



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

NOVEMBER 6 + THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They are the children of God
because they are the
ones who will

rise

Luke 20:27-38

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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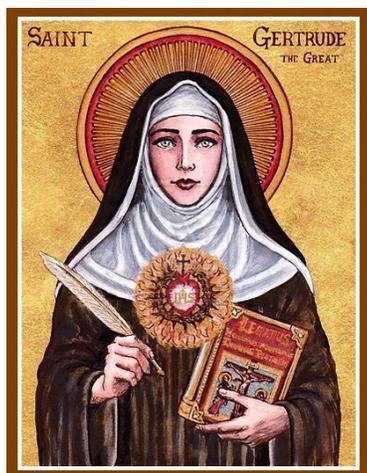
ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Father Tien Tran

DEACONS:

Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte

A REFLECTION FROM FATHER JUSTIN RAINES



During the month of November, the Church reminds us to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. If we die in a state of God's friendship, but still with something that we cannot take with us to heaven, we need to be purified so that we can be happy in heaven and fully capable of receiving the love of God.

If this purification does not happen in this life, then it happens in purgatory. All those in purgatory will be in heaven when their purification is complete. Our prayers can help them! A good way to pray for them this month

is praying for the intercession of St. Gertrude the Great.

St. Gertrude the Great was a 13th-century mystic who was graced with many heavenly visions during her life. It is believed that Jesus showed her a vast number of souls entering heaven from purgatory as a result of her faithful and frequent recitation of this prayer:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

This month, let us remember all of our loved ones who have passed on from this life and, as St. Gertrude the Great did, use this prayer for those who are awaiting purification for their eternal reward in heaven.

LITURGY SCHEDULE (NOVEMBER 7-13, 2022)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Father Tien Tran
- Ti 1:1-9
- Lk 17:1-6

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ Jeanne Lawson
- Ti 2:1-8, 11-14
- Lk 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✦ For Rick and Carol McNeal
- Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
- 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
- Jn 2:13-22

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Ken and Joyce Meyer
- Phmn 1:7-20
- Lk 17:20-25

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ Shirley Kraayvanger
- 2 Jn 1:4-9
- Lk 17:26-37

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✦ Tim Butler
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For John & Meghan Franklin
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For the People
- Mal 3:19-20a
- 2 Thes 3:7-12
- Lk 21:5-19

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2022 -

PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$19,594
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- MONTHLY/YEAR TO DATE UPDATE -

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
OCTOBER 2022	\$129,908	\$147,914
OCTOBER YTD	\$484,471	\$532,770

YTD: 9% (\$48,298) BELOW BUDGET

PARISH NEWS

NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH INFORMATION



Our November Lunch Bunch event will take place this Tuesday, November 8 from noon-2 p.m. in the Narthex. The cost for entry is \$10 (cash or check only) and an unwrapped gift valued at \$10-20 for the prize table.

Please park in the church parking lot and enter through the portico entrance. Registration is now closed for this month's event. If you have any questions, please contact Martin Strobel at mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org or (615) 550-5101.

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT

The St. Gianna Circle Mother's Group and Family Social Ministry invite you to our second annual Saint Matthew Family Advent Wreath Making Event. All are invited to attend on Sunday, November 20 after the 11 a.m. Mass in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Each family will make their own Advent wreath to take home and use during Advent. Kids can make ornaments for our elderly friends at NHC Place at the Trace. We will have Advent activities, pizza, and yummy treats! A recommended donation of \$25 is appreciated. If you are interested in attending, please visit bit.ly/smcwreathmakingevent to register.

SAINT MATTHEW BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Matthew will be hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Sunday, November 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish conference center. All donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card for participating, even if you do not qualify to donate after the screening! To schedule your appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter our sponsor code (SMCC19) or scan the corresponding QR code below. Once you schedule your appointment, scan the other QR code to complete the Red Cross RapidPass and save time on your visit. For questions, contact Cynthia Myers at (615) 646-0378.



SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT



RED CROSS RAPIDPASS



THE SAINT MATTHEW MANGER PROGRAM, PRESENTED BY SGC AND GRACEWORKS

This year, Saint Matthew will be participating in The Manger Program, sponsored by our St. Gianna Circle Mothers Ministry and GraceWorks Ministries in Franklin. The Manger Program, which will be replacing *The Angel Tree* this year, provides toys and sporting equipment to local families in need this Christmas. Eligible participants will be able to visit The Manger at GraceWorks' facility to "shop" for their gifts in a store-like setting. All parishioners who would like to participate are welcome to place NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts in the large boxes located in the Narthex. You are welcome to select your own gift or purchase something from the Amazon Wish List at www.amzn.to/3VLgf53 (case sensitive). Parish families will also have the opportunity to volunteer at The Manger Store at GraceWorks, assisting shoppers and wrapping gifts for Christmas. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Elizabeth Abaray at elizabeth.abaray@live.com.

JOIN THE SAINT MATTHEW 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 the parish and each other through faith, works, and philanthropy. All male parishioners over the age of 18 are eligible to become active members of the Men's Club. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. We hope to see you there!

SAINT MATTHEW NURSERY SURVEY

We want to hear from you! The Saint Matthew Nursery Ministry is planning for the new year and is conducting a simple survey to learn more about the needs of our parish. If you would like to take the survey, please visit bit.ly/smcnurserysurvey. Thank you for participating!

BECOME A GIFT BEARER

We are looking for volunteers to be offertory gift bearers at each of our weekend Masses. All parishioners—individuals and families—are invited to sign up. To register, visit bit.ly/smcgiftbearer.

PARISH NEWS

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY REQUESTS

Do you have a loved one who is homebound or in an assisted living community and cannot make it to Mass? We have ministers available to serve! Our Homebound Ministry delivers Holy Communion to those who are unable to make it to Mass, but we must be aware of their situation in order to schedule regular visits. To learn more, contact Kelly Ott at kott@stmatthewtn.org.

JOIN OUR FEED THE PRIEST MINISTRY!

We are seeking volunteers for our Feed the Priest ministry. We are in need of helpers—families or individuals—to provide meals for our priests every Tuesday. If you are interested, please contact Valerie Canning at vcanning@fab-line.com.

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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-  [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, and more. To join our list, visit bit.ly/smcemailsignup and fill out the form.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - NOVEMBER 6



BLESSED DUNS SCOTUS

A Franciscan priest and theologian, Bl. Duns Scotus debated against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, defending Mary's Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Bl. Duns Scotus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power.

To watch this title and many more like it, visit FORMED.org and sign up using our parish zip code (37069).



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

www.stmatthewtn.org

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COMMUNITY NEWS

DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONFERENCE

Join in the national celebration of the Eucharist by attending the Nashville Eucharistic Revival Conference on November 12. Hear from dynamic speakers Dr. Tim O'Malley, Fr. Luke Wilgenbusch, and Sr. Maria Juan Anderson, RSM. Tickets cost \$25 and lunch is provided. Register at www.soundscatholic.com/erc-english.

FATHER RYAN FALL MUSICAL

Father Ryan's Purple Masque Players will present the musical *Beauty and the Beast* from November 10-13 in the Father Ryan Center for the Arts. Curtain time varies with the date and Sunday's matinee is at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.fatherryan.org or at the door.

WHAT'S ON NASHVILLE CATHOLIC RADIO?

We are back for a new season at Nashville Catholic Radio! Listen to the classic "We Believe" show, which put Nashville Catholic Radio on the airwaves, on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Tune in to Nashville Catholic Radio via 100.5FM or streaming online at www.nashvillecr.com.

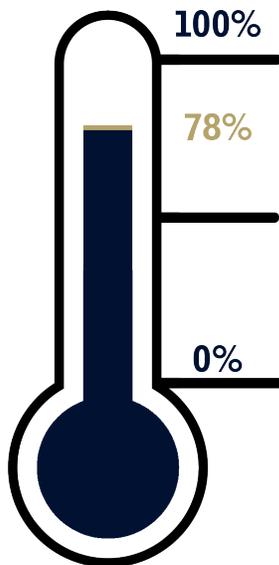
HEART OF MARY HOUSE

Heart of Mary House is a ministry that operates out of an existing house on the property of St. Edward Church. Its mission is to create a home-like environment to the underserved who have a terminal prognosis. Visit www.stedward.org/heart-of-mary to learn more about this unique ministry and the various ways you can help. There are plenty of opportunities to give of your time, talent and treasure in order to bring peace and comfort to the dying during their final weeks in our care. And more than anything, please pray for our mission! For further information, please contact Kim Derrick, Founder and Director at Heart of Mary House, stedwardhomh@gmail.com or (615) 504-8542.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY - A CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

Chesterton Academy of the Incarnation High School is holding an open house on Sunday, November 13. Their open house begins at 4 p.m. at their current facility - 4119 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN. If you have any questions, please visit www.chestertontn.com and/or email info@chestertontn.com.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES: WE'VE PASSED THE \$90,000 MARK!



Thanks to your generous support, Saint Matthew has raised over \$90,000 in the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries!

Saint Matthew's goal for this year's appeal is \$115,390. We are currently at 78% of that goal with a total of \$90,799.

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/giving to make your gift today!

TONY'S REFLECTION
DEATH IS NOT THE END

It was dubbed as one of the top five movie speeches of all time - simply known as "The Braveheart Speech." It is the scene right before William Wallace rallies his ragtag freedom-fighting soldiers to a victory over the powerful English army. As it goes: "I am William Wallace, and I see before me a whole army of my countrymen here in defiance of tyranny. You have come to fight as free men, and free men you are. What would you do with that freedom? Will you fight?" One of the soldiers shouts, "Fight? Against that? No, we will run, and we will live." Wallace then says, "Aye, fight and you may die. Run and you'll live, at least a while. And dying in your beds many years from now, would you be willing to trade all the days from this day to that for one chance, just one chance to come back here and tell our enemies that they may take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom!"

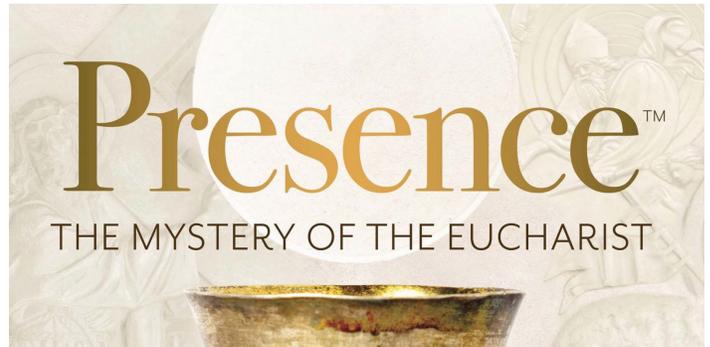
When we know that death is not the end, we can live with boldness – not afraid to die for a worthy cause. In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the Sadducees that death of the body is not the end. "Now He is not the God of the dead, but of the living for all live to Him."

Throughout His life Jesus continuously teaches that the death of the body will give way to eternal life of the soul assuming we fully receive Him (cf. John 3:16, 3:36, 4:14, 6:54). Jesus also emphasized that by laying down one's physical life for the other is the greatest act of love (see John 15:13) for this is what He did for us on the cross. In our First Reading, we see a similar story. Rather than betray God's law, the Maccabean martyrs chose death—tortured limb by limb and burned alive. Here, they embraced death rather than deny God before their enemies. In their death, they preserved God's worship in the face of a pagan kingdom that seeks to eradicate God from their land. Much like the Braveheart story, the Maccabean saga is one of courage and faithfulness in the face of oppression. Their story is given to us in these last weeks of the Church year to strengthen our spiritual endurance as we face outside challenges from vocalizing our faith. The Maccabees did not die in vain for they died hoping that the "King of the World" would raise them to live again forever (see 2 Maccabees 14:46) and we see this teaching fulfilled by Jesus in today's Gospel.

Our beloved martyrs of history that gave their lives for the faith did not die for a pointless cause. While today we might not encounter a physical death for the faith, we might experience a dying of the self living out our faith. And when we do die to self, we paradoxically become more alive for Jesus said, "Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it" (Luke 17:33). At the end of the movie Braveheart as William Wallace waits to be executed, he says, "Every man dies, not every man really lives." Will you die to self and live for Christ?

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

PRESENCE SERIES: COMING SOON!



Back by popular demand, join us this January for *Presence*. As we continue to celebrate the Year of Eucharistic Revival, this special series from FORMED explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. More information will be made available soon.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE FAITH?



This Advent season, prepare for Christ's birth with a closer look into the prophecy of Christ's coming and the meaning of His entrance into the world. If you are interested in joining an Advent study group this season, please visit bit.ly/smcadventstudy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Confirmation retreat registration is open! Our retreat will be Saturday, January 28 at Camp Marymount in Fairview, TN. At the retreat, kids will encounter an inspirational message that will awake their soul as they prepare for Confirmation. To register for the retreat, visit bit.ly/smconfirmationretreat22.

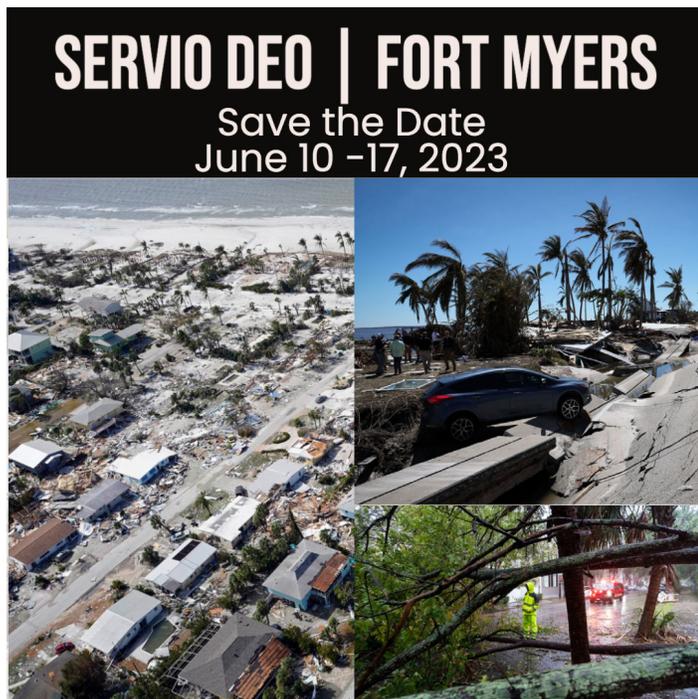
YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT!

The weather might be getting colder, but our new Life Teen season is heating up! Join us for our next Life Night tonight, November 6 from 5-7 p.m. All high-school-aged students are invited to attend. If you have not registered for Life Teen, there is still time! Visit bit.ly/smclifeteen22-23 to register.

LIFE TEEN THANKSGIVING DINNER

Saint Matthew Life Teen will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner at our Life Night next Sunday, November 13 from 5-7 p.m. in the parish conference center! All Life Teen students are invited to attend, and friends are always welcome. We hope to see you there!



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Save the Date
June 10 -17, 2023

ST. MATTHEW LIFE TEEN

THANKSGIVING

Dinner

NOV 13

5:00-7PM

Await & Rejoice!
High School Retreat

Featuring:  Dr. Alex Gotay "Dr. G"

Music With:  Brian Connelly

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December 9-11 / Gasper River Retreat Center.



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Want to learn about the faith? Visit
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