

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, November 23

Thankful Sunday

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, November 24

- 9:00 AM Count Team Four – Church Office
- 5:00 PM Welcome Committee Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Tuesday, November 25

Hope Blume Out of Office

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office

Wednesday, November 26

Hope Blume Out of Office

Church Office Closing Early for Thanksgiving Holiday

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 2:00 PM Church Office Closing at 2:00 pm
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Little House (5pm-7pm)

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving

Church Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, November 28

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM I Am A Safe Place Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Altar Guild Team Four Set Up – Sanctuary

Saturday, November 29

Church Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

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

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Jeannine Helm	Larry Lock	Joe Sturges
Deidre Huffman	Nadia Mashhi	Kayla Taylor
Brenda Kelley	Felicidad Robinson	Sandy Unger

Parish Family Continued Prayers

Renee Babcock	Beverly Green	Olive McPherson
Tristen Babcock	Anne Hollywood	Tracy Morelli
Rose Brown	Anne Luposello	Mark Nethersole
Esther Catino	Diana Mahoney	Sheila Seale
Michael Clark	Imantee Mallay	Mary Sturges
Mother Jane Clark	Stanley Mallay	Linda Thorp
Hugh Dial	CZ Mathews	Connie Tracey
Anita Erickson	Elijah Mathews	Liane Trainello
Robert Eyer	Isabella Mathews	Stuart Wilson
Miranda Foster	Jackson Mathews	Vera Wilson
Connie Gamb	Don Manny	
Michael Giallella	Edna Marcus	

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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

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

11.23 Barbie Giddens
11.24 Matthew Giddens
11.26 Joan Allabaugh
11.27 Kristopher Mock

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

11.27 Eddie Rodriguez Davilla & Maria Flores Pons

Those Who Have Passed

John Luposello, *dear friend and fellow parishioner*
Harold Andrews, *dear friend and fellow parishioner*

HOPE BLUME OUT OF OFFICE: Hope will be out of the office on vacation **Tuesday, November 25 and Wednesday, November 26, 2025**. All emails and voicemail messages will be returned on Monday, December 1, 2025. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jim Dorn via his mobile phone.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closing early on **Wednesday, November 26 and will be closed on Thursday, November 27, 2025** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. All emails and voicemail messages will be returned on Monday, December 1, 2025. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jim Dorn via his mobile phone.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025, at 9:20 AM!
COME JOIN THE FUN!**

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 23, 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.

ADVENT STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): Advent Study **will not meet** this Tuesday; however, will **resume meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): Bible Study class **will not meet** this Wednesday; however, will **resume meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 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.

SINGING SAINTS (All Singers Welcome to Join Us): The Singing Saints will not meet this Friday; however, will **resume meeting on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 4:00 pm** in the Choir Room for fellowship and at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary for singing. Please contact Gina Mobley (407.782.3065 or ginamobley@aol.com) if you have any questions.

I AM A SAFE PLACE MEETING: Will be holding meetings on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at St. Matthias. The next meeting will be held on **Friday, November 28, 2025, at 9:00 am** in the Parish Hall. A safe place to talk, a safe place to heal, a safe place to grow, a safe place to connect. Please contact Julia D'Arts at 407.491.2999 or info@iamasafeplace.com 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!

**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 INFORMATION: 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).

SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
11.16.2025	7:45 AM Service	20
11.16.2025	9:30 AM Service	85
11.16.2025	11:15 AM Service	27
	Total	132
	Online Views	358

**The Altar Flowers are given to the
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and in Loving Memory of Richard Blume
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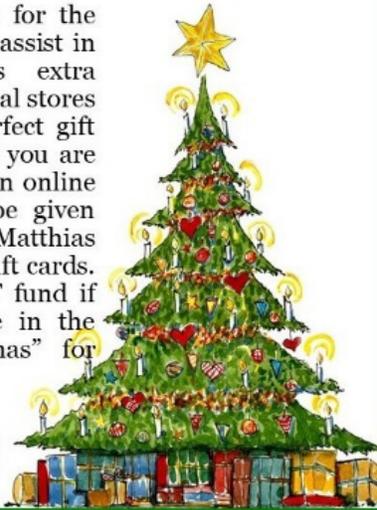
Christmas Giving *for* Families In Transition High School Students

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.**



2025 UPDATED

Christmas Gift List

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| 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 | |
| Gift Cards to the Following Restaurants or Stores: | |
| McDonalds · Chick-Fil-A · Sonic | |
| Culvers · Subway · Jersey Mikes | |
| Amazon · Dollar General · Target · Walmart | |

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.

IN SEARCH OF - IN NEED OF

We are moving and are in desperate need of **boxes** in a variety of sizes. Please leave any you want to get rid of in the Library for us. Thank you so much!! Hugs and Blessings, Karen and Dave Freiberg

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. 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 from the photos, they are beautifully handmade!

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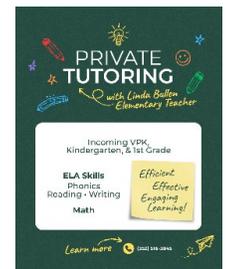
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