



# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

APRIL 23 + THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Jesus himself drew near  
and walked with them...”

- Luke 24:13-35

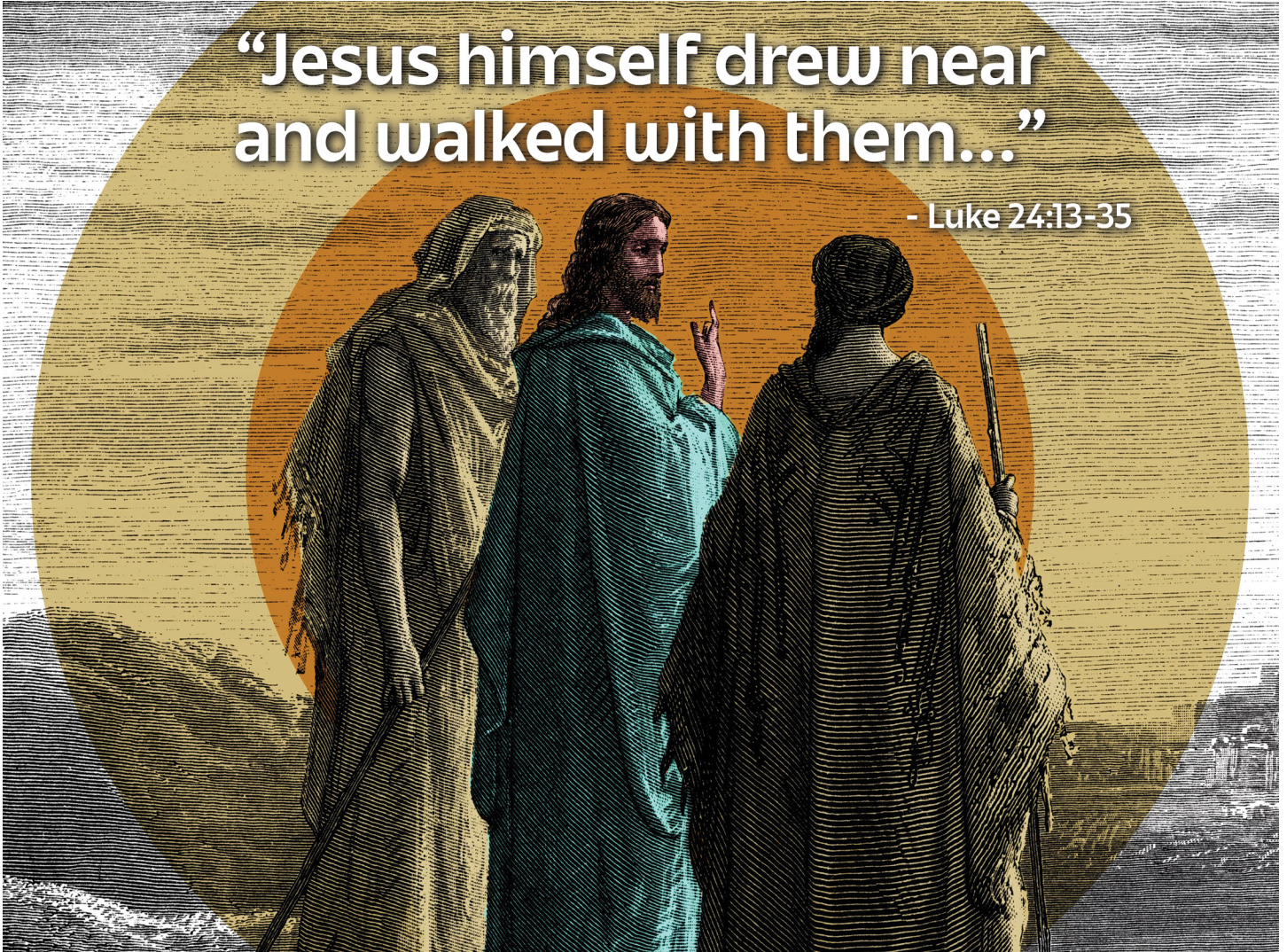


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## MASS SCHEDULE

### 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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## PARISH NEWS

### WELCOME TO SAINT MATTHEW, NATE!

Our liturgical music will have a new sound as we welcome our new accompanist, Nate Donchez, to the Saint Matthew church staff! A Saint Matthew School parent, Nate is a senior licensing representative for Broadcast Music Incorporated in Nashville and has served as the organist at St. Ann Catholic Church in Nashville since 2007. He received his bachelor's degree in Music Business from New York University and his service playing certificate from the American Guild of Organists. When he isn't playing music, Nate is an avid golfer, a champion go-kart racer, and a Cub Scout leader. Nate will accompany all of our liturgies moving forward, and we are excited to have him on our team. Please pray for Nate as he begins his new role at our church!

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - MAY 5

Registration is now open for our next First Friday Adoration on Friday, May 5. Time slots are available in 30-minute increments. We need two people present with the Blessed Sacrament at all times. If the time slot you would like to choose already has two slots filled, you are still welcome to sign up for that time. Visit [bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationmay23](https://bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationmay23) to register for a time slot. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### LITURGY SCHEDULE (APRIL 24-30, 2023)

#### MONDAY, APRIL 24

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Anna Dao Le
- Acts 6:8-15
- Jn 6:22-29

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ For Andrew Reisinger
- 1 Pt 5:5b-14
- Mk 16:15-20

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ For Anne Hamann
- Acts 8:1b-8
- Jn 6:35-40

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Linda Bruce
- Acts 8:26-40
- Jn 6:44-51

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ For all of the Grandparents of Saint Matthew School Students
- Acts 9:1-20
- Jn 6:52-59

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ Souls in Purgatory
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Nita Wimberly
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ For the People
- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- 1 Pt 2:20b-25
- Jn 10:1-10

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

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### - FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2023 -

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| PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS,<br>ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH | \$27,241.50 |
| SECOND COLLECTION: GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY LAND                                  | \$881       |

### - FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2023 -

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| PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS,<br>ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH | \$32,672.50 |
| SECOND COLLECTION: CAPITAL NEEDS  | \$416       |

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Catholic Home Mission

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Charity

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## PARISH NEWS

### SGC MOTHERHOOD PANEL

St. Gianna Circle Mothers Ministry invites all mothers to our Stages of Motherhood Panel Discussion on Tuesday, May 2 from 7-9 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Each mom's journey through the stages of motherhood will look slightly different. Each mother tends to handle things in each stage of her child's life in certain ways. Those tendencies can be helpful as we journey through each stage of our child's life. Joining us on the panel are Lauren Tanner, Susan Beem, Lee Dorough, Tarrah Effinger, Jessica Spence, Jenna Prenares and Rachel Jansen, who have a combined 36 children between them! Appetizers, desserts, and wine will be served. To register, visit [bit.ly/sgcmotherhoodpanel](http://bit.ly/sgcmotherhoodpanel).

### WOMEN'S CLUB TEA PARTY

All women of the parish are invited to a Tea Party celebrating the return of the Saint Matthew Women's Club! Joins us for the inaugural event of the 2023-2024 season. Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and learn more about all of the exciting events planned throughout the year. High tea attire and hats are encouraged, and bring your own tea cup. The event will take place on Sunday, May 7 at noon. To register, scan the QR code in the image below or visit [bit.ly/smcwcteaparty](http://bit.ly/smcwcteaparty) by Sunday, April 30.



### REGISTER FOR OUR MAY LUNCH BUNCH

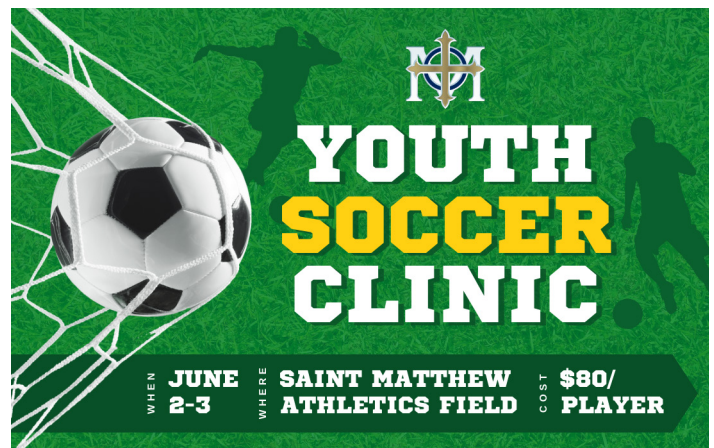


We can't wait to welcome everyone back for our final Lunch Bunch of the season! Lunch Bunch is our parish's monthly social gathering for members of the community ages 55+. Our final event for the season is on Tuesday, May

9 from noon – 2 p.m. The cost of entry will be \$10 (collected at the door). We also ask that you bring an unwrapped gift for the prize table (gift cards, baked goods, new or gently-used items in good condition valued between \$10-20). Registrations can be made online at [www.bit.ly/smlunchbunchmay](http://www.bit.ly/smlunchbunchmay). If you have any questions, please contact Martin Strobel at [mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org) or (615) 550-5101. We will take a break over the summer and return in Fall of 2023.

### SAINT MATTHEW SOCCER CLINIC

Join us this summer for the inaugural Saint Matthew Soccer Clinic! The clinic will be hosted by Saint Matthew parent Stefan Caulfield, a former NCAA Division I soccer player and coach who was a member of the U20 Canadian National Team and a member of Ottawa Fury FC in the Premier Development League. This camp is designed for up-and-coming soccer players to further develop their skills. The clinic will take place on June 2 & 3 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The cost is \$80/player. To learn more about the clinic and to register, visit [bit.ly/smcyouthsoccerclinic](http://bit.ly/smcyouthsoccerclinic).



## PARISH NEWS

### 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/smcmailsignup](http://bit.ly/smcmailsignup) and fill out the form.

### 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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## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - APRIL 23



### LECTIO: EPISODE 1 - SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel, Dr. Tim Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

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

### SAINT MATTHEW IS HIRING

Are you looking for a new career opportunity in the church? Saint Matthew Church and School is looking for motivated candidates to fill open positions in our offices. At the parish, we are seeking a new Accounts Payable Clerk. At the school, we are seeking a new Receptionist. If you are qualified for one of these positions and interested in joining our team, please visit [www.stmatthewtn.org/church](http://www.stmatthewtn.org/church) and click the “Current Job Openings” item under the Parish News section. For more information, please contact the church office.

### 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 small and large—are invited to sign up. To register, visit [bit.ly/smccgiftbearer](http://bit.ly/smccgiftbearer). Please consider participating in this important ministry.

### SMS GRANDPARENTS DAY

Saint Matthew School will celebrate Grandparents Day on Friday, April 28! All grandparents of Saint Matthew School students are invited to attend. Our students have been working hard to prepare for this year’s show titled “That 70s Grandparents Show.” If you are the grandparent of a Saint Matthew student and would like more information, please contact the school office.

### SMS SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

SMS Camp Registration is now open! Join us this summer at Saint Matthew School for four sessions of summer camp fun. If your child is interested in flag football, dodgeball, basketball, soccer, art, or cheerleading, SMS is the place to be! Visit [bit.ly/smscamp23](http://bit.ly/smscamp23) to register. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Edmondson at [jedmondson@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:jedmondson@stmatthewtn.org).



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ST. PHILIP PLAY IT FORWARD MUSIC CAMP

St. Philip's Play It Forward music camp is open to all young musicians in 7th-12th grade during the week of June 19-25, 2023. This week-long mentorship program is designed to encourage our next generation of musicians toward a vocation of music ministry and worship. To learn more and register, visit [bit.ly/stphilipplayitforward](https://bit.ly/stphilipplayitforward).

### NASHVILLE MARIAN CONFERENCE

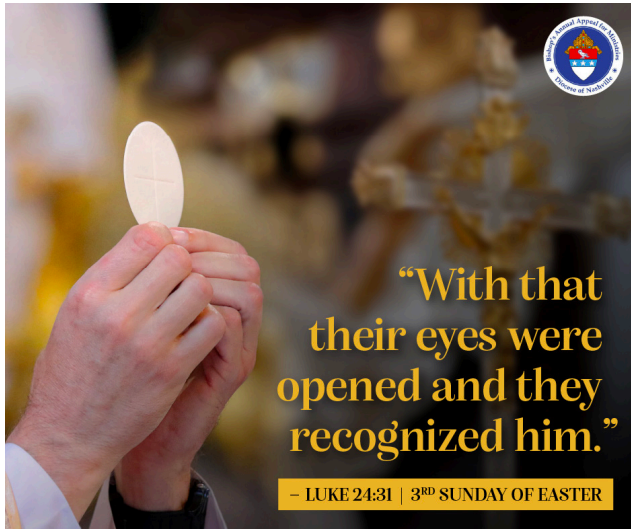
Now more than ever, we need the intercession of Mary. Join us at the Nashville Marian Conference as we unite our hearts with Mary's Immaculate Heart and pray for our world, our nation, our homes, and each of our hearts to lead us more closely to the Sacred Heart of her Son, Jesus Christ. The conference will take place on April 28-29 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Hendersonville. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.nashvillemarianconference.com](https://www.nashvillemarianconference.com).

### WHAT'S ON NASHVILLE CATHOLIC RADIO?

**Around the Diocese - Monday, April 24 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.** - Serra Club Williamson County members Gene Gillespie, Bob Rudman, Lloyd Crockett, and Tripp Guthrie present us with the history of Serra Club of Williamson County and tell us all about what they do to support our religious orders throughout the Diocese of Nashville. This program repeats Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. You'll find it on WBOU 100.5FM, streaming at [www.NashvilleCR.com](https://www.NashvilleCR.com), or our free app.

### WILLIAMSON COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Williamson County Rescue Squad Station 22 (1493 Sneed Road) is seeking citizens to serve as volunteer firefighters. All applicants must be 18 years or older to join. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please visit their website at [www.wcfire.com](https://www.wcfire.com).



### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals himself "through the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35). We cannot experience him so utterly in any other way than the Eucharist. It makes a sacred union possible: God with man, man with God, one in both soul and body. What a mysterious exchange. He chose to become the bread of life for us. Please support our Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries so we can reveal Him on our parish altar. He showed us in the Gospel that He wishes to multiply our gifts with his immense power.

The 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries is underway! Scan the QR code below to make your gift. Thank you for your generous support!



### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported last year's *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries* and helped deliver essential ministries throughout Middle Tennessee, including Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Seminarian Education, Catholic Charities, and so much more! To make your 2023 gift, visit [dioceseofnashville.com/appeal](https://dioceseofnashville.com/appeal) or text "BISHOP" to 615-552-1101. Thank you!

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A GIFT



**TONY'S REFLECTION**  
**RECOGNIZING JESUS IN THE  
BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

What makes Jesus unique from the other religious leaders that have appeared on the world stage over the centuries? Last week, we saw that, unlike Buddha, Mohammed, or Zarathustra, Jesus physically rose from the dead appearing and talking to his followers at length. In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter another instance of Jesus' uniqueness – the fact that His suffering and Resurrection were strikingly foreshadowed by the sacred prophets of Israel. That is, hundreds of years before His birth, the prophets predicted in advance Jesus' ending for all to watch.

In the Mass, we proclaim in the Creed: "For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." The inclusion of this all-important phrase acts as a spotlight to draw our attention to the fact that Jesus' Passion and Resurrection fulfilled the oracles of the prophets is central to the Gospel message.

In the Gospel scene today, we find Jesus nonchalantly strolling along two disciples from Jerusalem to Emmaus acting like He's not privy to the dramatic news of Easter Sunday. Grieving Jesus' death on the long walk, Cleopas and his companion do not initially recognize the Man walking beside them and attempt to teach Jesus all about Himself. As we all do, these disciples begin to blunder their teaching of the whole point of Christianity. After they clearly botch their evangelization effort, Jesus begins to reveal that, if not the Messiah, He is at least a Scripture scholar of the first order. Here, Jesus proceeds through the Old Testament explaining the key passages that prophesied His ministry. Talk about participating in the ultimate Bible study led by Jesus.

After this invigorating lesson, the disciples press Jesus to stay with them for the night. He agrees and at the evening meal, he "takes, blesses, breaks, and gives" the bread to those present. Here, Luke employs this same sequence of four verbs in his account of the feeding of the 5,000 and at the institution of the Eucharist. This helps us to understand the significance of their "recognition" of Jesus. Jesus didn't merely vanish from their sight but is rather now in the very bread He just took, blessed, broke, and gave. This serves as a holy lesson for us - we should "recognize" Jesus in the broken bread. There is no need to seek an obscure apparition of Jesus because He is truly present with us in the Eucharist.

To this day, the Emmaus Road scene eloquently presents us with the ideal form of Mass. First, there is the exposition of the Scriptures (Liturgy of the Word) as they walk along, then there is the intimate encounter with Him in the breaking of the bread (Liturgy of the Eucharist). May this gospel grant us the same burning hearts as those two disciples. And may we truly recognize Him in the Eucharist as those disciples two thousand years ago.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will take place next Sunday, April 30 at 2 pm at Saint Matthew. Please pray for all 70 of our First Communicants from the parish and school community as they prepare to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time.

### REGISTRATION OPEN FOR TOTUS TUUS & VBS



Join Saint Matthew Catholic Church this summer for a week of faith-filled fun at Totus Tuus and Vacation Bible School! For the second year in a row, we are excited to welcome the Totus Tuus Missionaries for the Diocese of Nashville back to Saint Matthew. Totus Tuus and VBS will be coming to Saint Matthew starting June 25. Learn more about each program below!

#### STELLAR VBS: JUNE 26-30 | RISING PRE-K & K

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

#### TOTUS TUUS JUNE 26-30 | RISING 1st - 6th GRADERS

Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic program designed to create joy in the faith. Totus Tuus is led by a team of college-aged missionaries and seminarians. Their youthfulness, energy, and faithfulness make them effective with children.

#### TOTUS TUUS: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 25-29 | RISING 7th - 12th GRADERS

Our middle and high schools students will have their own Totus Tuus program that week, led by the Totus Tuus missionaries. The middle school and high school sessions will be held separately, and they will all meet each evening for night prayer.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

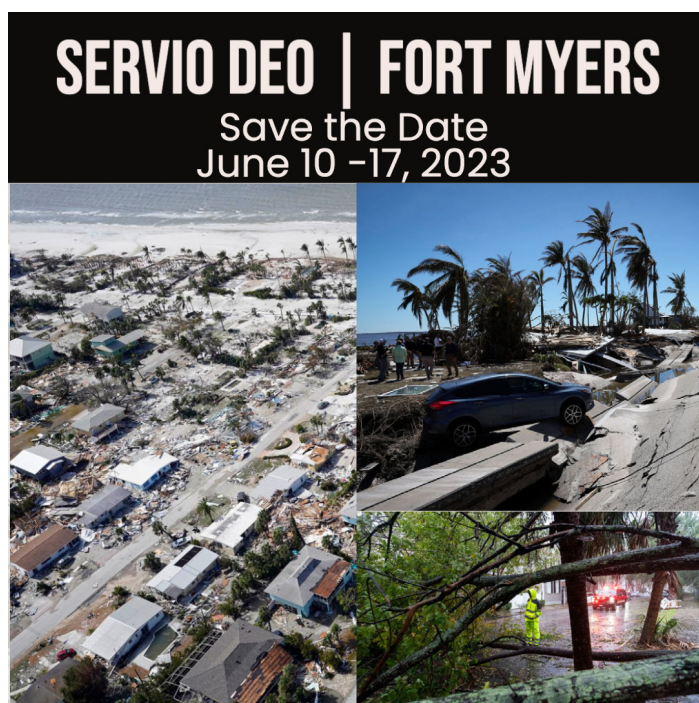
### NO LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT

We will take a break from our normal Life Nights for the next two weeks. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next Life Night on Sunday, May 7!

#### Upcoming Life Teen Dates

- April 16: Life Teen as usual, 5-7 p.m., PCC
- No Life Teen April 23
- No Life Teen April 30 (First Communion at Saint Matthew)
- May 7: Life Teen as usual, 5-7 p.m., PCC
- May 14: Happy Mother's Day! No Life Teen
- May 21: Time for Exams and Graduation!
- May 28: End-of-School-Year Party
- Summer 2023: June 10-17 - Fort Myers Servio Deo Mission Trip

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SERVIO DEO



Registration is now open for Servio Deo! This year, we will be traveling to Fort Myers, Florida, to assist the communities affected by Hurricane Ian. The trip will take place from June 10-17 and is open to all 7th-12th graders in the Saint Matthew community. Register online at [bit.ly/smcserviideo23](http://bit.ly/smcserviideo23). We are also seeking chaperones (learn more and register at [bit.ly/smcserviideochap](http://bit.ly/smcserviideochap)) and college work crew members ([bit.ly/smcserviideocollege](http://bit.ly/smcserviideocollege)). If you have any questions, contact Lisa Vegors.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

#### SEARCH RETREATS

**FINAL RETREAT: April 28-30**

This is your last opportunity to take part in the diocesan SEARCH retreat this season! To learn more and register, visit [soundscatholic.com](http://soundscatholic.com).

#### WORLD YOUTH DAY

**July 28-August 8, 2023**

The Diocese of Nashville is going to World Youth Day in 2023! All youth of the diocese ages 16 and up are invited to attend. For more information on WYD, visit [soundscatholic.com/world-youth-day](http://soundscatholic.com/world-youth-day).

### REGISTER FOR LIFE TEEN

We have loved seeing all the new faces at Life Teen and look forward to seeing many more to come. If your student has been attending or is planning to start attending Life Teen, please take a moment and register your high school student for Life Teen at [bit.ly/smclifeteen22-23](http://bit.ly/smclifeteen22-23).

**WATCH THE SERVIO DEO  
PROMO VIDEO!**



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