



St. Matthew Catholic Church
Ministry Handbook
2017-2018

It's time for us to do something!

Bring the love of Jesus to others!



Let us help you *do something!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is said that “actions speak louder than words.” As a disciple of Christ, we are called to speak of our love of neighbor through service. It is through this gift of ourselves- sharing our time and our talents - that we enrich our faith and grow closer to God.

St. Matthew is a stewardship parish. We give generously and sacrificially of our time, talent and treasure to positively impact the lives of people in our parish, in our community and across the globe. This 2017-2018 Ministry Handbook describes our 100+ parish ministries. Teens, and in particular our confirmation students, might consider being a Mass greeter, serving meals with Mel's Diner or the Men's Shelter Ministry, or participating in the Life Chain or CROP Walk. Young adults and young families might try the new Young Adult ministries. Newly retired? Consider STARS or the ministries needing daytime help during the week, such as Our Daily Bread. New to Charlotte? Moving On After Moving In is a great way to make friends and feel connected. There is, literally, something for everyone.

Not sure how you can best serve? Visit the Ministry Fairs this coming year, talk with ministry members and prayerfully consider how you can share your unique gifts. You can also contact ministry leaders directly via the Ministries page on the parish website, www.stmatthewcatholic.org. Not internet savvy? Reach out by phone to a ministry leader or to our volunteer coordinator, Ann McDonald (704-543-7677 x 1039).

May the Lord bless you always,



Fr. Patrick T. Hoare, Pastor



GIVING HOPE GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday through Thursday: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

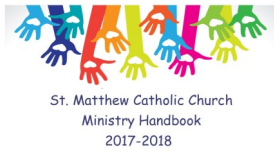
Friday: 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 30 minutes before and after Mass

Sunday Masses: Before and after all Masses

Closed during Masses

Here's how we can help you do something!



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1. Take a look at our ministry handbook to get some great ideas, and familiarize yourself with our Safe Environment policy noted on the back cover. You can also find the ministry handbook online at <http://stmatthewcatholic.org/about/virtuallibrary>.

If you do not have access to the internet or email, please contact Ann McDonald, 704-543-7477 x 1039, for assistance.

2. Contact the ministry leader of the ministries which may be of interest to you. They will provide you with any additional information you need. Don't forget to mention your strengths or interests.

Note:

*** Indicates that teens are encouraged to participate in the ministry.**



3. Come to the Ministry Fair! Hear about what's going on in your parish and opportunities for you to help. The Ministry Fair will be held in the Parish Center Banquet Room after all Masses. The fair dates are:

September 23 and 24, 2017

March 10 and 11, 2018



Ministry Leaders Needed!

The following ministries are in need of a ministry leader.

- * Welcome Home for Returning Catholics
- * Vocation Awareness
- * Military Families & Friends Prayer List

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - Get Involved! Check us out!



- * Off Campus Ministry - young adults 18 to 22
www.facebook.com/groups/StMattOffCampus
- * Young Adult Life - young adults 20 to 30's
www.facebook.com/groups/smyalcharlotte
- * Young Families - married couples, married couples with children, and single parents
www.facebook.com/groups/stmattyoungfamilies

Liturgy & Worship



ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Murray, 704-517-2898

Volunteers assist in maintaining the order and cleanliness of the sanctuary and altar and help in preparation for the seasonal celebrations and special events. Responsibilities rotate between several teams that meet on Friday mornings for one hour.

ALTAR SERVERS *

Kelly Rose

Kellyrose_5@msn.com

Donna Sams, 678-372-3764

dsams3@carolina.rr.com

Altar servers assist the priest at Mass as needed with processions, blessings, rituals and readings. The ministry is open to all parish members in grades 5 through 12 who have received first Eucharist. Training provided.

ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT

Marjory Dury

704-562-7886

This ministry creates an inviting atmosphere in the church throughout the year. Its major responsibility is to decorate for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Creating new banners and upkeep of existing ones are ways the ministry strives to enhance the spirit in the church.

AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE *

Chris Loughlin, 704-726-1994

surfertech50@yahoo.com

Volunteers run the sound board and slide presentations at Mass to enhance the worship experience.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD *

Sara Gerbino, 704-942-0787

childrensliturgy@yahoo.com

A program that enables children in grades kindergarten, 1 and 2 to have the Sunday readings interpreted at their level of understanding. Volunteers lead the children to the chapel during the Liturgy of the Word for leader-directed activities and group discussion. Volunteers are also needed to serve as *shepherds* to help keep order.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION *

Kellianne Nagy, 313-618-8251

Volunteers distribute Communion at all Masses. Training in St. Matthew's procedures, as well as scheduling services, are provided for all who elect to participate. Teens must be confirmed and at least a junior in high school.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD *

Kip Byrne, kbbyrne@yahoo.com

Lectors have the privilege of reading holy Scripture during the Mass. Training is provided (first Wednesday of month; send email to confirm). Volunteers serve on a schedule, reading once every four to eight weeks depending on Mass served.

MINISTRY TO THE DEAF

Jona Maiorano, 704-995-6674

Volunteers, trained in signing, interpret the Mass each Sunday at 9 am, holiday Masses, and upon request at special liturgies. Workshops for the deaf and hard-of-hearing are also offered.



Liturgy & Worship

MUSIC MINISTRY *

Kathy Bartlett, 704-400-2213

Volunteer cantors, instrumentalists and choir members are needed for all Masses and locations.

Choirs include:

The Grace Notes Children's Choir (kindergarten - 3rd grade) rehearses twice monthly from September through May, and sings at four Masses during that time.

Youth Choir (4th - 8th grade) sings at the 9 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month from October through May. Rehearsals are the first and third Thursday of each month from 6 to 6:50 pm in the choir room from September through May.

Family Choir includes two or more members of the same family; under age nine must be accompanied by an adult.

Main Choir (open to anyone from 9th grade - adult) may sing at 5:30 pm Saturday (main or south campus); on Sunday at 8 am or 10 am (south campus), or 9 am, 10:45 am or 12:30 pm (main campus). Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 pm from September through May in the choir room.

Cantors are selected by audition and must be active members of the choir. Watch the bulletin for audition dates and times, generally in September or October.

Combo Band (Brass and woodwind musicians may participate) All musicians must be proficient in their instrument. This group plays for special liturgies, and rehearsals are scheduled as needed.

SACRISTANS

Joe & Carolyn Lanphier
704-877-5279

Sacristans prepare for the Mass, ensuring that the altar, sacred vessels and gifts of bread and wine are ready before Mass. Work is done quietly behind the scenes and enables the Eucharistic celebration to run smoothly.

SEAMS OF FAITH

Dianne Huckbody, 704-843-0756

Members undertake sewing projects for the church facility (main and south campuses) and making clothing for children in Haiti, Jamaica and for the Missionaries of the Poor.

USHERS *

Dan Hines, 704-541-4004

These ministers of hospitality are responsible for greeting and seating parishioners at Mass, assisting with collections and Communion procession flow, distributing bulletins after Mass and handling emergencies.



EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION *

704-541-8362

Diane Kiradjieff, Director, x 2

dkiradjieff@stmatthewcatholic.org

Shelly Yaeger, Administrator, x 1

faithformation@stmatthewcatholic.org

Our Faith Formation programs present opportunities for all parishioners to deepen their faith and continue this ongoing process of maturation and growth, both individually and as a faith community, through hearing, understanding and living God's Word.

Catechists are confirmed adult and teen volunteers who share our Faith with children in grades preschool through 8, and prepare our youth for the sacraments of first holy Communion and confirmation.

Preschool, K and 3rd Grades

Lisa Tavares, 704-541-8362 x 4

ltavares@stmatthewcatholic.org

1st and 2nd Grades, Sacraments

Lori Mathews, x 5

lmathews@stmatthewcatholic.org

4th, 5th and 6th Grades

Amy Bojarski, 704-541-8362 x 6

abojarski@stmatthewcatholic.org

7th and 8th Grades (Confirmation I/II)

Donna DeCarlo, 704-541-8362 x 8

ddecarlo@stmatthewcatholic.org

CONFIRMATION *

Diane Kiradjieff, 704-541-8362 x 2

dkiradjieff@stmatthewcatholic.org

Confirmation catechists and peer ministers facilitate classes and small group discussions on Sunday mornings or evenings. **Students must attend 7th and 8th grade in either Catholic school or parish Faith Formation to enter the confirmation program in 9th grade.**

SPECIAL SACRAMENTS *

Lori Mathews, 704-541-8362 x 5

lmathews@stmatthewcatholic.org

Catechists teach children who have completed

the 3rd grade having never received the sacraments of reconciliation and first Eucharist.

BRIDGE PROGRAM *

Barbara Kohler, 704-541-8362 x 3

barbarak@stmatthewcatholic.org

An education program for children diagnosed on the Autism spectrum or who have special learning modifications. A team of adult catechists and high school faith buddies are paired one-on-one with students. Faith buddies act as a shepherd to guide, redirect, engage, and teach during the Faith Formation session. The *Adaptive Finding God* series from Loyola Press is used. Sessions are offered Mondays at 5:00 pm and Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.

SPRED (Special Religious Development Program) *

Jan Clemens, 704-246-7102

A program in which persons, ages 6-100, with intellectual challenges come together with a catechist-helper to participate in a small faith community. SPRED enables these friends an opportunity for catechesis and worship, and prepares them for the sacraments.

MIDDLE SCHOOL and HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY *

Daniel Torres, 704-541-8362 x 8

dtorres@stmatthewcatholic.org

Xtreme Edge (Middle School) *

Adults and high school teens facilitate monthly social, spiritual, and service events designed to provide our middle school youth, grades 6 through 8, with an interactive, fun program that strives to lead them ever closer to Christ.

Life Teen (High School)

Adults serve on a core team of individuals who seek to inspire and engage our youth to know Christ and joyfully serve Him by building faith-based relationships through service, spiritual, and social events. Faith programs include Life Nights, small groups, annual retreats, summer camps and sports ministries.

EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

TEEN CATECHISTS and PEER MINISTERS *

Diane Kiradjieff, Director, 704-541-8362 x 2
dkiradjieff@stmatthewcatholic.org

Confirmed teens are encouraged to serve as catechists in all levels of faith formation classes, tutor younger students, or serve in the liturgical or service ministries of the parish.

REACH *

Kate Dennstaedt, 443-745-8401
kgdenn@gmail.com

A service ministry and resource for families making it easier and more organized to align all parishioners with service opportunities.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Michael Burck, Director, 704-543-7677 x 1020
mburck@stmatthewcatholic.org

St. Matthew “yoU”niversity provides excellent opportunities for continuing adult religious education, spiritual enrichment, retreats and small groups. **See the bulletin or the parish website for class schedules and group meeting times.**

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Francis Ahn, 704-543-7677 x 1193

Off-Campus Ministry: connects/reconnects young adults (18-22) to the St. Matthew faith community.
Young Adult Life: for young adults (20-30s), single/married.

Young Families: to create opportunities for young families to meet and grow in their faith. We welcome all married couples, married with children, or single parents!

PARISH LIBRARY

Terry Myers, 803-548-6696

Volunteers handle the many tasks necessary to operate the library, including processing new books and media, checking in and checking out materials and maintaining the collection. No experience is necessary. Weekly meetings are Wednesdays at 10 am.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults, Tom Lindemuth, 704-840-4088
Teens, Barbara Kohler, 704-541-8362 x 3

Volunteer team members and sponsors help bring adults and teens into the Catholic Church. Monthly sessions begin in May and weekly sessions continue from September through April.



Stewardship & Service



A CHILD'S PLACE

Joanna Patcha, 949-922-8928

Valerie Zerbe, 704-910-0737

Provides nutritious snacks to homeless and disadvantaged children. Snack providers and drivers are needed year round and serve on a rotating schedule.

ANGEL TREE *

Martha Bookout, 704-542-6761

Provides Christmas gifts to those in need. Annual drive runs from mid-November through the delivery of the gifts before Christmas. Helpers are needed to set up trees, collect and distribute gifts.

BLOOD GIVE-IN

Ed Nenninger, 704-651-2221

Elaine Stephens, 704-843-7048

Quarterly blood drives are held at St. Matthew for the Red Cross. Volunteers are needed to schedule donors and help on the day of the drive.

CROP WALK *

Frank McCree, 704-770-8803

National event held each October to raise money to fight world hunger. Volunteers participate in the walk and also collect donations after Masses on a designated weekend prior to the event.

DISASTER SHELTER TEAM

Don Herzhauser, 704-957-5310

St. Matthew volunteers, in cooperation with the Red Cross, stand ready to minister to the needs of our neighbors who would reside in our shelter in times of disaster. Watch bulletin for details.

DONATED GOODS *

Randy and Ann Mazur

704-543-7677 x 1002

stmatthewdonatedgoods@gmail.com

On the second Saturday of each month, volunteers collect, organize and distribute donated items to missions and local organizations. Donations of shipping supplies and the use of trucks are always welcome. High school teens are welcome.

FAMILY ASSIST

Rachael Schuler

704-543-7677 x1013

stmattfamilyassist@gmail.com

Provides assistance to parishioners in need. Volunteers provide meals and transportation on a limited basis. Call for assistance or to volunteer.

FOOD PANTRY

Brenda Lehtinen, 704-541-1551

Provides food to families in need and food baskets to Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte at holidays. Collections of non-perishable items are taken the first Sunday of each month. Volunteers help on the Monday after the collection. The Food Pantry is located beneath the Daily Mass Chapel.

FRIENDSHIP TRAYS

Jan Grouge

friendshiptrays41@gmail.com

Bill Klemm, 704-443-7748

A community program that utilizes volunteers to deliver meals to shut-ins. Volunteers drive a route once a month.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Jeff Wilson, 704-608-6829

Helps build low-cost housing for families in need in the Matthews area over a 13-week period. St. Matthew has completed eight houses.

HOM (Homemakers of Mercy)/Supportive Housing Communities Family Project

Terri Jarina, 704-243-1217

A collaborative effort with St. Gabriel and community agencies to outfit apartments for women, children and families as they make progress towards independent living.

HOSPICE MEALS *

Pat White, 704-608-2856

Volunteers make meals for the families of patients at Levine & Dickson Hospice House during the months of July and December.

KNIT & CROCHET

Kathy Keegan, 980-339-7871

Members make items for the homeless and those in need with yarn donated by parishioners. Items are made at weekly meetings and completed at home.

Stewardship & Service

LUNCH TO GO *

Lisa Oviatt, 704-779-7528

Volunteers prepare and deliver sandwiches and cookies every week to the Union County Shelter for residents to take with them to work. Sandwich/cookie makers and drivers serve on a rotating schedule.

MEL'S DINER *

Duke Oxford, 704-904-8968

Mel's focus is providing for those most in need. Meals are provided most days of the week, which include homemade entrees, sweets, fruit and juices. Volunteers provide casseroles or help serve on Saturday mornings.

MEN'S SHELTER/Tryon Campus

Tom Ellis, 704-208-0919

Parishioners prepare and serve dinner on the second Saturday evening of odd-numbered months. Volunteers staff the commissary and serve in the Housing and Employment Resource Center on Wednesday evenings.

MEN'S SHELTER/Statesville Campus

Mark Brodowicz, 317-525-0982

Mike Brodowicz, 704-904-6493

Chris Hayek, 704-614-1502

Volunteers serve dinner on the third Tuesday and first Wednesday of each month.

MUFFIN MINISTRY *

Jan Grouge

muffinministry@outlook.com

Provides muffins weekly to homeless shelters. Volunteers bake two dozen muffins on a

scheduled basis, four times a year.

OUR DAILY BREAD

Tom Mahoney, 704-607-7172

Diana Hankins, 706-888-7764

In response to the Lord's call to "feed my hungry," volunteers pick up bakery products, canned goods and produce donated by supermarket chains and other resources which are delivered daily to charities in the Charlotte area that feed the hungry. Volunteers commit to approximately two hours a week to pick up and deliver food.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Judy Enderle, 803-547-2701

Gathers every six weeks for prayer and a meeting. Rosaries are made by members on their own time. Training is required and all materials are provided. Our rosaries are sent to worldwide missions and the U.S. military.

PRISON MINISTRY

Joanna Patcha, 949-922-8928

Provides parishioners with opportunities to engage in prayer, fellowship, service, and outreach with the aim of easing the transition of prisoners back into society.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Bill LaMay, 704-995-0002

In cooperation with Catholic Charities, we adopt refugee families during their first six months in this country. We help with welcoming, furnishings, money, food and friendship.

RESPECT LIFE *

Liliana Salas, 704-293-5001

Focuses on increasing the awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Activities include Life Chain and Rosaries for Life.

SANDWICH PROGRAMS *

Robin Bennett, 704-243-4319

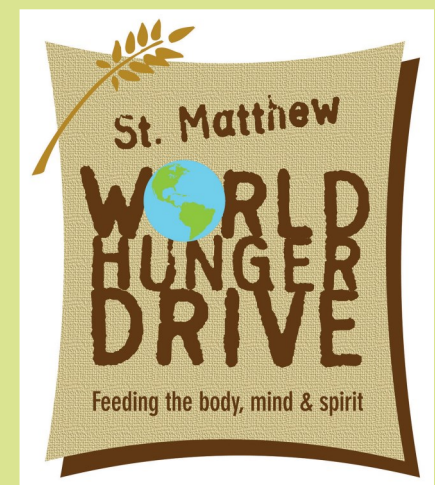
Lisa Gentile, 704-576-5614

Volunteers agree to make 40 sandwiches every other month and drop them off at the church, for delivery to Charlotte's women's and men's homeless shelters.

WORLD HUNGER DRIVE *

Steve Favory, 704-231-6309

Provides food, supplies, and education to the poorest of the poor in Haiti, Jamaica, and people in our own country every July.



PARISH FAMILY LIFE

BRIDGE GROUP

June Noe, 704-578-9888

All levels of players welcome.
Meets second Friday of every month from 6:45 to 10 pm.

BOWLING

Couples - Beth Latino

704-846-3457

Meets every other Sunday at 5 pm.

Ladies - Judy Wieckowski

980-245-7840

Meets every Thursday at 9:45 am. Both groups meet at 10 Park Lanes.

CHRISTIAN COFFEEHOUSE

Kathy Bartlett, 704-400-2213

Praise and worship the Lord through energizing spiritual messages and live Christian contemporary music. Set up, kitchen and welcoming volunteers are always needed.

CHRISTIAN IN CAREER TRANSITION

Jack Rueckel, 704-341-8449
stmatthewministries.org/cict

Helping the underemployed and unemployed solve job seeking issues. Meets the first and third Mondays of each month.

COLUMBIETTES

Kathy Balding, 704-560-0678

A social and service organization for Catholic women. Sponsors a yearly scholarship, hosts fundraisers to donate toward women and children's charities (Treasures in the Trunk, bake sales), and assists the Knights of Columbus with projects.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Andrew Burton, 864-238-9542

Charity is the first principle of these men of faith and action. Every year they raise and donate tens of thousands of dollars for charitable projects, and volunteer thousands of hours to organizations such as Special Olympics, L.A.M.B. and Charlotte Men's Shelter.

MASS GREETERS *

Jen Fredenberg

980-334-8718

j_fredenberg@msn.com

Smiling, happy and hospitable parishioners are needed at every Mass at all the doors to greet everyone as they come to worship with our community. No special skills are needed and there are no age limitations.

NEW VENTURES

Linda Crossland, 704-846-2597

A ministry for active widows of all ages. Monthly meetings with speakers or activities, and a list of area events to select if you wish to participate with other members. Our goal is to support each other on our grief journey.

NEWCOMERS GROUP

Becky Malinowski, 614-330-3293

Valerie Menzel, 862-668-1707

A nine-week ladies' discussion and sharing group using the book *After the Boxes are Unpacked; Moving On After Moving In*. Offered spring and fall, morning and evening. Contact us about how you can get involved now!

PARISH FAMILY LIFE

Joe George, 704-906-0784

Amanda Boike, 704-281-2252

Cat Sforza, 704-576-7776

The Parish Family Life Ministry seeks to strengthen the domestic church at home and bring St. Matthew families together for fun, service and fellowship.

PINOCHLE CLUB

Virginia Livernois, 704-542-3404

We welcome new members. No experience needed. Come have fun! Meets every Thursday, 12:30 to 3:30 pm.

SCOUTS *

Cub Scout Pack 8

Cubmaster Bill Hobbs

704-351-4196

Year-round family program for boys in grades 1 through 5. Emphasizes leadership, community, family, character development and personal fitness. Boys meet in small groups called dens twice a month, and attend a monthly pack meeting.

Boy Scout Troop 8

Scoutmaster Mitch Cox

704-299-1671

Boy Scouting is proven to help boys ages 11 - 17 develop character, self-discipline, leadership skills and personal fitness while having fun tackling adventures with their fellow scouts. Troop 8 meets on Monday nights from mid-August to mid-June and has a monthly camping trip or other outdoor activity. Boys attend a week-long summer camp.

PARISH FAMILY LIFE

GIRL SCOUTS

Nancy Bush, 803-547-6201
Darla Ladd, 704-733-7370

As part of the Hornets' Nest Girl Scout Council and Girl Scouts USA, St. Matthew sponsors several troops for girls in kindergarten through high school. Troops meet to develop leadership skills, grow in faith, serve the community and have fun. Times and days of meetings vary by troop.

SOFTBALL

Tom Walker, 704-516-8444

Summer inter-faith, co-ed softball league.

SPIRIT CLUB *

Jan Clemens, 704-246-7102
Linda Altritt, 347-761-6008

Provides a time of socialization and activity for persons with developmental/intellectual challenges to come together with volunteer "buddies" 10 times a year for 2 hours. Emphasis is on fun activities, athletics, music, and friendship. Great opportunity for teen volunteers.

STARS

(Seniors That Are Retired)

Maureen Cole, 704-542-9477

Provides fellowship for older adults. Activities include monthly meetings with lunch, programs, and entertainment; as well as day and overnight bus trips.

Companions - an informal discussion group (meets first and third Friday)

Chat 'N Dine - lunches at local restaurants.

ST. MATTHEW AREA CATHOLIC SINGLES (SMACS)

Elizabeth Parnell, 980-229-2532

Promoting friendship for all single adults 21 and over. Activities include dinners and happy hours, outdoor park concerts, rosary during Lent and Advent, Stations of the Cross during Lent, cooking and serving meals at the Uptown Men's Shelter.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Maureen Regele, 704-605-5444

This committee works to encourage a friendly environment of spirituality, hospitality and inclusion into our faith community.

WELCOME DESK

Maureen Moore, 704-220-7806

Volunteers share their time and talent at the narthex Welcome Desk before and after all Masses to welcome newcomers and visitors, share information and answer questions.

WELCOME MATT

Lidia Annunziata, 704-841-1514
Liz Hohas, 704-542-3894

Newcomer social held twice a year. Volunteers are needed to meet and greet new members and to assist with planning, setup and cleanup.

YOUNG ADULT LIFE

Francis Ahn, 704-543-7677 x 1193
StMattYAL@gmail.com

Mission is to provide young adults (20-30s) opportunities to grow in their faith and be active in the St. Matthew community through spiritual, social and service activities. We welcome all young adults (members and non-members of St. Matthew) to join us for our events.

YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM *

Ryan Kilmartin, 980-228-1099
RyanKilmartin@aol.com

Volunteer coaches needed. Basketball leagues and camps for all ages and skills. Have an idea, contact Ryan Kilmartin.



SPIRITUAL LIFE & PRAYER



Jesus on the first Friday of each month, October through June: 9 am Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by fellowship, refreshments and occasional special programs.



LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

Christine Anthony, 980-349-8015
lys@stmatthewministries.org

Be inspired by who you are! God made each of us for a purpose. Join one of our small groups to discover, explore and apply your natural God-given talents and build strengths to realize greater fulfillment - personally, professionally and spiritually. We use the StrengthsFinder assessment, Living Your Strengths book and a parish-created workbook. We offer the following:

Strengths Introduction

A facilitator-led half-day session for adults offering a taste of the Living Your Strengths approach. This is the first step toward awareness of your God-given talents at an introductory level with minimal time commitment.

Strengths Exploration

A six-week, facilitator-led small group program for adults that helps participants identify, understand, and explore their God-given talents in all aspects of their lives. Small groups are always forming. Email us for more information at lys@stmatthewministries.org.

CENACLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Lorraine Carpenter
704-430-8484

Inspired by the heartfelt conversations between St. Faustina and Jesus as recorded in her diary, cenacles incorporate the teachings of Scripture and the Catechism. Help spread the message of Divine Mercy, as St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have urged, by hosting a cenacle in your home.

CENTERING PRAYER

Bruce Hassett, 704-641-9041
Janie Normile, 914-489-9525

Centering prayer is a form of contemplative prayer, which is a pure gift of God. It is the opening of the mind and heart to the divine presence within us and leads to an intimate relationship with Christ. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 7 to 8 pm.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Barbara Gardner, 704-724-2015
Charismatic Prayer Group meets weekly to give praise, thanks, honor and love to Jesus Christ in

a communal setting. We give full attention to Jesus through the help of the Holy Spirit.

CURSILLO

John and Molly Sequeira
704-560-5061

A worldwide movement of the Catholic Church whose mission is the spiritual revitalization of the world. Candidates attend a three day men's or women's weekend where they encounter Christ and consider their roles as Catholics in today's world. The weekend is followed by weekly group reunions and monthly Ultreyas to strengthen and guide members on their daily walk with Christ.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION *

Veronica Fernandes
704-541-0670

Volunteers commit to spend one hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament, in quiet prayer with Our Lord. Begins Friday morning after 9 am Mass and concludes at the 9 am Mass on Saturday.

FIRST FRIDAY MINISTRY

Marie Duvier, 704-219-2464
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of

SPIRITUAL LIFE & PRAYER

STRENGTHS QUEST® * **for High School Teens**

Barbara Kohler
704-541-8362 x 3

A one-time, three-hour session based on Gallup's online assessment. Learn how to recognize and use your amazing God-given gifts and talents.

STRENGTHS COACHES

Leanne Burnett, 704-241-4081

LYS Strengths Coaches are parishioners who are Gallup-trained. Bios and contact information are on the parish website. Call any of them to set up an appointment. Coaches are available to meet for one or two free, confidential sessions to help you understand the interconnections of your top-five talents. Taking the Clifton StrengthsFinder® assessment is a prerequisite.

MILITARY FAMILIES AND FRIENDS PRAYER LIST *

[Ministry Leader Needed](#)

Ann McDonald, 704-543-7677

Volunteer to pray for a member of the military or call if you have someone you would like to have added to the list.

PRAYER LINE *

Joan Kelley
joanckly@carolina.rr.com

Parishioners may make special prayer requests which are passed on to volunteers who pray for those intentions. Please email Joan to request prayers or volunteer.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Francis Ahn, 704-543-7677 x 1193

Most people are overwhelmed by the sheer size of our parish. We believe that being in a small group makes a big parish feel small. Each Lent, we start a new small group program hosted by parishioners in their homes. Materials are provided for the group's use. If you would like to host or join a group, contact Francis Ahn.



Bethann Rohaly, 704-941-7456
Kathy Bartlett, 704-400-2213

Our mission, beginning with a full day retreat, is to provide adults with a straightforward approach to empower, develop and awaken a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is done through prayerful discernment of your supernatural gifts that can impact and transform your life and the life of our parish, Church and world. Registration fee includes lunch, materials, personal mentor, and a charism discernment workshop after the retreat. Next retreat: January 27, 2018
Online registration.

[https://
membership.faithdirect.net/
events/details/988](https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/988)

ST. MATTHEW MOMS GROUP

Catherine Sforza, 704-576-7776

All mothers benefit from having a strong community supporting and encouraging them to grow in their vocation of motherhood. As

mothers, we must continue to invest in ourselves and continue our own faith journey to help our families grow spiritually. Meets every other Thursday (morning or evening sessions).

ST. MATTHEW "yoU" NIVERSITY

Michael Burck, 704-543-7677x1020
mburck@stmatthewcatholic.org

SMyoU provides excellent opportunities for adult religious education, spiritual enrichment, retreats and small groups. Courses are listed in seasonal catalogs.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Jim and Mary Ann Kirchner
704-814-8718

Small groups of married couples meet monthly with the goal of providing solid, spiritual direction by encouraging a way of life that promotes growth in married love, holiness, and Christian community.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS APOSTOLATE

[Ministry Leader Needed](#)

Ann McDonald, 704-543-7677

This ministry strives to inspire parishioners to pray for vocations and encourage those who are discerning God's call.



PASTORAL CARE

The pastor coordinates ministries to the sick and dying.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY Ann McDonald, 704-543-7677 x 1039

Trained volunteers minister to the bereaved at the time of death of a loved one, help with planning the funeral liturgy, and make follow-up visits.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY Ann McDonald, 704-543-7677 x 1039

Peer support for those who have experienced miscarriage, still birth or infant death.

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS Kathy Murray, 704-543-7677 x 1007

Volunteers prepare food or serve and clean up at receptions.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND

HOSPITALS Dennis Stergar, 704-543-7677 x 2001 or 704-201-5850

Celebrates and shares the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist with the Catholic faith community.

EVANGELIZATION

ENGAGEMENT OUTREACH Don Garbison, 704-661-9496

Provides support to local and national parishes and faith-based organizations to implement the process of Engagement and Living Your Strengths, based on our experience as a parish over the past nine years.

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE Bruce Mlakar, 704-256-4011

Raises awareness within the parish to local, national, and global social justice issues. Identifies opportunities for parishioners to work directly with the marginalized and to advocate for change where injustice exists.

This group also produces a Socially Conscious Spending Guide, sponsors fair trade markets, and hosts poverty simulations.

WELCOME HOME FOR RETURNING CATHOLICS Ministry Leader Needed

Sheila Burroughs, 704-577-5110, welcomhomecatholic@hotmail.com

Offers a one-on-one companion to walk with the returning individual as they journey the path to full communion with the Body of Christ. Your companion will listen, encourage and suggest Church resources and programs to foster growth in both sacramental and spiritual life, particularly the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist. There are no workshops or structured classes. Welcome Home for Returning Catholics is tailored to meet individual needs and schedules.

ADVISORY BOARDS

Parishioners are appointed by the pastor to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council (staggered three year terms) and the Parish Finance Council.

Pastoral Council Chairperson: Bob Bowles, 704-907-2938

Finance Council Chairperson: Kevin O'Hara, 704-582-9310

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE Joan Slep, 704-560-9228

Stewardship involves integrating the spirit of the Sunday Liturgy into our daily lives by sharing our time, talents and resources to the fulfillment of our parish mission. This committee, appointed by the pastor, sponsors yearly stewardship campaigns, ministry fairs, youth stewardship envelopes, teen scholarships, and continuing stewardship education. Visit the parish website for more information, including special activities for children and youth.

ST. MATTHEW MINISTRIES

A Child's Place:

Joanna Patcha, 949-922-8928; Valerie Zerbe, 704-231-7411

Adult Faith Formation: Michael Burck, 704-543-7677 x 1020

Altar Guild: Kathy Murray, 704-517-2898

Altar Servers: Kelly Rose, kellyrose_5@msn.com;

Donna Sams, 678-372-3764, dsams3@carolina.rr.com

Angel Tree: Martha Bookout, 704-542-6761

Arts & Environment: Marjory Dury, 704-562-7886

Audio Visual Committee: Chris Loughlin, 704-726-1994

Bereavement Ministry: Ann McDonald, 704-543-7677 x 1039

Blood Give-In: Ed Nenninger, 704-651-2221;

Elaine Stephens, 704-843-7048

Bowling (Couples): Beth Latino, 704-846-3457

Bowling (Ladies): Judy Wieckowski, 980-245-7840

Boy Scouts Troup 8 Scoutmaster: Mitch Cox, 704-299-1671

Bridge Group: June Noe, 704-578-9888

Bridge Program: Barbara Kohler, 704-541-8362 x 3

Cenacles of Divine Mercy: Lorraine Carpenter, 704-430-8484

Centering Prayer: Bruce Hassett, 704-641-9041;

Janie Normile, 914-489-9525

Charismatic Prayer Group: Barbara Gardner, 704-724-2015

Children's Liturgy: Sara Gerbino, 704-942-0787

childrensliturgy@yahoo.com

Christian Coffeehouse: Kathy Bartlett, 704-400-2213

Christians in Career Transition (CICT): Jack Rueckel, 704-341-8449

Columbiettes: Kathy Balding, 704-560-0678

Confirmation: Diane Kiradjieff, 704-541-8362 x 2

CROP Walk: Frank McCree, 704-770-8803

Cub Scouts Pack 8: Cubmaster Bill Hobbs, 704-351-4196

Cursillo: John and Molly Sequeira, 704-560-5061

Disaster Shelter Team: Don Herzhauser, 704-957-5310

Donated Goods: Randy and Ann Mazur, 704-543-7677 x 1002

Elizabeth Ministry: Ann McDonald 704-543-7677 x 1039

Engagement Outreach: Don Garbison, 704-661-9496

Eucharistic Adoration: Veronica Fernandes, 704-541-0670

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Kellianne Nagy, 313-618-8251

Faith Formation: Diane Kiradjieff, 704-541-8362 x 2

Family Assist: Rachael Schuler, 704-543-7677 x 1013

Finance Council: Kevin O'Hara, 704-582-9310

First Fridays: Marie Duvier, 704-219-2464

First Sacraments: Lori Mathews, 704-541-8362 x 5

Food Pantry: Brenda Lehtinen, 704-541-1551

Friendship Trays: Jan Grouge, friendshiptrays41@gmail.com;

Bill Klemm, 704-443-7748

Funeral Receptions: Kathy Murray, 704-543-7677 x 1007

Girl Scouts: Nancy Bush, 803-547-6201, Darla Ladd, 704-733-7370

Habitat for Humanity: Jeff Wilson, 704-910-7233

HOM/Supportive Housing Communities Family Project:

Terri Jarina, 704-243-1217

Hospice Meals: Pat White, 704-608-2856

Knit and Crochet Group: Kathy Keegan, 980-339-7871

Knights of Columbus: Andrew Burton, 864-238-9542

Library Committee: Terry Myers, 803-548-6696

Living Your Strengths: Christine Anthony, 980-349-8015

Lunch to Go: Lisa Oviatt, 704-779-7528

Mass Greeters: Jen Fredenberg, 980-339-8718

Mel's Diner: Duke Oxford, 704-904-8968

Men's Shelter- Tryon Campus: Tom Ellis, 704-208-0919

Men's Shelter- Statesville Campus: Mark Brodowicz,

317-525-0982; Mike Brodowicz, 704-904-6493;

Chris Hayek, 704-614-1502 (Wednesday dinner)

Military Families and Friends Prayer List: Ministry Leader Needed

Ministers of the Word: Kip Byrne, kbyrne@yahoo.com, 704-365-1604

Ministers to Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

Dennis Stergar, 704-543-7677 x 2001 or 704-201-5850

Ministers to Homebound: Dennis Stergar, 704-543-7677 x 2001 or 704-201-5850

Ministers to Hospitals: Dennis Stergar, 704-543-7677 x 2001 or 704-201-5850

Ministry to the Deaf: Jona Maiorano, 704-995-6674

Muffin Ministry: Jan Grouge, muffinministry@outlook.com

Music Ministry: Kathy Bartlett, kathybartlett110@gmail.com

New Ventures: Linda Crossland, 704-846-2597

Newcomers' Group: Becky Malinowski, 614-330-3293;

Valerie Menzel, 862-668-1707

Our Daily Bread: Tom Mahoney, 704-607-7172;

Diana Hankins, 706-888-7764

Our Lady's Rosary Makers Guild: Judy Enderle, 803-547-2701

Parish Family Life: Joe George, 704-906-0784, Cat Sforza, 704-576-7776;

Amanda Boike, 704-281-2252

Pastoral Council: Bob Bowles, 704-907-2938

Peace and Justice Committee: Bruce Mlakar, 704-256-4011

Pinochle Club: Virginia Livernois, 704-542-3404

Prayer Line: Joan Kelley, joanckly@carolina.rr.com

Prison Ministry: Joanna Patcha, 949-922-8928

RCIA: Tom Lindemuth, 704-840-4088

RCIA for Teens: Barbara Kohler, 704-541-8362 x 3

REACH: Kate Dennstaedt, 443-745-8401, kgdenn@gmail.com

Refugee Resettlement: Bill LaMay, 704-995-0002

Respect Life: Liliana Salas, 704-293-5001

Sacristans: Joe and Carolyn Lanphier, 704-877-5279

Sandwich Programs: Robin Bennett, 704-243-4319;

Lisa Gentile, 704-576-5614

Seams of Faith: Dianne Huckbody, 704-843-0756

Seeking Purpose: Bethann Rohaly, 704-941-7456;

Kathy Bartlett, 704-400-2213

Small Group Ministry: Francis Ahn, 704-543-7677, x 1193

Softball: Tom Walker, 704-516-8444

Spirit Club: Jan Clemens, 704-246-7102; Linda Altritt, 347-761-6008

SPRED: Jan Clemens, 704-246-7102

St. Matthew Area Catholic Singles: Elizabeth Parnell, 980-229-2532

St. Matthew Moms Group: Catherine Sforza, 704-576-7776

St. Matthew "yoU"niversity: Michael Burck, 704-543-7677 x 1020

STARS (Seniors That Are Retired): Maureen Cole, 704-542-9477

Stewardship Committee: Joan Slep, 704-560-9228

Strengths Coaches: Leanne Burnett, 704-241-4081

Strengths Quest: Barbara Kohler, 704-541-8362 x 3

Sunday Preschool: Lisa Tavares, 704-541-8362 x 4

Teams of Our Lady: Jim and Mary Ann Kirchner, 704-814-8718

Ushers: Dan Hines, 704-541-4004

Vocations Awareness: Ministry Leader Needed

Welcome Desk: Maureen Moore, 704-220-7806

Welcome Home Returning Catholics: Ministry Leader Needed

Sheila Burroughs, 704-577-5110, welcomehomecatholic@hotmail.com

WelcomeMatt: Lidia Annunziata, 704-841-1514;

Liz Hohas, 704-542-3894

Welcoming Committee: Maureen Regele, 704-605-5444

World Hunger Drive: Steve Favory, 704-231-6309

Young Adult Life: Francis Ahn, 704-543-7677, StMattYAL@gmail.com

Youth Ministry, Middle & High School: Daniel Torres, 704-541-8362 x 8

Youth Sports (Basketball): Ryan Kilmartin, 980-228-1099

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: DIOCESAN POLICIES FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your interest in St. Matthew's ministries. We are happy to have you become an active volunteer in our faith community! St. Matthew is committed to providing a safe environment for all members of our faith community, especially the young, and vulnerable adults. In accordance with the Diocese of Charlotte requirements, **all** parish volunteers must be in full compliance with the Safe Environment policy.

IMPORTANT: *Every volunteer must attend a **Protecting God's Children** workshop.* Preregistration is required. You can sign up online at www.virtus.org. After completing the registration for a Virtus account, you are asked

to acknowledge receipt of other required notices and to choose a date for your workshop. You are then prompted to enter the necessary information and sign off on a required background release form. It is important that you select the appropriate diocesan location when you register. Please select **St. Matthew Catholic Church**.

Will you drive for your ministry? The diocesan Properties & Risk Management Department requires all volunteers who drive for their ministry to complete an Approved Driver's form. Volunteers must wait for diocesan approval before driving on behalf of the parish. Please contact Lisa Hornung, St. Matthew Safe

Environment Coordinator, at: lisah@stmatthewcatholic.org, or 704-543-7677 x 1016, to complete this process.

Additionally, volunteers must have background checks renewed every five years and may be randomly renewed more often. You will be contacted by the church office if a renewal is required. This is done in compliance with the USCCB's requirements.

Again, thank you for your interest in St. Matthew's ministries, and for helping to ensure that our parish provides a safe environment for the children and vulnerable adults of our faith community.

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