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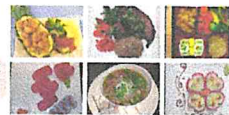


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## OFFICE HOURS:

9:30 am—4:30 pm. Phone: 912-681-6726.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5 pm (Span.),  
Sunday: 8 am, 10:30 am, and 5 pm.

Daily Mass: M, T, Th, and F at 12:10 pm; W at  
5:30 pm.

## CONFESSIONS

Wed: 5—5:25 pm, Sat: 4-5 pm, or by appt.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration Chapel available 24/7— Sunday at 7  
pm through Saturday at 3:30 pm—in the Train-  
ing Room.

## INFANT BAPTISMS

For information on scheduling baptisms and  
baptism instruction classes, please contact  
Helen Almeter at 912-681-6726 ext. 203 or via  
email at halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Newly engaged couples should contact Fr.  
Johnson at 912-681-6726 to schedule prepara-  
tion sessions and a date for the wedding.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades PreK through 8th meet on Sundays at  
9 am, October 3, 2021- May 22, 2022.

## CATHOLIC EAGLES

GSU students: For information on bible studies,  
events, and retreats contact our FOCUS  
(Fellowship of Catholic University Students)  
Team Director David Wentworth at:  
david.wentworth@focus.org.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to the St. Matthew parish family! To  
register at St. Matthew parish, please fill out a  
registration form on the St. Matthew web  
site: [www.saintmatthewsparish.com/about](http://www.saintmatthewsparish.com/about).  
Forms are also available at the front entrances  
of the church. Persons interested in being add-  
ed to the e-newsletter mailing list, please con-  
tact the parish office at 912-681-6726 or via  
email: mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at noon.

## Mission Statement:

St. Matthew Church CELEBRATES  
the Catholic faith in Jesus Christ by  
inspiring all to LOVE God and one  
another and to SHARE the Good  
News of God's love with others.

Nov.  
7  
2021



32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ordinary time

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor  
widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43

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#### Pray for our Sick



Names will be kept on the list for four weeks unless the office is notified otherwise. Please pray for: Jim Agnew, Terri Beasley, Bill Bolen, Drew Brandon, Sylvia Brannen, Margaret Brewer, Claire Burton, Orlena Bussie, Karl Collins, Marguerite DeFoe, Judy Cowning, Margaret Dannacher, Fred Denson, Dorothy Downs, Karen Dwyer,

Chris Eaton, Les Fatica, Joe & Cassie Gay, David Greene, Madelyn Grovenstein, Kate Hall, Nola Hammond, Bob Haranda, Jordan Hathaway, Lue Healy, Kelly Howard, Mary Harrington, Jon Hart, Pat Jackson, Mattie James, Miranda Johnson, Peggy Kearns, Greyson Kennedy, Emily Kerstiens, John Kindig, Cecilia Krause, Maria LeFebvre, Marq Lett, Mellie London, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClendon, Ginger Morris, Audrey Senecal Sidway, Cathy Orr, Brooks Padgett, Sandie Perrin, Rick and Kathy Poole, Dave Reichard, Denton and Margie Rouse, April Shuman, Dot Sink, Shirley Smith, Carol Sowell, Steve Steinman, Katherine Strickland, Carolyn Strozso, Joe Subarton, Joe Sutter, Sullivan family, Connie Tousley, Sharon Tracy, Shirley Wilson, Brian Wolnewitz, Morgan Wurst, Wurst Family, and their caregivers.

#### Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

If someone needs to be added to the list for Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound, please contact Melinda Cannady at 681-6726.

#### For those in the Military

Trevor Alderman, Alax Baysinger, Audrey Brenden, Cole Carter, Christopher Doty, Ryan Erikson, David Liddell, Sean Limbach, Anthony Mullen, Lexi Murry, Brandon Luke Revenue, Lance Rewis, Matthew Robbins, Cody Stevens, Brian Sullivan, Sarah Sullivan, Sean Sullivan, Kevin Tyler, and James Ziegler.

#### Volunteer Parish Nurse

Mary Anderson is a retired registered nurse who shares her knowledge of the local medical community and resources with parishioners that seek or need a medical advocate for themselves or their loved ones. She also conducts blood pressure checks on Hospitality Sundays. She can be reached at 912-682-1147.

#### STAFF DIRECTORY

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#### The St. Matthew Consolation Ministry

**Our Mission:** To provide a listening ear and a compassionate presence to help others cope with loss.

**Our Mandate:** "Bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).

**Contact:** Melinda Cannady at 912-681-6726 or mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com.

#### Weekly Collection

October 31, 2021 \$5,791.11

Online Giving \$2,882.91

**Total \$8,674.02**

**Abuse Hotline Number:** To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number, 888-357-5330, or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).

#### This Week at St. Matthew

Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
Nov. 7 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	Melanie Love +John Moore
Nov. 8 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	Alexander Schad
Nov. 9 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	+John Sherman
Nov. 10 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration	+Etta Kidwell
Nov. 11 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	+Traci Renner
Nov. 12 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	Lue Healy
Nov. 13 Sat.	4 pm Confessions 5 pm Spanish Mass	Jessica McCordic

#### Readings for the week of Nov. 7, 2021

Sun: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Mon: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

Tues: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Wed: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

Thurs: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

Fri: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sun: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

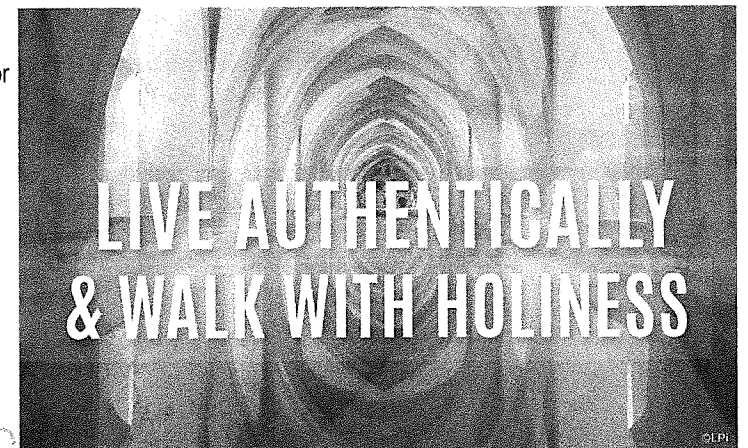
Area Christians Together in Service (ACTS), an interfaith ministry providing emergency assistance (rent, utilities, etc) to Bulloch County residents, is in need of Volunteers. Volunteer roles include assisting clients with their applications, interviewing clients, and office support (answering phones, data entry, record keeping, etc.). ACTS has reopened their office and is accepting in-person applications for assistance on Wednesdays between 9am and 11am. Pre-Covid, ACTS was open on Wednesdays and Fridays but due to a lack of available volunteers has had to cut back to only one day per week. Plans are to reopen on Fridays when enough volunteers are available. Volunteers can work one or two days per week for approximately 3 hours each day (8:45am-11:45am). Schedules are flexible to allow for volunteers to have time off when needed. The office is located in the Outreach Center, 515 Denmark Street, Ste 500, Statesboro. Those interested in volunteering can contact Beth Kadlec at [eeekadlec@gmail.com](mailto:eeekadlec@gmail.com).

The Parish Council of Catholic Women is collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving foods for the Statesboro Food Bank during November: canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, mashed potato flakes, pie fillings, gravy mix, cake mix, dry milk, cranberry sauce, and canned pumpkin. Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex.



#### Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to **John Sullivan and family** at the loss of his mother, **+Elsie Sullivan**. May she rest in the peace of heaven with Jesus forever.



It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the correct rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty, and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.

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