Saint Matthew
CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

FEBRUARY 20 + SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"FOR THE MEASURE WITH WHICH YOU MEASURE WILL IN RETURN BE MEASURED OUT TO YOU." - LK 6:38

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE
(FEBRUARY 21-27, 2022)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- For the McCaughey Family
- Jas 3:13-18
- Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- Reba Flower
- 1 Pt 5:1-4
- Mt 16:13-19

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- Erica De la Pena Wilson
- Jas 4:13-17
- Mk 9:38-40

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- Gary Bonn
- Jas 5:1-6
- Mk 9:41-50

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- For Rose Marie and Katie Suchanick
- Jas 5:9-12
- Mk 10:1-12

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- Norm Pictor
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- For Dominic Tran & Huong Tran
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- For the People
- Sir 27:4-7
- 1 Cor 15:54-58
- Lk 6:39-45

Special Intention
May they rest in peace

JOEL'S MUSIC CORNER

THE GOING FORTH SONG

The Going Forth Song is an interesting part of the Liturgy, particularly in the dioceses in the United States. The *Roman Missal* does not mention a song or chant of going forth. At the end of the Liturgy, after the dismissal when the congregation replies "Thanks be to God," the instructions for the Liturgy conclude with the kiss of the Altar and the profound bow to the Altar.

In most dioceses in the United States, the custom of singing a going forth song is prevalent and has evolved to accompany the procession out of the church and unite the congregation in song as they "go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God" (Roman Missal, 90). Other options "include a choral or instrumental piece, or particularly during Lent, silence" (*Sing to the Lord*, 199). At Saint Matthew, our custom is to toll a bell during Lent.

Since there is little mention of a going forth song in the Church's documents, the content of that song can be and is varied. Often, as logic would dictate, the message of the song is about mission, ministry and discipleship, as we, as a congregation, return to doing the work of the Church. Sometimes, it includes themes from the lectionary readings. Or, it may include overarching themes of the liturgical season.

I have often heard from parishioners that the going forth song will linger in their brains or resurface during the week, serving as a reminder of the weekend Liturgy and providing an opportunity to recall the message of that Liturgy. As we sing the going forth song this weekend, may it stay with us as we return to doing the good work of the Church throughout the week.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 2022 -	
PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	$22,405
SECOND COLLECTION: ALTAR SOCIETY	$302

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Debt Reduction

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Haiti Ministry

Your donation to our second collection will provide financial support to directly reduce the debt of Saint Matthew Catholic Church and its school. Please consider giving generously.

SAINT MATTHEW CLOSED MONDAY, FEB 21

In observance of President's Day, Saint Matthew Church and School offices will be closed on Monday, February 21.

SMS SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

SMS Camp Registration is now open! Join us this summer at Saint Matthew School for five sessions of summer camp. If your child is interested in flag football, dodgeball, basketball, soccer, art, or cheerleading, SMS is the place to be! Visit bit.ly/smscamp22 to register. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Edmondson at jedmondson@stmatthewtn.org.

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 to place your order today.

OLD PALMS NEEDED

We are collecting palms from previous Palm Sunday Masses to make ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday Mass. We will have a basket in the Narthex before and after the Masses this weekend and next weekend. If you have old palms that you would like to donate, please feel free to drop them off during those weekends. Thank you!

FAMILY SOCIAL MINISTRY HELPS RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Now through February 25, our Family Social Ministry is collecting cleaning buckets (filled with cleaning supplies), themed kits, and gift baskets to donate to the Ronald McDonald House Nashville guests. Please visit bit.ly/smcfsmrmh to learn more and sign up. Buckets and kits are due to Theresa Chau by February 25. Reach out to Theresa with any questions or to arrange hand off of the donation: theresa.a.chau@gmail.com. Thank you!

ST. GIANNA CIRCLE MONTHLY MEETING

St. Gianna Circle Mother's Group is hosting a Healthy Marriage Panel Discussion on Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. The panel will include Lisa Vegors, Maria Giannattasio, Fran Jaeger, and Shelley Heile. All women are welcome.

SAVE THE DATES

There is so much happening here on Sneed Road! Take a look at some of our upcoming events:

FEBRUARY 25-27: Life Teen Ski Retreat
MARCH 1: St. Gianna Circle Monthly Meeting
MARCH 2: Ash Wednesday (Mass at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Distribution of Ashes at noon)
MARCH 3: Men's Club Monthly Meeting
MARCH 4: Fish Fry/Stations of the Cross/First Friday Adoration
EVERY SUNDAY: The Search Adult Faith Formation Series / Life Teen

Visit our website at www.stmatthewtn.org/church to see all news and information from Saint Matthew!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Registration is now open for our next First Friday Adoration on Friday, March 4. To register for a time slot, visit bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationmarch.

SMC RESPECT FOR LIFE - MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

The Saint Matthew Respect for Life Ministry invites you to join them in the Grotto for Mary's Way of the Cross on Thursday, March 24 following 8 a.m. Mass. Mary's Way of the Cross follows the mother of Jesus as she walks the road to Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, emphasizing her sense of surrender: "I knew it had to be, so I walked on silently." Enter an intimate journey of faith through a deep reflection that will unite one's pain and suffering with Jesus on the cross through the sorrowful heart of His Mother.

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.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY
SURVEY IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

The survey for the Synod on Synodality is now available online! Visit bit.ly/smcsynod to learn more and complete the survey.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited the global Catholic Church to embark on a journey together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding of Her mission and looks toward the future.

Unlike a council starting at Rome and then promulgated to the faithful around the world, a synod commences at the local level (i.e. grassroots) and is communicated back to Rome. This year, Pope Francis has invited all the members of the world-wide Church to engage in the "Synod on Synodality," which aims to assess the Church's adherence to Her ultimate mission.

This two-year consultative process engages the faithful in dialogue and communication to foster the Church's three pillars: communion, participation and mission. At Saint Matthew, we will be joining parishes around the globe to answer the Holy Father's invitation in gathering responses to questions which will evaluate our standing in being faithful to these three pillars of communion, participation and mission at our parish.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPOTS OPEN FOR MEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT

Spots are available for the upcoming men's Cursillo retreat on February 24-27! This life-changing, three-day retreat is intended to help all Catholics develop a thorough understanding of what it means to fully live a Christian life in all their everyday situations. If you are interested in attending, please visit www.nashvillecursillo.com to learn more and to register.

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 rosenblattr@stcecilia.edu for more information. www.stcecilia.edu/therosegala

FATHER RYAN 2022 SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camp Time at Father Ryan! Registration for Father Ryan's array of outstanding 2022 summer camps is now open. Camps open May 31. For information on the camp schedule, coaches and to register, visit fatherryan.org/camps.

ROE v. WADE MOVIE NIGHT AT CATHEDRAL

The Knights of Columbus Council 544 will be hosting a movie night on Friday, March 4 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. They will be screening the movie *Roe V. Wade*. The night will begin with a Mass for life at 5:30 p.m., followed by a pizza dinner at 6 p.m., the screening at 6:30 p.m., and a Q&A panel discussion at 8:15 p.m. All are invited to attend.

WHAT'S ON NASHVILLE CATHOLIC RADIO

Feel like the only Catholic in middle Tennessee after you leave church? Nashville Catholic Radio is your Catholic companion the rest of the week with shows about what's happening in Nashville and in current events. It's easy to hear on the Nashville Catholic Radio app, or on 100.5FM in Nashville.

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.

IRISH AAU BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Father Ryan will have AAU basketball boys teams this spring for current 5th-8th graders. Tryouts will be on Monday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 9. For more details and to register, visit www.fatherryan.org/juniorirish.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - FEBRUARY 20

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This new documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

If you have not signed up for FORMED, visit 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.

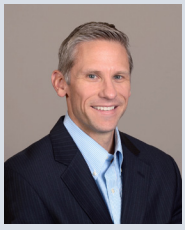
ST. JOSEPH'S MEN

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.

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

LOVE THEY NEIGHBOR

In martial arts, there is an effective defense move called aikido. Aikido is a tactic in which you engage your opponent in a non-aggressive manner. As your opponent is charging after you with fury, the moment they reach you, you simply grab a hold of their arm to use their momentum to subdue them all the while exerting little aggression yourself. The idea in aikido is that you allow your opponent's anger to take down himself.

In today's readings, we witness a strategy similar to aikido in how we are to react to those who are attacking us in our faith. The story of David and Saul functions like a parable. King Saul was hunting down David with an unyielding vengeance. Yet, instead of responding to his deadly foe with similar aggression, David countered Saul's rage with mercy. Here, David uses the tactic of aikido in which his response of mercy flummoxes Saul and eventually allows Saul's wrath to pass away. This story is a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples.

The new law Jesus lays out in today's Gospel would have us all become "Davids"—loving our enemies. To be sure, this concept of loving our enemies doesn't equate to having warm feelings about them; rather, as St. Thomas put it, "to love is to will the good of the other." With this, Jesus calls us to will the good of those that seek to harm us in some way. Meeting your enemy's vengeance with greater vengeance never moves the needle in the direction of God. To move the needle, God's "love thy enemy" tactic must be injected. One practical way to love thy enemy is to authentically pray for them.

Being beaten and tortured by His captures, Jesus bellowed out a prayer of forgiveness for His enemies when He said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing." With this, Jesus is showing us a proven prayer that works in loving our enemy.

TOMMY'S REFLECTION

THE ETERNAL NOW

I once heard an analogy for how long eternity is: take a grain of sand from a beach, walk around the world to drop it off, then repeat the process until the beach has no more grains of sand.

But this analogy doesn't quite work, actually. While it helps us realize the magnitude of eternity, it's not quite right to think of eternity as just "a really really long time" or even "time without any end to it." It is, rather, a perpetual *now*. A perfect, unceasing, everlasting *moment*.

As humans, we are confined to time in this life, and great good comes from reflecting on our past (to either avoid or replicate behaviors) and likewise to be excited for our future and take responsibility for it (if I do not study for Friday's exam, I just might botch it!).

But there is a menace in spending too much of our time in the past and future: it robs us of the present moment. In Heaven, in Eternity, it is the everlasting *now*. A perfect moment in communion and love with God and each other. But how often do we miss mini-moments of eternity here on earth, worried about our futures and regretting our past?

We are where our attention is, and God is in the perpetual *now*, waiting for us to be with Him. Let us ask: how can we listen better? Soak in beautiful sunsets without pulling out our phones for *future* use? How can we enjoy meals together, knowing replying to the text can wait?

The Devil wants to keep us stuck in the past, anxious about our futures, and away from where we are, but the Lord calls us to trust and be with Him, right where we are in the eternal now. He's with us. Right now! Let us rest in that.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS WEEK'S LIFE TEEN: BOUNCE BOWL

Sunday, February 13 | 12-2:30 p.m. | Parish Conference Center

Remember what our Holy Father reminded us of: young people, you are not the "future Church." You are the current Church. This Sunday Life Teen will have the unique opportunity to respond to the Holy Father's call to participate in the worldwide "Synod on Synodality." While we will still have our time together to have fun, we will spend a large portion of our evening discussing the questions put forth by Rome where every one of you, individually, is asked to state your response. Prior to coming to Life Teen, Tommy encourages every teen to review (and even answer) the questions of the synod as we unpack them. To access those questions, follow the link below. See you tonight! Review questions and learn more here: bit.ly/smcsynod

QUESTIONS ABOUT ALIVEINYOU? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS

June 28-July 3 | Knoxville, TN

If you haven't yet, head over to AliveInYou's page on the Saint Matthew website. Details about the trip, frequently asked questions and answers, and the registration form are all there. Come to experience a week-long retreat, getaway with your friends, Catholic conference with incredible band and inspirational speakers, mission trip helping those in need with service projects, and adventure with white water rafting on our free day. The week will be jam-packed and life-changing. Join 300+ other Catholic high school students as we stay on the same campus as the GORGEOUS brand-new Knoxville Cathedral. This mission trip is open to all current 7-12th grade students. For more information and to see frequently asked questions, visit the Saint Matthew webpage about AliveInYou! bit.ly/smclifeteenaliveinyou

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