



# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

JANUARY 23 + THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## MASS SCHEDULE

### MASS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. | 8 a.m.  
Wed. | 7 p.m. (Adoration at 6 p.m.)  
Saturday Vigil | 5 p.m.  
Sunday | 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

### CONFESSION

Wednesday | 6 - 6:50 p.m.  
Saturday | 4 - 4:45 p.m.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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## THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

As we continue to explore what the Church teaches about the different opportunities for song during the Liturgy, this week we'll take a look at the Responsorial Psalm.

The singing of Psalms in Liturgical celebrations predates Christianity. Written as lyric prayer, intended to be sung, Psalms had been a part of Jewish Liturgy for centuries. The Psalms express the wide scope of the human condition, from praise to lament, from anguish to exquisite joy, and as such, are rightfully part of Liturgy and facilitate a dialogue with the Divine.

In the Catholic Tradition, they are sung responsively (hence "Responsorial" Psalms), with a refrain, first intoned by the Cantor or Psalmist, and then sung by the gathered assembly as a refrain between the verses of the Psalm, sung by the Psalmist. Our hymnal includes the most recently approved translation of the Psalms, The Revised Grail Psalms; however, the translation included in the Lectionary for Mass

is also still appropriate. While the Psalm provided by the Lectionary is preferred, other options are appropriate including the seasonal Psalm, or the Responsorial Psalm taken from the Graduale Romanum or the Graduale Simplex. Additionally, "it may be an antiphon and psalm from another collection of the psalms and antiphons, including psalms arranged in paraphrase or in metrical form" (Sing to the Lord 158).

As it is the Word of God, and part of the Liturgy of the Word, the Psalm should be sung from the Ambo; however, due to recent challenges with regards to safety protocols in regards to the current COVID pandemic, exceptions have been made to sing the Psalm from the cantor stand. Since the Psalms were written to be sung, it "as a rule... should be sung."

As we sing the Responsorial Psalm this weekend, let us be mindful that what we are singing is the Word of God.

### LITURGY SCHEDULE (JANUARY 24-30, 2022)

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Stephen Phillips Family
  - 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10
  - Mk 3:22-30

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Amy Stiens
  - Acts 22:3-16 OR Acts 9:1-22
  - Mk 16:15-18

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✦ For Jim and Polly O'Neill
  - 2 Tm 1:1-8 OR Ti 1:1-5
  - Mk 4:1-20

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Sharon Glavey
  - 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
  - Mk 4:21-25

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ Patty Lucia
  - 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
  - Mk 4:26-34

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✦ For Beth and Tim Sheehan
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ Jean Moody & Patrick Rohling
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For the Jansen Family
  - Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
  - 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 OR 1 Cor 13:4-13
  - Lk 4:21-30

- ✦ **Special Intention**
- ✦ *May they rest in peace*

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### - FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 16, 2022 -

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| PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS,<br>ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH | \$19,746 |
| SECOND COLLECTION: HAITI MINISTRY   | \$2,646  |

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Latin America

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Tuition Assistance

## PARISH NEWS

### JOIN THE FAMILY SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Family Social Ministry is looking for new members. This ministry is geared towards providing volunteer opportunities for the whole family to get involved in. There are no age restrictions. Here are some upcoming events that you could be involved in:

- February - Collecting and providing supplies to the Ronald McDonald House
- March - Gardening at the Sensory Garden for the Blind

If you are looking for a ministry that provides opportunity for the whole family to participate, then look no further. We would love to have you! Sign up online at [bit.ly/smcfsmsignup](http://bit.ly/smcfsmsignup).

### PATH OF REMEMBRANCE PAVERS

Memorialize your loved one with a custom engraved paver placed along the Path of Remembrance in the Grotto at Saint Matthew. Pavers can also be engraved for special occasions such as Christmas, First Communion, Confirmation, and Mother's & Father's Day. Order yours before March 31 to be installed in late April or early May. Visit [bit.ly/smcpavers](http://bit.ly/smcpavers) to place your order today.

### ST. GIANNA CIRCLE MONTHLY MEETING

Thank you to all those who helped us live out the Corporal Works of Mercy and bless the homeless. Our next meeting will be on February 1 at 7 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. This is a night dedicated to loving ourselves and each other. We'll discuss why women need women for prayer, encouragement, emotional support, and friendship. Please register to attend by January 25. Visit [bit.ly/smcsgcfmeeting](http://bit.ly/smcsgcfmeeting) to register.

### RESPECT FOR LIFE ROSARY

Won't you come pray with us? The body of Christ is being called to peacefully and prayerfully stand against abortion. Step out of your comfort zone, help these women in crisis, and save lives. We gather to pray the rosary every Tuesday at noon outside of Planned Parenthood in downtown Nashville. Register online at [bit.ly/smcrosary](http://bit.ly/smcrosary).

### CHURCH PORTICO DOORS UNLOCKED FOR SMS PICK-UP

Attention Saint Matthew School Parents: We have begun unlocking the doors at the portico entrance to the church one hour before pick-up to allow families to use the restrooms in the church. Feel free to use that door if need be.

### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - FEBRUARY 6

This year, the Diocese of Nashville is celebrating World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 6 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. This annual Mass recognizes all married couples who are celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries this year. The day will begin with group pictures with Bishop Spalding at 2 p.m., followed by Mass at 2:30 p.m. and a light reception following that. If you are celebrating your silver or golden wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend the Mass, visit [bit.ly/smcworldmarriageday22](http://bit.ly/smcworldmarriageday22). If you have any questions, please contact Martin Strobel, Director of Communications and Stewardship, at [mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org).

### SMS SERVICE DAY

Saint Matthew School will be collecting canned goods and NEW or GENTLY USED jackets and coats for their Service Day on February 1. Donations can be dropped off in the church kitchen on the weekends and at the school office on weekdays. The donations will benefit Catholic Charities. We are also looking to create care packages for our alumni who are currently in college. If you are the parent of a college-aged SMS alum who would like to receive a care package, please fill out the form at [bit.ly/smscollegeoutreach](http://bit.ly/smscollegeoutreach) to update your student's contact information.

### KofC NOVENA FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus will lead a Novena for Life from January 19-27 after the 8 a.m. Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; on Wednesday after the 7 p.m. Mass; and on Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The group will meet in the Narthex.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ST. CECILIA ACADEMY ROSE GALA & AUCTION

The Rose Gala, SCA's largest fundraising event of the year, will be held on March 5. The evening brings together the extended SCA community: current parents, alumnae parents, alumnae, and friends! This year, we will honor SCA friend and alumna Katherine Higgins DeLay '80. Join us for dinner, dancing and a live auction! Contact Becka Rosenblatt at (615) 383-3230 or [rosenblatt@stcecilia.edu](mailto:rosenblatt@stcecilia.edu) for more information. [stcecilia.edu/therosegala](http://stcecilia.edu/therosegala)

### WHAT'S ON NASHVILLE CATHOLIC RADIO

Every weekday at 1 p.m., hear Bishop Spalding's one-minute homily on Nashville Catholic Radio. On Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m.-noon, listen in to shows from the Nashville Diocese, about the Nashville Diocese. Find us on 100.5FM or download the Nashville Catholic Radio app on your phone or listen in online at [NashvilleCR.com](http://NashvilleCR.com).

## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - JANUARY 23



The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all nations! This film brilliantly portrays this great missionary saint!

If you have not signed up for FORMED, visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org), enter our parish zip code (37069), enter your name and email, log in through your email, and start watching!

### FATHER RYAN LEGACY GALA

Father Ryan's 2022 Legacy Gala will honor Father Charles Strobel, a 1961 graduate of the school and the founding director of Room In The Inn. All are invited to join us on February 5 at Music City Center for dinner, dancing, and a silent and live auction. Visit [fatherryan.org/gala](http://fatherryan.org/gala) to purchase tickets for this celebratory evening.

### TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Join us for the 2nd annual Together in Holiness marriage conference presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and Diocese of Nashville. The conference will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Center on Saturday, February 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration costs \$64/couple and \$40/individual. For more information and to register, visit [www.togetherinholiness.org](http://www.togetherinholiness.org).

### CATHOLIC BUSINESS LEAGUE FEBRUARY BREAKFAST MEETING

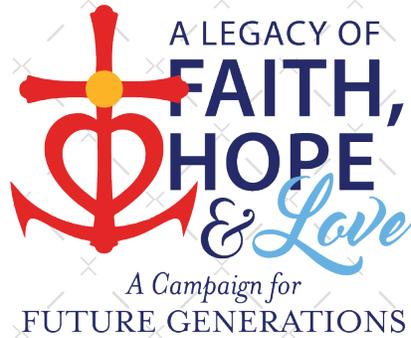
The Catholic Business League will welcome Stacey Garrett Koju to the podium for its breakfast meeting on Thursday, February 10 in The Fleming Center at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Stacey is a partner at the law firm of Spencer Fane, the Chair of the Board of the National Museum of African American Music and a board member with Music City Baseball. The meeting will commence at 7:45 a.m. Mass is offered at 7 a.m. in the Cathedral for all who wish to attend.

### KofC DISTRICT FREE THROW COMPETITION

The Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Competition will take place in the St. Henry School Gym on January 23 at 12:30 p.m. All of those that won their age/gender group on December 5 are encouraged to attend. If for any reason you cannot make it, please let us know so the second place competitor can participate.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM SAINT MATTHEW.

[www.stmatthewtn.org/church](http://www.stmatthewtn.org/church)



# COMMITMENT Weekend

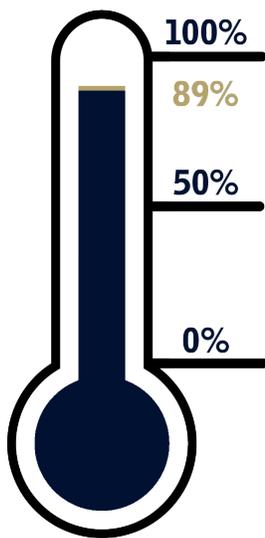
To date, our parish has raised \$1,645,955 toward our goal of \$1,846,698.

Today, in parishes across the diocese, we are celebrating the success of ***A Legacy of Faith, Hope and Love*** Campaign at Masses through our Commitment Weekend. Thank you to everyone who has made a gift to support this very important effort!

While we have accomplished great things – for which Bishop Spalding is truly thankful and humbled - we still have some work to do, and we need everyone’s help. Today is a great opportunity for those who have not yet made a gift to join those parishioners who are helping to leave a legacy for future generations of Catholics in Middle Tennessee. Our goal is 100% parish participation. Please give thanks in prayer at Mass today, for the pride all of us will feel at Saint Matthew for playing a role in the success of this campaign.

If you have any final questions about the campaign, please contact Martin Strobel, Director of Communications and Stewardship, at (615) 550-5101 or [mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org).

## WE’RE OVER THE \$1.6 MILLION MARK!



Thanks to your generous support, we have surpassed \$1,600,000 in the ***Legacy*** campaign!

Saint Matthew’s goal for the campaign is \$1,846,698. We are currently at 89% of that goal with a total of \$1,645,955.

The best way to see our thermometer continue to rise is by submitting your pledge decisions! If you have not already made your gift, please complete your pledge card and submit it to the Church Office.

If you have any questions about the campaign, please contact the church office. Thank you for your continued support of Saint Matthew Catholic Church and the Diocese of Nashville!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### A NEW SERIES THIS YEAR



Revamp your New Year's resolutions towards the faith. This January we will start a new series in-between the Sunday Masses (during Religious Education classes). Our series is called

“The Search.” The Search shows us that our most pressing human questions in life are best answered by the Catholic Church. If you are interested in joining this series, please fill out the form at [bit.ly/smcthesearch](http://bit.ly/smcthesearch).

### ST. JOSEPH'S MEN

Our men's formation group has branded itself with the title of St. Joseph's Men. The group will be engaging in topics and spiritual exercises specific to men. More information will be coming soon. Visit [bit.ly/smctstjosephsmen](http://bit.ly/smctstjosephsmen) if you are interested in joining the group.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION RETREAT



Given the schedule change of the confirmation retreat, we are in need of adult and high-school-aged volunteers to help with this important retreat on January 29. This event is a great opportunity to grow in your faith and impart your understanding and experience on to our youth. To register as a volunteer, visit [bit.ly/smconfirmationretreatvol](http://bit.ly/smconfirmationretreatvol).

### FIRST RECONCILIATION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Please pray for our second graders as they continue to draw closer to their faith and prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday, January 24.



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*Want to learn about the faith? Visit*  
<http://bit.ly/SMCFaithFormationInterestForm>

### TONY'S REFLECTION

#### ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

A well-operating football team has many components, each with specific gifts that help perform their job. Some have speed, others are big blockers, and others are strong tacklers. The quarterback needs to be a precise passer, the safety wise in being in the right place, and the kicker needs to have a strong and accurate leg. Even with all this variety of talents, the team needs to be all fixated on the common goal – to win the game. Thus, if one person does their job well it positively affects the whole team and the end goal.

In a similar vein, St. Paul poetically describes the Church as a body. This body is a metaphysical reality that comes with unique gifts from different perspectives but remains loyally united by having Christ as the head.

Here, everyone serves a vital and indispensable function in the Body of Christ. As the constituent parts of a body perform different functions and yet work together in harmony, so every member of Christ's Body is assigned an important task for the good of the whole. The eyes of the body serve knowledge and signify contemplative life whereas the hands serve movement and signify the active life. So, too, the head of the body is the clergy in authority over the Church while feet are the laity who follow the lead of the head. These parts are interconnected in that if one slacks in their job, others can pick up their game to help. Therefore, when one member is overwhelmed or doubtful, others in the church can take on this load and offer aid.

God's ingenuity in creation never ceases from amazement. From the variety of design in the cosmos to the assortment of animals, humans, and even the uniqueness of every snowflake in the world, God's design is laced in an array of diversity. Yet, in this mixture of distinctions, God fashions it all together in a tight unity. And this unity is centered on Christ's Church.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### SIGN UP FOR SKI RETREAT!

February 25-27 | Perfect North Slopes

**SKI RETREAT 2022**  
Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure  
-JPII

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Skeptic: "Is it becoming for a cardinal to ski?"  
JPII: "It is upcoming for a cardinal to ski bad."

WHERE: Perfect North Slopes & Higher Ground Retreat Center  
WHEN: February 25-27  
WHO: Life Teen high school students  
WHY: Adventure, Jesus, Skiing. Is that a serious question?

IT'S UP TO YOU

In late February, Perfect North Slopes will still be wide open for Life Teen's high school ski retreat. We also have a wide-open lodge reserved for us with more than enough room for social distancing. Spread the word and rally your friends to come on this beautiful opportunity to encounter each other, nature, and Christ. The deadline to register is February 14.

Parents: this retreat needs your help! Come along for free to help with driving, leading a small group, and dusting off your skiing skills. Contact Tommy with any questions.

### SUMMER MISSION TRIP NOW IN KNOXVILLE

Now June 28-July 3 | Knoxville, TN

Same incredible speakers, sacramental opportunities, and overall experience, different location and date. We are so pumped to embark on this mission trip with hundreds of other high school students, this mission trip will be 300+ strong with lots of vibrancy yet still ample opportunities to get close to those from Saint Matthew. Please note, SPOTS ARE LIMITED, so be sure to register soon! AliveInYou is open to all CURRENT 8th-12th grade students. For more information, visit the website below. For any questions, never hesitate to reach out to Tommy via email. To learn more, visit [aliveinyou.com](http://aliveinyou.com). To register, visit [bit.ly/smcaliveinyou2022](http://bit.ly/smcaliveinyou2022).



Knoxville, TN | June 28-July 3

Service Projects • Talks • Full Live Band • Team Building • Games  
Daily Mass, Adoration + Confession • Mountain Day • Ignite Your Faith

Get Ready for Saint Matthew Life Teen's Trip of the Year

### NO LIFE TEEN THIS SUNDAY

We will not have Life Teen this weekend. The following Sunday will be Life Teen as usual from 5-7 p.m. with a watch party of *The Social Dilemma*. Parents, watch the trailer at [thesocialdilemma.com](http://thesocialdilemma.com).

### PRAY FOR OUR JOURNEY TO D.C.



Keep us (and dozens of others across the diocese) in your prayers as we complete our pilgrimage in Washington, DC to be a voice for the voiceless in the Pro-Life and Human Dignity Pilgrimage. Many students from Saint Matthew also marched with Father Ryan High School and Saint Cecilia Academy. This will likely be a historic march as the Supreme Court of the United States deliberates on a case that has the potential to rule *Roe v. Wade* unconstitutional. This could be a huge victory in the fight for the rights and protection of unborn Americans. Stay tuned for photos and highlights of our trip in next week's bulletin! We are the pro-life generation!



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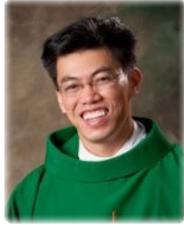
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### TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR 2022 MANE EVENT!

Please join us on February 12 at 6 p.m. at Tee Line Nashville as we cheer on our favorite Winter Olympic team and raise money for our SMS Fine Arts program. Celebrate with us as we enjoy dinner, drinks, and bidding on live and silent auction items. You can even try your hand at curling, the fastest growing winter sport! There are many ways to support Mane Event, including buying tickets or sponsorships, donating auction items, attending the event, and/or purchasing auction items! Text MANEEVENT22 to 76278 to purchase your ticket and/or sponsorship today! Contact your Mane Event 2022 Co-Chairs Erin Pryles at [epryles@gmail.com](mailto:epryles@gmail.com) or Lauren Griffith at [haydenky@yahoo.com](mailto:haydenky@yahoo.com) with any questions.

