Saint Matthew
CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

MAY 8 + FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte

LITURGY SCHEDULE
(MAY 9-15, 2022)

MONDAY, MAY 9
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✤ For the Stephen Phillips family
  - Acts 11:1-18
  - Jn 10:1-10

TUESDAY, MAY 10
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✝ James Cate
  - Acts 11:19-26
  - Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✤ For Maria Dao
  - Acts 12:24—13:5a
  - Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY, MAY 12
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✝ Virginia Marcuri
  - Acts 13:13-25
  - Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY, MAY 13
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✝ Peggy Smith
  - Acts 13:26-33
  - Jn 14:1-6

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✤ For the Baldinger family
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✝ JoAnne Pouliot
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✤ For Julie Goss
  - Acts 14:21-27
  - Rev 21:1-5a
  - Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

✤ **Special Intention**
✝ ***May they rest in peace***

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our First Communicants who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1! Please pray for all of these students as they continue to deepen their Catholic faith.

Liam Abaray, Giles Banker, Emery Bartell, Winston Bradley, Fitzgerald Brodoski, Owen Brown, Oliver Brown, Collette Buccola, Patrick Burke, Eitan Chau, Isaiah Crisp, Vivianne Decker, Christopher Degros, Collin Delfs, Eamara Dillon, Samuel Dowdle, George Fisch, Payton Fitch, Olivia Gonzalez, Jackson Gould, Caroline Griffey, Greyson Guest, Cait Guidry, Mila Hall, Ethan Heinemann, Gabriella Herrera, Hannah Hobgood, Lila Huckemeyer, Bea James, Joseph Jesse, Isabella Jevaltas, Noah Julkenbeck, Lindsey Kufner, Ryan Larkin, Matthew Lennon, Tegan Long, Kylie Matthews, Anniston Moon, Ryley Morgan, Gemma Negri, Katalina Ortega, John Palmer, Milo Photivihok, Patrick Prenares, Finch Pryles, Brandon Redman, Margaret Reimold, Andrew Reisinger, John Ruppaner, Greyson Scherz, Anniston Sellers, Amanda Shaffer, Matthew Shaffer, Amelia Simpson, Charles Sterle, Isaac Stracener, Penelope Tanner, Ellie Taylor, Josie Tharp, Charlotte Tomichek, Oliver Ustick, Jonah Vegors, Charles Williams, Callen Williams, Roman Wozniak, Sebastian Zavala

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2022 -	
PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	$23,569
SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS	$405

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

MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING - MAY 12

If you are the head of a ministry at Saint Matthew, please make plans to attend our ministry leaders meeting. We will review protocols for our ministries and discuss plans for the remainder of the calendar year, including our upcoming ministry fair in August. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Center. If you are unable to attend this meeting, we ask that you find another representative from your ministry to attend in your place. If you have any questions, please contact Martin Strobel at (615) 550-5101 or mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org.

REGISTER FOR THE SMS FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE!

Register for the Saint Matthew School Father/Daughter Glow Party dance! The dance will take place on Saturday, May 14 at 6 p.m. in the school gym. All SMS girls in pre-K through 8th grade are invited to attend with their fathers or someone special. The cost is $30/couple and $40/family. To register, visit bit.ly/smsfatherdaughterdance.

TAKE HOME SOME OF OUR EASTER LILIES!

We have a large number of lilies left over from our Easter celebrations and are looking to give them away. If you are interested in taking home some Easter lilies for your home garden, feel free to pick them up from the church kitchen. The flowers are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

MOVING SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SMS PRE-K

Saint Matthew School is in need of moving supplies for their pre-K program! We are in need of small- to medium-sized boxes, packing tape, stretch wrap, moving blankets, permanent markers, and large trash bags. Donations will be accepted on Thursday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at the pre-K campus, located at 525 Sneed Road on the property of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. For questions or more information, contact Holly Ledieu: hledieu@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. We gather to pray the rosary every Tuesday at noon outside of Planned Parenthood in Nashville. Register online at bit.ly/smcrosary.

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. Spaulding at the 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.

NCWBL PURSE DRIVE - NOW THROUGH MAY 15

The Nashville Catholic Women's Business League is hosting a purse drive now through Sunday, May 15. They are accepting new or gently used purses in good condition. All donations can be dropped off in the box in the church kitchen. The purses will be donated to the Ladies of Charity for sale in their consignment store. For more information, please contact Patricia Smith at pms56@comcast.net.

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.

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.

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, or ask your smart speaker to "play Nashville Catholic Radio."

CATHOLIC BUSINESS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 12

The Catholic Business League's next breakfast meeting will be a special one, with three leaders of the Nashville music industry joining us. Josh Easler, promotions executive at Sony and head of a new Sony imprint, RECORDS, and Tom Lord, an executive with Red Light Management, will be the featured speakers. Music industry veteran Jim Reyland, owner and president of Audio Productions, will moderate the discussion. The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 12. Mass will begin at 7 a.m. with the meeting following at 7:45 a.m. in The Fleming Center at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. www.catholicbusinessleague.org

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.

LADIES OF CHARITY SPRING CONSIGNMENT SALE

The Ladies of Charity's Spring Consignment sale is open through Saturday, May 14. The sale will include new and used clothing and accessories for both men and women. The store will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays. All proceeds fund the Ladies of Charity emergency assistance programs. For more information, visit www.ladiesofcharitynashville.org.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - MAY 8

Fatima Gems, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. The series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago. Visit formed.org and register using our parish zip code (37069).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 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 trials of the southwest. Monumental VBS will be from June 20-24 from 8:30 a.m. - noon each day. Visit bit.ly/totustuus to register.

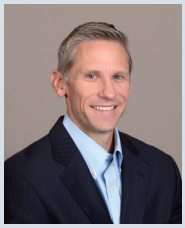
REGISTRATION FOR 2022-23 RELIGIOUS ED OPENS SOON

Registration for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year will open on Monday, May 16. More information will be sent out on that day, including links to the registration forms. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Jesse.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

WOMEN'S RETREAT THEME ANNOUNCED

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

HEARING THE VOICE

Psychologists reason that in a wholesome marriage one can predict in advance what their spouse will say and do in a given situation. Even more so both spouses eventually obtain a voice recognition of each other. One writer mentioned that if she was presented with a thousand male voices all saying "hello" with her husband's voice implanted at voice number 899, she'd be able to pick out her husband's voice with relative ease. When asked why, her answer was simple – "After spending ample time with my husband and listening to his voice, I know his tone and expression almost instinctively."

Here, we come to Jesus's short, yet blunt point today – "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me." How do we distinguish Jesus's voice today from the cacophony of noise of other "voices" in the culture? Just like the wife who knew her husband's voice did – by spending time with him. The more time we devote in prayer or reading Scripture the more Jesus's teaching, His utterances, and His voice become ingrained in us. This concept also applies in reverse. If instead of soaking ourselves in Scripture, we fixate more on Netflix, or any other modern apparatus, then we'll have effectively muted Jesus's voice, in turn, not recognizing Him from the other talking heads of the world. In this dark setting, Jesus's words and teaching won't resonate into our psyche.

There are enough vocal commentators today telling us how we should live, it's enough to make our heads spin. What Christ is alluding to – best to turn down the volume of the popular opinions embedded in the playbook of the world and conversely turn up His voice more. As we instill ourselves in His voice, His mannerisms, then His teaching will become obvious to us even as we are thrown many fake voices in our confusing times. Let us be His sheep and continue to follow His path.

TOMMY'S REFLECTION

WHAT DO WE LOVE?

There was an ad that showed clips of a beautiful father and son relationship; laughing, playing, enjoying life together. The father departs somewhere, and the son—maybe 5 or 6—misses his father tremendously. Clips of the son looking out the window anticipating his father are shown. Finally, the father returns, in his slick (probably Denali) GMC Sierra. The son is overjoyed, and the father has a surprise: his son's very own miniature GMC truck to ride around in the yard. The joyful reunion is heartwarming as the father plays with the son in his new truck. Then it shows the logo: GMC.

We might ask: what does buying a brand new GMC truck have to do with fatherhood? Nothing, actually. What does marketing have to do with our faith? A lot, actually. The life of faith is one of directing our love to its deepest longing: union with God, while most advertisements take our deepest desires and present a commodity as its solution. This ad suggested: "buy this truck and get what you desire (a beautiful father-son relationship). Or, perhaps, "Buy Lebron's Nikes and you'll play basketball like him."

Saint Augustine famously said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." We are all restless because we all have desires, but it is God that is always the object of our desires, what we crave most. Advertising, in most cases, is the business of giving "form" to our desires. It is constantly proposing solutions to our deepest longings, whether or not the stuff actually fulfills it. Augustine also said true education is simply learning how to love. In other words, what should I love? We know the answer is God, but when He feels far, it's easy to be manipulated by an ad that says "Here! Love this! THIS is what you want!" As a challenge, next time you see an ad, ask, "How is this ad trying to train my love? Is this commodity what I should love?" This is a fun and great spiritual exercise because we always end it realizing what we already know: our ultimate love is our Lord, and we will be restless until we rest in Him.

YOUTH MINISTRY

TOTUS TUUS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sunday-Thursday, 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.

JUST TWO MORE WEEKS TO REGISTER FOR ALIVEINYOU!

As we hit our final stretch of time to register for this mission trip, there are spots still available before our May 15 deadline when registration closes permanently. Catholic mission trip, camp, conference, retreat, and time to adventure with your peers: AliveInYou will have a bit of everything in a packed six days. White water rafting, service for others, inspirational speakers, formative sessions, beautiful Masses, and ample time to relax and make memories with your peers. If you are a rising 8th-grade student, AliveInYou will count for 15 of the 24 hours required for Confirmation. If you are a rising freshman-senior in high school, AliveInYou will count for 18 service hours required by Father Ryan High School. If you have any questions or concerns about the trip, be sure to contact Tommy (information provided below).

If you are interested in joining the trip as a chaperone, please visit bit.ly/3kowZxE.

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