



# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

NOVEMBER 13 + THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*perseverance*  
you will secure your  
*lives.*



## 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.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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Father Tien Tran

### DEACONS:

Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte



**LITURGY SCHEDULE  
(NOVEMBER 14-20, 2022)**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Glenna Miller
- Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5
- Lk 18:35-43

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Paul Chrzan
- Rv 3:1-6, 14-22
- Lk 19:1-10

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✦ For Fr. Paul Smith
- Rv 4:1-11
- Lk 19:11-28

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Ruth Zajdel
- Rv 5:1-10
- Lk 19:41-44

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Anne Hamann
- Rv 10:8-11
- Lk 19:45-48

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST, KING OF  
THE UNIVERSE**

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✦ For the People
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For the Walsh family
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ Delia Grace Abaray
- 2 Sm 5:1-3
- Col 1:12-20
- Lk 23:35-43

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



**MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING**

Our preparation song this weekend is *My Lord, What a Morning*. It is an African-American Spiritual. On this, the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, as is the case near the end of the Liturgical Year, the Scripture turns to themes of eschatology. The hymn reflects those themes, speaking of that great day when the world as we know it will come to an end. That day when the “stars begin to fall” (a reference to Revelation) as we look to “God’s right hand,” seeking the savior that will return, we will experience amazement.

As is often the case, little is known about the origins of this Spiritual. While it may

have originated from enslaved people or free people of African descent, we don’t know the author or composer. There is scholarly debate about the word morning. Sometimes, it has been published as “mourning.” Either way, it is a clever use of the homonymic word.

As we sing about that morning, and as we ponder the end of time, we can take comfort in the final line of the Gospel for today, “You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives” (Luke 21: 17-19).

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

**- FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2022 -**

PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$28,905
SECOND COLLECTION: SEMINARIANS	\$865

**THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION:** Parish Charity

**NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION:** Human Development

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## PARISH NEWS

### 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](http://www.amzn.to/3VLgf53) (case sensitive). Parish families will also have the opportunity to volunteer at The Manger Store at GraceWorks, If you have any questions about the program, please contact Elizabeth Abaray at [elizabeth.abaray@live.com](mailto:elizabeth.abaray@live.com).

### SAINT MATTHEW BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Matthew will be hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross next 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](http://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



### ROOM IN THE INN SEEKING HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to everyone who helped make our first Room In The Inn event of the season a success! For the first time ever, we were able to provide our 12 guests with showers courtesy of the portable shower units from Shower Up. For our next event on Thursday, November 17, we are in need of high school volunteers to help set up and manage the shower unit. If your child is interested, please contact Rhea Forte at (615) 828-5950.

### 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](http://bit.ly/smcwreathmakingevent) to register.

### ST. GIANNA CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Gianna Circle invites all the women of Saint Matthew to our Women's Christmas Party and Holiday Scramble on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 p.m. Bring your best girlfriends for fellowship and fun! 21+ event. To register, visit [bit.ly/sgcchristmasparty](http://bit.ly/sgcchristmasparty).

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

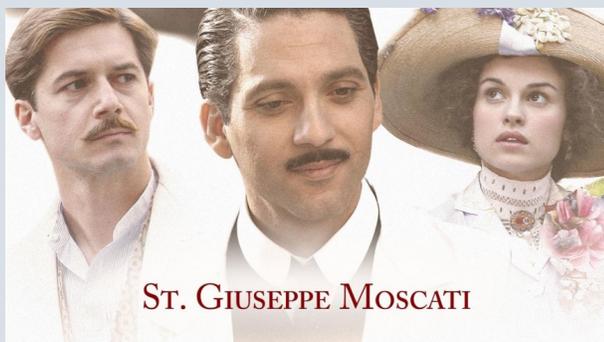
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### JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

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](https://bit.ly/smcemailsignup) and fill out the form.

# FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - NOVEMBER 13



ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI

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Giuseppe Moscati, “the holy physician of Naples,” was a medical doctor and layman in the early twentieth century who came from an aristocratic family and devoted his medical career to serving the poor. Watch this beautiful film to be inspired by the example of this holy man.

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



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE “THE GIFT OF THE CHILD” CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Diocese of Nashville is proud to present The Gift of The Child Christmas Concert, featuring the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Schola and other special guests! The concert will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. More information, including the reservation link, will be made available soon. Save the date and make plans to attend!

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS

All married couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2023 are invited to attend the World Marriage Day Jubilee Anniversary Mass on Sunday, February 5 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Spalding. A reception will follow in the Fleming Center at the Cathedral. RSVP by calling the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life at (615) 540-1235 or online at [www.soundscatholic.com/marriageandfamilylife](http://www.soundscatholic.com/marriageandfamilylife). All registrations must be made by Thursday, December 15.

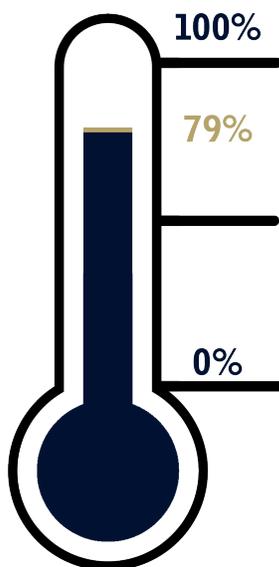
### HEART OF MARY HOUSE

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](http://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](mailto:stedwardhomh@gmail.com) or (615) 504-8542.

### 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](http://www.nashvillecr.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 79% of that goal with a total of \$92,249.

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](http://www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving) to make your gift today!

### TONY'S REFLECTION

## PERSEVERANCE THROUGH PERSECUTION

Mark Twain once wrote, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes." What Twain is alluding to is that, while unique events in history don't replicate themselves over again in an identical way, they often mirror each other with the same patterns. The same concept applies in the Bible, for Sacred Scripture is often interpreted through the lens of the past, present, and future. As Fr. Mark Sappenfield was fond of saying, "The Bible is not merely a story of things that took place a long time ago in a faraway place." The stories and events in the Bible have an uncanny way of reverberating in our lives today.

In today's gospel, Jesus's discourse foretells the coming destruction of Jerusalem in language that makes use of several O.T. images and themes. And his words were confirmed a generation later, when the Romans trampled the city and the Temple to the ground in 70 A.D. Of course, the destruction of the Jewish Temple mirrored Christ's passion, for He identified Himself as the Temple (John 2:21, Matthew 12:6). Therefore, Christ being put to a painful bodily death presaged the destruction of the Temple, which would manifest a dawning of a new age in salvation. Christ is showing us that what happened to Him will inevitably happen to His followers. So, while He was ridiculed, persecuted, and brought before government officials to explain Himself, His disciples will mirror (maybe not in an identical way) this experience. As Jesus bluntly told His followers, "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you." (John 15:20)

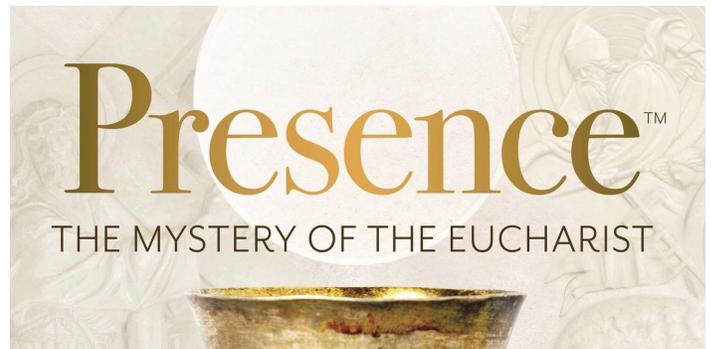
Today, as in the days of the apostles, many false prophets surround the world attempting to gain "followers" while promoting their nefarious ways in the opposite direction of God. Yet, as disciples, we must fearlessly identify with Jesus despite opposition from the "influencers" of our society.

While receiving persecution for Christ sounds daunting, persecution provides opportunities to proclaim the faith through a loyal commitment to Christ's teachings. Luke recounts several episodes where believers are locked up in prisons (Acts 4:3; 5:18; 8:3; 12:4; 16:23) and hauled before kings and governors. While they may be nervous about what to say in front of the ruling party, Jesus provides them with sound instructions. Unlike professional orators who rehearse their speeches before delivering them, disciples should only remain steadfastly faithful, then the Holy Spirit will allow their speech to flow from the heart.

We, too, live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war. And we should take the Apostles as our "models," as today's Epistle counsels. Like them, we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives, forces, and authorities hostile to God. In the end, Jesus assures the faithful, "by your perseverance you shall secure your lives."

## 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](http://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](http://bit.ly/smconfirmationretreat22).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### LIFE TEEN THANKSGIVING DINNER

Saint Matthew Life Teen will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner at our Life Night tonight, 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!

ST. MATTHEW LIFE TEEN

# THANKSGIVING Dinner

NOV 13  
5:00-7PM

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Save the Date  
June 10 -17, 2023



### HIGH SCHOOL ADVENT RETREAT

All Saint Matthew Life Teen students are invited to attend the Advent retreat, hosted by St. Philip Catholic Church! The theme of the retreat is “Await & Rejoice” and will feature speaker Dr. Alex Gotay and music by Brian Connelly. Join other students from around the diocese in deepening our Catholic faith together. The retreat will take place from December 9-11 at Gasper River Retreat Center. Scan the QR code below to register.



# Await & Rejoice!

High School Retreat

Featuring:  Music With: 

Dr. Alex Gotay "Dr. G" Brian Connelly

Scan to Register!



December 9-11 / Gasper River Retreat Center.



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**SAVE THE DATE!** Join us for this year's Mane Event, benefitting Saint Matthew School, on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 6 p.m. We are excited to return to **Tee Line Nashville**, and we are so grateful to have **Coyne Oral Surgery** as our presenting sponsor again this year! This year's theme is **FIRE & ICE**. In addition to curling and bowling, we will have a whiskey tasting that evening. Details on donating auction items, buying tickets and sponsorships, and more will be made available after Thanksgiving at [www.maneevent23.givesmart.com](http://www.maneevent23.givesmart.com) and on the school website. Questions? Contact event chairs Erin Pryles at [epryles@gmail.com](mailto:epryles@gmail.com) or Susan Mercer at [susan.l.mercer5@gmail.com](mailto:susan.l.mercer5@gmail.com).