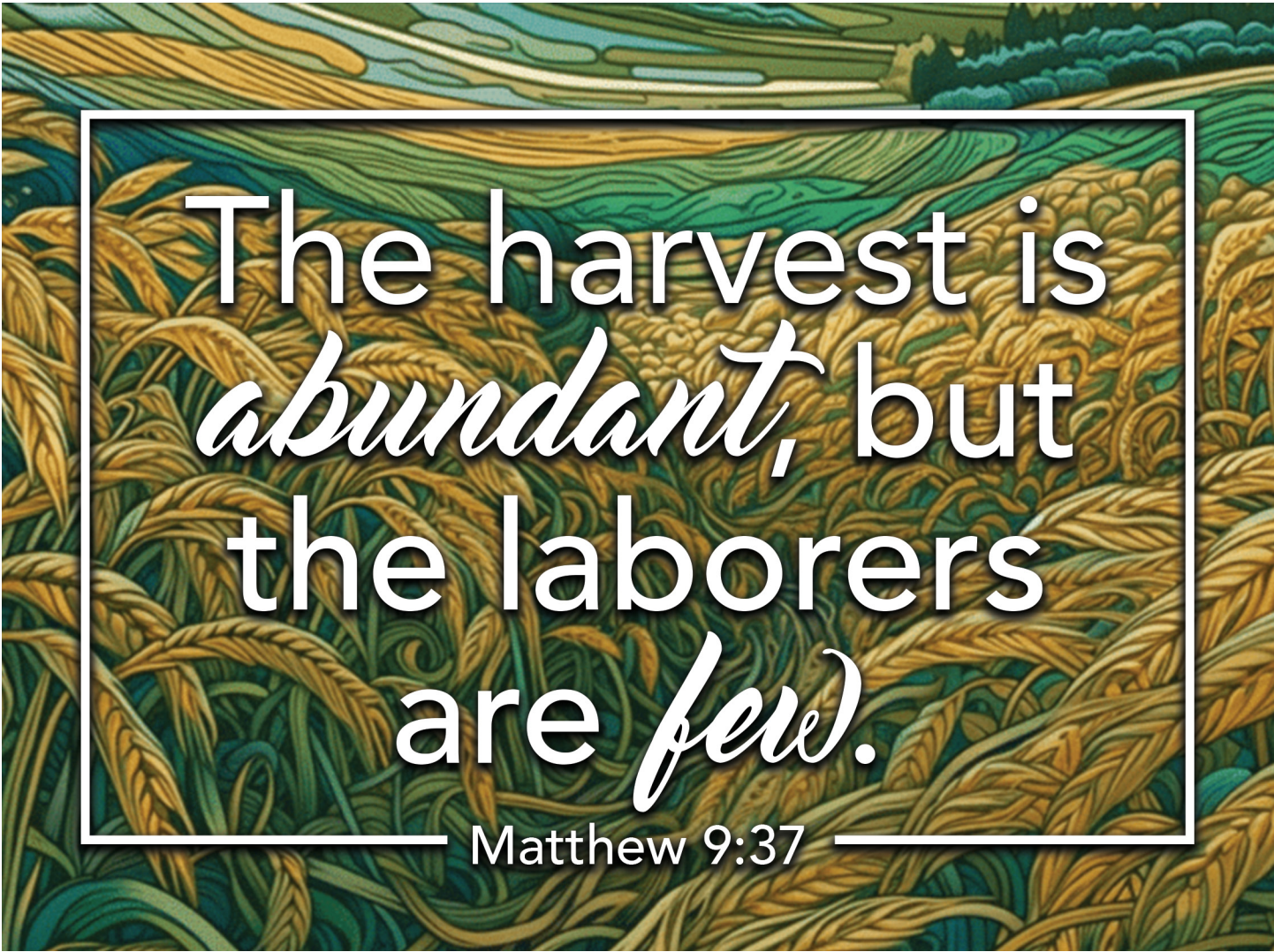




Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

JUNE 18, 2023 + ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The harvest is
abundant, but
the laborers
are *few*.

Matthew 9:37

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



LITURGY SCHEDULE (JUNE 19-25, 2023)

MONDAY, JUNE 19

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Anthony Tran
- 2 Cor 6:1-10
- Mt 5:38-42

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ David Skelding
- 2 Cor 8:1-9
- Mt 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ Frances VanGennip
- 2 Cor 9:6-11
- Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Peter Coyne
- 2 Cor 11:1-11
- Mt 6:7-15

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Rojelio Polina
- 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
- Mt 6:19-23

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ Marshall Aaron Woodard
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ John Voltaggio
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- Jer 20:10-13
- Rom 5:12-15
- Mt 10:26-33

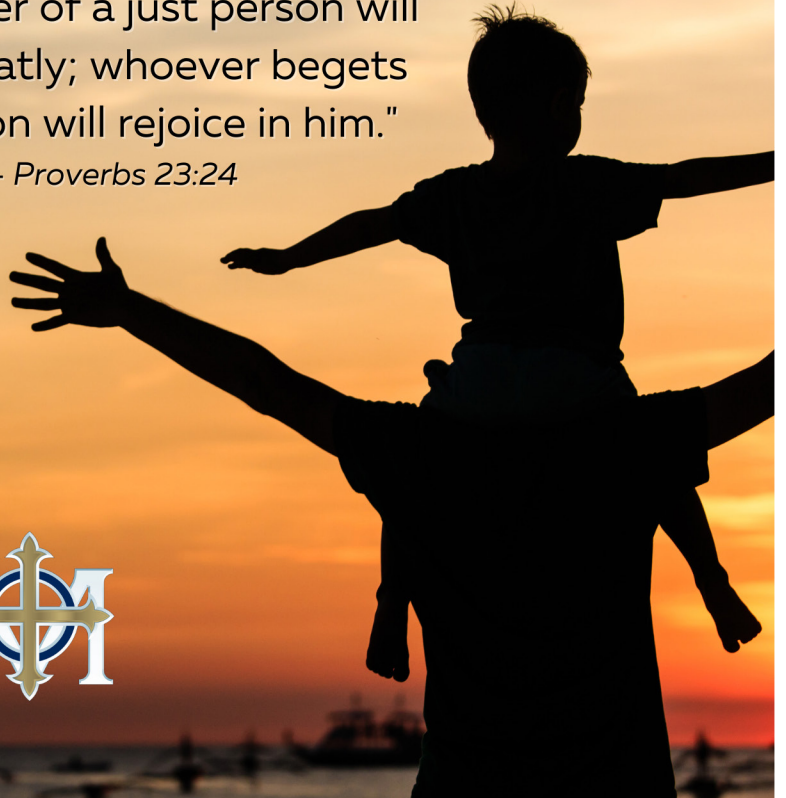
✙ Special Intention

✙ *May they rest in peace*

Happy Father's Day

"The father of a just person will exult greatly; whoever begets a wise son will rejoice in him."

- Proverbs 23:24



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$
SECOND COLLECTION: MEN'S CLUB	\$

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Charity

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

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ONLINE GIVING PAGE:

www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



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. All parishioners age 16 and older are invited to participate in the build (16- and 17-year-old volunteers must be accompanied by a chaperone and have a signed release from a parent/guardian). 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 benefitting Mulier Care is underway! Mulier Care is 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. There are more baby bottles available in the narthex. Feel free to pick one up if you'd like to participate. All bottles must be returned to the blue bin in the narthex by Sunday, June 25. For questions, contact Mary Starr at maryestarr25@gmail.com. Thank you!

MC TRAINING - TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Interested in becoming a Master of Ceremonies? MCs are called to help set up and assist the clergy/altar servers during Mass. All interested male parishioners age 16 and older are invited to attend our training session on Tuesday, June 27 from 6-8 p.m. We will have pizza and a bonfire following the training. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dan Ott at daniel.r.ott@vumc.org.

REGISTRATION EXTENDED FOR TOTUS TUUS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

We have extended the registration for the Totus Tuus middle/high school program until Friday, June 23! 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. Totus Tuus will host the middle school program simultaneously with the high school program, ending each evening with all grades in prayer. To learn more and register for Totus Tuus, visit bit.ly/smctotustuus23.

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

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT
bit.ly/smctotustuus23

REGISTRATION CLOSING FRIDAY, JUNE 23

PARISH NEWS



ROSARY FOR OUR NATION - JULY 9

Last weekend's bulletin included information on our upcoming prayer service inviting all to pray a patriotic rosary for our nation. In that bulletin, we listed an incorrect date for the prayer service. The rosary will actually take place on Sunday, July 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the grotto. We apologize for the miscommunication and hope you can still attend on the new date and time.

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 observance of July 4, we will be praying a patriotic rosary and additional prayers on Sunday, July 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Grotto (in place of our usual rosary after the 8 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.

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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.



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

www.stmatthewtn.org

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 18

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS BY JOHN THE BAPTIST



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THE BIBLE AND BAPTISM - EP. 3: THE BAPTISM OF JESUS BY JOHN THE BAPTIST

Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.

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

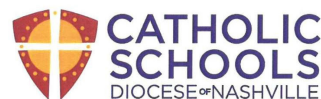
COMMUNITY NEWS

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!

CEILI RAIN AT ST. HENRY - THURS, JULY 29

St. Henry is honored to welcome world-renowned Celtic pop-rock band Ceili Rain for a free community concert. Bring a picnic dinner and the whole family to this event that you will not want to miss! The concert will take place on Saturday, July 29 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at St. Henry. All are invited to attend. Freewill donations will be accepted to contribute to the Habitat for Humanity build. We hope to see you there!

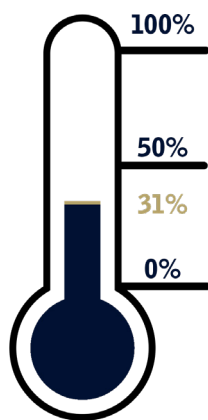


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THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES: MORE THAN \$35,000 ALREADY RAISED!



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 31% of that goal with a total of \$36,823.

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 A SERVANT LEADER

Today, we see that Jesus had compassion on the crowd standing before Him, calling them "sheep without a shepherd." Sheep that have no leader inevitably wander off, becoming confused, lost, and pulled in many directions. They are pulled by the wants and whims of the world and exposed to the wolves that lurk in the background. A shepherd stands as a leader to guide the sheep and fend off looming danger. This leader's job entails much suffering, which is why Jesus refers to a shepherd as a "laborer" who works in the field.

Seeing these sheep without a shepherd, what does Jesus then do? He earnestly appoints leaders in the twelve apostles, giving them their mission to find the lost sheep and preach, heal, and cast out demons. In the apostle's work, we see that becoming a servant leader is a challenging, self-sacrificial endeavor, putting aside selfish desires for the good of others. The apostles did just that for their flock, as most ended up dying a martyr's death in leading the early Christians.

Fittingly, today is Father's Day. All this talk of being a servant leader who endures self-sacrifice is an important example for fathers. The Church refers to the family as the domestic church and shows how divine fatherhood is the source of human fatherhood (CCC 2214). As psychologist Alice Miller writes, "Fathers have an innate ability to influence their children and the community around them. It stems from the generational power with which God has endowed them—the power that allows fathers to affect people's lives positively or negatively, for good or evil, for hundreds of years. A father will impact people he doesn't even know and will never meet."

This profound influence about which Miller writes is echoed in a Swiss study which showed that only 2% of people regularly attend church as an adult if their father did not regularly attend in their childhood, regardless of the mother's practices. The study also found that 25% of the people surveyed regularly attend church in their adulthood if their fathers consistently went to church in their childhood. While the ideal is to have both parents guiding their children to church, the jump from 2% to 25% reveals how fathers play a shepherd-like role in leading their flock to the faith. Conversely, other studies show that children with absent fathers tend to go down a difficult path. Those children raised in fatherless homes are 20 times more likely to end up in prison. Therefore, it behooves fathers to use their vocation to give the best of themselves for the sake of others. As Jesus said, *to whom much is given, much is required* (Luke 12:48).

Rather than be lured away by comfort and pleasure, when fathers take on arduous endeavors and use their abilities for the sake of something bigger than themselves, they emulate the work of a shepherd at home, leading the family to Christ.

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



The registration deadline for the Totus Tuus middle/high school program has been extended to this Friday, June 23! Register today before it's too late. 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.

REGISTER FOR LIFE TEEN 2023-2024

Registration for the coming year of Life Teen is now open! At Life Teen, high schoolers come together for fellowship, fun, and most importantly to explore our Catholic faith and how it nourishes our lives. Join us to deepen your Catholic faith in fellowship with the youth of the parish. To register, visit bit.ly/smlifeteen2324.

WHAT IS LIFE TEEN?

Life Teen is Saint Matthew's youth group for students in high school. During the school year (August-May), we meet most Sundays from 5-7 p.m. in the parish conference center to play games and sports, learn more about our Catholic faith, discuss how it plays into our everyday lives, and build true fellowship with one another. All high-school-aged youth of the parish are invited to participate in our youth group.



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Want to learn about the faith? Visit
<http://bit.ly/SMCFaithFormationInterestForm>



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 **LIFE TEEN
YOUTH GROUP**

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