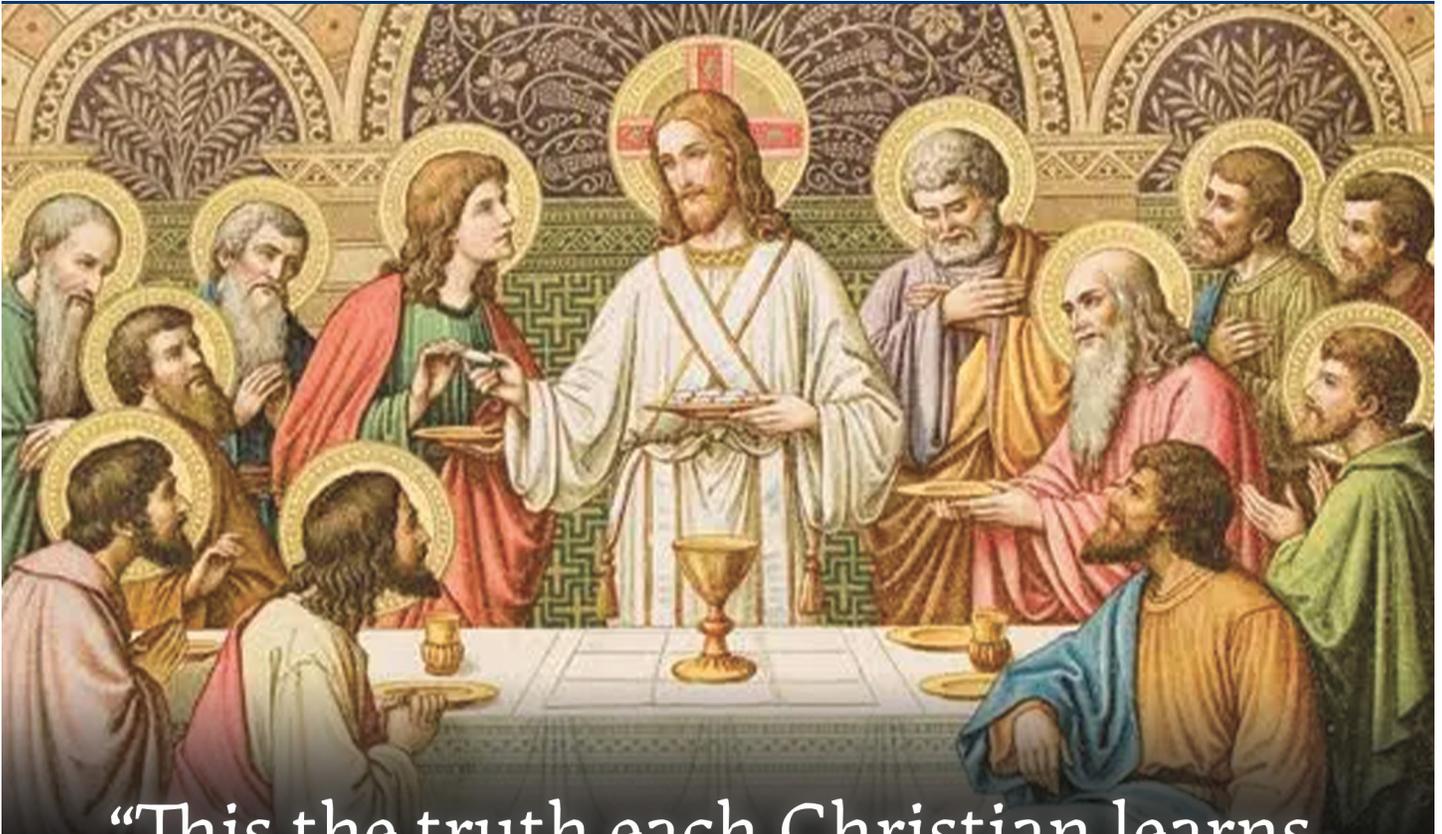




Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

JUNE 19 + THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



**“This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into his flesh he turns,
To his precious blood the wine.”**

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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PARISH NEWS

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER IN AN ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION?

Our assisted living ministry is here to serve your family members in assisted living communities! We have ministers available to serve your loved ones staying at NHC Place at the Trace and The Lodge at Natchez Trace, but we must be aware of their situation in order to schedule regular visits. If you have a loved one at either of these communities who would like to receive communion, please contact Kelly Ott by phone at (615) 550-5141 or by email at kott@stmatthewtn.org.

BECOME A GIFT BEARER

Would you like to participate in one of our upcoming Masses? We are looking for volunteers to be offertory gift bearers at each of our weekend Masses. All parishioners—individuals and families of all sizes—are invited to sign up. To register, visit bit.ly/smcgiftbearer.

MULIER CARE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE ENDS THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend marks the end of our Respect for Life Ministry's Baby Bottle Drive! All of the baby bottles and funds raised must be returned to the church on Sunday, June 19. The proceeds from the drive will benefit Mulier Care, a non-profit organization based in Nashville that provides assistance to women who have a minimal support network and are facing crisis or unplanned pregnancies. Our Respect for Life Ministry would like to thank all those who have contributed to the drive. Your donations are saving the lives of unborn babies and giving their mothers the best chance at being able to successfully parent their own children. To learn more about Mulier Care, please contact Elizabeth Abaray at elizabeth.abaray@live.com.

LITURGY SCHEDULE (JUNE 20-26, 2022)

MONDAY, JUNE 20

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Michael Rizzo
- 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18
- Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Marie Brescia Kaminek
- 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36
- Mt 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✠ Kathleen Harty
- 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3
- Mt 7:15-20

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ For Dan & Nancy Hippensteel
- Is 49:1-6
- Acts 13:22-26
- Lk 1:57-66, 80

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Dorothy Leahy
- Ez 34:11-16
- Rom 5:5b-11
- Lk 15:3-7

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✠ For the Mascolo Family
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ For James Desrocher
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ For the People
- 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21
- Gal 5:1, 13-18
- Lk 9:51-62

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 5, 2022 -

PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$20,820
SECOND COLLECTION: PARISH CHARITY	\$739

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Solidarity Fund

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

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



PARISH NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR VBS WEEK JUNE 20-24

Our summer youth formation program begins this week as we host Monumental VBS for the younger students and welcome the missionaries from Totus Tuus to our campus for the older students. To accommodate the programming, we have adjusted our daily liturgy schedule for the week. Take a look at the schedule below:

MONDAY, JUNE 20: Mass at 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21: Mass at 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22: Mass at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.*

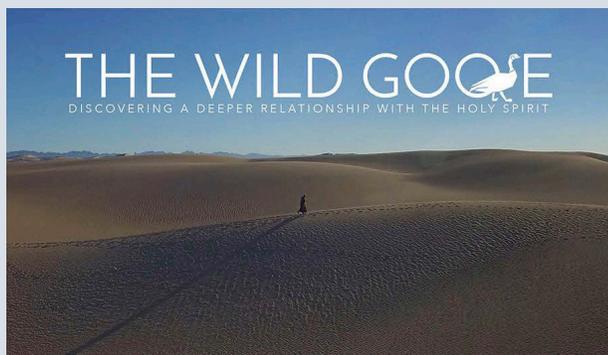
THURSDAY, JUNE 23: Mass at 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24: Mass at 9 a.m.

*Please note that the Totus Tuus middle and high school programs will be attending Adoration and Confession at 6 p.m. before the 7 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, June 22.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - JUNE 19



As we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist this week, we remember his words: “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Mt 3:11). Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose! To watch, visit formed.org and sign up using our parish zip code (37069).

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR PRE-K MOVE: MODULAR CLASSROOMS NOW ON CAMPUS

We wanted to provide you with an update on our pre-K program’s move to our “mane” campus. The modular classrooms have been installed in the parking lot by the Cohan-Hansom Building. While the modular building is on our campus, there is still much work left to be completed before the school year begins. For safety reasons, we are asking everyone to continue to be mindful of the construction areas and work zones. The parking lots have been opened up for this weekend’s Masses, but we will be marking them off again next week to pressure wash the unit and finalize other portions of the job. Please also continue to avoid parking in front of the Dumpsters located in the front parking lot. Thank you for your patience as we prepare our campus for the new addition.

REGISTER FOR OUR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Our next First Friday Adoration is on July 1. Adoration will begin after the 8 a.m. Mass and conclude at 5 p.m. with Benediction. Time slots are available in 30-minute increments. To sign up, visit bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationjuly. The nursery will be open from 8:30-10:30 a.m. that Friday.

ROSARY FOR OUR NATION - SUNDAY, JUNE 26

During this turbulent time in the history of our country and as we approach Independence Day, let us gather in prayer for our country that we return to God and are strengthened by His mercy. In anticipation of July 4, we will be praying a patriotic rosary and additional prayers on Sunday, June 26 at 4 p.m. in the Grotto (in place of our usual rosary after the 8:30 a.m. Mass). Please bring a chair. In the event of rain, we will meet in the church. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Armour at bobandlucyarmour@gmail.com.



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

www.stmatthewtn.org

PARISH NEWS



SAVE THE DATE!

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 23
AFTER THE 5 P.M. MASS

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. We gather to pray the rosary every Tuesday at noon outside of Planned Parenthood in Nashville. Register online at bit.ly/smcrosary.

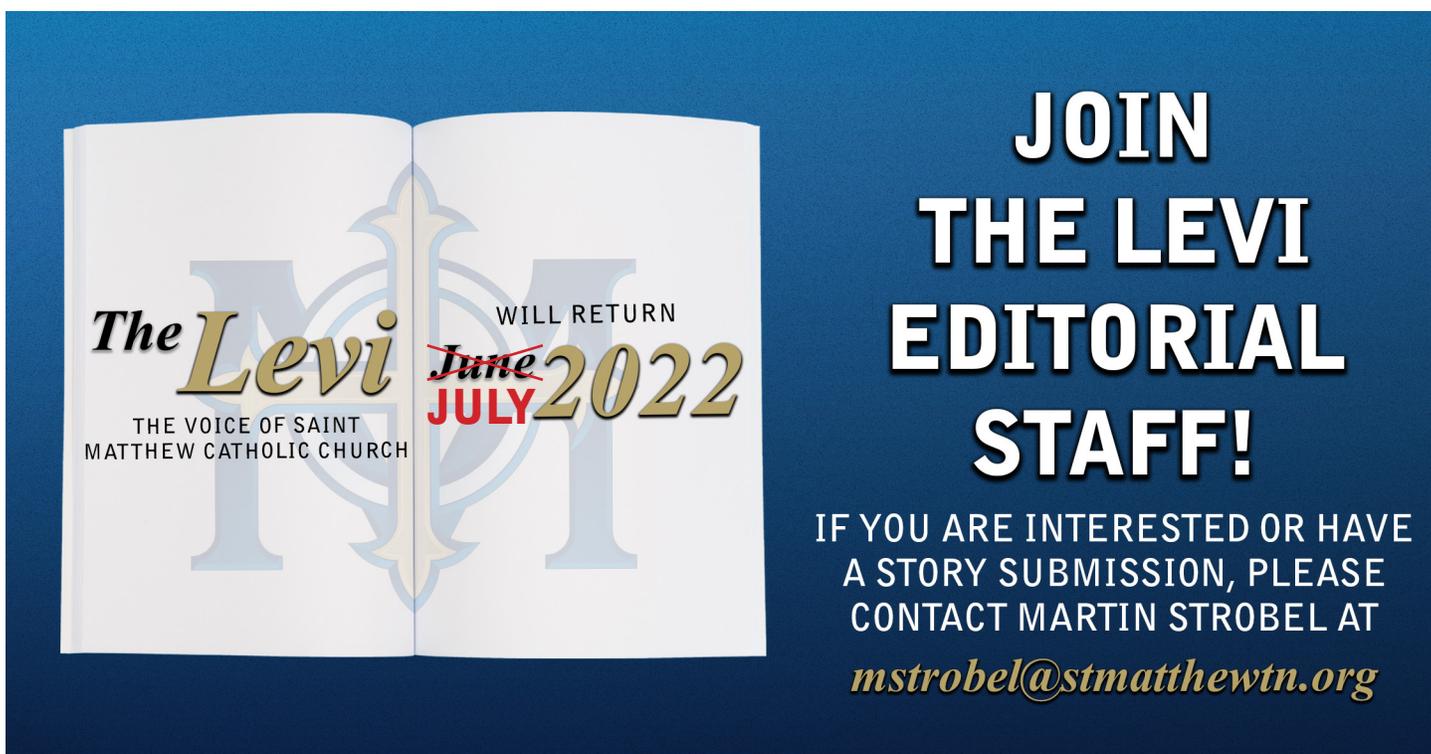
FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Follow Saint Matthew to deepen your Catholic faith on your favorite social media platform! Find us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube to keep up with everything happening here on Sneed Road.

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-  [@stmatthewtn](https://www.instagram.com/stmatthewtn)
-  [c/SaintMatthewCatholicChurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintMatthewCatholicChurch)

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Stay up-to-date with the latest news and information from Saint Matthew Catholic Church! Join our email list today to receive our regular newsletters, updates on upcoming events, news from our ministries, and more. Visit bit.ly/smcemailsignup and fill out the form to join our general email list!



JOIN THE LEVI EDITORIAL STAFF!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR HAVE A STORY SUBMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT MARTIN STROBEL AT mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org

The Levi WILL RETURN ~~June~~ **JULY 2022**
THE VOICE OF SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH NEWS

BABYSITTERS NEEDED

St. Gianna Circle Mother's Group is compiling a list of babysitters for Saint Matthew families to utilize within our community. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Abaray at elizabeth.abaray@live.com or sign up at bit.ly/sgcbabysitters.

CHARM FOUNDATION BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

The Family Social Ministry is assisting the Charm Foundation with their Back to School Bash on Sunday, July 31. This is an amazing event that alleviates some stress for families that cannot afford school supplies and basic care for their children. The Charm Foundation is seeking donations and volunteer help for the event. Backpacks and school supplies can be purchased at www.roonga.com/charmbtsbash2022. Monetary donations can be made at www.childrenaremagical.org/ways-to-give. If you would like to volunteer for the Back to School Bash, volunteers slots are available for set up (Saturday, July 30 from 1-5 p.m. and Sunday, July 31 from 10 a.m.-noon) and during the event (Sunday, July 31 from noon-4 p.m.). For more information, please contact Theresa Chau at theresa.a.chau@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

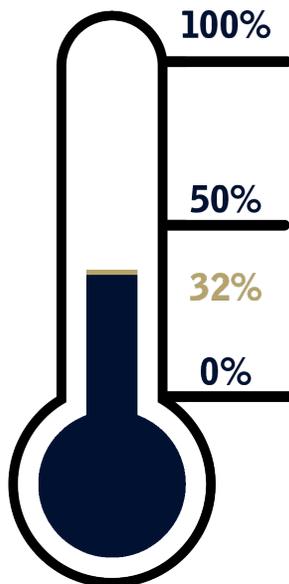
WHAT'S ON NASHVILLE CATHOLIC RADIO

Why Listen to Nashville Catholic Radio? Our programs are broadcast on Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon and replayed on Saturday mornings from 8-11 a.m. They are produced in and about the Diocese of Nashville. At other times, the broadcasts are inspirational Catholic programs. We invite you to listen from your phone, on your radio at 100.5FM, online at NashvilleCR.com, or ask your smart speaker to "play Nashville Catholic Radio."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPREME CONVENTION WELCOME CONCERT

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a welcome concert for the 2022 Supreme Convention, featuring country music star Craig Morgan and The Hillbilly Thomists. Craig Morgan is an Army veteran and a devout Catholic. His hits include *That's What I Love About Sunday*, *Almost Home*, and *Redneck Yacht Club*. This will be a great family, parish, and youth event. The concert will be held at the Grand Ole Opry on Monday, August 1 at 6 p.m. Cost: \$50/person and children under 12 are free with a paid adult. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supreme-convention-welcome-concert-tickets-322769180307>.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES: MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY!



The 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries is underway! Saint Matthew is off to a great start, raising over \$36,000 over the first half of the year.

Saint Matthew's goal for this year's appeal is \$115,390. We are currently at 32% of that goal with a total of \$36,886.

Your generosity supports ministries and services that carry forth the Bishop's mission and vision, including adult and youth catechesis, support for clergy, sacramental marriage, life at all stages, robust Catholic schools and much more.

If you have already donated, we appreciate your contribution! If not, please visit www.stmatthewtn.org/church to make your gift today!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED IS OPEN

Registration for the 2022-2023 Religious Education and Ignite sessions is open! Register for Religious Education sessions at bit.ly/smcreled22, and register for Ignite sessions at bit.ly/smcignite22.

SERVE OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

In September, we will be starting our religious education sessions for our kids. You can help develop the faith of our children by becoming a catechist or volunteer in other ways to support our religious education ministry. Becoming a catechist is a great way to give your time and talents to the church while growing in your own faith. If you are interested in helping, please visit bit.ly/smcreledcatechist. For questions, contact Tony Jesse.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we can help. Our RCIA inquiry sessions are open to anyone that wants to explore becoming Catholic. We welcome all inquiries. If you are interested, please fill out the form at bit.ly/smercia23. For questions, please contact Tony Jesse.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

REGISTER FOR THE SAINT MATTHEW 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. The retreat will take place from August 26-28 at the Bethany Retreat House. The theme of the retreat will be "The Richness of Femininity" and will feature talks from Joan Watson. A parishioner at Saint Matthew, Joan is a Catholic speaker

and writer whose mission is to make Scripture, theology, liturgy and history accessible and applicable. To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/smcwomensretreat.



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

TONY'S REFLECTION

THE BEAUTY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

What if we lived as though the answer to all our problems is a tiny white Host? Our celebration today at Mass is titled "Corpus Christi." This translates into the Body of Christ – that profound teaching in which the Catholic Church asserts that, while Jesus's body and soul walked on earth 2,000 years ago, the same body and soul is substantially present in the tabernacles of the Catholic Church.

Here, we come to the daring teaching of the Church in which she declares that Holy Communion is that moment when a person welcomes the Lord physically into him/herself. This assertion stimulates the mind into contemplation of the mysterious power of the Eucharist. The Eucharist presses the concept of Jesus' presence smack dab in front of us. It is one thing to say, "Jesus is present in those that suffer," yet it carries more weight to say, "Jesus Christ just walked into the room." Even more profoundly, Jesus gives us the immense opportunity to consume Him into us.

The early apostles took the consumption of the Eucharist with the utmost sacred significance, but why did Jesus arrange for this transformation of bread and wine? Because he intended another kind of transformation. The bread and wine are altered into the Body and Blood of Christ which are, in turn, meant to transmute us to the upper echelon of divine reverence. In this state of sacred veneration, we mystically stand as a part of Christ. Ever hear the phrase, "You are what you eat?" By ingesting in us the bread of immortality, we inch closer to our perfected self with God. With the Eucharist, Jesus desires us to be converted from a motley crew of imperfect individuals into the Body of Christ.

Jesus in the Holy Eucharist eagerly longs for our reception and our adoration. The tragedy in our life is that, very often, this magnetic Eucharistic presence is taken for granted. We walk up to receive Him in a ho-hum fashion and are often blind as a bat to the spiritual realities circling us; nevertheless, God keeps speaking to us with a holy urgency to recognize Him in the Eucharist and to humbly and lovingly receive Him.

TOMMY'S REFLECTION

REACHING UP, NOT PULLING DOWN

Nobody wants to be alone: we were made for communion with ourselves, each other, and ultimately God in Heaven. But as we live our lives, we are constantly faced with what we might call, "gaps." The gap between who we really are and how well we truly know ourselves, between our own perception of the world and how our friends perceive it, and, perhaps the largest gap of all, is the one between Heaven and earth. Naturally, all of us want to "close" these gaps, to be close with ourselves, those around us, and Heaven. We want to live life feeling close to things, not estranged.

Yet, as G. K. Chesterton once said in his characteristic wit, "The poet only asks to get his head into the heavens. It is the logician who seeks to get the heavens into his head." Both the poet and logician are seeking to "close the gap," yet their strategies are completely different. One seeks to reach upward, the other seeks to pull down. One seeks to be intimate with, the other seeks to control. We love to control; it makes us feel invincible and invulnerable against the dangers and uncertainties of the world where we are in charge, but it has its trade-offs. For intimacy and control can never coexist.

When we control, while it may seem we are closer to something or someone, when it is on our terms, we destroy intimacy and authentic closeness. When we dominate and control things, we have not closed the gap, we have merely "crammed the Heavens into our head" and thereby eliminate the Heaven in it. If we take the transcendent and shove it into our world, it no longer transcends, and we have not tasted the Heavenly. To taste the Heavenly, we need to reach beyond our sphere of comfort and control. Let us instead strive to get our heads into the Heavens, letting go of control, and always asking God for the grace to climb the heights of his glory. We can't control it, and that's the best part about it.

YOUTH MINISTRY

MEET THE TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES!

Wednesday, June 1 | 5-7 p.m. | Courtyard



TOTUS TUUS **TOTALLY YOURS**

Join us this Wednesday for a potluck dinner to meet and welcome our eight missionaries while they are serving Saint Matthew. We have food coming, but please consider bringing a side dish to contribute to the festivities. This will be a great opportunity to welcome the missionaries serving our parish and get to know their individual stories. We hope to see you there!

Similar to Vacation Bible School, Totus Tuus is a week-long program staffed by college students and seminarians for elementary through high school students packed with incredible Theology to learn more about the faith, sacramental opportunities to grow in the faith, and loads of activities to keep a smile on each participant's face. Please keep the program and our youth in your prayers this week!

A SUMMER GLANCE

Summer is in full swing! Take a look at some of our remaining events over the next few weeks:

ALIVEINYOU PARTICIPANT INFO MEETING

Sunday, June 26

ALIVEINYOU: SUMMER MISSION TRIP

June 28 - July 3

LIFE TEEN PARTY

Sunday, July 3

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