! The Enchanted Forest of Trees opens on Saturday November 22, 2025, and runs through January 2, 2026, for viewing. There will be over seventy trees decorated by local organizations and businesses. You can walk on the trail to view, or park at the Clermont Boat House and walk over to Victory Pointe. Be sure to check out the trees in the day and nighttime to get the full effect! **Questions, please contact Mindy Giallella (407.222.4540 or allellaigm@gmail.com)**.

**NURSERY CARE:** Nursery Care is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am services for all infants and children ages 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 (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** 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 (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Adult Sunday School will meet this **Sunday, November 2, 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 (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Bible Study class will meet this **Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you plan to attend or have any questions.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Bible Study class will meet this **Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**HELLO SINGERS - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE (All Singers Welcome to Join Us):** Please join Hugh Dial this **Friday, November 7, 2025, at 4:00 pm** in the Library for teatime and at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room and Sanctuary for singing.

**ADVENT STUDY (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Please join Janette Dorn on Tuesday evenings beginning **Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm** for an Advent Study. The first class will meet in the Church Office, and the following classes will meet in the Parish Hall. Classes will meet every Tuesday at 6:00 pm from November 18 to December 16, 2025. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish and contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or [jsmdorn@gmail.com](mailto:jsmdorn@gmail.com)) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO 

# *Hugh's Retirement Reception*



Celebrating **25 Years of Service**  
as St. Matthias' Organist & Choir Master



After years of keeping us in perfect harmony, our beloved organist is retiring – and we're pulling out all the stops!

Join us in celebrating the incredible music, memories, and ministry of Hugh, whose talent has inspired generations of worshipers.

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**  
11:00 am | The Parish Hall

*There will be one service at 10:00 am with the reception following immediately after.*

Please bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share during the reception.



*Thank you, Hugh, for making our hearts sing!*

**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](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)**

**IN NEED OF:** We need a new or gently used oven to replace the current one in the church 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](mailto:hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com). Thank you!



**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY.**

**We will see you again on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 9:20 am!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION:** Our annual Sunday School pumpkin carving was a huge hit. What a great job all the kiddos did. They were so proud of their pumpkins as they shared them with the church family and so excited to take them home with them this year. Thank you so much to the families who donated the pumpkins. Remember my friends, God has selected each one of us, cleansed our hearts, and put his light in each of us. Let your light shine!!

We are adding service projects to our children's program. Our first will be helping to stuff bags for the Sock Ministry. Many of the kiddos have been learning about the Heros of the Bible. This service project will help them see how easy it is for them to be a hero in someone's life, and it will generate a variety of conversations, learning, and teaching opportunities.

During November we will also be collecting Toys for Tots. One of our students, Katharine Giddens, a second grader, has taken on this responsibility for the Rainbow Girls group she belongs to. We will be asking our children to donate an unwrapped toy by November 30, 2025. All parishioners are welcome to participate too if you would like to donate a toy. A box for the toys is located in the Sunday School building (also known as the Little House). Future service projects are in the planning stages.

I appreciate all the love and interest you, our church family has for our kiddos and the children's program. We have a tremendous Sunday School team, all of whom love what they do and adore the kiddos. It is a thrill to watch and a blessing to be a part of. Come join us! I'm in need of another teacher and would love to share this enormous blessing with you. Hugs and blessings, Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com).

**HARVEST FESTIVAL/PET BLESSING THANK YOU:** As a member of the Committee that organized this event, I wanted to thank all the volunteers for the outpouring of hours, strength and comedic relief that was shared. Well done good and faithful servants. It was indeed an honor and blessing to serve with all of you! As a side note, VBS is fast approaching so please rest up! :-D Hugs and blessings, Karen

**THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT:** The Community Outreach Committee has begun coordinating our Sixteenth Annual Thanksgiving Basket project. This year, we increased the amount of help we provide from 125 to 150 families in need within our community. As a committee and as a church we know we ask often for help for those in need, and the Thanksgiving Basket project is no exception. Financial support for the project 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 \$55.00 to \$60.00 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. Basket building and distribution will take place at St. Matthias on Saturday, November 22, 2025. Basket building will take place from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and basket distribution will take place between 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Questions? Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com).

**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 a turkey, ham, or meat of their choice.
- All food items for the baskets will be ordered and/or purchased ahead of time through Kroger.
- Basket building and distribution will take place at St. Matthias on Saturday, November 22, 2025.
- Basket building will take place from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and basket distribution will take place between 11:00 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.

## **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 offering plate, 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!***

**IMPORTANT: PHISHING AWARENESS & PREVENTION:** There has been an increase in phishing attempts via email and phone calls, with scammers posing as St. Matthias Church, Fr. Jim Dorn, or fellow church family members. These messages may appear convincing and may ask for money, gift cards, or personal information. We urge everyone to remain diligent and cautious:

- **Verify the source:** If you receive an unusual request, even if it appears to be from someone you know, **do not respond** or click any links. Contact the person directly using a known and trusted method.
- **Be suspicious of urgency:** Scammers often create a sense of urgency. Take time to think before taking action.
- **Look for inconsistencies:** Check email addresses and phone numbers carefully. Official church communications will always come from verified channels.
- **Never send personal or financial information** via email or text unless you are absolutely sure of the recipient's identity.
- **Never will ask for money:** The church and church committees and groups will never send an email asking for money, items, bank information, and such. All requests for donations are made through our announcements or verbally during Sunday service announcements.

Below are some websites that provide safety measurements and such when it comes to these types of phishing.

<https://episcopalmaine.org/resources/email-scam-prevention/>

<https://ecwo.org/important-phishing-awareness-prevention/> · <https://www.dosp.org/scamprevention/>

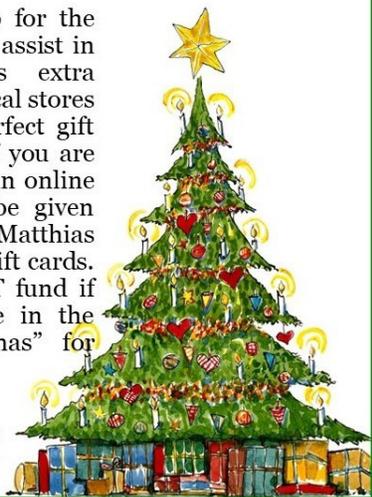
If you suspect a phishing attempt, please report it and block the sender from your email or phone contact lists. Stay safe and thank you for your vigilance in protecting our church family and community.

# Christmas Giving for Families In Transition High School Students

For the last few years we have been able to provide many Christmas gifts for our local Homeless High School Students who are a part of the Lake County School's Families in Transition program (FIT). These are the same students we have been helping provide food and personal hygiene items to throughout the year and we would once again like to extend our help in providing Christmas gifts.

High School aged students are typically the age group that is forgotten or hardest to provide for during the holidays and we want to help make a change and spread some Christmas cheer to these well-deserving young men and women.

If you are unable to shop for the students but would like to assist in making their Christmas extra special, gift cards to any local stores or restaurants make a perfect gift for students of this age. If you are unable to get a gift card, an online donation or check may be given and made payable to St. Matthias and we will purchase the gift cards. Be sure to choose the FIT fund if donating online and note in the memo line "FIT Christmas" for check donations.



Additional information pertaining to this important initiative is provided on the back side.

## Gifts Due to the Church by Tuesday, December 2nd

Christmas collection boxes will be located in the Parish Hall and the Church Sanctuary where you can place your unwrapped gifts.

Please contact Co-Chairs, Hope Blume & Janette Dorn, or the Church office if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope: 352.978.6511 or hopeblume@gmail.com  
Janette: 352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com

**Please remember we are collecting for High School aged students only.**



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### Christmas Gift List

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Card Games  | Body Sprays    |
| Candy/Snack Gift Sets                                     | Jewelry        |
| Ear Buds  | Make-Up Kits   |
| Nail Polish Kits  | Body Lotions   |
| Holiday Socks   | Perfumes       |
| Hoodies   | Axe Body Spray |
| Solar Powered Chargers                                    |                |
| Charging Pads / Portable Chargers for Cell phones         |                |
| <b>Gift Cards to the Following Restaurants or Stores:</b> |                |
| McDonalds • Chick-Fil-A • Sonic                           |                |
| Culvers • Subway • Jersey Mikes                           |                |
| Amazon • Dollar General • Target • Walmart                |                |

## Holiday Craft Show

November 8, 2025 9-2:00

Heritage Hills

3195 Heritage Hills Blvd.,  
Clermont, FL

Open to the  
Public

FREE ENTRY  
OVER 50 VENDORS



## CRAFT FAIR

Lakes of Mount Dora CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 15, 2025

9:00am – 2:00pm

8506 Lakes of Mt. Dora Blvd.

- Over 50 tables of Unique, and one-of-a-kind hand-crafted items by local artisans
- Breakfast & Lunch items for sale
- Huge Bake Sale!
- Start your holiday shopping early!
- A fun & festive event!

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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

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 from the photos, they are beautifully handmade!

## FOR SALE

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 1 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.

## ADVERTISEMENTS



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### NYE Fashion Jewelry

Angela Smith

[www.nyefashionjewelry.com](http://www.nyefashionjewelry.com)

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### Handmade Cards by Karen

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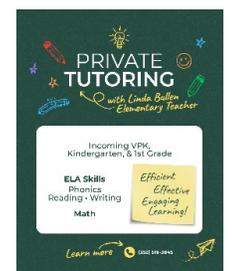
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