

FEBRUARY 27, 2022 | EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Matthew's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil- 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday at 8:30am

Adoration

Wednesday 5:00pm-7:00pm

Rosary at 6:30pm Wednesdays

First Friday 7:00pm-8:00pm

Confession

Saturdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
or by appointment

Daily Masses and 10:30 Sunday Mass will be
broadcast online.

Find a direct link to the livestream of the Mass
on stmatthewsjax.com.

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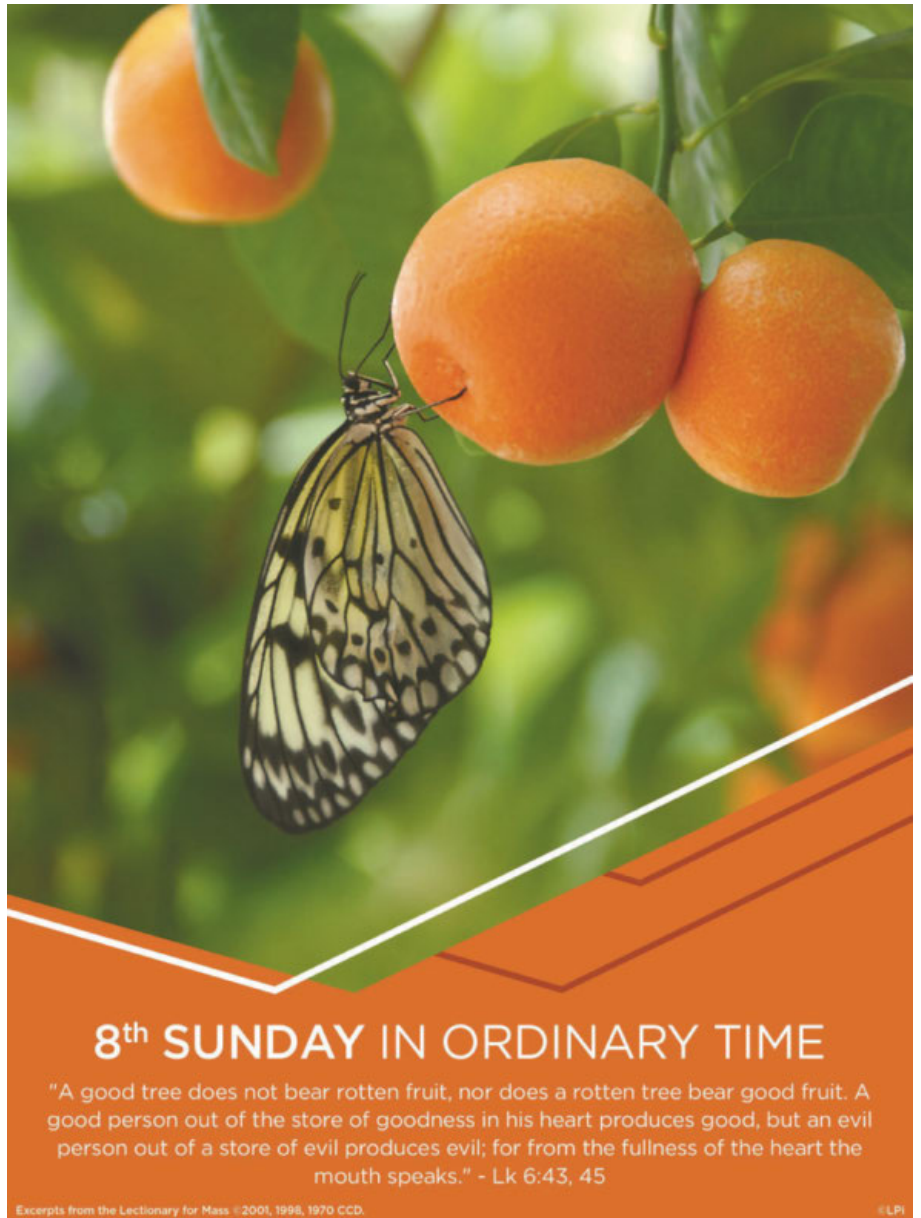
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8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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the Stewards' Message † *sharing the gifts we have been given*

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." -Luke 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Masses. Time are : 8:30 a.m. (school Mass) 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The youth will be hosting a Fish Fry from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m in Schiavone Parish Center. There will be to go orders or you can eat in the Schiavone Parish Center. Adoration will close at 6:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

8:30AM: JOHN BREEN †

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST

8:30AM: RANDY GAREY †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND

8:30AM: DR. JIM CONNERS †

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD

8:30AM: DAVID MILTON †

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

8:30AM: JOSEPH THIN †

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

8:30AM: GLORIA ONDO †

5:00PM: PATRICIA KEANE WILLIAMS †

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

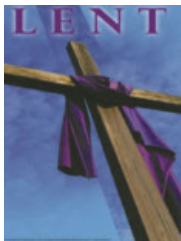
8:30 AM: JOHN CLIFFORD CONNELL †

10:30AM: ALBINA TITUS †

5:00 PM: DR. JIM CONNERS †

SANCTUARY LIGHT IN LOVING MEMORY
OF PATRICIA KEANE WILLIAMS

Lent: A Time to Grow in Holiness



Ash Wednesday traditionally marks the beginning of the Lenten season- a season of preparation for the celebration of Easter. We are called to remember and repent of our sins as we receive ashes in the sign of a cross on our foreheads. The ashes come with the reminder to either "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or to "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This season coincides with spring, calling to mind the new life and growth, the hope and change. So, it is spiritual spring training time! A time to get our hearts and

minds in shape to be more faithful followers of our Lord. Let us not let this season pass by as just one more time of the year, hoping to be a better Christian without spending the time required. Be mindful about making it a time of personal renewal. As Matthew Kelly says, "Become the best version of yourself."

What can we do in our spiritual training to prepare for a lifetime of discipleship? The Church invites us to return to the basics – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer: Consider going to Mass daily or at least one more day in addition to Sunday. Spend some extra time in silent prayer each day; read daily the Scriptures for Mass. In addition, Start practicing nightly Examen of Conscience (reflect on the day, focusing on when you encountered the Lord and when you failed to love).

Fasting: Christian fasting intentionally refuses something we'd generally partake in (usually food). Fasting from foods associated with "feasting"; Fasting from media or entertainment; Fasting from habits and comforts: Or can I fast from gossip, complaining, or negativity? What I can do to help me grow as a person and a disciple.

Almsgiving: Can we focus on two areas this Lent, i.e., evangelization and service. Sharing with others the good news of Jesus, what Jesus has done in our lives, and service, sharing our gifts and talents with others.

Let's make this Lent a time to grow in holiness as we move toward being saints! Let's get off the bench. Let's not be satisfied with being routine Christians. Instead, let's strive for holiness to be in the heavenly Hall of Fame one day. Life is not easy. We are tempted in many ways. Yet, God wants to fill us with His grace to make virtuous choices and live holy lives. Blessed Lenten Season!!!



St. Vincent de Paul Society

“Receive the Word of God into your heart; imitate the Blessed Virgin who
“kept all sayings concerning her son in her heart”- St. Francis de Sales

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers are available to assist our parish family
and those in our parish community during this critical time.

Please call the SVdP emergency phone at 388-7008 to let us know of
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If you would like a blessed blanket to give to someone who is ill or
someone in need of comfort, please call

Shirley Barton at 389-6036

or Robin LaByer at 716-2612.

There is also a prayer blanket request box in the narthex of the church.

Simply fill out a request form and place it in the box.



What Lent Means for Your Stewardship

Still using envelopes for your Sunday offertory? Lent is a time to consider a new approach. Switching to eGiving instead of cash or checks is a more efficient, convenient way to give.

Faith Direct - our parish's online giving platform - is a tool you can use to deepen your commitment to the church and the ministries you care about most. Your recurring gifts will sustain our mission month after month, and it will also help our parish by cutting the costs of envelopes (and using less paper!), and reducing the time we spend processing cash and checks.

During Lent we are reminded to develop a more conscious spiritual life, and share what we have with those in need. Making the change to eGiving for your parish support is a step in the right direction! To answer the call and sign up now, visit faith.direct/FL655.



Scan this QR code with your smartphone to enroll in Faith Direct!



<u>March 4 + Benediction</u>	<u>St. Vincent de Paul</u>
<u>March 11</u>	<u>Knights of Columbus</u>
<u>March 18</u>	<u>Catechists & Teachers</u>
<u>March 25</u>	<u>Ministers of Hospitality</u>
<u>April 1 + Benediction</u>	<u>Music</u>
<u>April 8</u>	<u>Liturgical Ministers</u>
<u>April 15 (3:00)</u>	<u>Youth - Living Stations</u>

Parish Support

Our parish services are budgeted for weekly collections of \$17,000.00.

Offertory for the week of 02/202022

Offertory: \$5,719.23

Faith Direct: \$7,425.13

Total: \$13,144.36

Thank you for your support!

We appreciate your faithful support of our parish efforts. Several of our parishioners have asked how they can continue to support our church. Please consider the options offered here:



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Through Faith Direct you can make all of your contributions to St. Matthew's Catholic Church via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card – just as you may do now with your mortgage, household bills, and other monthly payments. This is a great way to simplify your giving – and it's the most cost-effective, environmentally-friendly way for us to receive your gifts.

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This week, we hope you will make a prayerful decision to pledge a gift to our 2022 Bishop’s Annual Stewardship Appeal. Bishop Estévez invites each of us to join as a faith community in support of the beautiful mission of our Church. As good stewards of God’s gifts, giving and sharing of ourselves is how we can express gratitude for all our blessings.

Stewardship is an act of faith and should be at the heart of our lives as faithful and active members of our Church. It means we are ready to recognize all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. Let us now ask what we can do for God.

Online Class
University of Dayton
Institute for Pastoral Initiatives

Standing Up for the Dignity of All Human Life
A mini-course on capital punishment

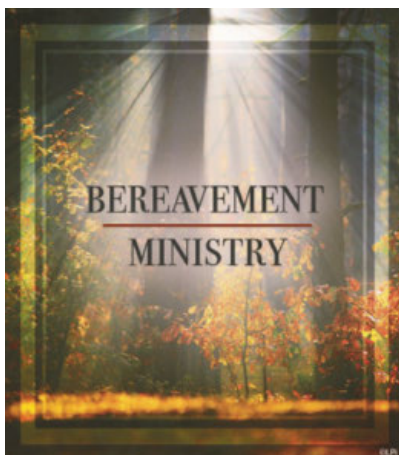
Three weeks beginning Monday, March 7

Featuring Bishop Felipe Estévez

Sponsored by the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) of the University of Dayton
Register at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/register/>

This three-week course will be facilitated by George Doyle, an Echo apprentice serving at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jacksonville. Doyle will feature Bishop Felipe Estévez's pastoral letter, "[Standing Up for the Dignity of all Human Life: A pastoral letter on Capital Punishment in Florida.](#)" Participants will need an account profile with the University of Dayton. The Diocese of St. Augustine has a relationship with the university allowing anyone in the diocese to take any of their FLCFF classes for a 50 percent discount. For a description of the online mini-course, visit <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/course.php?course=286>

To register, visit <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/register/> and select DOSA as a partner for the discount.



Bereavement Support

This program is for anyone who has lost loved ones, be it a spouse, a family member or a dear friend. During this challenging time it is even more important to have someone to talk with. We all grieve differently, whether it's been a day or many years. There is no set time to stop grieving. We meet at the Schiavone Parish Center on **Thursday evenings at 6 PM.**

If the evening time doesn't work for you, contact **Josephine Perring at 904-294-4912** or **Lola Higgins at 856-628-1006** and an afternoon time could be arranged.

FALCON NEWS 2/27/22

Office email: stmatthewsoffice@comcast.net
School website: www.stmatthewscs.com



Every family is required to participate in 25 hours of service during the school year, and an assessment fee of \$15 per hour will be billed in May for any hours fewer than 25 completed.

We appreciate your participation in the activities of the school as well as your time and talents. A listing of opportunities for service hours are available and may be completed at home, weekends, evenings, and during the school day.

Parent's Night Out PTO Meeting

Parents: in the Parish Hall
Wine, Beer, Light Snacks

Children: in the Gym
Childcare, Movie, and Pizza

March 10, 2022
5:30-7:00 pm

Free to attend
3 volunteer hours for attending
please RSVP

<https://www.stmatthewscs.com/parent-teacher-organization>

St. Matthew's PTO
Presents
Spaghetti Dinner
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Drive Thru Pick-up @ Parish Hall

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3 for \$30

Ticket Price includes:
Spaghetti, Salad &
Garlic Bread

Pre-Sale only through March 18th

Family Name: _____
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REMINDERS:

- 3/2- Ash Wednesday mass @ 8:30
- 3/4- 11:45 Dismissal
- 3/8- 1st grade Bake Sale
- 3/9- Spring Picture Day
- 3/10- Pi Day (Middle School)
- 3/10- PTO Parent Social @ 5:30**
- 3/11- No School. Discretionary Day.
- 3/14- No school for students
- 3/15- NASA Field Trip (6th-8th)
- 3/18- Faculty Led Stations of the Cross @ 6:30PM

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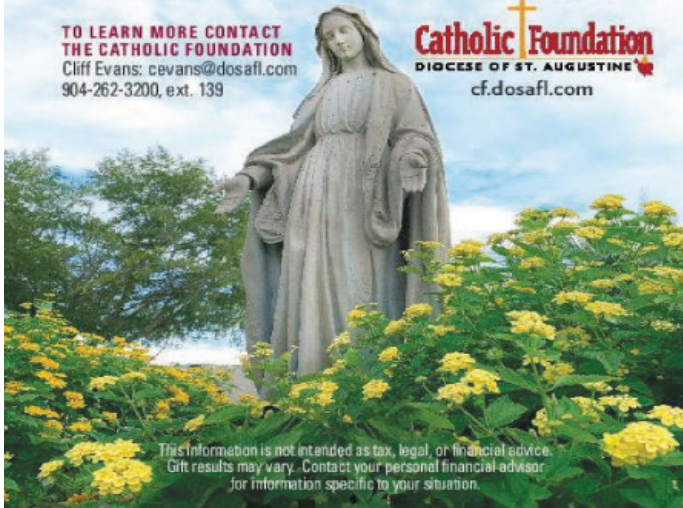
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Ash Wednesday, March 2
Timothy Johnson, Ph.D.
St. Agnes of Prague



Monday, March 7
Bishop Felipe Estévez
Venerable Father
Felix Varela



Monday, March 14
Mary Saha, M.D.
The Florida
Martyrs



Monday, March 21
Deacon Bob DeLuca
St. Padre Pio



Monday, March 28
Father Tom Willis
St. Katharine
Drexel



Monday, April 4
Paul DiGeorge, Ph.D.
St. Augustine



The next meeting will be March 10, 2022, in the Schiavone Social Hall. Those 55 years and older, come join us for a catered lunch. The lunch will cost \$5.00. We will have a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. The

doors will open at 11:00 am and lunch will be served at 12:00pm. Hope to see you there!



Coffee 'n Donuts - We need YOU to assist with this ministry to keep it going. Contact Debra Harris @ 904-894-1923 if interested. Also we will resume our monthly potluck gatherings following the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Coffee & Donuts: March 6th & 20th, April 3rd & 24th.

Potluck: March 12th, and April 23rd



The Knights of Father Maher Council #648 invite all to Pray the Most Holy Rosary at Seton Hall every Tuesday Night at 6:30 PM. The Knights are also having a Bible Study Group immediately following the Most Holy Rosary. All are Welcome! Bring a Bible and please and join us!

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March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 8:30am: Mass 10:30am: Mass 5:00pm: Mass	28 8:30am: Mass	1 8:00am: Respect for Life Rosary 8:30am: Mass	2 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 8:30am: Mass 12:00pm- Mass 5:00-7:00pm- Adoration 5:00-7:00pm- Fish Fry 7:00pm- Mass	3 8:30am: Mass 6:00pm: Bereavement Meeting in Schiavone Parish Center 7:30- Choir Practice in Church	4 <u>First Friday</u> 8:30am: Mass 5-6pm: Adoration 6:30: Stations of the Cross & Benediction- SVP	5 8:30am: Mass 5:00pm: Mass
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Date	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Saturday, March 5, 5:00 PM	Martin Litchfield	Eileen O'Brien (3B) Tammy Stomfay-Stitz (4B)	Dayne Kimball NOT FILLED
Sunday, March 6, 8:30 AM	Misty Cameron (1) Will Harby (2)	Susan Sacca di (3B) Kim Neill (4B) Tabatha Rhodes - Upstairs	Michael Bishop Trey Brennan
Sunday, March 6, 10:30 AM	Peter Moore (1) Bernadette Rillorta Lane (2)	Kelly Gray-Eurom (3B) Douglas Eurom (4B) Clare Latham - Upstairs	Tyler Koenig Emma Seise
Sunday, March 6, 5:00 PM	Alden Howell	Meredith Rodriguez (3B) Chuck Hayes (4B) Kristy Hayes - Upstairs	Andres Griffin Jacob Preston

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