

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

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, December 15

- 9:00 AM Count Team Three – Church Office
- 11:30 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Tuesday, December 16

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 4:30 PM Vestry Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Advent Study with Janette Dorn – Church Office

Wednesday, December 17

- 8:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Little House (5pm-7pm)

Thursday, December 18

- 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting – Church Office
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, December 19

Church Offices Closed

- 4:00 PM Singing Saints' Fellowship – Choir Room
- 4:30 PM Singing Saints' Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Altar Guild Team Three Set Up – Sanctuary

Saturday, December 20

Church Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday School Classes

Sunday School Christmas Tree Decorating

Sunday School Christmas Party

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
- 12:15 PM Sunday School Tree Decorating – Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Sunday School Christmas Party – Parish Hall

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Josef Boeni	Mary Sturges
Jeannine Helm	Connie Tracey
Dolores Wilson-Malone	Vera Wilson
Joe Sturges	

Parish Family Continued Prayers

Tristen Babcock	Anne Hollywood	Don Manny
Rose Brown	Deidre Huffman	Edna Marcus
Esther Catino	Larry Lock	Olive McPherson
Mother Jane Clark	Anne Luposello	Tracy Morelli
Michael Clark	Diana Mahoney	Mark Nethersole
Hugh Dial	Imantee Mallay	Sheila Seale
Anita Erickson	Stanley Mallay	Kayla Taylor
Robert Eyer	Nadia Mashi	Linda Thorp
Miranda Foster	CZ Mathews	Liane Trainello
Connie Gamb	Elijah Mathews	Sandy Unger
Michael Giallella	Isabella Mathews	Stuart Wilson
Beverly Green	Jackson Mathews	

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

Mindy	Eyer Family	Eleanore Meade
Nathan Allabaugh	Cheryl Ferrell	Danny Nemeth
Anakin Boeni	Maria Figueroa	Felicidad Robinson
Isabel Boeni	Tony Flores	Autumn Rose
Danielle Chavez	John Gilbert	Sandi Rzepka
Deena Chavez	Brenda Kelley	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
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

12.15 Joshua Powell
12.18 CZ Mathews
12.18 Marywynne Shattuck
12.19 Lelieth Miller
12.19 Carol Radovich
12.20 Rod Denslow

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

12.17 Doug & Diane Gordon

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 you give 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 in your bulletin and in your bulletin and at the Welcome Table. Please have all names to the Church Office no later than this **Monday, December 15, 2025**. There will be no exceptions this year to the due date. Please contact Hope Blume at the office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

OFFICIAL ST. MATTHIAS CANVAS TOTE BAGS – NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: Sturdy canvas tote bags featuring the **St. Matthias logo and Love Lives Here design** are on sale for **\$5.00** each. Bags may be purchased on Sundays or through the Church Office. These cute bags make perfect stocking stuffers or gifts for family and friends! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Denslow (407.923.6423 or lindadenslow@gmail.com).

GENESIS STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): Please join Janette Dorn as she provides a Bible Study of Genesis Chapters 1-13 beginning on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and/or contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

VBS 2026 PLANNING MEETING (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): Please join Karen Freiberg on **Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall to begin brainstorming and planning our next VBS adventure! If you are interested in participating or planning to participate, Karen is looking forward to you joining in and seeing you all at the meeting! Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School this **Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 9:20 am!** Please join us in the Sunday School building (Little House) just to the right of the Sanctuary. We don't want you to miss any of the fun. There is a lot happening this month and we're meeting every Sunday in December AND January! Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EPIPHANY PAGEANT REHEARSAL: Sunday school will be rehearsing for the Epiphany Pageant after the 9:30 am service this **Sunday, December 14, 2025**. The children will be brought to you in the Parish Hall after we are done. Relax and enjoy some coffee, fellowship, and snacks while we rehearse with the kiddos!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Sunday School Christmas party will take place next **Sunday, December 21, 2025** (that's next week!). It starts immediately following the 11:15 am service where we will decorate the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. After decorating, we will move to the Parish Hall for games, prizes, and create a craft and candy train. There will also be pizza served for lunch. Please be sure to let Karen know how many in your family will be attending so we have enough of everything. RSVP to Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com) as soon as possible.

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, December 14, 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.

VESTRY MEETING: The Vestry will meet this **Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 4:30 pm** in the Office. Please contact Coleen Cox (718.757.4388) or Fr. Jim (352.460.9580) if you have any questions.

ADVENT STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us): Advent Study will meet this **Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Church Office. Please contact 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 meet this **Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 10:30 am** in the Church Office. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: The Stewardship Committee will meet this **Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 5:30 pm** in the Church Office. Please contact Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

SINGING SAINTS (All Singers Welcome to Join Us): The Singing Saints will meet this **Friday, December 19, 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.

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)**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026: Are you thinking about being a part of the VBS team? It's going to be great...God Loves You to the Moon and Back: Blasting Off into Outer Space. Below are the lyrics to a song we'll be learning. I can't stop singing it, so I have also included a link to a YouTube video to the music and movements. The kids will have a blast (see what I did there). Let's get movin' and groovin' together this summer at VBS. We will have our first meeting in January. Hugs and blessings, Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com)

CELEBRATION

Song by Forrest Frank

You, you, you, you, you know what to do (uh, huh)
It's time to put your phone down and raise your attitude
The God who made the birds, sea, sun, and the moon
Isn't somewhere far away, He is standin' in the room (that's true)

So let it scream, let it shout, let Him know what you're about
Keep it movin' and groovin', don't leave a single doubt
That today is the day that the Lord has created
Why would I sit around just waitin'?

Let's have a celebration (celebration)
It's time to clap our hands and stomp our feet
Let's have a celebration (celebration)
If you believe that Jesus set you free

It's time to celebrate, ay, ay, ay
Ay, ay, ay, ay
Ay, ay, ay, ay
Don't sit there waitin', let's have a celebration

Me, me, me, me, I need less of me
Father, Son, and Spirit, that's who I call G-O-D
I used to be a blind man until You let me see
"That who the Son sets free," You said, "Is truly free indeed"

So let it scream, let it shout, let Him know what you're about
Keep it movin' and groovin', don't leave a single doubt
That today is the day that the Lord has created
Why would I sit around just waitin'?

Let's have a celebration (celebration)
It's time to clap our hands and stomp our feet
Let's have a celebration (celebration)
If you believe that Jesus set you free

It's time to celebrate, ay, ay, ay
Ay, ay, ay, ay
Ay, ay, ay, ay
Don't sit there waitin', let's have a celebration

Celebration (oh yeah)
It's time to clap our hands and stomp our feet (uh, yeah)
Let's have a celebration (ooh, ooh)
If you believe that Jesus set you free (oh)

<https://youtu.be/QEc2dK3IG3c?si=okz3NNIb63QKrLym>

**The Advent Flowers and Greens are given to the
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church**

and in Celebration of Rod Denslow's Birthday
Given with Love by Linda Denslow

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

and in Thanksgiving for my husband, Rick Blume
Given with Love by Hope Blume

SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
12.7.2025	7:45 AM Service	15
12.7.2025	9:30 AM Service	89
12.7.2025	11:15 AM Service	45
	Total	149
	Online Views	113

Mark Your Calendars for the Following Important December & January Dates

DATE	Day	EVENT	TIME
December 14	Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Services	7:45 AM·9:30 AM·11:15 AM
December 14	Sunday	Sunday School Classes <i>Nursery Care Available at 9:30 am & 11:15 am services</i>	9:20 AM
December 21	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Services	7:45 AM·9:30 AM·11:15 AM
December 21	Sunday	Sunday School Classes <i>Nursery Care Available at 9:30 am & 11:15 am services</i>	9:20 AM
December 21	Sunday	Christmas Tree Decorating in Sanctuary	12:15 PM
December 21	Sunday	Sunday School Happy Birthday Jesus Party <i>Parish Hall</i>	After Tree Decorating
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;"><i>Church Offices Closed</i></p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;"><i>Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Sunday, January 4, 2026</i></p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;"><i>Contact Fr. Jim via his mobile phone if you have a pastoral emergency.</i></p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;"><i>If he is unable to answer the phone, please leave a message and he will call you back as soon as possible.</i></p>			
December 24	Wednesday	Christmas Eve Service <i>Children's Program</i> <i>Nursery Care Available in Sunday School House</i>	5:00 PM
December 24	Wednesday	Christmas Eve Service <i>Fr. Jim Sermon</i>	7:00 pm
December 25	Thursday	Christmas Day Service	10:00 AM
December 28	Sunday	Lessons & Carols Service	One Service - 10:00 AM
December 28	Sunday	Sunday School Classes <i>Nursery Care Available</i>	9:50 AM
December 28	Sunday	Cookies & Fellowship <i>Parish Hall</i>	11:00 AM
January 4	Sunday	Epiphany Service <i>Sunday School Epiphany Pageant</i>	One Service - 10:00 AM
January 4	Sunday	Sunday School Classes <i>Nursery Care Available</i>	9:50 AM
January 4	Sunday	Potluck & Fellowship <i>Parish Hall</i>	11:00 AM
January 25	Sunday	Sunday Service	One Service - 10:00 AM
January 25	Sunday	Sunday School Classes <i>Nursery Care Available</i>	9:50 AM
January 25	Sunday	Annual Parish Meeting <i>Sanctuary</i>	11:00 AM
January 25	Sunday	Potluck & Fellowship <i>Parish Hall</i>	11:30 AM "ish"

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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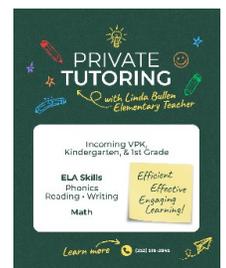
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