

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent & Sunday School Classes & Party

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
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room
- 12:15 PM Sunday School Party/Decorating – Parish Hall

Monday, December 23

- 9:30 AM Count Team Four – Church Office

Tuesday, December 24

Church Offices Closed

- 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary
(family service with children's skit in lieu of sermon)
- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25

Church Offices Closed

- 10:00 AM Christmas Day Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, December 26

Church Offices Closed

- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, December 27

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, December 28

Church Offices Closed

No Events Scheduled for Today

Sunday, December 29

One Service – Christmas Lessons & Carols

Church Offices Closed

- 10:00 AM Christmas Lessons & Carols – Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:00 AM Christmas Carols Sing Along – Parish Hall
- 11:00 AM Coffee & Christmas Cookies – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Vestry Members

- | | | |
|------|--|--------------------------|
| 2025 | Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i> | ninicurtis55@msn.com |
| | Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i> | lornamanny23@gmail.com |
| 2026 | Maxine Hylton, <i>Jr. Warden</i> | maxhyl1@gmail.com |
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| 2027 | Coleen COX, <i>Pastoral Care</i> | drccoxmcintosh@gmail.com |
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Attendance

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
12.15.24	7:45 AM Service	24
12.15.24	9:30 AM Service	98
12.15.24	11:15 AM Service	30
	Total:	152
	Online Views:	196

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 |
| Bishop Michael Curry | Theresa Knight | Liane Trainello |
| Adrian D'Arts | John Lupoello | Rick 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

- | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sean | Tecelisa Palmer Francis | Timothy Reid |
| Kendra | Sarah Grimes | Brandon Rivenbark |
| Nathan Allabaugh | Deidre Huffman | Julie Rivenbark |
| 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 | Jacquelyn Taylor |
| Rose Brown | Peggy Link | Terry Vander Meer |
| Reverend Bill Boyer | Maksimowitz Family | Denise Thibault Vespa |
| Jo Chen | Eleanore Meade | Kathleen Whitacre |
| Roy Chen | Alicia Miller | Phyllis White |
| Cooper Coole | Brian Miller | Joyce Wilson |
| Reverend Cass Daly | David Moore | Tom Wilson |
| James Dorn, Jr. | Danny Nemeth | Richard Wolf |
| Mary Dorn | Ty Neu | Kathy Wood |
| Millie Figueroa | Harold Phillips | 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
 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

- 12.24 Dale Powell
- 12.24 Jack Zimmer

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 12.26 Darrel & Susan Kugler

Those Who Have Died

Rose Kornegay, a dear friend of the Dial family

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED: The Church Offices will be closed for the Christmas break beginning on **Tuesday, December 24, 2024, and reopening on Thursday, January 2, 2025.** Emails will be monitored; however, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Jim Dorn (352.460.9580).

NEWLY PAINTED DOORS: All the doors have been stripped and repainted and look amazing! We want to keep the doors looking fresh and new for years to come. Please refrain from taping anything directly to the painted doors, you can tape onto the window cutouts in the doors; however, please do not place anything on the painted portion of the doors. Thank you very much for your support and understanding.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING ALONG: Please join us on **Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 11:00 am** in the Parish Hall for Christmas Carols and Christmas Cookies! Please bring Christmas cookies to share, grab a cup of coffee, and join in on some singing fun! Please contact Hugh Dial (dizzyfingers103@msn.com or 863.557.8803) if you have any questions.

2024 GIVING: If you have pledge giving or other giving that you would like to have reflected on your 2024 Giving Statement, please be sure to have it to the Church no later than **Sunday, December 29, 2024.** Giving can be placed in the offering plate and boxes, or the locked mailbox in front of the Church Office (only staff can gain access). The last deposit for the year will take place on Monday morning, December 30, 2024. **Any giving provided after Sunday, December 29, 2024, will be counted for the 2025 giving year.** Please contact Hope Blume if you have any questions.

2025 STEWARDSHIP: Dear St. Matthias Family, we are excited to announce the launch of our annual Pledge Campaign, a vital part of supporting the ongoing ministries and mission of our church. Your generous pledges allow us to continue offering spiritual growth, outreach, and support to those in need within our community and beyond. We invite each of you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to the future of our church. Every pledge, no matter the size, makes a difference and helps strengthen our shared mission. Please join us in this journey of faith, commitment, and generosity. Pledge cards are available at the back of the church and can be placed in the offering plate, emailed to Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com), or mailed to the church office (528 W. Montrose St., Clermont 34711). Please contact our Stewardship Chair, Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com), or the Church Office (352.394.3855) if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to St. Matthias.

2025 GIVING ENVELOPES & NUMBERS: Thank you to everyone who has already turned in a pledge card and completed the envelope giving form. If you requested envelopes and/or a giving number reminder, you will be able to pick them up from the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 22, 2024. Any requests received this weekend will be processed on Monday, December 23, 2024, and available for pick up on Tuesday, December 24, 2024. Any requests received after this weekend will be processed when we return from the Christmas break on January 2, 2025.

CALENDARS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER: As we prepare to welcome the new year, we are asking for your support in a special community initiative. If you have any 2025 calendars that you do not need, we are collecting them for donation to the Neighborhood Center of South Lake. These calendars will be distributed to individuals and families who can benefit from them. If you have extra 2025 calendars, please bring them to the church and place them in designated box at the back counter in the Parish Hall. Please contact Peggy Hope (352.429.9778 or rush1937@embarqmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: No, my friends, it is never too soon to start thinking about VBS. **We will begin our meetings and planning on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. 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. Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you would like to be a part of this exciting VBS adventure!

2025 FLOWER & CANDLE CHARTS: The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle charts for 2025 are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The cost for flowers is \$40.00 and Sanctuary Candle is \$5.00. Please be sure to print clearly and include all the information needed for the bulletin; in memory of, celebration or thanksgiving for, name or names of who they are being given for, and who they are being given by. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855) if you have any questions.

ST. MATTHIAS CLASSIFIEDS: We are introducing the idea of a St. Matthias Classifieds to provide our church family with an outlet to find, buy, sell, and/or reach out with services available and/or needed. If you have a business you would like to advertise or a service you would like to provide, the St. Matthias Classifieds can be your first stop. Some examples of services provided or needed might include babysitting, nannying, lawn work, pet care, house sitting, the possibilities/needs are limitless. Are you in search of a particular piece of furniture, rental property, babysitter, or transportation? If so, check out the St. Matthias Classifieds and/or place an ad. However, we do have a problem ... we need a name for this classified service so we're having a contest to name it. Please contact Karen Freiberg at freibergs4@aol.com with your name suggestion. Also, if you'd like to "advertise" in the classifieds, please contact Karen, as she will be overseeing this new adventure for the St. Matthias family. There is no charge for this service as we are just here to provide some help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, **Sunday, December 29, 2024**, we will meet in the Little House at 9:20 am for some more Sunday school fun. After the 9:30 am service during fellowship, we will be practicing for the pageant in the Sanctuary.

Today is also Party Day!!! After the 11:15 am service we will have our Christmas party in the Parish Hall and then help decorate the church Christmas tree.

Our Christmas Eve family service will be held at 5:00 pm, please try to attend this service as I will be asking all the kiddos in attendance to help me with the children's sermon.

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Merry Christmas, my friends! Hugs and Blessings, Karen

VBS FUNDRAISERS: We currently have two fundraisers for Vacation Bible School. **Peanuts and Peanut Brittle are available for sale in the Parish Hall; \$5.00 for one bag of peanut brittle (it's really good) and \$5.00 for two bags of salted peanuts.** These make great stocking stuffers my friends or enjoy for your own snacking pleasure. :)

We will have our **fundraiser at Carrabba's in Clermont, Wednesday, January 15, 2024**, for lunch and dinner. The funds raised from this fundraiser will be used for youth education and VBS. Please come out and support us and Carrabba's who have been incredibly supportive of our Sunday School and VBS programs. Please spread the word and the fundraiser flyer so we can have another successful fundraiser and delicious meal. Enjoy lunch or dinner, dine in or take out, just tell your server you are there supporting the St Matthias Vacation Bible School program. 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: Adult Sunday school will meet this **Sunday, December 22, 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.

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 27, 2024, at 9:00 am and again on Friday, January 3, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the Church Office in the Church Office.** 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. Please contact Julia D'Arts at 407.491.2999 or info@iamasafeplace.com if you have any questions.

ENGLISH CLASSES WITH WANDA: 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 classes meet on Mondays at 11:00 am and Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Little House. Classes will **not meet on December 24, 26, and 31, 2024 and on January 2, 2025.** Classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2025. Please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) for additional information.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA: Classes will **not** meet on **Wednesday, December 25, 2024, and Wednesday, January 1, 2025.** Next class will be on Wednesday, January 8, 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 REHEARSAL: The Singing Saints will not rehearse **Wednesday, December 25, 2024, and Thursday, December 26, 2024.** Rehearsals will resume on **Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, January 9, 2025,** in the Choir Room. Please contact Hugh Dial (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com) if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to come out and join the Singing Saints – we would love to have you be a part of this amazing group of singers!

MEN'S RETIRED LUNCH BUNCH: Due to the month of December being so busy, **we will not have the Men's Retired Lunch Bunch this month.** There is always so much going on during the month, so we will take a vacation during the month of December and meet in January 2025 instead. Thank you, Hugh Dial

LADIES' LUNCHEON: Due to the month of December being so busy, **we will not have the Ladies' Luncheon this month.** We will start back up in January 2025 and look forward to seeing all the ladies and their friends at January's luncheon. Thank you, Norma Sweeney

SAVE-THE-DATE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, MINISTRY FAIR & POTLUCK: Please join us on **Sunday, January 26, 2025,** for our Annual Parish Meeting, Ministry Fair, 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. 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. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday School Classes

Sundays in December
22nd
9:20 am
Little House

Sunday School Christmas Party

Cookie & Tree Decorating
Sunday, December 22, 2024
12:15 pm
Parish Hall

Christmas Eve Services

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

Christmas Day Service

The Reverend Dr. Jane Clark, Celebrant
Wednesday, 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

Hugh D. Dial Jr., M.M., Organist & Choir Master
Sunday, December 29, 2024
11:00 am
Parish Hall

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

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

CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL®

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2025
11:00 AM - 9:30 PM**

We invite you to join us at
Carrabba's Italian Grill for dinner
to benefit **ST. MATTHIAS VBS**

Present this flyer or identify yourself as a supporter and
we'll proudly donate 10% of your total check!

JOIN US AT:

2240 East Hwy 50 • Clermont, FL 34711



If you have a Carrabba's coupon, please consider saving it for your next visit to provide the most support to your organization during this event.

ST. MATTHIAS CLASSIFIEDS

Supporting & Connecting Our St. Matthias Family!

(Don't forget to join in on the Naming Contest!)

NYE Fashion Jewelry
Angela Smith



www.nyefashionjewelry.com

<https://shop.paparazzipremiere.com/nyefashionjewelry>

Handmade Cards by Karen
Karen Freiberg

Give a card.  Get a smile!

www.handmadecardsbykaren.com

December 18, 2024

Dear St. Matthias Family -

We hope this message finds you well and filled with God's blessings. As part of our commitment to keeping our records current and strengthening our connection with each member, we kindly ask that all members, new and current, complete an updated membership form.

This form will help us stay informed about your contact details, ministry involvement, and any specific needs or prayer requests you may have. It is important for our church to be able to support you in the best way possible.

Additionally, we encourage you to share your gifts and talents with the church family! If you feel called to serve in a ministry or have specific skills that can be a blessing to our community, please let us know on the form. Whether it's volunteering in children's ministry, music, outreach, church services, hospitality, or any other area, your contribution can make a lasting impact.

Please take a few moments to fill out the attached updated membership form and return it to the Church Office no later than Sunday, January 26, 2025. If you have more than four family members, additional family member forms are available at the Welcome Table.

Your participation is invaluable, and we are so grateful for your ongoing support of our church family. If you have any questions or need assistance with the form, please don't hesitate to reach out to Hope Blume at the Church Office.

Thank you for being a part of our community. We look forward to continuing to grow in faith together!

Love and Blessings,



Hope Blume,
Parish Administrator
352.394.3855
hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Church Family Membership Form

FAMILY INFORMATION

Last Name: _____
Local Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Subdivision: _____
Primary Phone: _____
Mailing Address: (if different than above) _____

FAMILY MEMBER 1

Full Name: _____
Maiden Name: _____
Preferred Name: _____
Gender: _____
Email: _____
Mobile Phone: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
 Single Separated Divorced Widowed Married Date of Marriage: _____

BAPTISM

Date: _____ Denomination: _____
Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

CONFIRMATION

Date: _____ Denomination: _____
Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

RECEPTION

Date: _____
Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

TRANSFER

Do you want St. Matthias to request your letter of transfer? Yes No
Church Name: _____
Address: _____ City & State: _____

Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Yes No
Are you interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism? Yes No
Would you like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church? Yes No

GIFTS & TALENTS

We encourage you to share your gifts and talents with the church family! If you feel called to serve in a ministry or have specific skills that can be a blessing to our community, please let us know below. Whether it's volunteering in children's ministry, music, outreach, church services, hospitality, or any other area, your contribution can make a lasting impact.

FAMILY MEMBER 2

Full Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Gender: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Single Separated Divorced Widowed Married Date of Marriage: _____

BAPTISM

Date: _____ Denomination: _____

Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

CONFIRMATION

Date: _____ Denomination: _____

Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

RECEPTION

Date: _____

Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

TRANSFER

Do you want St. Matthias to request your letter of transfer? Yes No

Church Name: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____

Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Yes No

Are you interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism? Yes No

Would you like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church? Yes No

GIFTS & TALENTS

We encourage you to share your gifts and talents with the church family! If you feel called to serve in a ministry or have specific skills that can be a blessing to our community, please let us know below. Whether it's volunteering in children's ministry, music, outreach, church services, hospitality, or any other area, your contribution can make a lasting impact.

FAMILY MEMBER 3

Full Name: _____
Maiden Name: _____
Preferred Name: _____
Gender: _____
Email: _____
Mobile Phone: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
 Single Separated Divorced Widowed Married Date of Marriage: _____

BAPTISM

Date: _____ Denomination: _____
Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

CONFIRMATION

Date: _____ Denomination: _____
Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

RECEPTION

Date: _____
Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

TRANSFER

Do you want St. Matthias to request your letter of transfer? Yes No
Church Name: _____
Address: _____ City & State: _____

Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Yes No
Are you interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism? Yes No
Would you like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church? Yes No

GIFTS & TALENTS

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FAMILY MEMBER 4

Full Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Gender: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Single Separated Divorced Widowed Married Date of Marriage: _____

BAPTISM

Date: _____ Denomination: _____

Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

CONFIRMATION

Date: _____ Denomination: _____

Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

RECEPTION

Date: _____

Church Name: _____ City & State: _____

TRANSFER

Do you want St. Matthias to request your letter of transfer? Yes No

Church Name: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____

Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Yes No

Are you interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism? Yes No

Would you like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church? Yes No

GIFTS & TALENTS

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ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME TABLE.

2025 GIVING ENVELOPES AND NUMBERS

December 12, 2024

Dear St. Matthias Family –

We want to continue to be good financial stewards as well as good stewards of the environment, and as we shared in the past, we have found that many envelopes were either not picked up and/or not used over the last few years. The trends are showing less check and cash giving and more online giving, for which we are very grateful. As many have been giving through online banking and the St. Matthias online giving portal, we have decided to continue to do away with the traditional giving envelopes and use the same plan as this past year.

We wish to accommodate everyone with how they are most comfortable with their giving and ask that you please return the below portion back to the Church Office no later than **Thursday, December 19, 2024**. Once we receive your information, we will accommodate your giving choices. If we do not hear back from you by Thursday, December 19, 2024, we will assume you do not need envelopes.

Everyone's current giving number will remain the same. If you need a reminder of your current giving number or you do not have a current giving number, please let us know and we will provide the information to you.

If you would like to begin giving via the church's website at <https://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving>, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to help you.

Please read and mark below your preferred choice for giving envelopes.

- If you are giving online and/or prefer not to receive giving envelopes, please mark that choice below.
- If you would like to continue to receive giving envelopes, please mark that choice below and indicate if you plan to give weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. This will determine how many giving envelopes we provide to you (52, 12, 4, or 1).
- If you need a reminder of your current giving number or would like a giving number, please indicate below.

Envelopes and giving number reminder cards will be provided on Sunday, December 29, 2024.

Thank you for your continued financial support and prayers as we continue to work on ways to streamline our processes, use resources wisely, and save money.

Blessings,
Hope Blume
Parish Administrator

PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024.

NAME: _____

- Giving Envelopes **NOT** needed (giving online or providing my own envelopes).
- Giving Envelopes **ARE** needed (please indicate below **how many envelopes** you would like).

I/We plan to give:

Weekly (52) Monthly (12) Quarterly (4) Annually (1)

- Giving Number needed (new to the church family or have not yet received a giving number).
- Giving Number reminder (have a giving number, just need a reminder).

2025 STEWARDSHIP LETTER FROM GLEN MARTIN, STEWARDSHIP CHAIR

December 12, 2024

Dear St. Matthias family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are sometimes asked, why do we attend church? I do hope it is not just for the coffee and the fellowship after service, but we attend church to worship the Lord, to hear truth through the scriptures, to receive encouragement from the pulpit, to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, and to find grace, forgiveness, and fellowship with God at the altar.

Here at St. Matthias, I believe we seek to re-enforce our beliefs through the many ministries we operate, from the three Sunday Services to our Community Outreach to Bible Studies and the many other ministries that happen during the week. Our mission at St. Matthias, is to **“Proclaim, embody and extend the love of Jesus in the world”**

To continue this mission, we are asked to reflect on the many blessings that God has given to us and to be reminded of his call to be good stewards of the resources he has entrusted to us. Today I am writing to you as the new Stewardship Chair at St. Matthias, and as such, I have been asked to lead the Stewardship and Pledge campaign for 2025. The theme of the Campaign is **“Tell Out My Soul”**.

Over the years, our church has been blessed in so many ways, lives transformed, new families welcomed, and our ministries continuing to reach out to our community. All this of course is made possible through your faithful financial support. As we enter this season of giving, your Vestry would like to know that you can be counted upon to continue our mission. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can continue to support the mission of the church and to fund the budget for the 2025 year. Our pledge goal this year is \$297,255.00. Please pray about it and discern how God is calling you to share your gifts with the church.

We ask that you complete a pledge card, and if you can increase your giving by 10%, this will help keep up with the rising costs.

As Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth:

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver, and God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

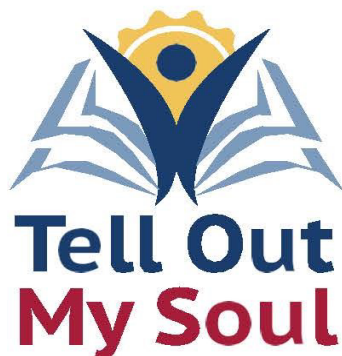
If you do not normally complete a pledge card, why not start now and make a pledge for whatever you can give.

Thank you so much, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely,

Glen Martin

Glen Martin, Stewardship Chair



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PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- setting up online giving.
- including the church in my estate plans.
- making my gift through stocks or securities.



My promise for 2025-26: Acknowledging that we Tell out our Soul, I/we promise \$_____ for ministry. I/we plan to fulfill this pledge weekly monthly quarterly annually