

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday VigilSaturday, 5:30 pm
Sunday..... 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
Daily
Monday, Tuesday..... 8:00 am
Wednesday..... 11:00 am
Thursday 6:30 am
Friday..... 7:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Normally heard at the following times:

Monday after 8:00 am Mass
Tuesday..... after 8:00 am Mass
Wednesday..... after 11:00 am Mass
Thursday after 6:30 am Mass
Friday..... 7:00 pm
Saturday..... 3:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays9:00 am - 11:00 am
First Fridays.....8:00 pm - 9:00 p.m.

Exceptions to this schedule are noted inside the bulletin. Please note:

Confessions will be heard until the line of penitents ends, or until 5 minutes before Mass begins - whichever comes first - so please arrive for confession promptly. Confessions are not heard after evening Masses.

**AFTER HOURS PRIEST EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE: 540-498-3170**

PARISH REGISTRATION

All Catholics residing within our parish boundaries should register as soon as possible. Packets are available in church vestibule.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office; parish registration is required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please contact the Parish Office. Six Months of preparation are required before the marriage celebration. Parish registration is required. Weddings are not celebrated during Christmas Week and Easter Week.

SPONSOR LETTERS

Please contact the Parish Office for letters of qualification to serve as sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. Registration in the parish and regular practice of the Faith are among the qualifications required. Letters should be requested in a timely manner.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Ministry to the infirm/ homebound. Please call the Parish Office to volunteer, or arrange visitation of the elderly, the sick or the homebound.

SAINT MATTHEW THRIFT STORE (Breezewood Shopping Ctr.)

Address: 10639 Courthouse Road • Telephone: 540-834-2479.

Hours: Monday through Friday 10 AM-3 PM; Sat. 10 AM-2 PM & Sun.-Closed. *Volunteers and donations of clothing, household items and furniture needed on a continuing basis.*

SAINT MATTHEW FOOD PANTRY & BABY CLOSET

Address: 8206 Robert E. Lee Dr. • Telephone: 540-507-8106.

The Food Pantry and Baby Closet assist clients during the following hours: Wednesdays-2 PM to 6 PM; Fridays 9 AM to 11 AM; and the first Saturday of the month from 9 AM to 11 AM. *-Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference

SVdP Assistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: www.svdpstfaustina.org

Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: To find information about the Bishop Keating Council 12434 or The Fathers Cilinski Assembly 3568, please visit <http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org> and select Knights of Columbus under the Outreach Ministries tab. The council meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 6, 2025 ☞ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES

Mon (04/07) 8:00 AM - STEVE SCHUBERT+
Tue (04/08) 8:00 AM - STEPHEN JARNECKI+
Wed (04/09) 11:00 AM - MELANIE BOLAS
Thu (04/10) 6:30 AM - MICHAEL BRUSO
Fri (04/11) 7:30 PM - DAN HEANY+
Sat (04/12) 5:30 PM - MARJORIE VAN DEUSEN
Sun (04/13) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - PAUL & MARGARET PURTELL+
11:00 AM - VIRGINIA KUCHTA+



The Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass is being live streamed.

PARISH FAMILY ROSARY CHANGE IN LENT

Our Friday evening Rosary will be replaced by Stations of the Cross until Easter. The Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, April 26th at 4:30 p.m..

VOCATIONS

“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.” Jesus’ words remind us of God’s mercy and His invitation to a fresh start. In every vocation, we’re called to accept His forgiveness and step forward with a renewed commitment to love and serve. This Lent, reflect on how you are nurturing a heart open to love as you journey toward Easter.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (04/05 - 04/06) Regular Collection
Building & Grounds

Next weekend (04/12 - 04/13) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for March 30th was \$12,949. **THANK YOU!**

In order to meet St. Matthew’s operating expenses and save for future projects, the **First Collection should bring in at least \$12,000 every weekend.**

In addition to Mass collections, weekly donations may be mailed, dropped off at the Parish Office or made through online giving. Please help us by using your Offertory Envelopes when donating by cash or check.

For online giving go to our parish website:

www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org, and Go to General Information and choose Online Giving or scan this QR code.



PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

To donate for Ukraine war relief, please visit:
<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please consider spending some time in prayer before the Sacred Host exposed on the altar. Adoration takes place on Mondays 9-11 a.m. and on First Fridays 8-9 p.m. Information on prayer before the Eucharist is available in the vestibule. Monday morning adoration does not take place on federal holidays, during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY (cont’d)

Comforting the Sorrowful

Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren’t sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference.

Let the sorrowing know that you are praying for them.

Lend a listening ear to those going through a tough time.

Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering.

A few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is suffering.

Adapted from the USCCB Website



COFFEE AND DONUTS

Today in the Parish Center

Following All Masses

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SUNDAY - April 13th Readings

37:Lk 19:28-40

38:Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14—23:56



PLEASE BE AWARE!!

NO ONE from the Parish Office will text or email you asking for monetary help or gift cards. Please **do not respond to any form of this kind of communication.** Please call the office if you have any questions.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8th GRADE

04/08 & 04/09 RE Classes
04/15 & 04/16 RE Classes
04/22 & 04/23 **No RE Classes**



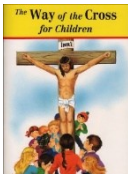
YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you have any questions, email Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.



During Lent students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to go to Confession during their regular class time on the dates indicated below. Classes will be dismissed at the normal time from the classrooms.

04/08 **Grades 3 & 4**
04/09 **Grades 7 & 8**



Parishioners are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross during our Religious Education classes:

Tuesday, April 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m.



O Lamb Of God, I Love You (Easter/Holy Week Special Feature)



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PLEASE TAKE PART IN OUR LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Wed. 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Confessions
Friday 3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
5:45 p.m.	Fish Fry (hosted by The Knights of Columbus)
6:30 p.m.	Confessions
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m.	Mass

Many thanks to the Youth Ministry and Thrift Store for the delicious Soup Supper on April 4th.



CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE

134 Christendom Dr., Front Royal, VA 22630

Open House

April 26th, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Visitors will be able to tour campus, hear from the college President, attend a sample class, and get their questions answered on all topics including Christendom's outstanding alumni employment rates, financial aid, and even what students do with their free time. Christendom College is the only Catholic College in the Arlington Diocese on the *Newman Guide for Choosing a Catholic College*. To register, please visit www.christendom.edu/openhouse.



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

Holy Cross Academy Preschool, five time recipient of the Best Preschool in Fredericksburg in the Best of the Burg contest, is MOVING for the 2025-2026 school year to join our K-8 Crusaders at our Stafford campus. Enrollment is now open for both our three and four year old programs. There are half day and extended day options. For more information contact Sheri Castellarin at preschool@holycrossweb.com or by phone at 540-373-7553. Come see what makes HCA Preschool such a wonderful place to play, learn, and grow!

PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

To place loved ones on this list, please contact the Parish Office.

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PRAYER REQUESTS: For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at lynnkobasa_2@msn.com. Send your message with the words "prayer request."



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