



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

JUNE 4, 2023 + THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



MASS SCHEDULE

MASS

Mon., 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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Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte



LITURGY SCHEDULE (JUNE 5-11, 2023)

MONDAY, JUNE 5

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Vilma Pacheco Peralta
- Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8
- Mk 12:1-12

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
- Tb 2:9-14
- Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ Cesar Charris
- Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a
- Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
- Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcd, 9-17; 8:4-9a
- Mk 12:28-34

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Anne Hamann
- Tb 11:5-17
- Mk 12:35-37

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ Bernard Haley (Buzz) Donlon
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Craig Hausman
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a
- 1 Cor 10:16-17
- Jn 6:51-58

✙ Special Intention

- ✙ *May they rest in peace*

PARISH NEWS

SAINT MATTHEW SPEAKER SERIES - THIS WEDNESDAY

THIS WEEK



SPEAKER SERIES

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FEATURING
**BRAD & GINA
MILLER AND
CHRISTOPHER
DENNIS**



“TALKS OF GRACE”

THIS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
7:30 P.M. | CHURCH

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The second installment of the Saint Matthew Speaker Series will take place this Wednesday, June 7 as we welcome parishioners Brad & Gina Miller and Christopher Dennis for “Talks of Grace.” All are invited to hear this moving story of God’s providence, mercy, forgiveness, and grace. The event will take place in the church following the 7 p.m. Mass. The Saint Matthew Women’s Club will host a reception and meet-and-greet in the narthex immediately following the event. To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/stmspeakerseries. We hope to see you there.

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. The year of the Eucharist Revival starts on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi next Sunday. At the parish level, Saint Matthew will be dedicated to fostering Eucharistic devotion and strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, formation talks centered on the mystery of Eucharist, and more. Throughout the year, we will update you on 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 who said, “Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Tabernacle expressly for you? He burns with the desire to come into your heart.”

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION - NEXT SUNDAY AFTER 11 A.M. MASS

Next Sunday, we will end the 11 a.m. Mass with a Eucharistic Procession, kicking off of the year of Eucharistic Revival at our parish. We will carry the Blessed Sacrament around campus to venerate Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist. If you are not able to participate in the procession but would like to stay for Benediction, please remain in the church while the procession takes place. If you cannot stay for the procession, you may leave after the Blessed Sacrament leaves the church. All are invited to participate.

PARISH NEWS

SGC FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC TODAY!

All Saint Matthew families are invited to spend time in fellowship with other families in our parish community at the Family Potluck Picnic hosted by our St. Gianna Circle Mothers Ministry! The picnic will take place today, June 4 at 4 p.m. at the picnic tables near the playground. We ask all families to sign up to bring an entree, a side dish, or a dessert for the potluck (register at bit.ly/sgcpotluck). You are also welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets with you as well. Games will be provided for the children at the picnic. We look forward to sharing this time with your family!

FAMILY SERVICE MINISTRY BLESSING BAGS

Join our Family Service Ministry on today, June 4 to collect items for and assemble blessing bags. A blessing bag is a bag stuffed with items a person in need might find helpful. Families are welcome to take a few bags to hand out on their own, and the remainder will go to Catholic Charities to distribute. We will meet at the church following the 11 a.m. Mass. All ages are welcome to attend. To learn more and sign up, visit bit.ly/smcfsmblessingbags. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Chau at theresa.a.chau@gmail.com.

NO MASS ON TUES 6/6 OR THURS 6/8

With Fr. Raines and Fr. Tran at the diocesan priest convocation this week, we will not celebrate Mass on Tuesday, June 6 and Thursday, June 8. Instead, we will host a Communion Service on those days. Our daily Mass schedule will otherwise remain the same.

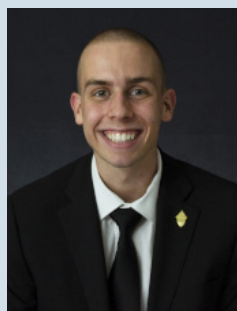
RESPECT FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our Respect for Life ministry will be hosting a Baby Bottle Drive to benefit Mulier Care Pregnancy Help Center! 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. 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!

SAINT MATTHEW WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club would like to thank everyone who attended our Tea Party last month! More than 65 ladies from the parish gathered for an afternoon of fellowship, fun, and terribly terrific tea puns. We were thrilled by the outpouring of support and excitement for the Women's Club and ask for your continued support as we relaunch this ministry. Please visit bit.ly/smcwcschedule to view our calendar of events for the 2023-2024 season. To make a donation to the Women's Club, visit bit.ly/smconlinegivinghub and select the Women's Club fund. If you would like to join our email list, visit bit.ly/smcwcemail and complete the form. Thank you for your support!

MEET CHRISTIAN CIMORELLI, SEMINARIAN FOR THE DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE



Saint Matthew is excited to welcome Christian Cimorelli, seminarian for the Diocese of Nashville, to our church staff this summer! Christian is going into his fourth year at Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas, Texas, where he will finish his degree in philosophy with a concentration in Latin. Born in Franklin, Christian is the ninth of 11 children in his family. His interests include basketball, bluegrass, church history, pizza, and pupusas. Christian will be at our parish for six weeks to assist our priests and staff members with projects around the church. Please welcome and pray for Christian as he continues his formation!

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2023 -

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| PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH | \$18,500.50 |
| SECOND COLLECTION: PARISH CHARITY | \$902 |

THIS WEEK'S 2nd COLLECTION: Haiti Ministry

NEXT WEEK'S 2nd COLLECTION: Capital Needs

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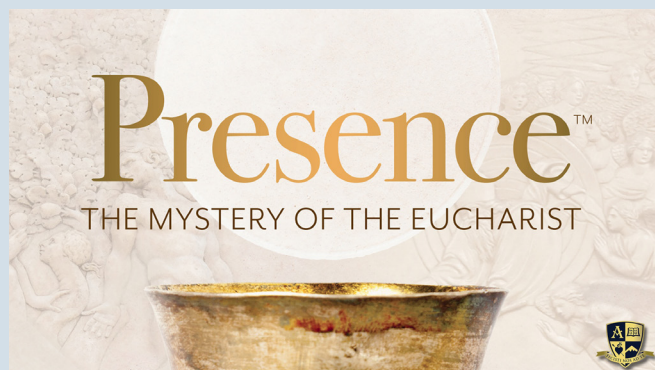
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FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - JUNE 4



PRESENCE - EPISODE 1: GOD IS WITH US

When is the last time you sat down to enjoy a meal with your family or close friends—not just to eat food in close proximity to each other, but to bask in each other's presence and grow in love for one another? This is the kind of meal God wants to share with us. This is the kind of meal He has prepared for us and invites us to participate in through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

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

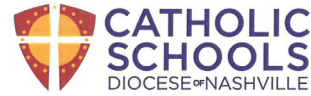
COMMUNITY NEWS

6th ANNUAL MULIER CARE GALA

Mulier Care's sixth annual gala is set for next Saturday, June 10 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation's Fleming Center. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a catered dinner, a video presentation, an award ceremony, and more. To learn more and purchase a ticket, visit bit.ly/muliercaregala.

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!

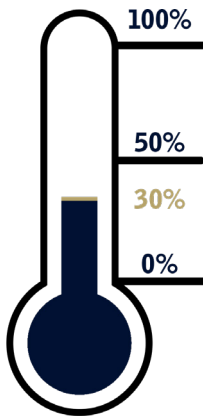


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THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES: MORE THAN \$35,000 ALREADY RAISED!



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 \$35,198.

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

WHAT DOES THE TRINITY MEAN?

On Trinity Sunday, we are asked to celebrate and meditate on the central mystery of the Christian faith. Christians believe in one God who exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Put in simple terms, the Trinity is analogous to a family. As John Paul II said, "God in his deepest mystery is not a solitude, but a family." When you add up the persons of the Trinity, it furnishes into an inexhaustible family of self-emptying love.

In the Trinity, there is an endless exchange of perfect giving and receiving that yields life. The Father is the giver as He pours Himself out to the Son. The Son perfectly receives the Father and, in turn, gives back everything to the Father, producing the Holy Spirit, who, in turn, explodes out life.

One of the ways we are made "in the image of God" is through the Sacrament of Matrimony. In marriage, we mimic the Trinity, as when the husband (giver) and wife (receiver) unite, their self-giving love bursts forth new life. This divine recipe is broken down as: giving-receiving-giving.

The Trinity reveals that God is, in Himself, the height of self-giving love. And self-giving love is the highest form of love. As Jesus declared, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). From all eternity, the persons of the Trinity share their very selves in a communion of love; therefore, the gift of the Son by the Father to the world, and the Son's gift of Himself through the work of the Holy Spirit, is nothing other than an invitation for humanity to enter into the communion of love that defines God's essence.

Spiritual realities flow from the realization that the Son and the Spirit are God Himself. First, it dawns on us that God did not send some other creature to suffer and die for us, but paid the penalty for our sins by Himself. Second, it becomes apparent that God does not merely share His energies or power with us but shares His very life and self with us.

While we struggle on this earth to learn to give of ourselves and never to become selfish, in our human family, we can see a glimmer of how the Trinity operates. Despite the temptation to serve the self, parents have a keen sense of sacrificing their pleasures for the good of their spouse and children. When we're focused on the state of the eternal soul of those in our family, we can better model the self-emptying love of the Trinity.

As we actively move toward our final home, we can have comfort in knowing that heaven will not be a trip to Disney World or some sleepy half-conscious union with the "infinite divine," but an ecstatic, intense, intimate, and eternal communion with three persons – The Holy Trinity.

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.

REGISTER FOR TOTUS TUUS

Registration is open for Totus Tuus! 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 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/smtotustuusvbs23.

SIGN UP FOR STELLAR VBS

Rising preschool-kindergarten students are invited to attend Stellar VBS! 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. Stellar VBS will be held from June 26-30 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Visit bit.ly/smctotustuusvbs23 to 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.

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!



This Saturday, June 10, more than 40 members of the Saint Matthew community will be headed to Fort Myers, Florida, to participate in Servio Deo! Our missionaries will be 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.

ANTOINETTE'S REFLECTION WHAT ARE YOU THIRSTING FOR?

Summer is a time when everyone is doing a million different things and going in a million different directions. It is also a time when many people, including myself, struggle remembering to make Jesus a priority in daily life. Do you?

Whatever your answer, we can never have enough Jesus! So this summer, I propose we make an intentional change. Take a moment and ask yourself, "What am I thirsting for?"

This deceptively simple question comes from one of my favorite Bible passages, *The Woman at the Well*, from chapter four of John's Gospel. In this story, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman drawing water from a well and asks her for a drink. She refuses, which sparks a rather interesting conversation. As she challenges Jesus, He replies by saying very plainly, "Everyone who drinks this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:13-14).

As much as we may want to think it will, this world will never satisfy the deepest desires laid upon our hearts by God. He alone can satisfy; however, we must desire Him.

So again... what are you thirsting for? What wells are you drawing from?

I encourage you to make this the question of your summer. Ask it daily, so you may become more mindful and be drawn to Him.



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