



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

AUGUST 13, 2023 + NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Take courage, it is I;
DO NOT BE AFRAID”
- Matthew 14:27

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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Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte



**Saint Matthew
Catholic Church**

LITURGY SCHEDULE (AUGUST 14-20, 2023)

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ John Cicon
- Dt 10:12-22
- Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ For Lisa Mitchell
- 12:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ For Eva Coursey
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
- 1 Cor 15:20-27
- Lk 1:39-56

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ Hallie Scruggs
- Dt 34:1-12
- Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ For Ed and Mary Carter
- Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17
- Mt 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Ruth Ann Hopkins Zajdel
- Jos 24:1-13
- Mt 19:3-12

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ Emma Cicon
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Elizabeth Wiebush
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- Is 56:1, 6-7
- Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
- Mt 15:21-28

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

PARISH NEWS

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation in the Church. We will celebrate Mass at 8 a.m. (all school Mass), noon, and 7 p.m. (with incense). Please make plans to attend one of these liturgies.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 5th ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK/RUN - THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 19



This is the final week to register for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's 5th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk/Run! SVdP is a worldwide organization of lay Catholics following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived. Our conference is no different, serving those most in need in our neighborhoods. This year's walk/run will take place this Saturday, August 19 on the track at St. Cecilia Academy. All are invited to participate in the event. Visit bit.ly/svdpfopwalkrun23 to register.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 287 PARENT WELCOME MEETING & KIDS POPCORN PARTY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Are you ready for some fun? Saint Matthew Cub Scouts Pack 287 is open to all K-5th graders who enjoy all sorts of activities, including camping, service projects, Pinewood Derby car building, fishing, hiking, boating, and so much more! All families interested in joining the Cub Scouts are invited to the parent welcome meeting and popcorn kickoff party on Sunday, August 20 at 1 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. This is an optional information meeting that will allow new parents to meet our seasoned parents while the scouts play fun games, enjoy snacks and win prizes. For questions, please contact Doug Kennedy at pack287@stmatthewtn.org.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$23,195
SECOND COLLECTION: CAPITAL NEEDS	\$720

MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY ON OUR
ONLINE GIVING PAGE:

www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



PARISH NEWS

CALLING ALL 5th THROUGH 12th GRADERS TO BE ALTAR SERVERS

If you are in 5th through 12th grade and would like to be an altar server at our weekend Masses, we would love to train you! Please contact Dan Ott at daniel.r.ott@vumc.org to schedule a time to learn how to fulfill this important liturgical role. Students of Saint Matthew School do not need to attend this training. You will be trained to serve at school sometime in the next few weeks. This is for only those homeschooled students or those attending a different school.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS LAUNCH PARTY

American Heritage Girls is an organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Franklin Troop TN0516 is hosting our 2023-2024 launch party at the Pinkerton Park pavilion on Saturday, August 19 at 10 a.m. Please join us to learn more about this wonderful organization available to girls entering kindergarten through 12th grade. An RSVP is not required, but much appreciated. Visit bit.ly/ahglaunchparty to RSVP. For additional information, please contact Theresa Chau (Troop Vice Coordinator) at theresa.a.chau@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S CLUB SEPTEMBER MEETING

Join us for the official return of the Saint Matthew Women's Club. As we said at our tea party, we've waited *oolong* time for this! Our first meeting will take place in the parish conference center following the 7 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, September 13. We invite everyone to join us at Mass before the meeting, as Fr. Raines will deliver a special blessing for the Women's Club during that Mass. We will then meet to review the agenda for the upcoming year, explore service opportunities, and distribute the book for our October meeting. As a reminder, we are asking for registrations for all our meetings in an effort to be the best stewards of our resources. Visit bit.ly/smcwcseptmeeting to register and purchase your copy of the book for our October meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Vargas at cvargasnp@gmail.com or Cynthia Myers at cmyers@stmatthewtn.org.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

All children of the parish are invited to join the Saint Matthew Children's Choir! The Little Lights Choir (formerly the Kids Choir) is open to students in K-2nd grade. The Liturgy Choir is open to students in 3rd-8th grade. Liturgy Choir members in 5th-8th grade are invited to serve as Cantors/Psalmists. Visit bit.ly/smcchildrenschoirs to learn more and register. For questions, contact Rebecca Harding (rharding@stmatthewtn.org) or Laura Holderman (lholderman@stmatthewtn.org).

ST. GIANNA CIRCLE MIX & MEET

Attention all moms! You're invited to the St. Gianna Circle Mix & Meet on Tuesday, September 5 from 7-9 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. St. Gianna Circle Mothers Ministry is designed to support and affirm women in the many roles we have as mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and friends. This event is a fun introduction to St. Gianna Circle. Join us for wine, desserts, appetizers and prizes! To register, visit bit.ly/sgcmixmeet23. Please contact Elizabeth Abaray at elizabeth.abaray@live.com if you have any questions. As always, babies are welcome at St. Gianna Circle!

THE TROOPS OF SAINT GEORGE

Fathers, are you looking for new ways to connect with your son(s) and learn more about the faith?



**TROOPS^{OF}
OF SAINT GEORGE**
VIRTUS. HONOR. FRATERNITAS.

Consider joining our church's newest ministry, the Troops of Saint George! Founded in 2013, TSG is a national fraternal Catholic apostolate for young men looking for a life of adventure coupled with virtue. All Catholic fathers and sons are invited to join. Meetings will be held on the second Sunday of every month following the 11 am Mass. Our meetings will include fun physical activities. Monthly excursions will include hiking, camping and other outdoor adventures. If you and your son(s) are interested in registering for the Troops of Saint George, please visit bit.ly/smctsgregistration. For questions, please email Eric Ruppaner at tsg@stmatthewtn.org.

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL WELL PLAYED: A SONGWRITERS NIGHT



Mark your calendars! Our 13th Annual Songwriters Night will be held on Saturday, September 16 at 6 p.m. in the courtyard. All funds raised will benefit our Haiti Ministry and support our sister parish, Our Lady of Miracles, in Gobert, Haiti. Tickets are on sale now! To learn more and purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/smcsongwritersnight23.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR WELL PLAYED: A SONGWRITERS NIGHT

Sponsorship opportunities are available for our 13th Annual Well Played: A Songwriters Night! If you or your business is interested in sponsoring this event, please visit bit.ly/smcsongwritersnightsponsor23 and complete the sponsorship form. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Dorough at jimandmarylee@comcast.net, Janet Dittus at janetdittusmd@comcast.net, or Barney Schulte at ben87ce@yahoo.com.

SAINT MATTHEW FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Save the date for the Saint Matthew Feast Day Celebration & Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, September 21! In honor of our patron's feast day, we will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m., followed by a spaghetti dinner in the Cohan-Hansom Building. All members of the Saint Matthew community are invited to attend and spend time in fellowship together. More information will be made available soon. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH GROUP

We are seeking adult volunteers from the parish to assist the Saint Matthew Youth Group and serve the high school-aged youth of our parish throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to serve on our Core Team and Support Team. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Antoinette Hanning, Director of Youth Ministry, at ahanning@stmatthewtn.org.

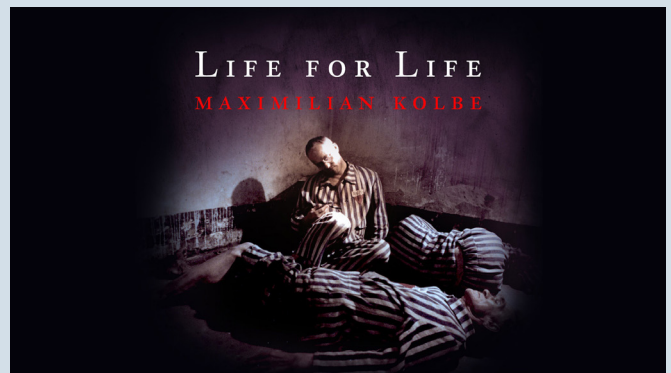


VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM SAINT MATTHEW.

www.stmatthewtn.org

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - AUGUST 13



LIFE FOR LIFE: MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.

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!

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness, and others conflict in their relationships. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the September program, call (800) 470-2230 or (615) 838-6724, email nrv3043@gmail.com, or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

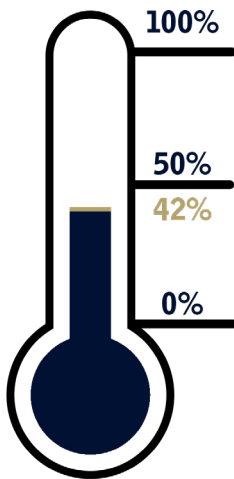
FATHER RYAN PRIDE IN THE PIT BBQ CONTEST

Calling all Pitmasters! Father Ryan's 10th Annual Pride in the Pit BBQ contest takes place at Homecoming on Friday, September 29. There are still a few pit slots remaining for our area's best BBQ experts to join the competition. If you would like to be a part of the event, contact Caroline Graham at grahamc@fatherryan.org or register your BBQ team on www.fatherryan.org. Go Irish!

NCBWL PEARLS OF WISDOM 2023

Tickets are on sale now for the 2023 Pearls of Wisdom gala, hosted by the Nashville Catholic Business Women's League. Funds raised during this event support the Aurelia Varallo Mariani Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance for one young woman at each of the three Catholic high schools in Nashville for four years. The event will take place on Friday, October 6 at Richland Country Club. Learn more at www.ncbwl.org.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES: MORE THAN \$50,000 RAISED!



Thanks to your generous support, Saint Matthew has already raised more than \$50,000 in this year's *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries*! Our goal for this year's appeal is \$118,390. We are currently at 42% of that goal with a total of \$50,878.

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

EXPERIENCING THE HIGHS AND LOWS

Our journey through life can be described as an obstacle course full of twists and turns or a roller coaster of unpredictable ups and downs. As it is with life so it repeats in the spiritual realm with similar highs and lows. Today the Gospel paints such a picture. At first, the disciples become afraid when encountering a mystifying presence - what looks like a ghost. But when Jesus assures them that it is He and not an apparition, Peter daringly asks to join Jesus on the water. While amazingly walking on water toward our Lord, this experience turns terrifying when Peter looks at the wind and begins to sink. Thrust into a panic, Peter blurts out, "Lord save me," and immediately Jesus rescues him back into the safety of the boat.

In sum, the trajectory of Peter's faith goes from low (afraid of a ghost), to high (It's Jesus! I'm walking on water), back to low (I'm sinking), and back to high (truly you are the Son of God). Can we relate to this? In our lives, we have these instances of highs and lows – both in our physical life and spiritual progression. But we must ask what caused Peter to go from one extreme to the other. While we may never fully grasp all divine insights, this passage does give us a clue. When Peter was completely fixated on Christ, he did amazing things – like walk on water. But notice what happened when he glanced off Christ and instead focused on "the wind." He became afraid and consequently began to sink. The wind represents the various trials of life we will face. Pressed with taxing "things" going on, we can easily be overcome with anxiety, fear, or despair. Here, we're susceptible to remove our attention off God and instead stare into the abyss of worry. When we do this, we'll inevitably segue into a mental and spiritual fall. So how is it that we can experience saintlike peace in the midst of mayhem?

Psychologists tend to agree that the messaging one consumes throughout the day shapes the way one thinks and interacts in the world. What your mind concentrates on affects your mental framework and, in turn, your actions. This is why St. Paul cautioned to "take every thought captive in obedience to Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5). Therefore, if you become obsessed with gazing at the turmoil in this fallen world, this can serve as a major distraction from God's mission for you. Jesus called to Peter— "Come!"—just as He beckons to each one of us. The challenge is to focus on the "still small voice" of Jesus beckoning us, to walk toward Him in prayer and in the Eucharist. When we concentrate on the Eucharist, we in turn fulfill our vocation, maintain our peace, and do not capitulate to fear the chaos that rages around us.

Yet, when we get distracted by the challenges of this world, we can simply do what Peter did – ask Christ to save us, and assuredly He'll pull us back on the boat quickly.

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

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

From July 17 to 21, 2024, the Church in America will gather as one family in Indianapolis to revive our love of the Eucharist. At the National Eucharistic Congress, a large number of Catholics gather to reaffirm the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith through worship and enlightening talks. Saint Matthew would like to send a delegation to this historical moment. If you are interested, please visit bit.ly/smcnecinterest to fill out our 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/smrcia24.

YOUTH MINISTRY



That's right, we're rebranding! After much prayer and discernment, Saint Matthew's Youth Group is changing its name to Rise. Don't be alarmed: our mission, vision, and the fun and fellowship aspects will stay the same. We'll still meet on Sundays and offer additional opportunities for you to grow in your faith throughout the year. We are just operating under a new name. While we will no longer use the name Life Teen, we will still continue to use some of their great resources and materials. Join us!



FALL 2023 CALENDAR

AUG	SEPT
13 Fall Kickoff	10 17 24
20 27 Rise Nights	Rise Nights

FALL RETREAT 9/29 - 10/1

OCT	NOV
29 Rise Night	5 26 Rise Nights
22 Parents join Rise Night	12 Eighth Graders join Rise Night

PILGRIMAGE 12/2 8:15am-8:30pm

DEC	Rise Nights are from 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Cohan - Hansom at Saint Matthew unless otherwise communicated
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Rise Nights	

What to know about... **WATER WARS**

- **Time:** 5:30 - 8 pm (note the change in end time)
- **Where:** outside the Cohan-Hansom
- **What:** Dinner and games
- **Who:** All high schoolers
- **Wear:** modest dark colored t-shirts & shorts you can get wet along with shoes you can run in and don't mind getting dirty

REGISTER FOR YOUTH GROUP 2023-2024

Take the jump and register for Youth Group! Open to all high school students as an opportunity to come together for fellowship, fun and exploration of our Catholic faith. Throughout the school year, we'll meet most Sundays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join us to deepen your Catholic faith in fellowship with the youth of the parish. To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/smcrise2324.



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



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