



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

AUGUST 6, 2023 + FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



THE TRANSFIGURATION, RAPHAEL, 1516-1520

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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Father Tien Tran

DEACONS:

Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte

PARISH NEWS

DAILY MASS PARKING

Now that the new school year is underway, we want to review the parking procedures for our daily Masses. The crosswalk between the handicapped spots in front of the portico entrance will serve as a dividing line. The parking spaces above that crosswalk will be used as the school drop-off zones, and the spaces below that crosswalk will be available for all our daily Mass attendees. Parents will enter from Timberline Drive and drive in front of the church to the back parking lot. This might cause a bottleneck near the stop sign, so please be patient as you merge into that line of traffic. There will always be a school staff member standing near the corner for the church to direct traffic. Please practice caution and drive slowly around our school students, specifically our younger students. Thank you for your cooperation as we welcome our Lions back for another exciting school year. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

ST. GIANNA CIRCLE MIX & MEET - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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. Our ministry is focused on bonding through our vocations and Catholic faith. We come together to share the joys and struggles of motherhood. Our ministry is inclusive and provides sisterhood within our community. Moms of all ages and stages are welcome to participate. This event is a fun introduction to St. Gianna Circle. Join us for wine, desserts, appetizers and prizes! To register, visit bit.ly/sgcmixmeet23. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Abaray at elizabeth.abaray@live.com. Babies are always welcome at St. Gianna Circle!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$16,462
SECOND COLLECTION: FAMILY SERVICE MINISTRY	\$318

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Capital Needs

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Tuition Assistance

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www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



LITURGY SCHEDULE (AUGUST 7-13, 2023)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Bill Bassett
- Nm 11:4b-15
- Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Dominic Tran
- Nm 12:1-13
- Mt 14:22-36

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✦ Anthony Tran
- Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35
- Mt 15: 21-28

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Jim and Judy Watson
- 2 Cor 9:6-10
- Jn 12:24-26

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For the Scruggs Family
- Dt 4:32-40
- Mt 16:24-28

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✦ Helen Bonvissuto
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For the People of Saint Matthew
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ Elizabeth Wiebush
- 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
- Rom 9:1-5
- Mt 14:22-33

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

PARISH NEWS

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 5th ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK/RUN

There is still time to register for the St. Vincent de Paul's 5th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk/Run! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul 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 on Saturday, August 19 on the track at St. Cecilia Academy. All are invited to participate in the event. Visit bit.ly/svdpfopwalkrun23 to register for the race.



CONFERENCE OF THE

Friends
OF THE POOR®
WALK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 | 8 AM - NOON | ST. CECILIA ACADEMY TRACK

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

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



Save the date!

Saint Matthew Catholic Church PRESENTS

WELL PLAYED

A SONGWRITERS NIGHT

BENEFITING WATER, EDUCATION AND WELLNESS IN HAITI

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

13th annual

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 you calendars and make plans to attend!

PARISH NEWS

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.

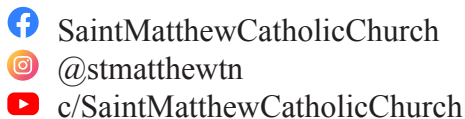
THE TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE



Founded in 2013, the Troops of Saint George is a national fraternal Catholic apostolate for young men looking for a life of adventure coupled with virtue. If you and your son(s) are interested in registering for the Troops of Saint George, please register at bit.ly/smcstg. For questions or to learn more, please email Eric Ruppaner at tsg@stmatthewtn.org.

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.



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.

JOIN OUR FEED THE PRIEST MINISTRY!

We are seeking volunteers for our Feed the Priest ministry. We are in need of helpers—families or individuals—to provide meals for our priests every Tuesday. If you are interested, please contact Valerie Canning at vcanning@fab-line.com.

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 - AUGUST 6



EDITH STEIN: THE SEVENTH CHAMBER

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.

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.

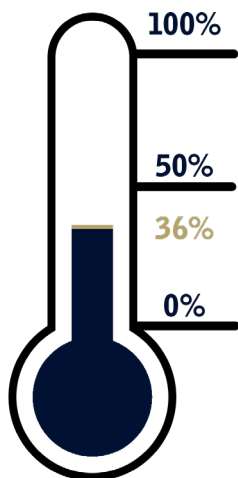
CATHOLIC BUSINESS LEAGUE MEETING

The August 10 Catholic Business League's breakfast meeting will be a "Back by Special Demand" one, with three leaders of the Nashville music industry joining us for an encore. All are welcome to attend. Join us for the 7 a.m. Mass and meeting following at 7:45 a.m. in the Fleming Center at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. For more information, please visit www.catholicbusinessleague.org.

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 \$40,000 ALREADY RAISED!



Thanks to your generous support, Saint Matthew has already raised more than \$40,000 in this year's *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries*! Our goal for this year's appeal is \$118,390. We are currently at 36% of that goal with a total of \$43,061.

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

BURIED TREASURE THIS WAY

As we celebrate The Transfiguration, I'm reminded of that scene in Lord Of The Rings when the prophet-like character "Gandalf The Grey," dramatically returned as "Gandalf The White" blinding the Fellowship upon his arrival. Interestingly, the author of this story, J.R.R. Tolkien, was a devout Catholic and acknowledged how he implanted the biblical narrative throughout the story.

When God breaks into our world, at first, His glory stupefies us. We can't fathom God's essence partly because God is on a whole different playing field than us. While human beings have some aspect of goodness, truth, and beauty, God does not have goodness, truth, or beauty. Rather, God is goodness, truth, and beauty. Therefore, when God manifests Himself to people in Scripture, it utterly shocks them as they don't have the reasoning to comprehend God.

High on the holy mountain in today's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His Transfiguration. Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins God's Law with God's prophets. This announcement of Jesus's identity jolts the disciples down to the ground. God's love and splendor are so strong it brings us into a stupor. Here, we fall to our knees as when ultimate light (God) comes before darkness (us), it can be a jarring experience.

Peter becomes flabbergasted by Christ's Transfiguration. He knows something brilliant is going on, but he doesn't grasp the full significance of the situation. He awkwardly suggests making three booths (or tabernacles) for this heavenly experience. Peter wanted to make three tabernacles – one for each prophet. But Jesus is no mere prophet. He is the unique Tabernacle of God.

While heaven does not directly respond to Peter's child-like request, the voice of the Father speaks: "This is my chosen Son. Listen to him!" A simple statement, but it yields enormous consequences. These instructions to "listen to Him" are presented to us today. Whether you know it or not, you are listening to some entity throughout your day on what to think about, how to act, how to feel, etc. This entity can range from your desires, other people, society in general, or God. In a sense, God is saying to turn down the volume of listening to the self, others, and the world and turn up the volume to listen to Christ in prayer, Scripture, and most importantly in the Eucharist.

When personification of the good, the true, and the beautiful breaks into our fallen mundane world, those on the receiving end can't handle it. This jolt from God also illuminates God's desire to change us drastically. Just as God created the caterpillar to transform into the butterfly, Jesus' transfiguration is meant to shockingly transform us. For if we "listen to Him," He will convert us from sinners to saints.

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

As we continue to celebrate the Year of Eucharistic Revival, we invite you to join us for a bible study on the Real Presence of the Eucharist that explores both the Old Testament and New Testament. This six-session bible study will take place on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Center starting this Tuesday, August 8. All are invited to attend. Visit bit.ly/smceucharistbiblestudy to register. For questions, contact Tony Jesse.

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

TO: YOU, FROM: THE POPES

"Dear young people, it is up to you to be the watchmen of the morning (cf. Is 21:11-12) who announce the coming of the sun who is the Risen Christ! The light which Jesus speaks of in the Gospel is the light of faith, God's free gift, which enlightens the heart and clarifies the mind. 'It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Christ' (2 Cor 4:6)."

- Pope St. John Paul II at XVII World Youth Day, 2002

"My dear young friends, I want to invite you to 'dare to love.' Do not desire anything less for your life than a love that is strong and beautiful and that is capable of making the whole of your existence a joyful undertaking of giving yourselves as a gift to God and your brothers and sisters, in imitation of the One who vanquished hatred and death forever through love (cf Rev 5:13)."

Pope Benedict XVI at XXII World Youth Day, 2007

"Today too, God is saying to each one of you: 'Arise!' I fervently hope that this Message may help us prepare for new times and a new page in the history of humanity. Yet we cannot begin anew without you, dear young people. If our world is to arise, it needs your strength, your enthusiasm, your passion."

Pope Francis at XXXVI World Youth Day, 2021

REGISTER FOR YOUTH GROUP 2023-2024

Take the jump and register for Youth Group! Open to all highschool 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/smclifeteen2324.

KICK-OFF EVENT

The new Youth Group season is about to begin! Our kick-off event will take place on campus next Sunday, August 13 from 5:30-8 p.m. The votes are in, and we'll be hosting water wars to start the new season! All high-school-aged students in the parish are invited to attend. To register, visit bit.ly/smckickoff-2023.



FALL 2023 KICKOFF

~~color wars~~

water wars

August 13th
5:30 - 8pm
more info to come



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



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