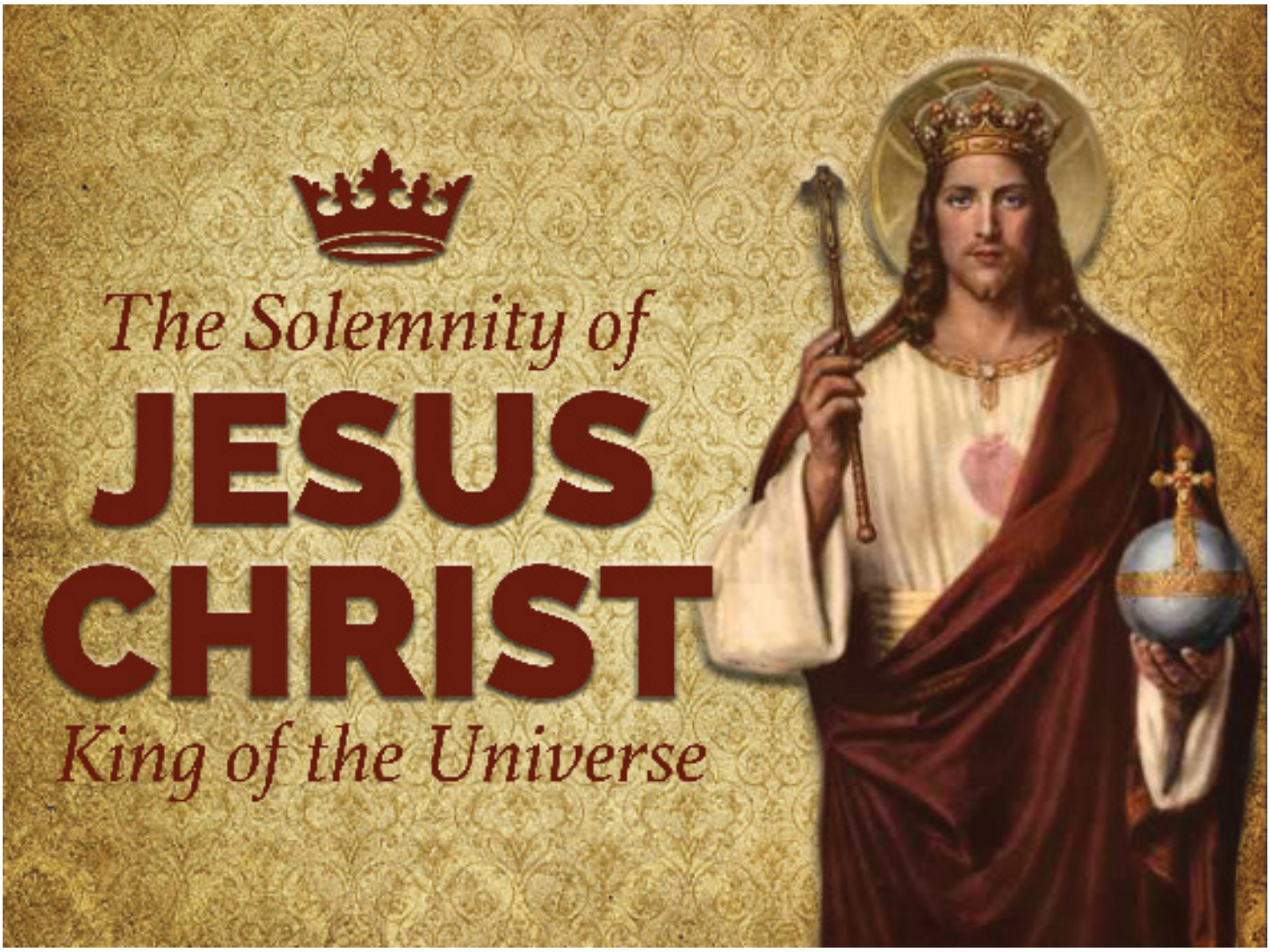
Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

NOVEMBER 20 + SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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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LITURGY SCHEDULE
(NOVEMBER 21-27, 2022)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Nancy Oakley Robinson
  - Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
  - Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For the Saint Matthew Music Ministry
  - Rv 14:14-19
  - Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✝ Robert Surak
  - Rv 15:1-4
  - Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For the People of Saint Matthew
  - Sir 50:22-24
  - 1 Cor 1:3-9
  - Lk 17:11-19

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✝ Lois Ann Standish
  - Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2
  - Lk 21:29-33

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✝ Cynthia Chin
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✝ Gilbert Fuentes
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For the People
  - Is 2:1-5
  - Rom 13:11-14
  - Mt 24:37-44

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

JOEL'S MUSIC CORNER

PARDON MY FRENCH

At the 8:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday for The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the prelude is *Prelude on "Coronation"* by French composer and organist Jean Langlais. Born Jean François-Hyacinthe Langlais III in 1907, he was the child of a blacksmith and a seamstress. He became blind at the age of two due to glaucoma. He rose from this adversity and from his humble beginnings to become *organiste titulaire* at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Parish in 1945 where he served until 1988.

As the title suggests, this prelude is based on the hymntune CORONATION, which is most often associated with the text *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*, thus, the reason it is programmed for Christ the King. Musically, it is very much in the 20th Century French style but with individual eccentric quirks specific to Langlais's style. Langlais often mixes modes (or scales), and uses disjunct exuberant outbursts, extreme contrasts in dynamics (volume), and dense registration at both soft and loud levels.

This piece may be somewhat jarring in contrast to pieces I typically program as prelude music. But, if you as the listener can mentally place yourself in the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde, with its neo-gothic architecture, its stained-glass windows and soaring vaulted ceilings, one might get an impression of what Langais was trying to convey with this piece, the amazing rule of Jesus Christ as King of the Universe and humanity's feeble voice trying to express Christ's boundless glory.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 2022 -	
PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	$24,330
SECOND COLLECTION: PARISH CHARITY	$617

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Human Development

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Debt Reduction

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SAINT MATTHEW!
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THE SAINT MATTHEW MANGER PROGRAM, PRESENTED BY SGC AND GRACEWORKS

GraceWorks MINISTRIES INC
MANGER

This year, Saint Matthew is participating in The Manger Program, sponsored by our St. Gianna Circle Mothers Ministry and GraceWorks Ministries in Franklin. The Manger Program, which is 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 Store 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, If you have any questions about the program, please contact Elizabeth Abaray at elizabeth.abaray@live.com.

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Happy Thanksgiving! In honor of the holiday, Saint Matthew Catholic School will be closed from Monday, November 21 through Friday, November 25. Saint Matthew church offices will be closed from Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25. We hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

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.

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.

Holiday Mass Schedule

NOV 24 Thanksgiving
9 a.m. Mass - Church

DEC 24 Christmas Eve
4 p.m. Mass - Church
4:10 p.m. Mass - Gym
6:30 p.m. Mass - Church
Liturgy Choir performing
10 p.m. Mass - Church
(with incense)
Choral prelude at 9:30 p.m.

DEC 25 Christmas
10 a.m. Mass - Church
(with incense)

JAN 01 New Year's
Normal Mass Schedule
12/31: Mass at 5 p.m.
01/01: Mass at 8:30 & 11 a.m.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY REQUESTS

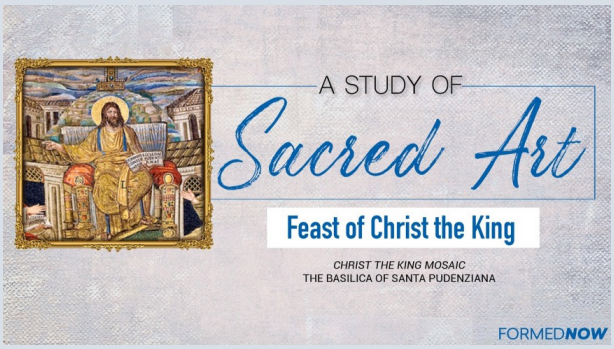
Do you have a loved one who is homebound or in an assisted living community and cannot make it to Mass? We have ministers available to serve! Our Homebound Ministry delivers Holy Communion to those who are unable to make it to Mass, but we must be aware of their situation in order to schedule regular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

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - NOVEMBER 20



SACRED ART: CHRIST THE KING

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

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

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!

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.

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.

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

WE ARE HIRING!

DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE

Living and Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, Welcoming All!

Visit us at
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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. All registrations must be made by Thursday, December 15.

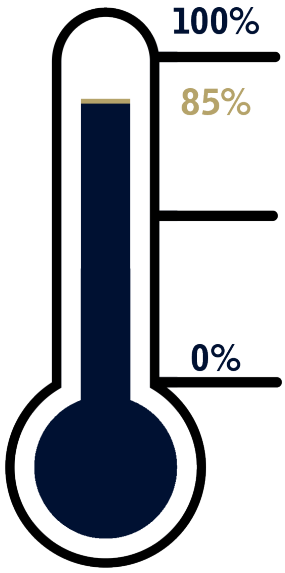
HEART OF MARY HOUSE

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 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.

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.

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 85% of that goal with a total of $99,166.

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

CHRIST THE KING

Some years ago, a movie about the struggle for religious freedom for the Catholics of Mexico was released called *For Greater Glory*. The rallying cry of the persecuted Mexican believers was "Viva Cristo Rey!" which translates to "Long Live Christ the King!" For many of them, these were the last words out of their mouths before their violent deaths. Here, faithful men boldly proclaimed that Christ was King of the World, King of their lives in the face of their looming death.

Today, we celebrate the Kingship of Christ. Unlike the vast majority of human kings, Christ the King came to give up His life for his followers rather than protect it. In our gospel reading, the people have it backwards. They claim if He is truly King, God will save Him from death on the cross. So, they taunt Him. What they don't understand is that this King didn't come to save Himself, but to save them—and us. By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not in protecting His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours.

The Kingship of Christ is best understood through Jesus's conversation with the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate before Pilate condemned Him to death by crucifixion. When Pilate questioned Jesus about His kingship, Jesus did not deny that He is a king. He explained, however, the unique nature of His kingship - one that "does not belong to this world" (Jn 18: 36). The heart of Christ's kingdom is not of this world. It is in the next. Yet, how we live and the teachings we embrace in this world show that we either follow the King or do not. While political involvement is a civic duty of Catholics, we are not ultimately fighting for some political order, but for holiness, for communion with God, for the salvation of souls, and eternal life. This is Christ's kingdom. Any other goal is far too low.

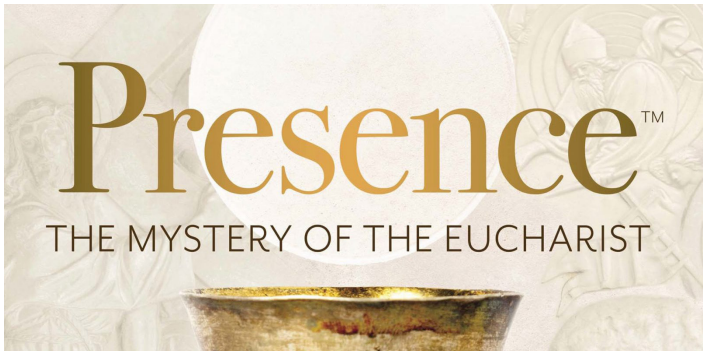
Jesus went out to tell Pilate that part of His kingship is "to testify to the truth," (Jn 18: 37) freeing all mankind from slavery to the deceptions by which Satan would lead us into sin and eternal death.

In short, in Christ's Kingship one grasps the right order of all things – the sacramental, the moral, the natural, and political order. Christ conquers the disorder introduced into the world by the rebellion of our first parents against the will of God for us and for the world. The obedience of God the Son Incarnate reestablishes and restores the original communion of man with God and, therefore, peace in the world.

Today we acclaim Christ the King of our lives and of our world, and we offer Him the worship which He alone, among all kings, merits.

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

CONFIRMATION RETREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

You can be an instrumental part in guiding and preparing our teens for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are looking for adult and high-school age volunteers to help with various roles at our Confirmation Retreat on January 28th. If you are interested, visit bit.ly/smcconfirmationretreatvol22.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NO LIFE TEEN THIS WEEK

Saint Matthew Life Teen will be taking a break for the next two weeks and will return on Sunday, December 4. We'll see you then!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Take a look at these upcoming youth events taking place around our diocese.

SEARCH RETREATS

Various dates in 2022-23

Registration for the 2022-2023 SEARCH season is now open at soundscatholic.com! Save the dates: SEARCH 375: Dec 2-4 | SEARCH 376: March 24-26

PURIFIED

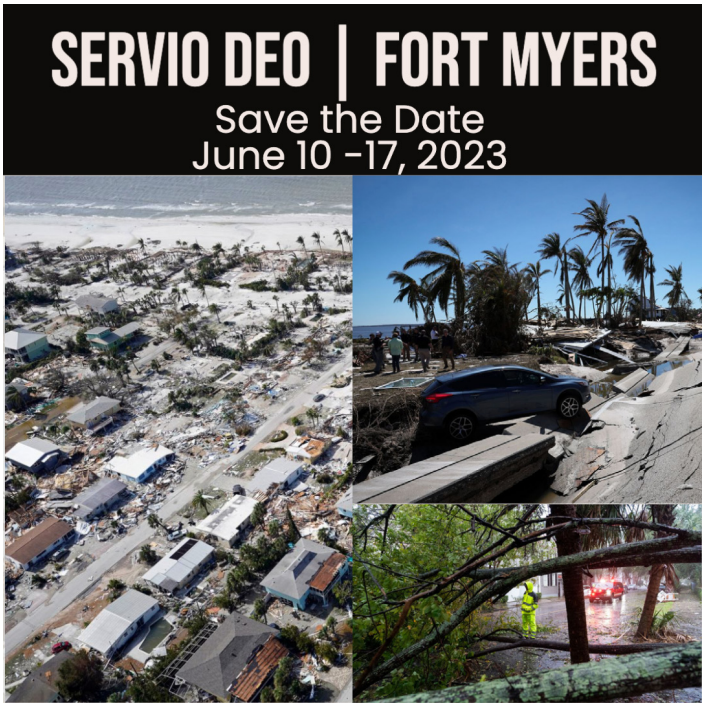
Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Renowned Catholic speaker of the Chastity Project, Jason Evert, will lead "PURIFIED" at St. Philip Catholic Church on November 30 from 7-9 p.m. Register at www.chastity.com/purified.

YOUTH 2000

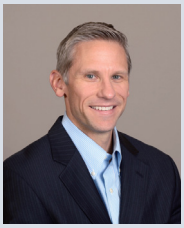
February 24-26, 2023

Youth 2000 will be held at St. Philip Catholic Church. More information to come.



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.



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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 and on the school website. Questions? Contact event chairs Erin Pryles at epryles@gmail.com or Susan Mercer at susan.l.mercer5@gmail.com.