



# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

MARCH 13 + SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



This is my chosen Son;  
*Listen to Him.*

## 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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### SACRED SILENCE

“Music arises out of silence and returns to silence. God is revealed both in the beauty of song and in the power of silence” (Sing to the Lord, 118).

vessels after Communion, and, at weekday Masses with music, there is no instrumental music during the preparation of the Altar.

Throughout the Lenten Season, we implement a more Spartan approach to the use of music. The Roman Missal states, “During Lent... the use of musical instruments is allowed only so as to support the singing.” This requires restraint on the part of the music ministers as there is a vast anthology of instrumental Lenten music, particularly for the organ.

Sacred Silence allows us to experience the beauty of God in a different way. It disrupts our normal modalities and actions to reignite our senses so that we reorient them to the purpose of the moment and bring new life to our prayerful worship during the Liturgy.

In keeping with the call for Sacred Silence, the prelude and postlude are omitted, there is no reflection music during the purification of the

The Roman Missal does go on to state that “Laetare Sunday, Solemnities and Feasts are exceptions to this rule.” On these days, one can expect musicians to give their all in their leadership of the music during this Liturgy as we celebrate and rejoice.

### LITURGY SCHEDULE (MARCH 14-20, 2022)

#### MONDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✚ Anna
  - Dn 9:4b-10
  - Lk 6:36-38

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 15

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✚ Barbara Rowland
  - Is 1:10, 16-20
  - Mt 23:1-12

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✚ Anna Do
  - Jer 18:18-20
  - Mt 20:17-28

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 17

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✚ Father Giacobe Dang
  - Jer 17:5-10
  - Lk 16:19-31

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✚ For the Phillips & Pason families
  - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
  - Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✚ Jean Mooney
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✚ Paul Tran
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✚ For the People
  - Ex 17:3-7
  - Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
  - Jn 4:5-42

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

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 6, 2022 -	
PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$45,099
SECOND COLLECTION: CAPITAL NEEDS	\$594

THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Charity

NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION: Tuition Assistance

Your donation to our second collection will provide tuition assistance for students from Saint Matthew parish attending Saint Matthew School. Financial assistance awards are made under the direction of the Pastor and the Tuition Assistance Committee.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SAINT MATTHEW!  
MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY ON OUR GIVING PAGE:  
[www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving](http://www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving)



## PARISH NEWS

### WELCOME TO SAINT MATTHEW!

Welcome to Saint Matthew Catholic Church in Franklin, Tennessee. Whether you've been with us from the beginning or are joining us for the first time, we want you to know that you have a home here. To stay connected with our community, visit our website at [www.stmatthewtn.org](http://www.stmatthewtn.org), register for our email list at [bit.ly/smcmembersignup](http://bit.ly/smcmembersignup), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @stmatthewtn to stay up-to-date on our news and information from our parish.

### HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Hospitality Ministers at each of our weekend Masses. Hospitality Ministers assist in the Liturgies by welcoming parishioners as they enter, handing out baskets, passing the collection baskets, and carrying the gifts. If you are interested in becoming a Hospitality Minister, please contact Kelly Ott at [kott@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:kott@stmatthewtn.org).

### 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](http://bit.ly/smcsynod) to learn more about the Synod, complete the survey, and register for one of our listening sessions.

### LENTEN REFLECTIONS AVAILABLE ON YOUR PHONE

Visit our YouTube page to watch weekly Lenten reflections from Saint Matthew Catholic Church.

 **YouTube**  
**SCAN HERE**



### 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 Dan Ott. Stations will begin at 6 p.m. in the church.

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

The Saint Matthew Respect for Life Ministry invites you to the Grotto for Mary's Way of the Cross on Thursday, March 24 following the 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.

### SAINT MATTHEW CHOIRS RETURN

If you have ever considered joining the Music Ministry, NOW is the perfect opportunity! We will be rebuilding after our long COVID-induced hiatus, and starting with the basics. If you are interested in joining one of our choirs, please contact Joel Bolen, Director of Music Ministries, at [jbolen@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:jbolen@stmatthewtn.org) or (615) 550-5108.



**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**  
**5:30-7:30 P.M.**  
**\$10/MEAL**  
**PRE-ORDER ONLINE**  
**[bit.ly/smcfishfry](http://bit.ly/smcfishfry)**

## 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/smcpavers](http://bit.ly/smcpavers) to place your order today.

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE - MARCH 22

Lent is a 40-day journey of prayer, reflection and repentance. What better way to achieve this than by receiving the graces from the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Our Lenten Penance service will be held on Tuesday, March 22 from 7-8:30 p.m. Please save the date for this wonderful sacramental opportunity.

### 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, we would love to have you! Sign up online at [bit.ly/smcfmsignup](http://bit.ly/smcfmsignup).

### 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](http://bit.ly/smscamp22) to register. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Edmondson at [jedmondson@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:jedmondson@stmatthewtn.org).

### 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/smcrossary](http://bit.ly/smcrossary).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS EVENT

Young Catholic Professionals is having an upcoming Executive Speaker Series featuring composer Dr. Michael Kurek on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in Breen Hall at St. Ann's Catholic Church. This is an opportunity for people, especially young adults, to come together to grow closer to God, while learning how we can live our relationship with God in the workplace. For more information and to register, visit [www.ycpnashville.com/events](http://www.ycpnashville.com/events).

### 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](http://fatherryan.org/camps).

### WHAT'S ON NASHVILLE CATHOLIC RADIO

*Get to Know Your Future Priests and Pastors.* Listen on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. as our seminarians (the future priests and pastors of our Diocese) share their thoughts on Nashvocations Podcast. Listen in on the our free app, at 100.5FM, or livestream at [NashvilleCR.com](http://NashvilleCR.com).

### 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](http://bit.ly/smcregnumchristi) to sign up. Questions? Contact John at [regnumchristinashville@gmail.com](mailto:regnumchristinashville@gmail.com).

### VISITATION HOSPITAL FOUNDATION GALA

Visitation Hospital Foundation invites you to a special celebration on Friday, April 29 in support of our Haitian brothers and sisters and to honor longtime Haiti advocate Fran Rajotte Myers. Enjoy cocktails, dinner, and entertainment at the Filming Station in Nashville with guest emcee broadcast journalist Demetria Kalodimos. It starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$125 each or \$1,000 per table. Proceeds benefit the Visitation Clinic in Haiti. Get tickets at [www.visitationhospital.org](http://www.visitationhospital.org) or call 615-673-3501.

### CAMP ST. CECILIA

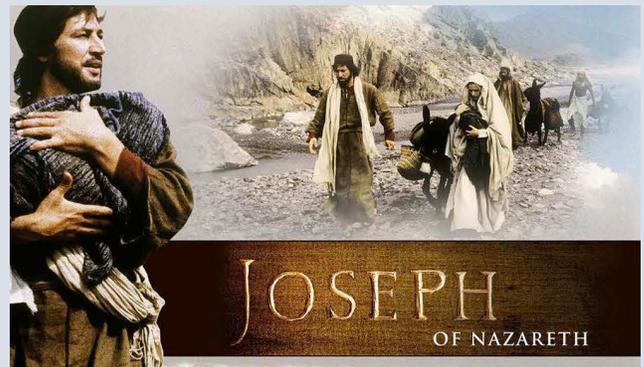
Camp St. Cecilia is a summer program designed for girls ages 4-17. Campers experience St. Cecilia Academy's academics, athletics, and fine arts programs while interacting with the SCA community members. Each girl attending Camp St. Cecilia will be exposed to skills in a variety of areas to further develop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

### UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help support University Catholic's mission and fellowship by providing a home-cooked meal to our Catholic brothers and sisters in college. We have been asked to provide meals for 100 college kids following the 5 p.m. Mass at Cathedral. Dinner will take place in the Fleming Center. Please send an email to [kofc12012@gmail.com](mailto:kofc12012@gmail.com) to sign up!

## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - MARCH 13



With this year being consecrated to St. Joseph, we celebrate the feast day of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth.

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

### 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 LENTEN SERIES



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/smcastjosephsmen](http://bit.ly/smcastjosephsmen) to register. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Jesse.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



Registration is open for VBS & Totus Tuus! This year we will have VBS for rising pre-schoolers and kindergartners and Totus Tuus for rising 1st-12th graders the week of June 20-24. To register and for more details, visit [bit.ly/smctotustuus](http://bit.ly/smctotustuus).

### 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. For more information, contact Tony Jesse.



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

### TONY'S REFLECTION

#### AN ENCOUNTER ON THE MOUNTAIN

To be on a mountain invokes a mesmerizing experience. Mountains, like Gothic cathedrals, have a way of forcing an elevated and almost heavenly perspective, allowing for the full embrace of mountain climbing as a metaphor for ascending in a spiritual quest. Mountains play a crucial role in the Bible. They are associated with an encounter with the divine, for mountains are where prominent events happen. Think of Abraham, Noah, Moses, Aaron, Elijah, Ezekiel, and Zechariah. All of these figures had a transformative encounter with the transcendent God on a mountaintop.

In today's Gospel, we go up a mountain with Jesus. Away from it all and elevated above the ground is where Jesus becomes transfigured – beaming with brightness in revealing His divine nature. This astonishing encounter awoke the sleeping Peter, James, and John and flabbergasted them.

Often caught in the hubbub of our day in which we are fixated on the trappings of this world, we find ourselves spiritually asleep like Peter, James, and John. Here, when God speaks we might not even notice or become perplexed and caught off guard as the disciples were. The setting on the mountain is to cue us that only when we can "get away from it all" and enter into silence is where we can encounter God.

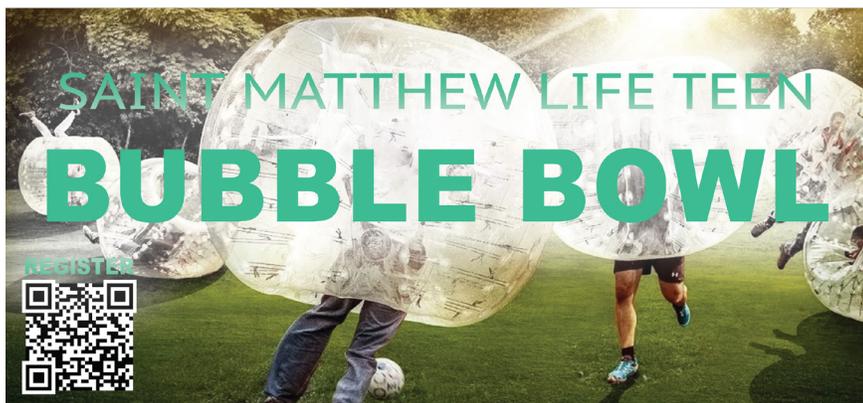
We'll also notice that the topic of conversation between Jesus and the prophets Moses and Elijah on the mountain was about His upcoming "exodus." The Greek word "exodus" means "departure." The word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt. Instead of Israel's exit from physical slavery into the promise land, Jesus's exodus takes us away from the slavery of sin into a heavenly realm.

Similarly, Lent is meant to be our "departure" from the things of this world to fully experience Christ. Let us find our "mountain time" whether at Adoration or Mass where we commune with God.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### GET REGISTERED FOR OUR BUBBLE BOWL!

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



Soccer, 1 vs 1 matchups, Sharks and Minnows, Last Man Standing, and more will be packed into our two hours of non-stop playing time. It is every bit as epic and fun as it looks and sounds. Come hop into your Pac-Man suit, make your center of gravity precariously high, and enjoy bouncing around (don't worry, if you fall over, simply somersault back on your feet with 360° padding). Scan the QR code to sign up!

### TOTUS TUUS IS COMING TO LIFE TEEN!

Stay tuned! Next week, registration will open for students 7th-12th grade to register for five consecutive nights of Totus Tuus here at Saint Matthew. Missionaries will be serving our parish each evening from Sunday through Thursday, June 19-23. This year's theme will be surrounding prayer. Keep your eyes peeled for next week's official announcement for the 7-12th grade program and how to register.

### LET THE YOUNG CHURCH BE HEARD

High school students: Have you completed the synod survey yet? The Synod on Synodality is still underway, and your voice matters just as much as any other. Tommy encourages each of you to take 15-30 minutes to prayerfully answer the synod questions at the link below. *Remember: you are not the "future" Church, you are an irreplaceable part of the Church, right now.* Answer the questions here: [bit.ly/smcsynod](https://bit.ly/smcsynod).

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### SPRING BREAK (NO LIFE TEEN)

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

#### BUBBLE BOWL

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 | 4:15-6:45 P.M. | PCC

#### VOCATIONS NIGHT

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

#### ALIVEINYOU PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 | BETWEEN MASSES | CHB

### ALIVEINYOU

June 28-July 3 | Knoxville, TN



What do white water rafting, cathedrals, inspirational talks, service, 80s themed dinners, sports, daily live music, and community have in common? They will all happen in our packed six-day excursion to Knoxville. Serve others with each other, grow in your friendships, deepen your faith, and have a ridiculous amount of fun throughout. AliveInYou could very well be one of the most fond summer memories you'll make. To have any questions answered and learn more, visit [bit.ly/smclifeteenliveinyou](https://bit.ly/smclifeteenliveinyou). Is money preventing you from attending? It shouldn't! To learn more about fundraising opportunities and sponsorships, please call or email Tommy directly.

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