

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Sunday, Thankful Sunday, Sunday School Sunday,
Red Bag Sunday, Blood Drive

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 9:30 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:00 AM Big Red Bus Blood Drive – In Front of Church Office
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Monday, November 25

- 9:30 AM Count Team Three – Office
- 6:15 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club Meeting – Library
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 26

No Events Scheduled for Today

Wednesday, November 27

Church Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Friday, November 29

Church Offices Closed

- 6:00 PM Altar Guild Team Four Set-Up – Sanctuary

Saturday, November 30

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Stacy's Stamping Camp – Parish Hall

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent & Sunday School Sunday

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 9:30 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
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- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Little House
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- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Vestry Members

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|------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
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Attendance

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
10.17.24	7:45 AM Service	27
10.17.24	9:30 AM Service	68
10.17.24	11:15 AM Service	31
	Total:	126

Those on Our Prayer List

Parish Family

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| Bob Allabaugh | Buddy Forehand | Don Manny |
| Harold Andrews | Arthur Forrest | Edna Marcus |
| Geny Arrunategui | Phyllis Forrest | Henrietta Martin |
| Ray Arthurs | John Foster | Lidio Nembrotti |
| Lois Beeney | Miranda Foster | Elizabeth Nemeth |
| Drew Bergeron | Connie Gamb | Megan Ogle |
| Anakin Boeni | Michael Giallella | Marlene Parkinson |
| Josef Boeni | Diane Gordon | Maria Rosado |
| Jane Boyack | James Helm | Gene Ruryk |
| Sandra Bradshaw | Jeannine Helm | Suzanne Ruryk |
| Gavin Bramwell | Mike Hollywood | Sheila Seale |
| Mother Jane Clark | Anne Hollywood | Joe Sturges |
| Michael Clark | Denny Kapuchuck | Mary Sturges |
| Steve Coole | Julie Kessler | Connie Tracey |
| Presiding Bishop Michael Curry | Theresa Knight | Liane Trainello |
| Adrian D'Arts | John Luposello | Linda Unger |
| Julia D'Arts | Eleonore Macripo | Sandy Unger |
| Geraldine Engel | Diana Mahoney | Stuart Wilson |
| Anita Erickson | Imantee Mallay | Vera Wilson |
| Ann Forehand | Stanley Mallay | |

Family & Friends

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| Sean | Millie Figueroa | Megha Patel |
| Kendra | Tecelisa Palmer Francis | Harold Phillips |
| Nathan Allabaugh | Deidre Huffman | Timothy Reid |
| Alex Assadi | Mark Jenkins | Linda Rosenberg |
| Amber Assadi | Gordon Knight | Jeannette Scanlan |
| Gabby Assadi | Diana Kuharske | Schoff Family |
| Paula Assadi | Frances LaCroix | Inge Sebach |
| Judith Bergeron | Francine LaCroix Thibault | Nathan Smith |
| Heather Blue | Lantigua Family | Gina Storr |
| Jean Blume | Anne Lee | Jim Storr |
| Reta Bramwell | Bob Link | Terry Vander Meer |
| Rose Brown | Peggy Link | Denise Thibault Vespa |
| Reverend Bill Boyer | Maksimowitz Family | Kathleen Whitacre |
| Jo Chen | Eleanore Meade | Phyllis White |
| Roy Chen | Alicia Miller | Joyce Wilson |
| Cooper Coole | Brian Miller | Tom Wilson |
| Reverend Cass Daly | David Moore | Richard Wolf |
| James Dorn, Jr. | Danny Nemeth | Kathy Wood |
| Mary Dorn | Ty Neu | Richard Woodworth |

Military & First Responders

- Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Vick Boothe, U.S. Army, Undisclosed Location
 Nicholas Buonocore, U.S. Navy, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, WA
 Delani Carter, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
 Spencer Coole, U.S. Air Force, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina
 Greta Gaasch, U.S. Army Reserve
 Lucas Freiberg, Federal Corrections Officer, Coleman Federal Prison
 Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, Osan Air Base, Korea
 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
 Jonathan Norris U.S. Navy, USS Stout, Norfolk
 Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Afghanistan
 Ian Todd, NJ National Guard Bravo Company 1-114, Syria
 Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

Those Celebrating Birthdays

- 11.24 Matthew Giddens
- 11.26 Joan Allabaugh
- 11.27 Kristopher Mock
- 11.29 Mary Anne Lock

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 11.27 Eddie & Maria Rodriguez
- 11.30 Stuart & Maureen Wilson

Those Who Have Died

Mike Mullings, dear friend of Fr. Jim & Janette Dorn

BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES: If you have any announcements, calendar events and/or calendar updates, or any information you would like to share with the church family for the weeks of December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 and January 5, 2025, please be sure to have all information to Hope Blume no later than the end of the day on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. The Advent and Christmas seasons are upon us, and we will be preparing all bulletins and announcements for this busy season, so please have all announcements and such to Hope no later than Tuesday, December 3, 2024. This also includes any information being sent out via Constant Contact. This year there will be no exceptions to this deadline, and we thank you in advance for your understanding and support as we prepare for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

Deadline: Tuesday, December 3, 2024

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Your generous donations help us create a beautiful space to celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ during our Christmas season. If giving flowers in memory of a loved one(s), please be sure to **clearly print** your loved one's names on the back of the Christmas Flower envelope. Envelopes can be found at the Welcome Table. Please have all names into the Church Office no later than **Monday, December 9, 2024**. Please contact Hope Blume at the office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

RED BAG SUNDAY: Please consider taking a red bag this Sunday (or an envelope for a monetary donation) and filling it with a few of the items needed at the Neighborhood Center of South Lake. Red bags, monetary donation envelopes, and lists of needed items can be found at our Neighborhood Center Kiosk in the Parish Hall. These items help support the work of the Neighborhood Center of South Lake as they care for those in need within our community. Your participation is very much appreciated. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870 or keith.whitacre@gmail.com) or Peggy Hope (352.429.9778 or rush1937@embarqmail.com) if you have any questions.

THE BIG RED BUS IS COMING TO ST. MATTHIAS TODAY: Please join us today, **Sunday, November 24, 2024**, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, in front of the St. Matthias Church Office. Please help us reach our goal of saving lives! We are hoping for at least 12 donors for the blood drive. If we reach our goal, we could be a part of saving up to 36 or more lives! Please come out and donate, receive some cool donor gifts, and most importantly, help save many lives! Each donation helps save up to three lives! Appointments can be made using the following link: https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1573595. Walk-ins are also always welcomed!

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: Please join us on **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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes will take place this **Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 9:20 am** in the Little House. All children and their friends are welcome!

The kiddos made bookmarks for the Minneola Schoolhouse Library's Victory Point Christmas tree in Sunday School. These will serve as part of a collection of bookmarks used as ornaments to decorate the Library's Christmas tree. **Be sure to check out the trees after November 24th to see if you can spot theirs.** (P.S. We hope to have a St. Matthias tree next year).

We will be doing a little fundraiser soon selling individual bags of peanuts and peanut brittle. Be on the lookout!

March and November of 2025 have five Sundays, and I would like the kiddos to serve as readers, greeters, and ushers on these fifth Sundays at the 9:30 am or 11:15 am service. They will be accompanying the adults scheduled for that Sunday. Please let me know if you would like your child to participate, and we will include them on the ministry schedule.

Reminder to let me know how many will be attending the Christmas party and cookie decorating, family members are welcome too, on Sunday, December 22nd. We will also be decorating the Church's Christmas Tree at this event. If I can squeeze in a pageant walk through, we'll do that too. Reach out any time - hugs and blessings, Karen

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday school will meet this **Sunday, November 24, 2024, 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.

PET BLESSING POST ANALYSIS MEETING: Please join us on **Monday, December 2, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall for a Pet Blessing Post Analysis meeting. We will discuss what worked, what didn't and start the planning process for the 2025 Pet Blessing event. Please contact Keith Whitacre at (952.239.5870) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

BLUE CHRISTMAS: St. Matthias Episcopal Church invites you to attend its Blue Christmas celebration. The joyousness of the Christmas Season blared from all the media, talk of getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they may have lost or in some cases never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of a loss of job, ill health, the pain of isolation, loss of a family member, loss of a spouse to share with, the loss of a dear pet, all this and more can be part of feeling alone, of "feeling blue" in the midst of the society around us which appears to us bent on "being happy" and "celebrating." There are years when we hurt at Christmas time and just can't get into the prescribed festivities.

It's at such times that we need to make the space and take the time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know we are not alone. So come to a brief service on **Wednesday December 11, 2024, at 6:00pm** at St. Matthias Episcopal Church to join in and listen to prayers, and scripture that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who are experiencing struggles. God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness regardless of where we are at, and we can lay our burdens before our savior and mediator at the time of year as we celebrate His birth.

Please accept this invitation to be with us, hopefully a time to experience the hope that is Christmas. The doors will be open to all, feel free to invite others to come with you, as your support, or if you know they too are hurting at Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Jim Dorn at 352.394.3855.

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, December 13, 2024, at 5:00 pm in the Church Office and again on Friday, December 27, 2024, at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.** I Am A Safe Place is a faith-based charitable organization anchored in Truth, Hope, Love, and Community. Our mission is to provide a safe, empowering, and supportive community environment through a network of support services in a judgement-free zone. We engage with nature and creativity using holistic modalities to facilitate healing and reconnect with other survivors and the larger community while raising awareness of Domestic Violence (DV), Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), Teen Dating Violence (TDV), and the stigma associated with trauma. A safe place to talk, a safe place to heal, a safe place to grow, a safe place to connect. We invite you to help us plant the seeds of faith, hope, love, and community for survivors and families of Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence. Please contact Julia D'Arts at 407.491.2999 or info@iamasafeplace.com if you have any questions.

SAVE-THE-DATE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & POTLUCK: Please join us on **Sunday, January 26, 2025**, for our Annual Parish Meeting and Potluck Luncheon. We will hold **one service this Sunday at 10:00 am**, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting in the Sanctuary, with a Potluck Luncheon and Ministry Fair afterwards in the Parish Hall. Please contact the Church Office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

SAVE-THE-DATE MINISTRY FAIR – DATE CHANGE: Please join us on **Sunday, January 26, 2025**, in the Parish Hall for a St. Matthias Ministry Fair! We are asking all ministries, groups, guilds, and committees to gather up information about your different ministries and come out and share with the St. Matthias family. We are hoping everyone will participate and join in on the fun. Our goal is to spread awareness of the different programs at St. Matthias and grow our volunteer community. Additional information will be shared in the coming months. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: No, my friends, it is never too soon to start thinking about VBS. We will begin our meetings and planning in January 2025. The theme this coming summer is Desert and Jungle Safaris, Exploring the Miracles of Jesus, which will take place the week of July 14 thru 16, 2025.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED (Volunteers Needed): Beginning in January 2025, we would like to bring back volunteers that would like to help in the church office. Tasks would include answering the phone, stuffing bulletins with inserts, filing, shredding documents, making copies, helping prep for events and fundraisers, assist with other light duty office tasks and projects, and at times assist church family members that may stop in and need assistance (for example, they may need some copies made, help looking up a phone number, or in need of general information about upcoming events and such). If you have computer skills that we can put to good use, we would be happy to have them; however, computer skills are not required. There are many tasks that we need assistance with. The days and hours are very flexible, it can be a regular set day and time and/or you can let Hope know when you can be scheduled to assist during the upcoming month. If you are interested in volunteering in the office, please contact Hope Blume at hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com or 352.394.3855. Thank you very much for considering these volunteer positions!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday School Classes

Sunday, December 1, 2024
 Sunday, December 8, 2024
 Sunday, December 15, 2024
 Sunday, December 22, 2024
 Sunday, December 29, 2024
 9:20 am – Little House

Blue Christmas Service

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant
 The Reverend Beth Knight, Meditation
 Wednesday, December 11, 2024
 6:00 pm

**Sunday School Christmas Party
 Cookie & Tree Decorating**

Sunday, December 22, 2024
 12:15 pm

Christmas Eve Services

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant
 Sunday, December 24, 2024
 5:00 pm
Family Service with Children's Skit
 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Service

The Reverend Dr. Jane Clark, Celebrant
 Monday, December 25, 2024
 10:00 am

Christmas Lessons & Carols Service

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant
 Sunday, December 29, 2024
 10:00 am
 One Service this Sunday Morning

Christmas Carol Sing Along

Sunday, December 29, 2024
 11:00 am

A/C REPLACEMENT DONATIONS AS OF 11.17.2024

LOAN AMOUNT	\$ 40,000.00
TOTAL DONATED	\$12,299.12
REMAINING BALANCE	\$27,700.88

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

and in Thanksgiving for Our Family
 Given with Love by Fr. Jim & Janette Dorn

and in Loving Memory of Marcelle LeCavalier
 Given with Love by Jim & Jeannine Helm

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

and in Thanksgiving for Our Beautiful St. Matthias Family
 Given with Love by Hope Blume

Gifts Due to the Church by Sunday, December 1st

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.



2024 UPDATED



Christmas Gift List

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

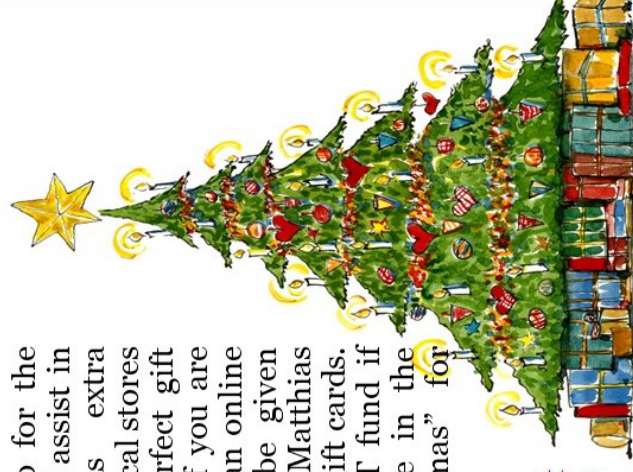
Christmas Giving for Families In Transition High School Students

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.



ANGEL TREE PRISON FELLOWSHIP PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY



The Community Outreach Committee is pleased once again to partner with Angel Tree Ministry, a program of Prison Christian Fellowship. Through Angel Tree we embrace children who have an imprisoned parent by providing them with a gift, given in love, on behalf of the incarcerated parent. This year we have 65 children, ages 4 months old to 18 years old.

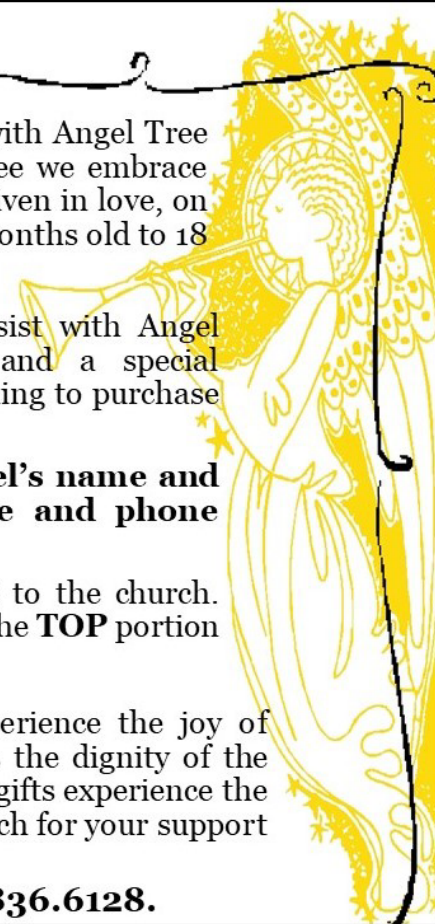
An outreach member will be in the Parish Hall after services to assist with Angel selection. Angels include a child's name, age, gift suggestions and a special Christmas message sent to the child from his/her parent. For those wishing to purchase gifts for a child, the suggested minimum value is \$50.00.

If you chose to sponsor a child, please locate the child or angel's name and code number on the sign-up sheet; then record your name and phone number beside the angel's name.

On Sunday, **December 8th** please return your gift in a **GIFT BAG** to the church. Remove the **BOTTOM** portion of the angel tag and remember to attach the **TOP** portion of the angel tag to your gift bag.

Everyone benefits from participating in Angel Tree: the children experience the joy of knowing their parents haven't forgotten them, the prisoner experiences the dignity of the child having something personal from him or her, and those who provide gifts experience the joy and spiritual growth of putting our faith into action. Thank you so much for your support of this ministry.

If questions, please contact Mary Anne Lock at 270.836.6128.



HOW TO GIVE A MONETARY DONATION FOR ANGEL TREE GIFTS

CHECK OR CASH: Envelopes are available at the back of the church for monetary donations to assist with gift purchases. A donation of any amount is very much appreciated.

ONLINE GIVING: If you would like some guidance, or additional information, you can use the following link to go to our website: <https://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/>.

Please use the following link for online giving: <https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/Give>. Enter an amount and under "Fund" click on the arrow to drop down to **Angel Tree**.

TEXT GIVING: Send your text to **73256** and in the body of the text write **matthias** and the **amount**. For example, matthias \$50. The church's keyword for giving is **matthias**.

GIVE VIA TEXT MESSAGE

Text your church's keyword and amount to **73256** on your smart phone.

Once the text is sent, you will receive a confirmation message.

Click the link in the confirmation message to access the payment form.

Complete the payment form and verify the amount and fund.

When finished, click Give.

You will receive a receipt by text and email.

Your payment information is saved for future gifts.

If you have any questions, please call Hope Blume at the Church Office 352.394.3855.