

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent

Church Offices Closed

**Angel Tree Gifts Due to the Parish Hall – Tables
FIT Teen Christmas Gifts Due – Green Bins**

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word – Sanctuary
- 8:30 AM Big Red Bus Blood Drive – Front of Office
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 9:30 AM Rite II with Music & Choir – Sanctuary
- Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- Nursery Care – Little House
- Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Monday, December 4

- 9:30 AM Angel Tree Prep – Parish Hall/Library
- 10:30 AM Literacy Class – Little House
- 12:00 PM Care Ministry Meeting – Office
- 1:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:15 PM Al-Anon Book Club – Little House
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

Tuesday, December 5

Angel Tree Cookies Due – Parish Hall/Office

- 9:00 AM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House
- 1:00 PM Refresh Group Meeting – Little House
- 5:00 PM Vestry Meeting – Office

Wednesday, December 6

- 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study – Parish Hall
- 2:00 PM Come Sing to the Lord Class – Library
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room/Sanctuary

Thursday, December 7

- 11:00 AM Literacy Class – Little House
- 1:30 PM Angel Tree Cookie Prep – Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

Friday, December 8

Church Offices Closed

- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Two Set-Up – Sanctuary

Saturday, December 9

Church Offices Closed

- 11:00 AM Angel Tree Distribution – Parish Hall/Library

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

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 & Choir – Sanctuary
- Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- Nursery Care – Little House
- Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Vestry Members

2024	Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i> Buddy Forehand	ninicurtis55@msn.com a4hand@aol.com
2025	Gloria Robinson	gloria.73ogr@gmail.com
2026	Maxine Hylton, <i>Jr. Warden</i> Kim Hunt, <i>Stewardship Chair</i> Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i> Elizabeth Nemeth, <i>Clerk</i>	maxhyl1@gmail.com kimhunt34711@gmail.com manny4215@yahoo.com edreis55@gmail.com
	Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	glenmartin286@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
11.26.23	7:45 AM Sunday Service	16
11.26.23	9:30 AM Sunday Service	90
11.26.23	11:15 AM Sunday Service	30
	Total	136
	Online Views	46

Those on Our Prayer List

Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Joan Allabaugh	Miranda Foster	Mike Meeker
Harold Andrews	Karlene Gordon	Lidio Nembrotti
Geny Arrunategui	Alice Grimes	Nembrotti Family
Ray Arthurs	James Helm	Elizabeth Nemeth
Kay Barnes	Jeannine Helm	Megan Ogle
Drew Bergeron	Margaret Jahreis	Austin Parkinson
Hope Blume	Noel Kirton	Maria Rosado
Anakin Boeni	Theresa Knight	Gene Ruryk
Jane Boyack	Darrel Kugler	Suzanne Ruryk
Sandra Bradshaw	Longwater Family	Sheila Seale
Gavin Bramwell	Frank Macripo	Gina Storr
Reta Bramwell	Diana Mahoney	Jim Storr
Mother Jane Clark	Imantee Mallay	Joe Sturges
Clifford Family	Sabrina Mallay	Mary Sturges
Steve Coole	Stanley Mallay	Connie Tracey
Donna Dyson	Don Manny	Liane Traniello
Anita Erickson	Glen Martin	Obiajulu Udokwu
Ann Forehand	Henrietta Martin	Rick Unger
Buddy Forehand	Mathews Family	Sandy Unger
John Foster	Catherine Meginley	Vera Wilson

Family & Friends

Patricia Ainlay	Jennifer Henderson	Sherrill Mizioch
June Berlund	Sharon Hess	Danny Nemeth
Gary Braner	Nicole Hess	Andrew Nickolaou
Marcia Brown	Meraid Hess	Ophelia Nickolaou
Rose Brown	Nkenge Hewitt/Castro	Karter Nickolaou
Suzie Brownlee	Jordan Hofstetter	Ethyn Nickolaou
Reverend Bill Boyer	Mary Italia	Ty Nu
Nathaniel Carter	Debbie Jordon	Ruth Rees
Mary Ellen Cook	Fran Jue	Timothy Reid
Shedrick Cotton	Henrirtte Karnik	Nary Singh
Reverend Cass Daly	Frances LaCroix	Mary Sowers
Betty Davis	Normand LaCroix	Terry Vander Meer
James Dorn, Jr.	Bob Link	Vannoy Family
Mary Dorn	Peggy Link	Denise Thibault Vespa
Mark Ellison	Terry Macripo	Doris Wilson
Cheryl Ferrell	Sean Marcus	Tom Wilson
Emily Griffin	Eleanor Meade	Richard Wolf

Military & First Responders

Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Nicholas Buonocore, U.S. Navy
 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, Officer Training
 Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Deploying to Afghanistan
 Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

Those Celebrating Birthdays

- 12.3** Lana Hanifin
- 12.5** Guillermo Pascal
- 12.7** Lois Beeney
- 12.8** Drew Bergeron
- 12.9** Kim Hunt

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 12.4** Roylando & Angela Smith
- 12.7** Kim & Cindy Hunt
- 12.8** Gene & Suzanne Ruryk

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

and in Loving Memory of Clarence Parkinson
Given with Love by Austin & Marlene Parkinson

The Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God

and in Thanksgiving for
Our Beautiful Church Family
Given with Love by The Blume Bunch

ANGEL TREE GIFTS: Angel Tree gifts are **due to the Parish Hall this Sunday, December 3, 2023.** Please place your gifts on the tables in the Parish Hall. Please contact Mary Anne Lock (270.836.6128) or Diane Gustafson (407.929.6475) if you have any questions. Thank you very much for all your purchases, monetary gifts, and support of this incredible ministry!

FIT TEEN CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Families in Transition Teen Christmas gifts are **due to the church no later than this Sunday, December 3, 2023.** Please place your gifts in the green bin in the Sanctuary or the green bin or red rolling bin in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your extreme generosity and care of these teens, not only for Christmas but also for all your support throughout the entire year!

THANK YOU: A huge, giant, enormous thank you to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Basket project! Everyone played a role from monetary donations, to helping purchase, organize, haul and pick-up food items, to those who came out and volunteered to put the baskets together and help distribute them. It was a major team effort, and we could not have done it without every single one of you! Jessie and I were in awe of all the help and support received and the 125 families we were able to provide Thanksgiving dinners were all very thankful and expressed their gratitude when picking up their baskets. You all provided the means for these families to prepare and enjoy a delicious dinner surrounded by their families in their own spaces. Thank you is not big enough words to express how thankful the Community Outreach Committee, Jessie, and I are for all the love and support you shared for this caring ministry. Hoping everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to having a post-meeting sometime in January to discuss ideas and suggestions for helping improve the process for next year. Thank you! Love and Blessings, Hope & Jessie

COOKIES NEEDED: If possible, we would like to provide each of our Angel Tree families with a gift box of three dozen cookies per family. If you would like to provide cookies, please add your name to the sign-up in the parish hall and/or contact Carol Radovich or Tracy Morelli. The cookies can be homemade, or Christmas themed store bought; however, please refrain from any cookies with peanut butter and/or nuts due to unknown allergies of the children. Cookies can be dropped off to the church office or parish hall between **Sunday, December 3, 2023, to Tuesday, December 5, 2023.** Please Contact Carol Radovich (203.598.5144 or carolradovich71@gmail.com) or Tracy Morelli (352.949.9044 or olebear@aol.com) or Tracy if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Angel Tree families!

BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES: If you have any announcements, calendar events and/or calendar updates, or information you would like to share with the church family for the weeks of December 10, 17, 24, 31, please have all information to Hope Blume no later than the end of the day on **Wednesday, December 6, 2023.** The Advent and Christmas seasons are upon us, and we will be preparing early all bulletins and announcements for this busy season, so please have all announcements and such to Hope no later than Wednesday, December 6, 2023. This also includes any information being sent out via Constant Contact. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

Deadline: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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 envelope. Envelopes can be found at the Welcome Table. Please have all names into the Church Office no later than **Monday, December 11, 2023.** Please contact Hope Blume or Hannah Blume at the office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: There are two opportunities to attend bible study with Janette Dorn, Mondays at 3:30 pm and Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Classes will resume on **Monday, January 8, 2024, at 3:30 pm and Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. This session we will be studying Revelation Part Two, Unveiling the Book of Revelation. The focus is the end of time - discover exactly what God says will take place. Please add your name to the Monday or Tuesday class sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend. Please contact Janette Dorn (jsmdorn@gmail.com or 352.235.5168) if you have any questions.

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION: The FIT program is running low on **paper products, laundry, and cleaning supplies.** If you can donate any of these items, please place them in the red rolling bin located in the Parish Hall. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Lake County FIT Highschool Students. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855) or Janette Dorn (352.235.5168) if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: For the month of December, we will have Sunday School on the **first three Sundays of the month, December 3, December 10, and December 17**. Please join us today in the Little House at 9:20 am for Sunday school! We will have a little Christmas party during Sunday School on Sunday, December 17, 2023, and after the 11:15 am service on Sunday, December 17, the children will decorate the church Christmas tree, and enjoy a pizza lunch afterwards. **Sunday, December 24, 2023**, is Christmas Eve where the early family service (5:00 pm) will include a children's sermon in the form of a skit. The skit was very well received by the kiddos last year and we hope the adults enjoyed it as well. The skit is different this year, but we promise it will be just as fun and meaningful. Please let me know if you have any questions (freibergs4@aol.com or 352.432.3164). Hugs and blessings, Karen

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Please join us this **Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 11:15 am** in the Choir Room. Let us come together for thought-provoking, meaningful discussion, where we will exchange views and relay life experiences. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Dolores Wilson-Malone (856.625.1515) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

LITERACY CLASSES: St. Matthias is offering classes for anyone in the community who may need help with literacy, including English conversation practice, English language, and grammar classes. The class meets on Mondays at 10:30 am in the Little House. Please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) or Kathy Ridenour (kathyto8069@yahoo.com) for additional information. The next classes will meet on **Monday, December 4, 2023, at 10:30 am** and **Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 11:00 am** in the Little House.

CARE MINISTRY MEETING: Will meet on **Monday, December 4, 2023, at 12:00 noon** in the office. Please remember to bring your bagged lunch and if you like, a snack to share and any items purchased for the Christmas gifts. Please contact Kathy Mahoney (321.200.7032) or Maxine Hylton (305.775.3415) if you have any questions. If you are new to St. Matthias and would like to join in, please feel free to bring a bagged lunch and join in on the fun!

REFRESH GROUP MEETING: The Refresh Group will meet this **Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 1:00 pm** in the Little House. If you have a spouse or family member suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's disease and would like a safe place to share and find support and comfort, please reach out to Terri Kunze or Claudia Seitz-Ricklick. Please join these beautiful women as they provide support, comfort, and care for those caring for a loved one suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Everything shared in the group is confidential and supported by Fr. Jim Dorn and the Care Ministry Team.

Claudia: 352.552.2469 or seitzric@earthlink.net / Terri: 352.552.5303 or terri@kunzefamily.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Women's Bible Study will meet this coming **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. All women are welcome to join! Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

MEN'S RETIRED LUNCH BUNCH: Will gather on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 12:00 pm** at Beef 'O'Brady's on Highway 50 in Clermont (1642 East Hwy 50, Clermont). Please RSVP to Hugh Dial (dizzyfingers103@msn.com or 863.557.8803) if you plan to attend. If you are new to St. Matthias and would like to attend, RSVP to Hugh Dial and come on out and join us!

COME LET US SING TO THE LORD AND STUDY HANDEL'S MESSIAH: We will be following a Kerygma curriculum for a 10-week study of the Bible as it relates to Handel's oratorio. The study will begin this **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 2:00 pm** and **if enough people are interested, we will hold a second time on Wednesday's at 6:00 pm**. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and indicate which time you would like to attend and if you would like the church to purchase a book for you or if you will purchase your own book. We will spend 4 weeks on the prophecy of Jesus and after Christmas, 6 weeks on the Passion and Resurrection. We will order books (about \$10 or more per copy for slightly used ones) and complete our homework each week. Every session ends with appropriate portions of a *Messiah* recording. Please contact Hugh if you have any questions (dizzyfingers103@msn.com or 863.557.8803). We look forward to having everyone join in on this special class!

SINGING SAINTS: Will rehearse this **Monday, December 4, 2023 at 1:00 pm** and this **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 4:00 pm** in the Choir Room. Please contact Hugh Dial (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com) if you have any questions.

HEALING SERVICE: The Healing Service is taking a break and will resume on **Wednesday, February 21, 2024**. Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

FLOWER GUILD HELP NEEDED: We need two additional volunteers to join the Flower Guild and assist with deliveries of Altar flowers to our homebound and local hospitals, rehabilitation centers, assisted living, and hospice homes. Please contact Lorna Manny (352.250.6202) if you have any questions and/or would like to be a part of this dedicated and caring team.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024: If you can please help us by saving items and purchasing items for the program, this is what we need, **please save: egg cartons any size any color, clean 1- and 2-liter plastic bottles, i.e., soda bottles. Dollar Tree purchases: pool noodles (lots) all colors, packages (lots) of pipe cleaners all colors, rolls (lots) of crepe paper in shades of blues and greens, round and rectangle plastic tablecloths in shades of blue, green, and gray.** Your help will be most appreciated. You can leave the items in the boxes on the counter under the windows in the Parish Hall. Thank you so much for your help. Hugs and blessings, Karen (352.432.3164 or freibergrs4@gmail.com)

2024 STEWARDSHIP MAILING: On Thursday, November 9, 2023, we mailed out a 2024 stewardship letter, pledge card, and envelope choice letter. If you did not receive one and would like one, packets are available at the Welcome Table. If you did not receive one, it may be due to us not having you in our membership system. The best way to get into our membership system is to complete a membership form, which is also located at the Welcome Table. If you have any questions regarding the stewardship campaign, please contact Kim Hunt (404.216.1402 or kimhunt34711@gmail.com) and if you have any questions regarding membership and/or giving envelopes and numbers, please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com).

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday School Classes

Sunday, December 3, 2023
Sunday, December 10, 2023
Sunday, December 17, 2023
9:20 am – Little House

Christmas Eve Services

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant
Sunday, December 24, 2023
5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

The 5:00 pm service will include a children's skit.

Blue Christmas Service

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant
The Reverend Beth Knight, Meditation
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
6:00 pm

Christmas Day Service

The Reverend Dr. Jane Clark, Celebrant
Monday, December 25, 2023
10:00 am

Christmas Tree Decorating & Pizza Lunch

Sunday School Students
Sunday, December 17, 2023
12:15 pm

Sunday Services

The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Celebrant
Sunday, December 31, 2023
7:45 am
Rite I Spoken Word Service
9:30 am
Rite II with Music & Choir
11:15 am
Rite II with Music

Advent Lessons & Carols Service

The Reverend Dr. Jane Clark, Celebrant
Sunday, December 24, 2023
10:00 am
One Service this Sunday Morning