



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

FEBRUARY 27 + EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“A good person out of the store
of goodness in his heart
produces good...”**

- Luke 6:45



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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CONGREGATIONAL PARTICIPATION

LITURGY SCHEDULE (FEB 28-MAR 6, 2022)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Anna Kopf
 - 1 Pt 1:3-9
 - Mk 10:17-27

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For the Cesario Family
 - 1 Pt 1:10-16
 - Mk 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ Carlton Berton Kelley
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✦ For the People of Saint Matthew
 - Jl 2:12-18
 - 2 Cor 5:20—6:2
 - Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ Dermott McMahon
 - Dt 30:15-20
 - Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Lam Nguyen
 - Is 58:1-9a
 - Mt 9:14-15

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✦ Pat Rohling
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For Birdie Green
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For the People
 - Dt 26:4-10
 - Rom 10:8-13
 - Lk 4:1-13

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

As we celebrate the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Lent begins, we explore the role of the congregation in singing during a Liturgy.

Singing is a communal, participatory action. Singing is a unifying act of matched words and pitches as a symbol of the gathered assembly as "one body of brothers and sisters one to the other" (*Roman Missal*, 95). As we are called to participate, the Church documents instruct us that "the faithful, moreover, should not refuse to serve the People of God in gladness whenever they are asked to perform some particular service or function in the celebration" (*Roman Missal*, 97). Through singing, we lift up the communal prayer of all gathered.

The role of the congregation is especially important. "The full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else, for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit" (*Sing to the Lord*, 11 & *Second Vatican Council Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 26). Being a

skilled singer is not required to join in the congregational song. "The quality of our participation in such sung praise comes less from our vocal ability than from the desire of our hearts to sing together of our love for God. Participation in the Sacred Liturgy both expresses and strengthens the faith that is in us" (*Sing to the Lord*, 13).

Sometimes participating in song during the Liturgy is difficult. Sometimes the words we sing do not match the convictions of our hearts. We may be sad or in mourning, and participating in the joyous praise of the Gloria may feel contrary. Or, we may be excited about a wonderful blessing in our lives and we are asked to sing a song of lament. "At other times, we are distracted or preoccupied by the cares of the world. But Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice for the honor and glory of the Most Blessed Trinity" (*Sing to the Lord*, 14).

Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 2022 -	
PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$22,972
SECOND COLLECTION: DEBT REDUCTION	\$3,752

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Haiti Ministry

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Capital Needs

PARISH NEWS

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.

MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY

Join the Saint Matthew Men's Club on Friday, March 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for their first Fish Fry of the Lenten season! Meals are \$10 each and include two pieces of fried catfish, hush puppies, fries, and coleslaw. All meals will be delivered curbside with the option to dine-in at the Cohan-Hansom Building. Orders must be placed online ahead of time.



FRIDAY, MARCH 4
5:30-7:30 P.M.
\$10/MEAL
PRE-ORDER ONLINE
bit.ly/smcfishfry

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Let your voice be heard! Join the Diocese of Nashville and the global Catholic Church as we respond to Pope Francis' call to participate in the Synod on Synodality. The survey is now available on the Saint Matthew website. Visit bit.ly/smcsynod to learn more about the Synod, complete the survey, and register for one of our listening sessions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint Matthew will be hosting Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Each week will be hosted by a different member of the community. This week will be led by Fr. Tran. Stations will begin at 6 p.m. in the church. We hope to see you there.

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.



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WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
8AM - MASS/DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
NOON - DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
7PM - MASS/DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

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. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - FRIDAY, MARCH 4

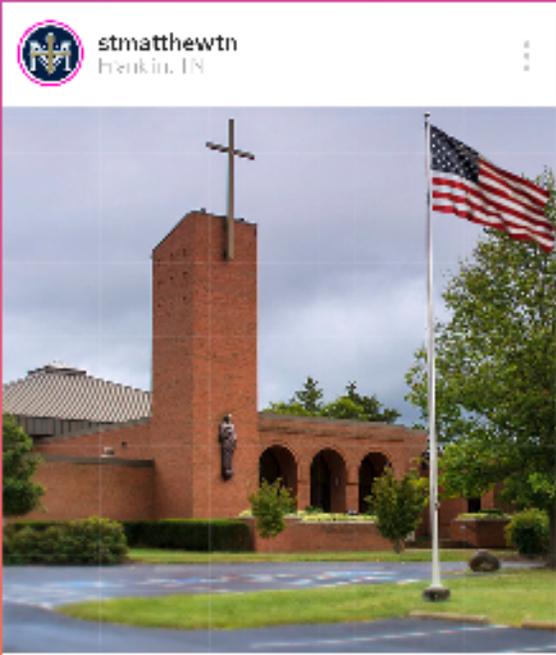
Registration is now open for our next First Friday Adoration on Friday, March 4. To register for a time slot, visit bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationmarch. The nursery will be open and staffed on Friday morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to accommodate parents with small children who would like to attend Adoration. If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Prenares at jenn588@gmail.com.

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.



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SAINT MATTHEW IS
JOINING**

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC BUSINESS LEAGUE MEETING

The Catholic Business League will welcome artist Phil Ponder as the featured speaker for its breakfast meeting on Thursday, March 10. Phil is a veteran and worked for Genesco before retiring and focusing on art. He will speak about his life, career, and passions, and will have books of his art available for purchase. The meeting commences at 7:45 a.m. Mass will be held at 7 a.m. in the Cathedral for all who wish to attend. www.catholicbusinessleague.org

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

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 for girls ages 4-17. Campers experience St. Cecilia Academy's academics, athletics, and fine arts programs while interacting with the SCA community members. 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.

REGNUM CHRISTI MEN'S RETREAT

Did you hear the good news? The Regnum Christi three-day men's retreat from March 18-20 still has some openings! Visit bit.ly/smcregnumchristi to sign up. Questions? Contact John at regnumchristinashville@gmail.com.



**NURSERY HELP
NEEDED!**

9:30 A.M. MASS EVERY SUNDAY
18+ TO APPLY
PAID POSITION
BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED

INTERESTED?
CONTACT JAMIE VALLECORSA
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR WOMEN'S RETREAT



Reinvigorate your faith with a weekend of reflection on the presence of God in your life and your vocation as a woman at the Bethany Retreat House in Dickson, TN. The retreat will be from August 26-28. Registration opens on March 11. For more information, contact Tony Jesse.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEN



St. Joseph's Men, our new men's formation group, will begin a Lenten series on "True Masculinity." The sessions will take place every Thursday from March 10 to April 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Center. We hope you can make as many sessions as you can. If you are interested in joining St. Joseph's Men,

please visit bit.ly/smestjosephsmen to register. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Jesse.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATE: FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Our First Communion Retreat will take place on April 9 from 9-11 a.m. at Saint Matthew Catholic Church. The retreat will include activities and a walkthrough practice for the First Communion with Fr. Tran. For more information, please contact Tony Jesse.

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

SPEECH AVAILS MUCH

Aristotle famously wrote that "office will show a man." Here, he was insinuating that a man's character will be revealed by his decisions at work. In today's readings, we hear a similar theme in that speech will show a man. Jesus and a Jewish sage named Sirach talk about the importance of speech. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. In short, speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

Sirach teaches that speaking is "the test of men" and their character. One who is upright will utter words in private that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with "refuse" will be exposed, since the "fruit" of his mouth speaks volumes about the "tree" that produces it. Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat.

In a similar vein, Jesus insists that a person speaks "out of the abundance of the heart." He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit."

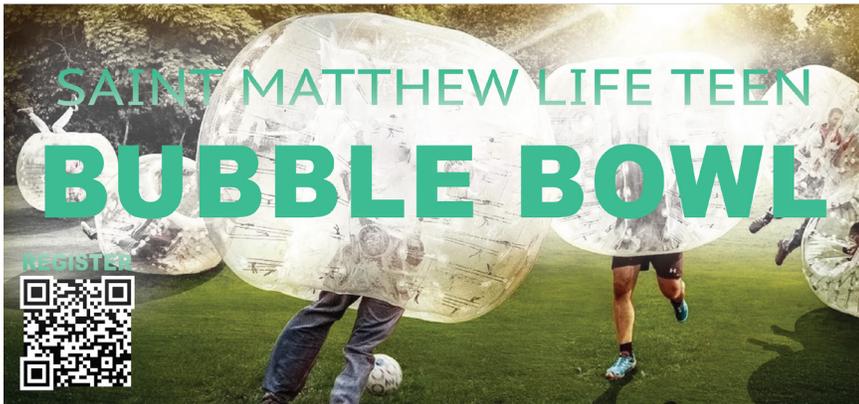
Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. To be sure, as sinful people we have a tendency to conceal our "real" speech through carefully crafted slogans, whether on social media, email, or written correspondence. But, the readings today encourage us to observe our words in that most pressing environment – private conversation. Here, we need to examine – do I gossip, do I complain, do I belabor on the negative in my private conversations?

After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say in personal exchanges (see Matthew 12:37). But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the "good treasure" that God desires. Then, our words will ascend to a higher level.

YOUTH MINISTRY

BUBBLE BOWL!

Sunday, March 20 | 4:15-6:45 p.m. | Group up in Parish Conference Center



It is every bit as epic and ridiculously fun as it looks and sounds. Come hop into your Pac-Man suit and return to a toddler-like center-of-gravity. Super safe, super fun. Soccer, 1 versus 1 matchups, Sharks and Minnows, Last Man Standing, and many more games will be packed into our 2 hours of non-stop playing time (you'll have breaks switching out with others). Scan the QR Code and get yourself and your friends signed up!

PRAY FOR OUR SKI RETREAT



Please keep all the Saint Matthew youth who are attending the Ski Retreat in your prayers. Beyond logistics, pray for the spiritual fruit that may be born on this wonderful weekend adventure together from the white slopes to our time together at the retreat center.

ALIVE IN WHO?

June 28-July 3 | Knoxville, TN



From raw fun with free time, sports, a live band, and white water rafting to opportunities to deepen our prayer life with daily Mass, confession, and adoration, to intellectual formation with small group and inspirational speakers, our Knoxville trip touches many bases of the human experience. Let's get nerdy: what makes a car most fully operational? 2% milk or gasoline? We know the answer, and we know the answer because the car-creators told us. So also when we do the things that make us most human, we "operate" or function the best. Just as cars need gasoline to operate well and plants need water to come alive, so also do humans need certain things to come alive. But when we come alive—when we really feel life to the fullest—we are because of our Creator; we are Alive In Him. Learn more about AliveInYou here: bit.ly/smclifeteenaliveinyou

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