



# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

APRIL 30, 2023 + FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**“I am the gate for the sheep.  
Whoever enters through me will be saved, and  
will come in and go out and find pasture.”**

- Jn 10:1-10



## 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

### 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).

### MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 4

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 invited to join the Men's Club. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. We hope to see you there.

### 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](http://bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationmay23) to register for a time slot. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### LITURGY SCHEDULE (MAY 1-7, 2023)

#### MONDAY, MAY 1

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ John Benus
- Acts 11:1-18
- Jn 10:11-18

#### TUESDAY, MAY 2

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Pat Bianco
- Acts 11:19-26
- Jn 10:22-30

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ Connie Willyoung
- 1 Cor 15:1-8
- Jn 14:6-14

#### THURSDAY, MAY 4

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Peter Abolins
- Acts 13:13-25
- Jn 13:16-20

#### FRIDAY, MAY 5

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Margaret & George Matyas
- Acts 13:26-33
- Jn 14:1-6

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Dr. Michael Miller
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Anthony Tran
- Acts 6:1-7
- 1 Pt 2:4-9
- Jn 14:1-12

#### ✙ Special Intention

- ✙ *May they rest in peace*

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2023 -	
PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$17,177.50
SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSION	\$218

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Charity

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Capital Needs

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[www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving](http://www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving)





## PARISH NEWS

### COMMUNITY SUNDAY - SUNDAY, MAY 7

Join us for Community Sunday next weekend, May 7 after each of the Masses. This month's Community Sunday will be sponsored by The Serra Club of Williamson County. All parishioners are invited to join us in the parish conference center for fellowship with our parish community. Coffee and donuts will be provided. We hope to see you there!

### REGISTER FOR OUR MAY LUNCH BUNCH

Registration is still open for our May Lunch Bunch 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). Visit [www.bit.ly/smclunchbunchmay](http://www.bit.ly/smclunchbunchmay) to register by Friday, May 5. This will be our final Lunch Bunch of the season. We will take a break over the summer and return in Fall of 2023.

### JOIN THE A/V MINISTRY

Do you like computers? Photography and videography? Are you looking to get involved at the church? Our A/V Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with running the livestreams at our daily and weekend Masses. Our daily Mass livestreams are viewed not only by local and homebound parishioners, but also by viewers around the country. This ministry helps us expand our reach and help those across the country deepen their Catholic faith. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Kirk Jordan at [kirkjordan@comcast.net](mailto:kirkjordan@comcast.net).

### EASTER LILIES AVAILABLE

We have a number of Easter lilies in the church kitchen that need new homes! If you would like to take one of these flowers, please feel free to pick them up from the church kitchen after the Masses this weekend.

### WOMEN'S CLUB TEA PARTY

Today is the last day to register for the Women's Club Tea Party! Join 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 next Sunday, May 7 at noon. Register by the end of the day by scanning the QR code below or by visiting [bit.ly/smcwcteparty](http://bit.ly/smcwcteparty).



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

[www.stmatthewtn.org](http://www.stmatthewtn.org)

## PARISH NEWS

### SAINT MATTHEW SPEAKER SERIES RETURNS

Save the date for the second installment of the Saint Matthew Speaker Series as we welcome parishioner Gina Miller and Christopher Dennis. Gina is the mother of Anna Grace Miller, who died in a tragic car accident on June 19, 2020. Christopher is the man who struck Anna Grace's car that night. All are invited to hear this moving story of God's providence, mercy, forgiveness, and grace. The event will take place in the church on Wednesday, June 7 following the 7 p.m. Mass. More information will be made available soon. We look forward to seeing you there. If you are not able to attend on June 7, Gina and Christopher will share their talk at St. Henry next Sunday, May 7 at 5 p.m. All are invited to attend.



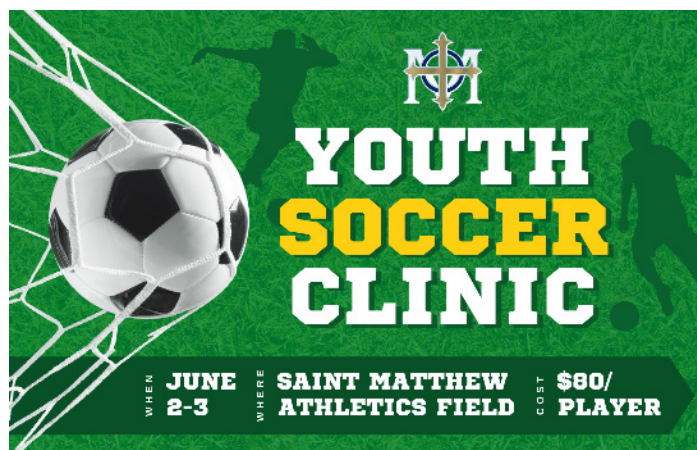
The poster features a dark blue background. At the top, the Saint Matthew Catholic Church logo is displayed next to the text "SPEAKER SERIES" and "SAVE THE DATE". Below this is a circular inset photo of Gina Miller and Christopher Dennis. At the bottom, the text "FEATURING GINA MILLER & CHRISTOPHER DENNIS" is prominently displayed, followed by "TALKS OF GRACE" and the event details: "WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 7:30 P.M. | CHURCH".

**Saint Matthew Catholic Church**  
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**"TALKS OF GRACE"**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**  
**7:30 P.M. | CHURCH**

### 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](https://bit.ly/smcyouthsoccerclinic).



The poster has a green background with a soccer ball and net on the left. The text "YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC" is in large, bold letters. Below this, the details "JUNE 2-3", "SAINT MATTHEW ATHLETICS FIELD", and "\$80/PLAYER" are listed.

**YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC**  
**WHEN JUNE 2-3**  
**WHERE SAINT MATTHEW ATHLETICS FIELD**  
**COST \$80/PLAYER**

### 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.

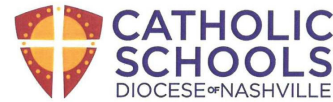
## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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).

### WHAT'S ON NASHVILLE CATHOLIC RADIO?

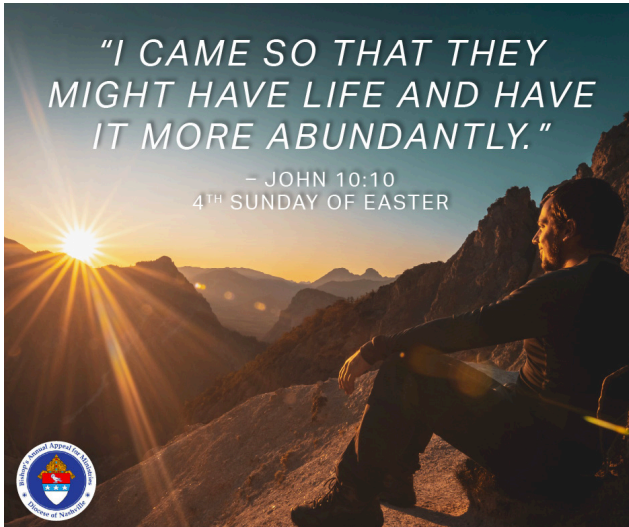
Every Tuesday, we air two local broadcasts. First, **Classic We Believe** airs at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and repeats Sunday at 4:30 p.m. Second, one of our newer programs, **Catholic Moms In The Middle** with host Jennie Guinn, airs at 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and repeats Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Listen in at WBOU 100.5FM (in downtown and southwest Nashville), streaming at [www.NashvilleCR.com](http://www.NashvilleCR.com), or our free Nashville Catholic Radio app.



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### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES

This parish has the privilege of guidance from the Good Shepherd. This year, help our Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries spread the word about how good it is to be in His fold. He is a leader who we can trust, and He wants our happiness. Please help others find the inner rest we have experienced through reliance on Him through your Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries gifts, prayer, and kindness.

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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TO MAKE  
A GIFT





## **TONY'S REFLECTION**

### **A VOICE TO RECOGNIZE**

Marriage therapists relate that in a thriving marriage, one can predict in advance what their spouse will say and do in a given situation. As the marriage excels in intimacy both spouses inevitably obtain voice recognition of each. One writer mentioned that if she were 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."

In today's Gospel, we are presented with a visual of two competing voices speaking to the sheep. The sheep are situated in a sheepfold. In ancient times, the sheepfold was a stone enclosure with one entryway. The structure was used to protect the flock of sheep from thieves and predators. As humble followers of Christ, we stand in the position of the sheep in the sheepfold – that is the church. But, sadly Jesus warns us that there exists would-be pretenders masquerading as His voice in order to steal and destroy the sheep. Jesus alludes that rather than enter the gate these pretenders "climb in another way." Yet, because the true shepherd knows His sheep intimately and calls them by name, the sheep stay with the good shepherd's voice rather than follow the suspicious stranger's call. In fact, later in John's Gospel Jesus plainly says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me."

The crucial question remains: how do we distinguish Jesus's voice today from the cacophony of noise of other "voices" in society? Just like the wife who knew her husband's voice the answer simply is by spending time with Him. The more time we devote to prayer, Scripture, Adoration, and the Mass, the more Jesus's teaching, His utterances, and His voice will become ingrained in us. If we consume Our Lord into us intimately and reverently in the Eucharist, His inner being, which contains His voice, will continue to reverberate in us like a sacred echo that won't leave.

It should be noted, that this concept of consuming and recognizing also works in reverse. If instead of soaking ourselves in Christ, we fixate more on our phones, TVs, 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 "influencers" today telling us how we should live – it's enough to make your head spin. What Christ is alluding to: turn down the volume of outside opinions and conversely turn up the volume of His voice. As we attune ourselves to His voice and mannerisms, then His teachings become clearer to us in these confusing times.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

First Holy Communion will take place today, April 30 at 2 p.m. 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

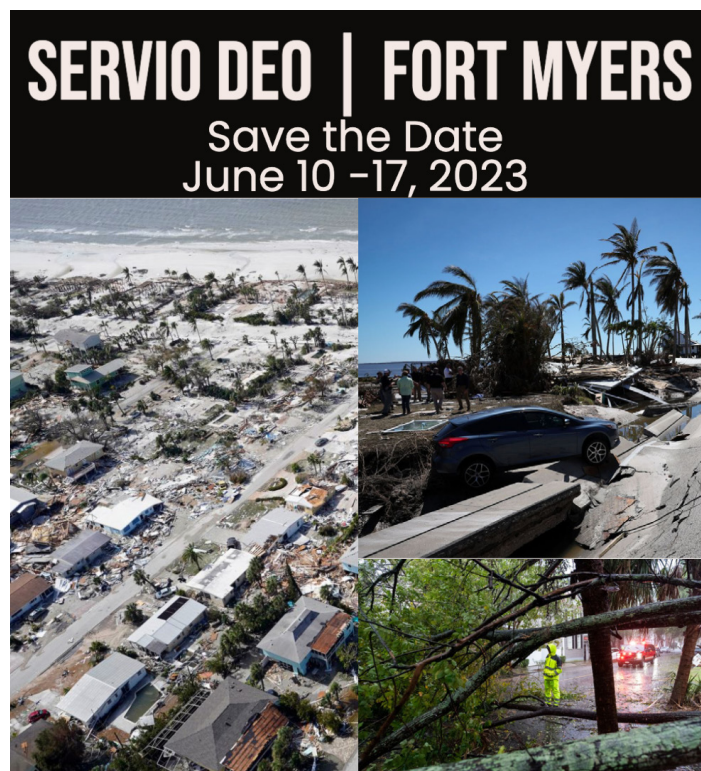
### NO LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT

We will take a break from our normal Life Night this week. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next Life Night on Sunday, May 7!

#### Upcoming Life Teen Dates

- 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/smcserviodeo23](http://bit.ly/smcserviodeo23). We are also seeking chaperones (learn more and register at [bit.ly/smcserviodeochap](http://bit.ly/smcserviodeochap)) and college work crew members ([bit.ly/smcserviodeocollege](http://bit.ly/smcserviodeocollege)). If you have any questions, contact Lisa Vegors.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

#### YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

July 10-13, 2023

Youth Leadership Workshop (YLW) unites 100+ rising juniors, seniors, and college freshman from parishes all across our Diocese for four days of leadership training and spiritual growth. The goal of YLW is to empower and educate young leaders about their faith and the gifts, talents, and abilities God has given them. During the workshop, teens will interact in small groups to explore their leadership styles, understand Christ's call to servant leadership, and build lasting relationships. YLW participation is through invitation only as we rely on parish pastors, youth/campus ministers, DREs, and faculty to recommend ideal candidates for this program. If you are interested in attending or if you have any questions please email Shelby Conner at [shelby.conner@dioceseofnashville.com](mailto:shelby.conner@dioceseofnashville.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).



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