



# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

**DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER**

JANUARY 30 + FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"SO FAITH, HOPE AND  
LOVE REMAIN, THESE  
THREE; BUT THE GREATEST  
OF THESE IS *Love*."  
- 1 COR 13:13



## **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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Father Tien Tran

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Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte



## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

This week, as we continue to explore what the church teaches about the different opportunities for song during the Liturgy, we'll take a look at the song we sing during *The Preparation of the Gifts*, the Offertory Chant (Song).

The intent of the Offertory Chant or song is to accompany the offertory procession, as the gifts are brought forward and presented, and "continues at least until the gifts have been placed on the altar" (Roman Missal 74). The norms for the signing of the offertory song are the same as the gathering song; however, here, the content of the songs often has a different theme from gathering and unity. Rather, because of this point of transition in the Liturgy from *The Liturgy of the Word* to *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*, the theme of the song may point backward, to the themes from the Scripture of the day, and

ideas preached in the Homily, or the theme may look forward to the Eucharistic Celebration.

This song is not in any way to be considered "musical filler," because any time we sing as a gathered assembly, we are communally expressing our faith and unity as members of the Universal Church. What we sing both articulates and informs our faith, it is both expressive and formative. Even when it is an instrumental piece that is not sung, it is a time of unity in reflection of the Word we have heard and in anticipation of the Eucharistic feast which we are about to celebrate and of which we will partake.

This week, as we sing the Offertory Chant, may our minds find joy in the connections of the gift of the Word and the gift of the Eucharist.

### LITURGY SCHEDULE (JAN 31-FEB 6, 2022)

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 31

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Sherwood Sheehan
- 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
- Mk 5:1-20

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Tom & Cathy Sheehan
- 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3
- Mk 5:21-43

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✦ Dennis McNaughton
- Mal 3:1-4
- Heb 2:14-18
- Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For John DeSilva
- 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
- Mk 6:7-13

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For the Phillips & Pason Families
- Sir 47:2-11
- Mk 6:14-29

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✦ Joe Rohling
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For the People
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ Daniel Nemeth
- Is 6:1-2a, 3-8
- 1 Cor 15:1-11 OR 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11
- Lk 5:1-11

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

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### - FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 23, 2022 -

PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$24,256
SECOND COLLECTION: LATIN AMERICA	\$290

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Tuition Assistance

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Capital Needs

Your gift to our Capital Needs Fund will provide financial support for major expenditures in the church and school maintenance and improvements (parking, repaving, re-roofing, major heating/cooling replacements, etc.)

## PARISH NEWS

### CANDLEMAS - FEBRUARY 2

Saint Matthew will be celebrating Candlemas at the 7 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, February 2. At this Mass, we will bless all of the candles that we will use in the church this year. In addition, we will have blessed candles available for pick-up after the Masses. Each parishioner is welcome to take two candles. A \$5 donation is not required, but is suggested and appreciated. We will also be giving them out after the Masses next weekend.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - FEBRUARY 4

Registration is open for our First Friday Adoration next Friday, February 4. Sign up for a time slot online at [bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationfeb](http://bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationfeb).

### 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).

### 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.

### 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.

### SECOND GRADERS RECEIVE FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all of our second-grade students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday, January 24! We are so proud of them for taking this important step in their faith journey. Next up for these students will be First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1. Please pray for these students as they continue to learn more about the faith and enter into full communion with the Church!

### 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.

### 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).

### ST. GIANNA CIRCLE MONTHLY MEETING

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. Visit [bit.ly/smcsgcfbmeeting](http://bit.ly/smcsgcfbmeeting) to register.

## PARISH NEWS

### SAVE THE DATES - FEBRUARY 2022

There is so much happening here on Sneed Road!  
Take a look at our February event calendar:

**FEBRUARY 1:** St. Gianna Circle Monthly Meeting

**FEBRUARY 2:** Candlemas

**FEBRUARY 3:** Room in the Inn / Men's Club  
Monthly Meeting

**FEBRUARY 4:** First Friday Adoration

**FEBRUARY 12:** SMS Mane Event

**FEBRUARY 17:** Room in the Inn

**FEBRUARY 25-27:** Life Teen Ski Retreat

**EVERY SUNDAY:** The Search Adult Faith  
Formation Series / Life Teen

Visit [stmatthewtn.org/church](http://stmatthewtn.org/church) for our full calendar!

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

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

## 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.

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 [rosenblatt@stcecilia.edu](mailto:rosenblatt@stcecilia.edu) for more information. [www.stcecilia.edu/therosegala](http://www.stcecilia.edu/therosegala)

### CAMP ST. CECILIA

Camp St. Cecilia is a summer program designed to give girls ages 4-17 an opportunity to have fun while learning. Campers experience St. Cecilia Academy's academics, athletics, and fine arts programs while interacting with the SCA faculty, alumnae, coaches, teachers, etc. Each girl attending Camp St. Cecilia will be exposed to skills in a variety of areas to further develop her academic and extracurricular interests. To see a full camp list and to register, visit [www.stcecilia.com/campus-life/camp-st-cecilia](http://www.stcecilia.com/campus-life/camp-st-cecilia).

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022

Saint Matthew School is very excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week and share in its many activities!  
Take a look at our schedule of events below to see how we will be celebrating this week.

#### THIS WEEKEND

Parent or student speaker at each of the Masses

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 31

Student Appreciation Day

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Parent Appreciation Day

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Mission Awareness Day

#### ALL WEEK

Penny Drive for Our Lady of Miracles

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

SMS Service Day

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Parent Appreciation Day

#### FOLLOW OUR CSW CELEBRATIONS!

  @stmatthewschooltn



# Catholic Schools Week 2022

## January 30–February 5

[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw)

#CSW22

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FATHER RYAN 2022 SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camp Time at Father Ryan! Registration for Father Ryan's array of outstanding 2022 summer camps will open January 31. Camps open May 31. For information on the camp schedule, coaches and to register, visit [fatherryan.org/camps](http://fatherryan.org/camps).

### 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).

### MULIER CARE IS HIRING

We are hiring! Mulier Care provides pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and urgently-needed resources to women who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. We follow and assist our clients from the initial visit through birth and beyond. We relaunched our Pregnancy Help Center's mobile unit at the beginning of the 40 Days for Life campaign, and we were so excited to be back on the road (with help from staff from centers outside of Nashville)! We are now hiring our own staff so we can offer these services to Nashville women every week. If you have a heart to help these families and are a nurse, sonographer or can drive a large truck/bus, please apply for one of our open positions by sending an email to us at [apply@muliercare.com](mailto:apply@muliercare.com). We would love for you to join our team!

### WHAT'S ON NASHVILLE CATHOLIC RADIO

Do you know what the Knights of Peter Claver do? Listen in on Monday, February 7 at 11 a.m. to hear their mission of helping the community in issues like racism and justice. The program *Around The Diocese* lets you meet the people doing great things in the Diocese of Nashville. Listen to Nashville Catholic Radio at 100.5FM, download the Nashville Catholic Radio app on Google Play or the App Store, or stream online.

### 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. 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.

**FORMED**  
PICK OF THE WEEK - JANUARY 30

**AN  
ORDINARY  
MARTYR**

As we celebrate the martyrdom of St. Paul Miki and his companions this week, we invite you to learn more about a modern martyr from the United States: Blessed Stanley Rother, an ordinary man who loved extraordinarily.

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!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### A NEW SERIES THIS YEAR



Revamp your New Year's resolutions towards the faith. This new series is ongoing and is held 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



St. Joseph's Men is a formation ministry rooted in the teachings of Christ and His Church that enables men to become better disciples, husbands, fathers, and members of our parish through the inspiration and model of St. Joseph. St. Joseph's Men is built on the three pillars: prayer, study, and evangelization. Our group

engages in topics and spiritual exercises specific to men all the while developing fraternity among faithful men. We invite you to learn more about us and discern if God is calling you to join St. Joseph's Men. If you are interested in joining, please visit [bit.ly/smcstjosephsmen](http://bit.ly/smcstjosephsmen).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### SAVE THE DATE: TOTUS TUUS

Our Vacation Bible School this year will be under the banner of Totus Tuus. Mark your calendars for June 19-24 for this event. We hope to see you there!



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

### TONY'S REFLECTION

#### CANDLE OF LIGHT

Perhaps the most obscure and overlooked feast in the Catholic calendar is fast approaching. On February 2nd the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, forty days after Christmas - commonly referred to as Candlemas

According to the Mosaic Law, a mother such as Mary who gave birth to a male would present the child in the temple forty days after the child's birth. Mary dutifully complied with this law and presented Jesus in the temple to offer Him to faithfully serve the Lord. She then redeemed him with five shekels, as the law appoints, and received Him back as a deposit in her special care until the Father shall again call Him for the full accomplishment of man's redemption.

The name Candlemas illuminates the scene at this presentation when Simeon announced that Christ is the "light to reveal to the nations." As this "light" illuminates the world it extinguishes the darkness of sin. As Christ lights the world, those who fixate on Him, in turn, become enlightened.

The fascination of candles for this celebration is intriguing. Psychologists note that people tend to have a magnetic attraction to a glowing candle. The simple flame of a candle draws us in and produces a calming, peaceful aura. While a candle dispels darkness with its light, it also gives up itself. As a candle burns it loses its structure and slowly melts away; therefore, by providing us light, a candle simultaneously allows itself to die. Here, we see how a candle embodies the life of Jesus.

The poetic imagery of this feast abounds today, for what we crave during these cold, dark days of winter is light to warm us and enlighten us. And this is precisely what Christ does as exemplified by this upcoming Candlemas feast.

Besides being forty days after Christmas, Candlemas is connected to the upcoming Lenten and Easter seasons: Mary and Joseph offering Jesus to God is the beginning of His earthly ministry for His Heavenly Father.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## THIS WEEK'S LIFE TEEN: MOVIE NIGHT!

Sunday, January 30 | 5-7:15 p.m. | Parish Conference Center

While we had to cancel in our first attempt due to the inclement weather, Life Teen will be kicking off at 5 p.m. this Sunday for a watch party of *The Social Dilemma*. Come for pizza, popcorn, camaraderie, a watch party with bean bag chairs, and an edifying discussion immediately following. Please note we will be wrapping up 15 minutes later than usual to provide enough time for socializing, eating, watching, and discussing.

Parents: This documentary is rated PG-13. Tommy has watched this documentary previously and believes it appropriate and important for teens to view; however discretion is always given to parents above all. To learn more about the film and its ratings as well as view the trailer, see [thesocialdilemma.com/the-film](https://thesocialdilemma.com/the-film).

### SIGN UP FOR SKI RETREAT!

February 25-27 | Perfect North Slopes

**SKI RETREAT 2022**  
Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure  
-JP11

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 YOUR MOVE TO!

Skis, a cool breeze, and time on our knees. Get registered for Life Teen's anticipated Ski Retreat at Perfect North Slopes in Indiana! We have a massive lodge to accommodate all of us with plenty of room to spread out. Bring a friend and get registered! The deadline to register is February 14! For any questions or concerns, please reach out to Tommy directly via email. Scan the QR code to register!

Parents: Come ski for free, we need 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

Come on mission. Come for an incredible Catholic conference. Come to meet 300+ like-minded Catholic high school students and bond with high school students from Saint Matthew. AliveInYou will be life-changing. Spots are limited, so get your friends together and register as soon as possible. AliveInYou is open to all CURRENT 8th-12th grade students. For more information, visit the website below. For any questions, please contact Tommy. To learn more, visit [aliveinyou.com](https://aliveinyou.com). To register, visit [bit.ly/smealiveinyou2022](https://bit.ly/smealiveinyou2022).



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

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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.

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