



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

FEBRUARY 6 + FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"THE MIRACULOUS DRAUGHT OF FISHES" BY JOHN REILLY (OIL ON CANVAS, 1978)

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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A LETTER FROM SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Friends in Christ,

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.

A Synod, which is the process by which the Church will begin this important work, is not just a convening of Bishops reflecting on a particular topic and advising the Pope. A Synod is a journey of discernment, in which the people of God are called to pray and reflect upon the Holy Spirit's will for the Church. Through our listening and our sharing, we will seek to understand what the Holy Spirit's will is for the topic being discussed – and thus, for the Church.

For the 2023 Ordinary Synod of Bishops, that topic is synodality. Simply put, synodality is discerning how the Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ, so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world.

This two-year consultative process engages the faithful in dialogue and communication to foster the Church's three pillars of 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 at our parish.

More information about this Synod will be made available in the upcoming weeks. For now, we ask that you spend time prayerfully contemplating the Church's role in your individual lives as we prepare to embark on this synodal journey together.

In Christ,

Tony Jesse

Director of Religious Education

Tommy Killackey

Director of Youth Ministry

LITURGY SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 7-13, 2022)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Anne Varner
- 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
- Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Julie Goss
- 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30
- Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✦ For the Moody Family
- 1 Kgs 10:1-10
- Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ Tom Palmieri
- 1 Kgs 11:4-13
- Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ Lourdes Remedios
- 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19
- Mk 7:31-37

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✦ David Lehrman
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ John Voltaggio
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ Anthony Burns & Thomas "Big" Lawrence
- Jer 17:5-8
- 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
- Lk 6:17, 20-26

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 30, 2022 -

PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$22,382
SECOND COLLECTION: TUITION ASSISTANCE	\$337

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Capital Needs

PARISH NEWS

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/smcpcavers to place your order today.

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.

SAVE THE DATES

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

FEBRUARY 12: SMS Mane Event

FEBRUARY 17: Room in the Inn

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

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

Visit stmatthewtn.org/church for our full calendar!

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

www.stmatthewtn.org/church



THE COMMUNION CHANT PART ONE: UNITY

Since the Eucharist is the "the source and summit" of the Christian Life (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*), we will take two weeks to explore The Communion Chant (song) and its function and purpose as prescribed through the Church's documents.

The Roman Missal clearly lays out much of how the Communion Chant is to be executed and the intended purpose of this musical selection: "While the Priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion Chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the "communitarian" character of the procession to receive the Eucharist. The singing is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful" (*The Roman Missal*, 86).

The shared communal act of receiving the Eucharist is an act of unity. As such, the act itself must

demonstrate this unity. The Communion Chant serves to unify all of the actions of the reception of the Eucharist, from the first to receive to the last, from the priest to the last person in line. All are a part of this Liturgical Act. Because the reception of the Eucharist is a communal act, it is not a time of personal devotion, but rather an act of communal joy and wonder as all, together, partake in the Eucharistic feast. It is not a time to be silent, but a time to join in song, as one voice, in vocal and spiritual communion as one gathered assembly.

This weekend, during the Communion Chant, let us raise our voices as one and take note of our brothers and sisters, as we all join together in one great act of Communal Celebration as we partake together in the Eucharistic feast.

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. This month, we will be collecting and providing supplies to the Ronald McDonald House. In March, we will be 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.

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.

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 for more information. 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.

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 or Lauren Griffith at haydenky@yahoo.com with any questions.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

FATHER RYAN LEGACY GALA

The Father Ryan Alumni Association is excited to announce the launch of Irish Connect, a free, professional networking platform, powered by Alumnifire, designed to unlock the value of our alumni community. Irish Connect makes it easy to reconnect with fellow alumni, post or search for jobs and internships, support alumni businesses and more. For more information, visit fatherryan.org/join-irish-connect.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Join us for the second 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.

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 email apply@muliercare.com. We would love for you to join our team!

WHAT'S ON NASHVILLE CATHOLIC RADIO

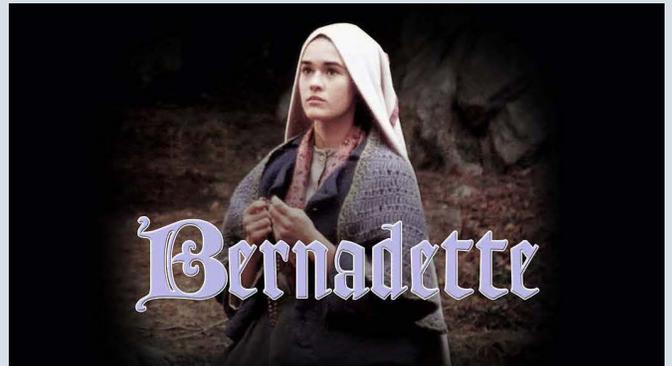
Missed Some Programs on Nashville Catholic Radio? Past episodes of *Faith in Business* and *Around the Diocese* can be found on YouTube. Search Nashville Catholic Radio on YouTube. We invite you to subscribe. From Belle Meade to Donelson, listen in daily on 100.5FM (we're a low power station at this time); elsewhere in the Diocese listen in our free app or stream online at www.nashvillecr.com.

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 - FEBRUARY 6



Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie, which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.

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>

THE IMPORTANCE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Given that we celebrated Catholic Schools Week last week, it's fitting to reflect on the magnitude Catholic education has in molding a just society. At its core, Catholic schools strive to cultivate the intellectual, spiritual, and moral advancement of the person to become closer to the person God made them.

Here, faith shapes the curriculum, not by artificially trying to make the content Catholic, but by uniting all subjects within a Catholic world view. One example of this can be found in Stratford Caldecott's *Beauty for Truth's Sake*, in which he shows that the logical, mathematical structure of the world naturally flows from God's economy of creation.

Catholic education expands one's contemplation of the sciences by illuminating that the material world is not merely a by-product of a random meaningless process; rather, creation has a point to it. The universe is rational and follows precise laws because the vast intricacies of the universe are a reflection into God's mind. Here, Catholic education stands as a pillar that both draws people into the natural sciences and then launches them into those pressing human questions through the study of metaphysics, philosophy, and theology. This discipline includes some of the most famous works of all time. From Augustine's *Confessions*, Boethius's *Consolation of Philosophy*, Aquinas's *Summa Theologica*, Dante's *Divine Comedy*, and Pascal's *Pensees*.

In this, we see that authentic Catholic teaching enhances every subject, for it draws out the bigger aspect of God's design and the human trajectory towards God's economy of creation and salvation.

While Catholic schools hold a high-bar for human understanding and living, we must understand rather than attempt to lower the bar to the secular version, a high-bar eloquently demonstrates the value of the human person. Today, Catholic education stands in fertile soil in which one can develop a virtuous character and pass this on to future generations.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS WEEK'S LIFE TEEN: ACCOMPANIMENT

Sunday, February 6 | 5-7 p.m. | Parish Conference Center

Even before Christ, believers walked with one another on their journey through this pilgrimage of life toward their Heavenly Home. But we see the most obvious example of this, of course, in Christ Himself, who walked with His 12 disciples. What does it mean to help one another on our journey to Heaven? What does that look like if we have friends who don't even believe in Heaven? Come to Life Teen to journey together and learn how we can accompany our brothers and sisters in this pilgrimage.

Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure
-JPII



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?

FEBRUARY SKI RETREAT UPDATE!

February 25-27 | Perfect North Slopes

Registrations are rolling in, but there's still plenty of room to register yourself and your friend. Additionally, for those who are interested in coming on this beautiful retreat but perhaps are unable or do not wish to ski, we are offering a Retreat Only option. For more details, visit bit.ly/smcskiretreatonly! As always, for any questions or concerns, please email Tommy directly via email.

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LADIES: HOLY FAMILY GIRLS RETREAT



Join Holy Family for a weekend away - just the girls! All high school girls are welcome to attend the retreat, taking place at Camp Marymount from February 18-20. The weekend will be centered on praying through a powerful Gospel story, growing in authentic community, and spending some healing time with Jesus and one another. Hopefully at the end of the weekend, you feel restored and prepared to go out into the world as an even better version of yourself. To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/2022-girls-retreat. If you have any questions, please email youthministry@hollyfamilycc.com.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IN THREE WEEKS!

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. To register, visit bit.ly/smcaliveinyou2022.

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