



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

JUNE 11, 2023 + THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



**“This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into his flesh he turns,
To his precious blood the wine.”**

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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PARISH NEWS

THE YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



Today marks the beginning of the Year of Eucharistic Revival. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement in the United States set to restore understanding and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. At the parish level, Saint Matthew will be dedicated to fostering Eucharistic devotion, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, resources, and formation talks centered on the mystery of the Eucharist. Throughout the year, we will update you with events and opportunities to participate in the Eucharistic Revival. As we embark on the Year of the Eucharist, let us recall the words of St. Therese of Lisieux, “Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you? He burns with the desire to come into your heart.”

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

JULY 17-21 | LUCAS OIL STADIUM | INDIANAPOLIS, IN

At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith. At this event, encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and be sent out on mission for the life of the world. To learn more and register for this event, visit www.eucharisticcongress.org.

SAINT MATTHEW SPEAKER SERIES: DR. JAMES PAULEY OCTOBER 4 & 5 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

Save the date! Our third installment of the Saint Matthew Speaker Series will center on the Eucharist, featuring Dr. James Pauley, a professor of Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

LITURGY SCHEDULE (JUNE 5-11, 2023)

MONDAY, JUNE 12

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Dr. Wilbur Erskine Mattison Jr.
- 2 Cor 1:1-7
- Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Grahame Preson Richards
- 2 Cor 1:18-22
- Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✠ Richard Sappenfield
- 2 Cor 3:4-11
- Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Souls in Purgatory
- 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6
- Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Antoinette Haney
- Dt 7:6-11
- 1 Jn 4:7-16
- Mt 11:25-30

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✠ For the People of Saint Matthew
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ Bill Huffaker
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ For all deceased fathers of Saint Matthew Parishioners
- Ex 19:2-6a
- Rm 5:6-11
- Mt 9:36—10:8

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 4, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$22,378
SECOND COLLECTION: CAPITAL NEEDS	\$678

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Men's Club

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Charity

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PARISH NEWS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CATHOLIC BUILD



Saint Matthew will be joining St. Henry, Christ the King, Holy Rosary, and Cathedral of the Incarnation parishes for the annual Habitat for Humanity Catholic Build on June 24-25. We will be building a home for Wanda Howard (view her profile at bit.ly/hfhcatholicbuildhomeowner) in the Village by the Creek development in North Nashville. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to work with other Catholics in the diocese to help Wanda and her family take steps toward a better life through the purchase of her own home. If you would like to volunteer at the build, visit bit.ly/smchabitatvol23. To make a monetary donation to offset our costs for the build, please visit bit.ly/smconlinegivinghub. Thank you for your support.

RESPECT FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our Respect for Life ministry's baby bottle drive begins this weekend! The drive will benefit Mulier Care Pregnancy Help Center, a non-profit, pro-life ministry based in Nashville that helps women with crisis and unplanned pregnancies by providing basic education, advocacy, and the help they require during their greatest time of need. The drive will begin on Saturday, June 10 at the 5 p.m. Mass and end on Sunday, June 25. The baby bottles will be available in the narthex after each of the Masses next weekend. All are invited to pick one up, make a donation, and return it at your convenience before the drive ends. For questions, contact Mary Starr at maryestarr25@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting our Respect for Life ministry and Mulier Care!

REGISTRATION FOR TOTUS TUUS CLOSING THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Registration for Totus Tuus will close next Friday, June 16 at midnight! Sign-up before it's too late. Latin for "totally yours," Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic program designed to spread the good news of Jesus and create joy in the faith. Totus Tuus is led by a team of college-aged missionaries and seminarians. The middle/high school program (rising 7th-12th graders) will take place from June 25-29, and the elementary school program (rising 1st-6th graders) will take place from June 26-30. To learn more and register for Totus Tuus, visit bit.ly/smctotustuus23.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TOTUS TUUS

We are in need of adult volunteers to help with small tasks at our Totus Tuus programs. Helping as a volunteer in this camp is a great way to explore the faith through the joy of children. If you are interested in volunteering, visit bit.ly/smctotustuusvol23.

MAKE MEALS FOR TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES

As the missionaries work hard to serve our kids, we need your help providing lunch and dinner for the six missionaries throughout the week. Anyone in the parish is welcome to sign up. To sign-up to provide one of the meals, please visit our Sign-Up Genius at bit.ly/smctotustuusmeals23.

**TOTUS TUUS
TOTALLY
YOURS**

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM
JUNE 25-29 | RISING 7th-12th GRADERS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAM
JUNE 26-30 | RISING 1st-6th GRADERS

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT
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PARISH NEWS

ROSARY FOR OUR NATION - JUNE 18

During this turbulent time in the history of our country and as we approach Independence Day, let us gather in prayer for our country that we return to God and are strengthened by His mercy. In anticipation of July 4, we will be praying a patriotic rosary and additional prayers on Sunday, June 18 at 4 p.m. in the Grotto (in place of our usual rosary after the 8:30 a.m. Mass). Please bring a chair. In the event of rain, we will meet in the church. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Armour at bobandlucyarmour@gmail.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 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 small and large—are invited to sign up. To register, visit bit.ly/smcgiftbearer. Please consider participating in this important ministry.



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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM
SAINT MATTHEW.

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PRAY THE ROSARY AFTER 8 A.M. DAILY MASS

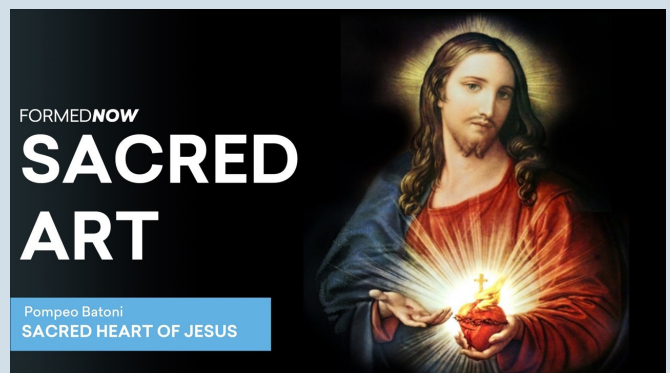
We invite you to pray the rosary with us after our 8 a.m. daily Masses. The group meets in the chapel following daily Mass every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. All are invited to attend.

JOIN THE A/V MINISTRY

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. To join, please contact Kirk Jordan at kirkjordan@comcast.net.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - JUNE 11



SACRED ART: THE SACRED HEART AND THE IMMACULATE HEART

Do you have a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Deepen your devotion by listening to this discussion of sacred art pieces depicting the heart of Christ. In *Sacred Art*, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today.

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

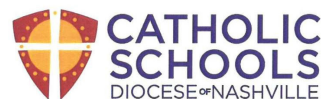
COMMUNITY NEWS

FATHER RYAN FALL SPORTS PASSES ON SALE

Father Ryan offers seasonal sports passes to give fans the opportunity to attend all home games and matches and save money on individual tickets. Football, fall sports, and parking passes are now available to purchase! To place your ticket order today, visit www.fatherryan.org/tickets. Let's go Irish!

NCBWL JUNE MEETING - WED, JUNE 21

All women of the Diocese of Nashville are invited to the June meeting of the Nashville Catholic Business Women's League on Wednesday, June 21 at Coco's Italian Market in the Nations. We will be joined by the folks from Nuture the Next to learn more about their organization and mission. You are invited to nurture this program's clients by bringing gifts of diapers and new infant and toddler supplies. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. If you would like to learn more and register, visit bit.ly/ncbwljune. Friends are welcome!

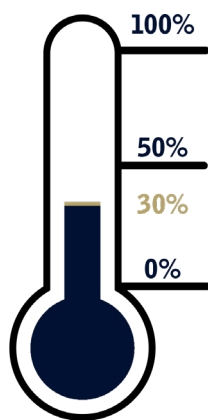


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THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES: MORE THAN \$35,000 ALREADY RAISED!



Thanks to your generous support, Saint Matthew has already raised more than \$35,000 in this year's *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries*! Our goal for this year's appeal is \$118,390. We are currently at 30% of that goal with a total of \$35,883.

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, scan the QR code below to make your gift today.



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 or text "BISHOP" to 615-552-1101. Thank you!

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TONY'S REFLECTION

THIS IS MY BODY

Today, we celebrate the Body of Christ. On the surface, the teaching of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist invokes bewilderment as our measly minds can't fathom Jesus' Body presented to us as bread to eat. Alas, the crowd eagerly following Jesus 2,000 years ago was also perplexed by this. It should be noted that four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word, "trogein," that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing.

When Jesus spoke about eating His flesh and drinking His blood in John's Gospel, His words met with less than an enthusiastic reception. The crowd gasped, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" They went on to complain, "This is a hard saying who can listen to it?" In fact, so many of His followers abandoned Him over this that Jesus had to ask the twelve disciples if they too planned to quit. It is interesting that Jesus did not run after His followers saying, "Don't go. I was just speaking metaphorically!"

How did the early Church interpret these challenging words of Jesus? Interesting fact. One charge the pagan Romans lodged against the Christians was cannibalism. Why? You guessed it. They heard that this sect regularly met to eat and drink human flesh and blood. Much like most rumors, there was a slice of truth contained in their flawed interpretation. It was flesh - but under the matter of bread and wine. But notice, did the early Christians say, "Wait a minute, its only a symbol!" Not at all. When trying to explain the Eucharist to the Roman Emperor around 155AD, Justin Martyr did not mince his words: "For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the word of prayer which comes from him . . . is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus."

Therefore, from the earliest moments of Christianity, those closest to Jesus and the early apostles took the consumption of the Eucharist with the utmost sacred significance. By consuming the Eucharist, we literally align our flesh and soul with Christ's. As St. Paul asserts, "The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:16-17). And by ingesting in us the bread of immortality, we inch closer to our perfected self with God. With the Eucharist, Jesus desires us to be converted from a motley crew of imperfect individuals into the Body of Christ, come to full stature.

As we approach the Eucharist, let us wisely comprehend that we are stepping forward to the upper echelon of sacredness. Therefore, let us approach Him with a sense of dignified reverence as when we consume Him, we sparkle with His divine life in us.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2023-2024 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/IGNITE SESSIONS

Our Religious Education ministry is designed to help kids know their faith and live their faith throughout their lives. Registration for 2024 Religious Education (preK-6th grade) and Ignite (7-8th grade) sessions is now open. Visit bit.ly/smcreled to learn more and register.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

BIBLE STUDY ON THE REAL PRESENCE

This fall, we will be having a Bible study on the Real Presence of the Eucharist that explores both the Old Testament and New Testament. If you are interested in joining, visit bit.ly/smceucharistbiblestudy to complete the interest form.

VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A CATECHIST

You can have a positive impact on our youth by becoming a catechist and teaching our kids about the faith. You don't need to be an expert; we'll provide you with the materials to guide you. If you are interested, please visit bit.ly/smccatechist23 and fill out the brief form.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, our RCIA ministry can help. RCIA is a process of conversion and apprenticeship created by the Church to welcome those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and, in turn, desire to become Catholic. If you or someone you know is interested, visit bit.ly/smcreia24.

YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTER FOR TOTUS TUUS



All rising 7th-12th grade students are invited to attend the Totus Tuus middle and high school program this summer! Led by college-aged missionaries and seminarians, this week will be packed with incredible theology to learn more about the faith, sacramental opportunities to grow in your faith, and loads of activities to keep a smile on everyone's face each evening. Totus Tuus will host the middle school program simultaneously with the high school program, ending each evening with all grades in prayer. Visit bit.ly/smctotustuusvbs23 to learn more and register.

SERVIO DEO - PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES!



More than 40 members of the Saint Matthew community are currently in Fort Myers, Florida, to participate in Servio Deo! Our missionaries are spending the week assisting the communities affected by Hurricane Ian. Please pray for the health and safety of all our participants, chaperones, and college work crew and that they will be filled with God's joy and graces as they serve those most in need.

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR ANTOINETTE HANNING

Q: WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IN YOUR NEW ROLE?

The mission statement I'm currently working off of is to encourage our youth to pursue a personal relationship with Jesus, develop authentic community, encounter service opportunities in the Church, and foster confidence in their faith.

Q: SHARE A PERSONAL STORY OF AN ANSWERED PRAYER.

Honestly, accepting this job was a beautiful answer to a prayer that started early last year! In the months leading up to my graduation, I started to feel the need to stop looking for jobs. I tried brushing it off and applied to a few marketing jobs that sounded absolutely perfect for me, but I didn't get a single one of them. After much prayer, I realized this was a beautiful opportunity to intentionally let Jesus pursue and provide for me. Although it was nerve-racking, I continued asking Jesus to show me what He wanted. Halfway through my Summer mission, a friend texted me saying Saint Matthew is hiring a new Youth Director. He encouraged me to apply, and I knew it was an answer to my prayer. Jesus truly showed me every step of the way to this job, and I am so thankful.

LAST THURSDAY MARKED ANTOINETTE'S FIRST DAY ON THE JOB! PLEASE PRAY FOR HER AS SHE SETTLES INTO HER NEW ROLE.



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Want to learn about the faith? Visit
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