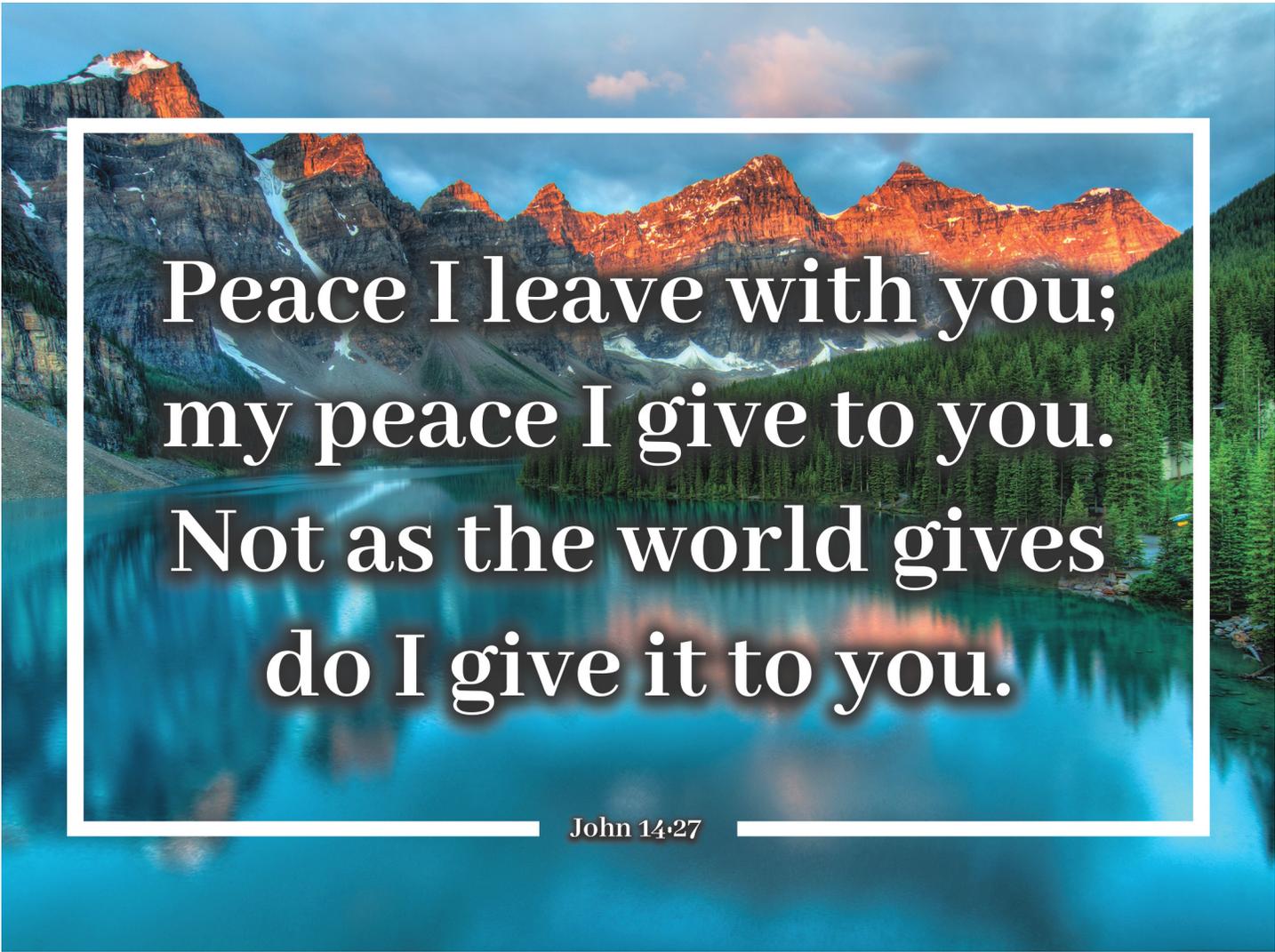




# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

MAY 22 + SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives  
do I give it to you.

John 14:27

## 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

### PARTICIPATE IN THE MASS! 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 starting in June. All parishioners—individuals and families of all sizes—are invited to sign up. Visit [bit.ly/smcgiftbearer](http://bit.ly/smcgiftbearer) to register for the weekend Mass of your choice.

### VIEW OUR PARISH REPORT ON THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Earlier this year, we joined the global Catholic Church in participating in the Synod on Synodality. Our participation in the Synod is part of a two-year consultative process seeking to engage the faithful to evaluate the Church's adherence to her mission through the pillars of communion, participation, and mission. As we have completed this phase within our parish, we wanted to share our findings with you, the faithful of Saint Matthew. This report seeks to understand and proclaim the laity's current situation, needs, and calls for action for both Saint Matthew on a parish level and Holy Mother Church at large. We invite everyone to review the report on our parish website or by visiting [bit.ly/smcynodreport](http://bit.ly/smcynodreport).

### REGISTER FOR OUR FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - JUNE 3

Registration is now open for our next First Friday Adoration on June 3. Time slots are available in 30-minute increments. If you would like to spend more time in prayer with our Lord, feel free to register for multiple time slots. Visit [bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationjune](http://bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationjune) to register. Please remember that the nursery will be open from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for parents with young children who would like to attend Adoration.

#### LITURGY SCHEDULE (MAY 23-29, 2022)

##### MONDAY, MAY 23

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ John Cicon
  - Acts 16:11-15
  - Jn 15:26—16:4a

##### TUESDAY, MAY 24

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ MaryAnn Culbertson
  - Acts 16:22-34
  - Jn 16:5-11

##### WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✠ Rosemary Ross & Diane Fleckenstein
  - Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
  - Jn 16:12-15

##### THURSDAY, MAY 26

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Leo Rodriguez
  - Acts 18:1-8
  - Jn 16:16-20

##### FRIDAY, MAY 27

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Owen Pepper
  - Acts 18:9-18
  - Jn 16:20-23

##### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
  - ✦ For the People
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
  - ✦ For Father Tran
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
  - ✦ For Patricia Smith
    - Acts 1:1-11
    - Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23
    - Lk 24:46-53

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

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### - FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 15, 2022 -

PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$15,420
SECOND COLLECTION: PARISH CHARITY	\$575

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Communications

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Haiti Mission

Your gift to next week's second collection will support Our Lady of Miracles, our sister parish in Gobert, Haiti.

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

### WE ARE GROWING!



You may notice some changes on campus this weekend. We are moving the pre-K program from its current location to the “Mane” campus, in the parking lot near the Cohan-Hansom building. The area has been marked off with cones as we prepare the space for the modular classroom we are adding to accommodate the growth. For safety reasons, we are asking everyone to be aware of the work being done and avoid parking or walking in areas marked off by cones. To prep for the move, we have temporarily relocated the Dumpsters from the area by the Cohan-Hansom building to the lower parking lot near the portable restrooms. Please do not park in front of the Dumpsters. Thank you for your patience as we prepare our campus for the new addition. If you have any questions, please contact the Church office.

### THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED TO OUR MOTHER’S DAY ROSE COLLECTION!

We would like to send a special thank you to everyone who donated to our Mother’s Day rose collection on Mother’s Day weekend! With your support, we raised \$931.59 for Tennessee Right to Life. We appreciate your generosity.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MONSIGNOR MIKE JOHNSTON SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The Knights of Columbus are proud to announce that recent Saint Matthew graduates Finley Boron and Brad Bach are the recipients of this year’s Monsignor Mike Johnston Scholarship. We are happy to support these two stellar individuals as they continue on with their education, and we wish them the best of luck at Father Ryan!

### BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2022 Bishop’s Annual Appeal for Ministries is underway! The appeal provides essential support for ministries delivered throughout Middle Tennessee. Through your generosity, you are supporting our seminarians, serving the poor through Catholic Charities, supporting the students in our diocese’s Catholic schools, and educating the next generation through youth faith formation. To make your gift, please visit [dioceseofnashville.com/appeal](http://dioceseofnashville.com/appeal). If you have any questions, please contact Martin Strobel at [mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org).



### TOTUS TUUS & MONUMENTAL VBS

JUNE 19-24 AT SAINT MATTHEW

PRE-K THROUGH 6TH GRADE  
REGISTRATION:  
[bit.ly/smctotustuus](http://bit.ly/smctotustuus)

7TH-12TH GRADE  
REGISTRATION:  
[bit.ly/smctotustuuslifeteen](http://bit.ly/smctotustuuslifeteen)



## PARISH NEWS

### KofC COUNCIL 12012 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On June 8, 1997, the St. Henry Knights of Columbus Council was formed. We are proud to celebrate our 25th Anniversary of making better Catholic men, fathers and husbands while providing a plethora of support to our parishes and community. There will be a special Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Mark J. Spalding at 9 a.m. Mass on June 12 at St. Henry. There will be a reception following the Mass so we can all take a moment to celebrate this milestone and show our appreciation for our Knights of Columbus. We want to thank all of the Knights, especially our Deputy Grand Knight Josh Jackson and Grand Knight Ken Warren for their stellar leadership and dedication to St. Henry and Saint Matthew parishes.

### 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.

-  SaintMatthewCatholicChurch
-  @stmatthewtn
-  c/SaintMatthewCatholicChurch

### 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](https://bit.ly/smcrosary).

### INTERESTED IN JOINING THE MEN'S CLUB?

The Saint Matthew Men's Club provides an active social forum for the men of the parish. We are here to support each other through faith and works, as well as serve the needs of the parish through events and philanthropy. All male parishioners over the age of 18 are eligible to become active members of the Men's Club. If you are interested in joining, please visit [www.stmatthewtn.org/church/mens-club](https://www.stmatthewtn.org/church/mens-club) to complete the simple interest form and join our mailing list to receive all of our upcoming news and information.

### 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](https://bit.ly/smcemailsignup) and fill out the form to join our general email list!



## JOIN THE LEVI EDITORIAL STAFF!

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SEMINARIAN EDUCATION DINNER & AUCTION - MAY 24

The Diocese of Nashville will be hosting its annual Seminarian Education Dinner & Auction on Tuesday, May 24 from 6-9 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Church. This annual event helps raise money to cover the cost of education for the seminarians from the Diocese of Nashville. The online auction will open on Saturday, May 21 at 6 p.m. and closes during the event. RSVP online by Tuesday, May 10 by visiting [www.dioceseofnashville.com/seda](http://www.dioceseofnashville.com/seda).

### 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

*Why Listen to Nashville Catholic Radio?* The programs, broadcast Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon and replayed on Saturday mornings from 8-11 a.m., 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](http://NashvilleCR.com), or ask your smart speaker to "play Nashville Catholic Radio."

### JOIN US FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL MULIER CARE GALA - SATURDAY, JUNE 4

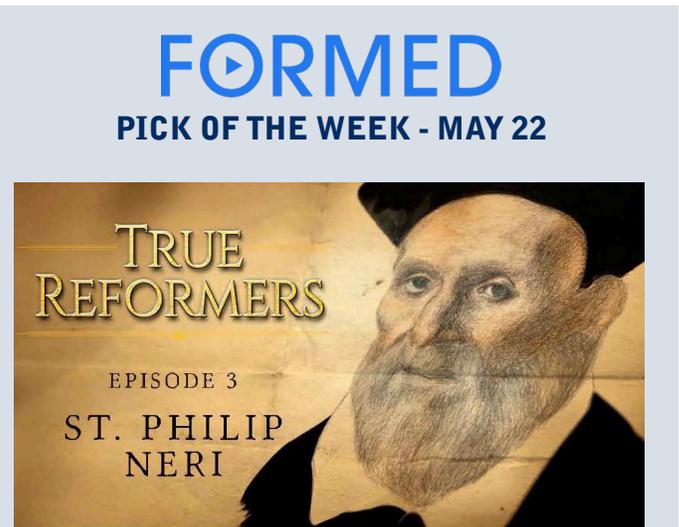
Please join Mulier Care and the Pregnancy Help Center for its 5th annual Mulier Care Gala, honoring Fr. John Sims Baker, one of the organization's founding members, for his contribution to the pro-life ministry. The gala is on Saturday, June 4 in the Fleming Center at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the evening's events at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person, with options to purchase a table and/or sponsorship. Please see [www.muliercare.org](http://www.muliercare.org) to purchase tickets online or email [kbulso@comcast.net](mailto:kbulso@comcast.net).

### 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).

### YCP EXECUTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION

The Nashville chapter of the Young Catholic Professionals will be hosting their next executive panel discussion on Tuesday, May 24 from 7-9 p.m. in the Fleming Center at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. The topic will be "The Virtue of Humility in the Workplace." The cost is \$10 for non-members. Dress code is business professional. For more information, visit [www.ycpnashville.org](http://www.ycpnashville.org).



This week, we celebrate St. Philip Neri, the Apostle of Rome. To a Rome ravaged by war and wearied by the decadence of the Renaissance popes, St. Philip Neri came as an unlikely reformer. Mystic, hermit, prankster, and effortless leader of men, Neri had a great sense of humor and a greater heart.

To watch this film series, visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) and register using our parish zip code (37069).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED OPENS TOMORROW!

Registration for the 2022-2023 Religious Education and Ignite sessions is now open! Register for Religious Education sessions at [bit.ly/smcreled22](http://bit.ly/smcreled22), and register for Ignite sessions at [bit.ly/smcignite22](http://bit.ly/smcignite22).

### TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



Registration is open for Totus Tuus! Latin for “totally yours,” Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic program designed to spread the Good News of Jesus and create joy in the faith. Totus Tuus is led by a team of college-aged missionaries and seminarians. The program is open to rising 1st-12th grade students. Visit [bit.ly/smctotustuus](http://bit.ly/smctotustuus) for more info.

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR MONUMENTAL VBS

Rising preschool-kindergarten students are invited to attend Monumental VBS! Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. Monumental VBS will be from June 20-24 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day. Visit [bit.ly/totustuus](http://bit.ly/totustuus) to register.

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



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

### TONY’S REFLECTION

#### PEACE NOT OF THIS WORLD

To sports fans, it is known simply as “the shot.” Down by one point to the Cleveland Cavaliers with three seconds to go in the elimination game of the 1989 playoffs, things felt tense for the Chicago Bulls. The Bulls were a young team on the road in a hostile environment, attempting to win their first playoff series. Yet despite this nerve-racking scene, their star player, Michael Jordan, was not fazed. He calmly walked out of the huddle and hit the game-winning shot.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus’s words speak of acquiring such a deep inner peace with His utterance:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.”

Here, Christ asserts that His peace stands in stark contrast to the world’s concept of peace. The peace of this world is attributed to being in a comfortable setting, free from any mental stress. Yet, this worldly peace is often acquired by a thirst of pride in which one requires “my truth” to become the truth. Moreover, it is generally shallow and merely exists as a rickety lifeboat that keeps one afloat only temporarily.

In the Bible, peace is presented as inward calmness (Rom 15:13, Gal 5:22) that one experiences despite being surrounded by chaos. Here, while the world goes berserk on the outside, the person’s interior state is that of a spiritual serenity that provides inner comfort. To have composure and calmness in the face of surrounding turmoil helps in many settings – in sports, at work, and dealing with the anxieties of life. But, most importantly, Jesus’s peace, helps with the state of our souls as we live in a fallen world.

We most often obtain Jesus’s peace through prayer and at the Mass. Recall the line in the Mass, when the priest announces, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” While disorder and disarray continue to run amok in the world, let us be unruffled by it, by openly receiving Christ’s peace.

**TOMMY'S REFLECTION**  
**TIME WELL-WASTED**

A priest named Fr. James Schall once asked, "What should we do when all else is done?" It seems so simple, but it's a loaded question. Ponder it for a moment.

What the question is getting at is once we've gotten everything done—school, chores, scheduling, applications—anything and everything, then what? When there is nothing practical or "necessary" left to get done, what does a human do? Be bored? Often, we get so lost in the pace of our lives and what we need to get done, that we sometimes "miss the forest for the trees." Ironically, sometimes we get so caught up in the things that will help us attain a particular goal that we forget the very goal we set out to accomplish!

In Heaven, there won't be much to do, if anything! This is not to say we'll all be bored, but that in Heaven, we'll simply "be," and not be running around "doing." We'll be in God's presence, be our truest, fullest, most-alive selves, and be, of course, perfectly blissful. What should we do when all else is done? The answer is simple: *be*.

It might seem strange that God in fact *commands* us to rest: "Keep holy the sabbath"! But He commands this of us so that we can see the forest. That, once a week, we focus on *being* rather than *doing*. That our heads are turned up to the stars, not crunched over on the fields (or computers). Once a week, we remember, "Oh, right. I'm not made for a life of pure doing, but a life of blissful being. We're not home yet: our Home is in Heaven." When we canoe this afternoon, there's not much to do besides paddling, and that's the point. But it'll be *time well-wasted, just being*. With each other, with nature, and with God. That's what Sundays are all about.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**TOTUS TUUS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Saturday-Thursday evenings | June 19-23 | 6-8 p.m.



If you can't go on AliveInYou this summer, Totus Tuus might be the perfect fit to stay in Nashville but still get much of the same formation and retreat experiences you would expect on trips. Totus Tuus is a program staffed by college students and seminarians. It'll be packed with incredible Theology to

learn more about the faith, sacramental opportunities to grow in your faith, and loads of activities to keep a smile on everyone's face each evening. Totus Tuus has a middle school program simultaneously with a high school program, ending each evening with all grades in prayer. If you haven't signed up yet, consider learning more and registering at [bit.ly/smctotustuuslifeteen](http://bit.ly/smctotustuuslifeteen).

**A SUMMER GLANCE**

**CANOE THE HARPETH**  
Sunday, May 22

**ALIVEINYOU INFO MEETING**  
Sunday, June 26

**BIBLES AND BONFIRE**  
Wednesday, June 1

**ALIVEINYOU**  
June 28 - July 3

**TOTUS TUUS**  
June 19-23

**LIFE TEEN PARTY**  
Sunday, July 3

**WELCOME RISING FRESHMEN!**

Sunday, May 22 | 12-4:30 p.m.



Once again, welcome to all of Life Teen's newest members who have officially graduated middle school, many of whom did so this past Thursday right here at Saint Matthew! We can't wait to kick off the summer with our trip down the Harpeth.

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