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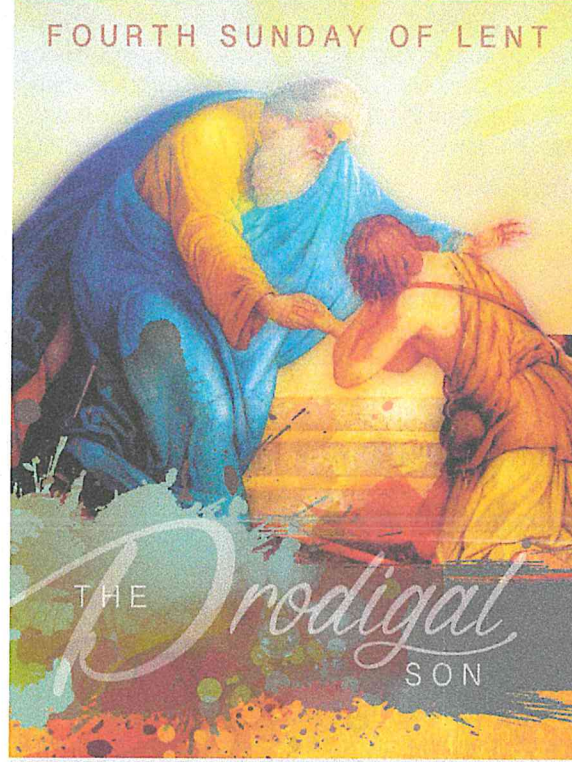
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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

March 27, 2022



## AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

Have you ever given thought to the fact that you are an "ambassador for Christ?" An ambassador is an accredited diplomat and official representative. We are asked to be ambassadors for Christ and His message of reconciliation. Within each one of us is a prodigal son who realizes the need to return home, an elder brother who struggles with entitlement and self-pity, and a forgiving father who simply wants to celebrate love. Realizing that all of these things are acting in our hearts, we can bring credibility to God's ministry of reconciliation. Genuine witnesses are those who not only recognize their need for wholeness, mercy, and forgiveness, but also their tendency to be self-centered and stubborn. Then, discovering freedom from all that binds them, they can extend the love they have received to others. These ambassadors embody unity, mercy, and reconciliation and can look on others with deep compassion because they know what it is to walk in their shoes. Can God count on you to deliver this message? - LPI Publications

## UKRAINE RELIEF



Years of conflict along the eastern border have already displaced 1.3 million people from their homes and claimed 14,000 lives and now 2.3 million people have fled Ukraine.

Almost ninety percent of the refugees are women and children. Throughout this time, Caritas Ukraine, with support from Catholic Relief Services (CRS), has been providing emergency relief and recovery. CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, providing safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more. Visit crs.org to donate.



Please see the welcome table in the Narthex (lobby) for registration information or contact Melinda Cannady via email at: mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 5 pm (Spanish) | 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 appointment.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Adoration Chapel available 24 hours daily from Sunday at 7 pm through Saturday at 3:30 pm—in the Training Room. Eucharistic Adoration in the church on Wednesdays from 8 pm until 9 pm.

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Please contact your parish representatives with questions, concerns, compliments, or ideas!

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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, Dolores Collins, Karl Collins, Marguerite DeFoe, Judy Cowning, Margaret Dannacher, Fred Denson, Dorothy Downs, Karen Dwyer, Chris Eaton, Les Fatica, Candace Floyd, Dolores Gantt, Joe & Cassie Gay, David Greene, Toni Haffev, Kate Hall, Nola Hammond, Bob Haranda, Jordan Hathaway, Lue Healy, Emory Holloway, Kelly Howard, Mary Harrington, Jon Hart, Pat Jackson, Mattie James, Miranda Johnson, Peggy Kearns, Greyson Kennedy, Emily Kerstiens, Bonnie Knight, Cecilia Krause, Maria LeFebvre, Marq Lett, Mellie London, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClen-don, Bobby Mee, Makala Mitchler, Ginger Morris, Cathy Orr, Bob Over-lander, Brooks Padgett, Sandie Perrin, Rick and Kathy Poole, Dave Reichard, Margie Rouse, Audrey Senecal Sidway, April Shuman, Dot Sink, Shirley Smith, Carol Sowell, Steve Steinman, Katherine Strick-land, Carolyn Strozzi, Joe Subarton, Joe Sutter, Sullivan family, Patsy Tempio, 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, Chris-topher Doty, Ryan Erikson, Jose Irizarry, David Liddell, Sean Limbach, Anthony Mullen, Lexi Murry, Brandon Luke Revenue, Lance Rewis, Matthew Robbins, Cody Stevens, Brian 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 Purpose:** To console those in grief, to support Masses for the deceased through the ministry's designated contributions, to pray for and with those who have suffered loss, and to pray the Rosary for comfort and healing.

**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**

March 20, 2022 Offertory	\$3,048.25
Online Giving	\$2,967.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,015.25</b>

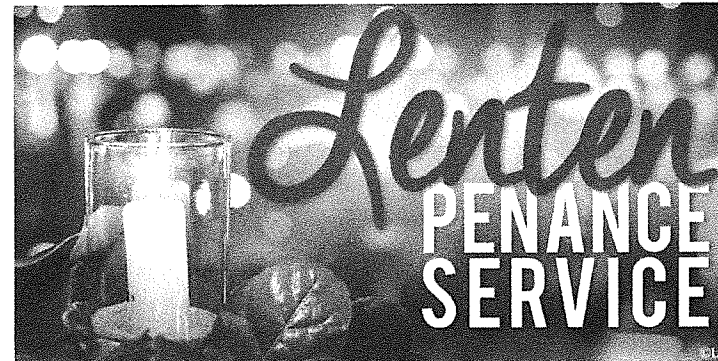
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**This Week at St. Matthew**

Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
Mar. 27 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	+Paul Girardeau +Nona Novak +Vinko Novak
Mar. 28 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	+Margaret Masak
Mar. 29 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	+Park Jones
Mar. 30 Wed.	4:30 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 6:00 pm Lenten Book Series 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration	+Les Fatica
Mar. 31 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 am Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass 6 pm Penance Service	
April 1 Fri.	11:30 am Stations of the Cross 12:10 pm Mass 6 pm Stations of the Cross	
April 2 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass (Sunday Vigil)	



29 units of blood were collected at our blood drive last week! Thank you to the volunteers who helped staff the drive and those who saved a life by donating! We also appreciate the homemade cookies parish-ioners made for the snack table!



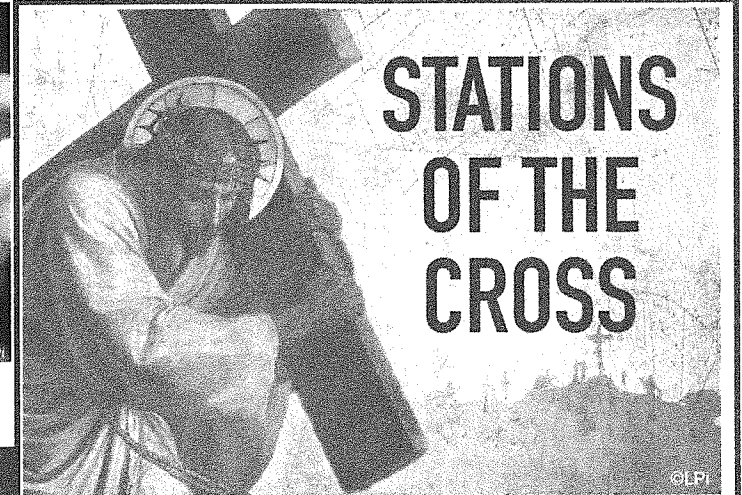
Thursday, March 31 at 6 pm

PRAY. FAST. GIVE.

**Childcare News!**



A nursery is available at the 8 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses for infants and toddlers through 3 years of age. The nursery is located in the classroom/social building next to the church. A training room is available to the left of the altar. Please use this space to calm a fussy toddler or wig-gly child. Thank you for teaching your children to love God by making Mass attendance a priority for your family!

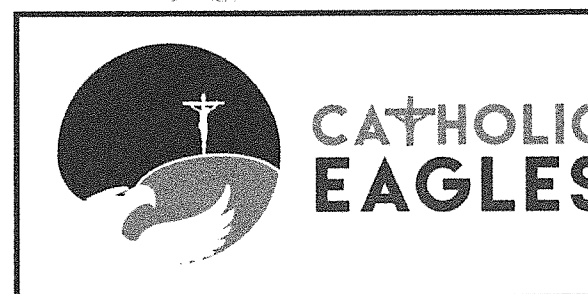


Fridays of Lent at 11:30 am, 6 pm, and 7 pm (in Spanish).

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IN THE DESERT

The LIFETEEN youth will be attending the Diocesan Youth Conference in Valdosta, Georgia the weekend of April 1-3, 2022. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire them and for safe travels! Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraisers to help make this possible!



Please see the Catholic Eagles flyer in the Narthex (main entrance lobby) for information on upcoming events, including opportunities for worship, bible studies, and fellowship. Contact Fellowship of Catholic University Students Team Director David Wentworth: david.wentworth@focus.org for more information.