

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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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 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](http://www.svdpstfaustina.org)

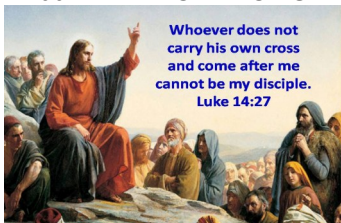
*Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.* To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

**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 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.

# SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 & THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSSES

Mon (09/08) 8:00 AM - MICHAEL IRISH  
Tue (09/09) 8:00 AM - EMPLOYMENT  
Wed (09/10) 11:00 AM - MAUREEN SHELTON+  
Thu (09/11) 6:30 AM - RYAN PYSHER  
Fri (09/12) 7:30 PM - DAD & MOM  
Sat (09/13) 5:30 PM - TERRIE YATES  
Sun (09/14) 8:00 AM - JOHN STORM+  
9:30 AM - ANNE & E. PAUL THOMPSON  
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

*"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)* Every vocation involves sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse's needs before your own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves laying down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org)

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (09/06- 09/07) Regular Collection  
Building & Grounds  
Next weekend (09/13 - 09/14) Regular Collection  
Catholic University Collection

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for August 24<sup>th</sup> was \$13,141 and for August 31<sup>st</sup> was \$12,124. **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

Donations for war relief in Ukraine may be made via  
The Archeparchy of Philadelphia  
Ukrainian Catholic Church  
[ukrcatholic.org](http://ukrcatholic.org) (click on "Help Ukraine")  
Donations for Gaza War relief may be made via  
Catholic Relief Services [crs.org](http://crs.org)

## 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.**

## CATECHISM FOR ADULTS ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- ➡ Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church?
- ➡ Are you already Catholic, and still need First Communion or Confirmation or wish to refresh your knowledge of the Faith?

Then this informal course of instruction is for you! We meet in the Parish Center on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. beginning on September 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing until Easter. Those interested should leave their name and telephone number with Father Eversole at the Parish Office (540)582-5575.

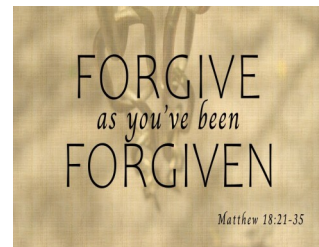


## GOURMET BREAKFAST TODAY After All Masses in the Parish Center

Come join fellow parishioners for a fabulous gourmet breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus.

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> Readings

Nm 21:4b-9  
Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17



## 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

Registration for the 2024-2025 Religious Education year is ongoing. **Class placement letters have been mailed out to all families who have submitted their registrations.** If you have not yet registered, forms can be found in the vestibule of the church, the parish office, or on our website [www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org)

Classes will be offered:

Grades K-5 Tuesday from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.  
Grades 6-8 Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

A class will be offered for those who need to "catch up" on the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Please call the parish office for more information.

Classes begin September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Peace of Christ,  
Joanne Warren, DRE



"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to

share the Catholic faith with the world. Through his love for the Eucharist, his kindness to the poor, and his digital catalog of Eucharistic miracles, Carlo showed that holiness is possible—even in the digital age. Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blessed Carlo Acutis Sept. 7.



Join us in  
Celebrating the Feast  
of Saint Matthew  
Sunday, September 21  
12:30-3:30 p.m.

### Parish Grounds

Bring a picnic blanket or lawn Chair (a few tents with tables/chairs will be set up) Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, chips, potato salad and drinks will be provided by the parish but feel free to bring a dish to share.

**PLEASE NO ALCOHOL**

*Live music by Paul Gilly  
and the Gunslingers  
Family Games  
Games and Activities  
for the kids  
Bounce House  
Corn Hole  
Chili Cook-off*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUTURE BLOOD DRIVE

Would you be willing to sign up for a future 2026 Blood Drive? We need 30 volunteers to secure a weekend with the Red Cross. Volunteers can sign up today after all Masses.



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

Youth Ministry will hold its annual kickoff on September 21st from, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. There will be a cookout as well as a presentation for parents and teens regarding plans for the coming year. The kickoff is open to all members of the family. If you are planning to attend it is important that you email Sheila Kinley at [stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**AT ST. MATTHEW'S**  
**SPONSORED BY ST. VINCENT de PAUL**  
**ST. FAUSTINA CONFERENCE**  
**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00 a.m.**  
**WALK BEGINS AT 10:00 a.m.**

To register to walk or donate go to:

[https://donorbox.org/events/793429/steps/choose\\_tickets](https://donorbox.org/events/793429/steps/choose_tickets)  
Or use the QR code



Scan me to sign up!



**MASS FOR JUBILARIANS**  
**Sunday, October 10th, 2:30 p.m.**  
**Cathedral of St. Thomas More**  
**Arlington, VA**

If you were married in 1975 or 2000, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2025 Mass for Jubilarians.. Contact the parish office to register no later than October 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information visit:  
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee/>

### CALLING ALL CHILI CHEFS

**Do you make the best Chili in Spotsylvania?**

Come join our Parish Picnic Chili Cook-off Contest



Bring enough Chili for 30 3oz. tastings to be judged as Father's Favorite or Over All #1. Tastings will be made available between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. with judging to follow. Registration is required by Sept. 15th to participate in this event. Please call Terrie at the Parish Office for more information or to register.

### 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, Barbara Coughenour, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Mary Faulconer, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Eric Laxton, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Tony Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Breanne Cave-Paulson, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, Al Undercoffer, Angie Walker, Marjorie Welsh, Joseph Waterman.

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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