

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**HOURS:** Monday thru Friday  
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**PARISH SECRETARY:** Terrie Yates

**RECEPTIONISTS:** Mary Lou Felts  
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**PARISH WEBSITE:** www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org



## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil .....Saturday, 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

Mondays .....9:00 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-6 PM; Fridays 9 AM-12 NOON; 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

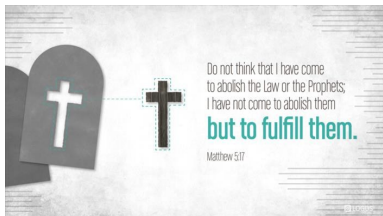
**SVdP Assistance Line:** 540-834-5555. Website: [www.svdpstfaustina.org](http://www.svdpstfaustina.org)  
*Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

# FEBRUARY 15, 2026 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES

Mon (02/16)	8:00 AM - JOANNE MCLAUGLIN
Tue (02/17)	8:00 AM - RODNICK CONNOR
Wed (02/18)	11:00 AM - ROSS SCHUMANN 7:30 PM - JOHANSEN FAMILY SPEC. INT.
Thu (02/19)	6:30 AM - SHEILA KINLEY
Fri (02/20)	7:30 PM - FLO HARMAN+
Sat (02/21)	5:30 PM - JOHANSEN FAMILY+
Sun (02/22)	8:00 AM - VICTOR WALSH+ 9:30 AM - MARJORIE & GLENN HENRY+ 11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S



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

## PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY

Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary for an increase in faith, hope, love and peace in our country and throughout the world, on the last Saturday of the month at 4:30 p.m. (in front of the church, weather permitting; otherwise, in the church), and on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

## VOCATIONS

**"You are the light of the world"** By our Baptism we are all called to bring Christ's light to others. Married couples do it through their union, priests and religious do it by living out their vocations faithfully. If you sense God may be calling you to let your light shine in the priesthood or religious life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). or (703)841-2514.

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (02/14 - 02/15) Regular Collection

Next weekend (02/21 - 02/22) Regular Collection  
Black & Indian Missions

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for was and for February 8<sup>th</sup> was \$. 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](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org), and Go to General Information and choose Online Giving or scan this QR code



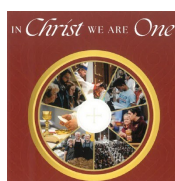
## PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

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 or during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**

## IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE



Thank you to everyone who participated in the BLA last weekend! If you haven't yet had a chance to make your gift, we still need your help. Every family matters in helping our parish reach its goal. No gift is too small. Your participation supports vital ministries our parish depends on: seminarian formation, religious education, youth ministry, Catholic Charities, and more. Consider a monthly recurring gift to spread your generosity throughout the year. You can also make a one-time gift or pledge. Give today at [arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://arlingtondiocese.org/bla) or scan the QR code:



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training sessions for new altar servers will take place in the church on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Boys of the parish who have already received First Holy Communion are eligible to apply. A parent or guardian for each trainee must be present for the entire session. Questions may be directed to Fr. Eversole at the Parish Office.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> READINGS

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Rom 5:12-19  
Mt 4:1-11



## YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



As in years past, letters with total year end Contribution amounts will be sent to parishioners who mail their requests to the Parish Office with a stamped return addressed envelope.

## 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 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

02/17 & 02/18 No RE Classes  
02/24 & 02/25 RE Classes  
03/03 & 03/04 RE Classes



### Into the Desert A Lenten Study on Prayer



Our Lord teaches that prayer is a relationship and a vital necessity. And yet, many of us have difficulty committing to daily prayer. Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this 6-week video-based study with daily meditations in the participants guide. Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. This series captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>  
For Presidents' Day.**



We will reopen on  
Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

If you have an **EMERGENCY** or an urgent need to speak with a priest, please call the emergency no. 540-498-3170

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
ADULT DINNER/DANCE  
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Join fellow parishioners for a fun evening!  
Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
In our Parish Center!

Tickets go on sale the weekend of  
February 28<sup>th</sup> after all Masses  
Tickets will be \$20.00 per person.

We welcome themed baskets,  
business services or gift cards.  
No item is too big or too small. Please bring  
all donated items to the parish office.  
For more information call 540-582-5575

**New items only, please.**

**Beer & Wine Cash Bar  
No outside beverages, please**

Proceeds will benefit St. Matthew's  
Youth Ministry, the Knights of Columbus  
and the Women's Guild.



## YOUTH MINISTRY 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight. For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at [stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).



Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Mass (with distribution of ashes) will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. A Prayer Service with distribution of ashes will be held at 4:30 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast & Abstinence:** health permitting, all Catholics age 18-59 are to limit themselves to 1 full meal and 2 smaller meals during the day. No meat is to be eaten on Ash Wednesday or Fridays throughout Lent by Catholics age 14 and above.

**Please take advantage of our Lenten Spiritual Fridays! Stations of the Cross at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.; Soup Supper at 5:45 pm.; Confessions at 6:30 p.m.; Mass at 7:30 p.m.**

For a schedule of Lenten and Holy Week events please see the lavender insert in today's bulletin and the vestibule.

## ADVENT GIVING TREE RESULTS

Many Thanks to everyone who gave so generously during Advent and Christmas. The Giving Tree Totals were as follows:



**SVdP - \$3,950.00  
St. Matthew Food Pantry - \$3,805.00  
St. Matthew Baby Closet - \$3,239.00  
Mary's Shelter - \$2,530.00**

Your contributions to these charities help feed, clothe and assist those in difficult circumstances. God bless you for your generosity.

**PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK  
To place loved ones on this list, please  
contact the Parish Office.**

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Randy Chapman, Barbara Coughenour, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, Frances Gray, Mike Hemmesch, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, Al Undercoffer, Marjorie Welsh, Joseph Waterman, and Richard Young

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at [lynnkobasa\\_2@msn.com](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."



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