



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

JULY 16, 2023 + FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SANTANGELO, JORGE COCCO. "THE SOWER." 2017.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Father Tien Tran

DEACONS:

Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte



PARISH NEWS

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LIFE TEEN

We are seeking adult volunteers from the parish to assist our Life Teen ministry program throughout the year. Life Teen is our parish's youth group for high school students. Volunteers are needed to serve on our Core Team and Support Team. Over the next few weeks, we will highlight some of the available positions and ways to serve the youth of our parish. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Antoinette Hanning, Director of Youth Ministry, at ahanning@stmatthewtn.org.

JOIN THE SUPPORT TEAM!

We are seeking adult volunteers to assist with various logistical duties throughout the Life Teen season. Our Support Team consists of four groups: the dinner crew, snack crew, chaperone/transportation crew, and the administrative crew. Life Teen cannot operate without the support of this team helping with all the little details. Whether you are a parent or a college-aged student, there is truly a need for your gifts! For more information, contact Antoinette Hanning.

SUPPORT TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

Dinner Crew:

- Provide food for at least one Life Night a semester.

Snack Crew:

- Provide extra snacks/treats for at least two Life Nights.

Chaperone/Transportation Crew:

- Lend your eyes and seats in your car for select events.

Administrative Crew:

- Support the Youth Minister in various office tasks at least twice a month.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

(JULY 17-23, 2023)

MONDAY, JULY 17

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Judith Baena
- Ex 1:8-14, 22
- Mt 10:34—11:1

TUESDAY, JULY 18

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Claire Paul
- Ex 2:1-15a
- Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ Anna Grace Miller
- Ex 3:1-6, 9-12
- Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY, JULY 20

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Hallie Scruggs
- Ex 3:13-20
- Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY, JULY 21

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Clara Harris
- Ex 11:10—12:14
- Mt 12:1-8

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ Clara Lucia
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Dan Reese
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- Wis 12:13, 16-19
- Rom 8:26-27
- Mt 13:24-43

✙ **Special Intention**

✙ *May they rest in peace*

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$22,241
SECOND COLLECTION: HOLY FATHER (PETER'S PENCE)	\$253

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$31,584.50
SECOND COLLECTION: CAPITAL NEEDS	\$559

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$18,985.50
SECOND COLLECTION: DEBT REDUCTION	\$673

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! Your sponsorship will support our ongoing efforts to aid our sister parish, Our Lady of Miracles, and the surrounding communities in Gobert, Haiti. 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.



CORRECTION IN 7/9 BULLETIN

We were so excited to celebrate Fr. Raines' ordination anniversary that we listed the incorrect date. Fr. Raines was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Choby on July 27, 2013. His 10th ordination anniversary will be celebrated on July 27, 2023. We apologize for the misinformation. Please continue to pray for Fr. Raines as he prepares to celebrate this milestone in his vocation.

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

Our conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is excited to announce its fifth 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. This is a great event for families and individuals alike to connect with the community, get active, and serve those in the area who need it most. Registration is now open. Visit bit.ly/svdpfopwalkrun23 to register for the race.

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK/RUN

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference is seeking sponsors for this year's Friends of the Poor Walk/Run. Individuals, families, and businesses are invited to sponsor the event at one of three levels to accommodate your budget. If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact Paul Stigamier at pstigamier@me.com. Thank you for your support!



Friends
OF THE POOR®
WALK

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

REGISTER ONLINE AT
bit.ly/svdpfopwalkrun23



PARISH NEWS

NEW HIRE MEET AND GREET - AUGUST 5 & 6




Save the date for our next Community Weekend on August 5 & 6 as we host a meet-and-greet with all of our new staff members! All parishioners are invited to join us in the Cohan-Hansom Building after all of our weekend Masses to get to know our newest staff members, including our new school principal, director of finance, director of youth ministry, music director, account payable clerk, and others! More information to come. We hope to see you there!

SAINT MATTHEW CALENDAR DOWN ON WEBSITE

At the moment of publication of this issue, we are experiencing some technical issues with the events calendar on our website. We are working with our calendar host to fully restore the calendar on our website. Until this is resolved, our upcoming events will not be visible. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. Please refer to our bulletin and website for information on many of our upcoming events, and contact any ministry leaders or event coordinators for any updates. Thank you.

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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.



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www.stmatthewtn.org

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 - JULY 16



EASTER IN ART: MARY MAGDALENE (PART 3 OF 3)

Learn about the “apostle to the apostles” in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus’s encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.

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!

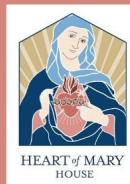
CEILI RAIN AT ST. HENRY - THURS, JULY 29

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!

KIDS VIRTUE CAMP

Grow in virtue this summer at the Kids Virtue Camp, hosted by St. Catherine of Siena Church in Columbia. The camp is free and open to students in pre-K through 12th grade. They will offer Mass, lessons on the virtues, cooking, gardening, crafts and more! The camp will be held from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on July 27. To learn more and register, visit www.stcatherinecc.org/kids-virtue-camp.

Heart of Mary House is the first of many homes under the local non profit, Catholic Comfort Care Homes. Each home provides housing and 24/7 care to the dying poor in our community. It's a place where the works of mercy encompass every aspect of each day!



Come by and see how you can be a part of the GRACE that permeates the walls of HOMH!

We have needs for the following positions:

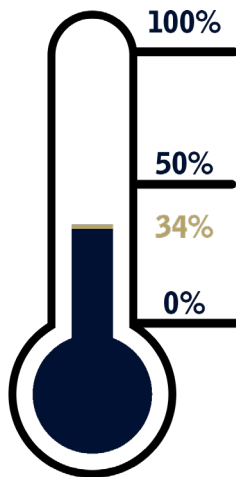
- **Part Time Caregiver**- this is a paid position. No licensure or experience necessary; on the job training provided.
- **Volunteer**- jobs include, cleaning; laundry; resident personal care; praying; sharing musical talents; reading; etc...

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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 33% of that goal with a total of \$40,784.

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

WHY DO SOME NOT HEAR GOD?

Today, Jesus addresses those pressing questions: Why don't people hear God's message? Why isn't the Church growing? Why are so many in a state of indifference to the faith? Rather than give us the answer directly, Jesus implants clues through a parable so we can seek the answer to which He'll provide. Our Lord typically used parables to reveal and conceal divine mysteries. While we might not have the spiritual "ears" to fully hear the meaning of this parable, Jesus patiently explained the parable to the often intellectually-slow disciples (and us).

In examining Jesus' parable, we can identify three impediments that parallel three sources: the path represents the devil, the rocky ground represents the flesh, and the thorns embody the world. These three images and their corresponding sources are the primary reason people today likely hit the boring button on the Catholic faith.

To grasp the solution to our problem, let's break down the problem and the solution in simple terms.

The First Impediment:

- **The impediment:** The path
- **The source:** The devil (represented by birds)
- **The solution:** Scripture, prayer, the sacraments

The Second Impediment:

- **The impediment:** Rocky ground
- **The source:** The flesh
- **The solution:** Receiving the Holy Spirit and developing the virtues.

The Third Impediment:

- **The impediment:** Thorns
- **The source:** The world - the totality of the ideas of the world (there's a lot)
- **The solution:** Embracing the totality of Jesus's teaching in the Church. "For whatever is born of God [the Church] overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith" (1 John 5:4).

Often, we'll inevitably fall back on earthy solutions to why evangelization efforts falter. We need more outreach, better communication, community events, etc. While these efforts are noble, they won't move the needle toward God precisely because large impediments stand in the way. Today, Jesus reminds us to address our internal obstacles first; then, we will finally understand God's word. From here, our faith will take off.

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/smrcia24.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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. Our new season will kick off in August. To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/smclifetimeen2324.

LIFE TEEN KICK-OFF EVENT

The new Life Teen season is about to begin! Our kick-off event will take place on Sunday, August 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All high-school-aged students in the parish are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!



CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

We want you to be a part of our Peer Team! This team is completely made up of students who desire to use their talents to serve their friends and community for the greater glory of God. Members will have opportunities for service hours, additional formation, and making memories that will last. There are a few different crews that make up our team, so there is something for everyone! Over the next few weeks, we'll be highlighting each group on the peer team. Keep an eye out to see what opportunities are open to you! Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to say yes. If you are interested in joining the peer team, please contact Antoinette Hanning at ahanning@stmatthewtn.org.

PEER TEAM HIGHLIGHT: MUSIC/WORSHIP CREW

This group of teens focuses on serving their peers through their God-given musical talents. They will help to lead praise and worship for Adoration nights and retreats when available.

PEER TEAM HIGHLIGHT: LITURGICAL CREW

This group of teens helps to serve the Saint Matthew's community by supporting our Liturgical Ministries. Opportunities include, being a lector, choir member, hospitality minister, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, altar server and sacristan. Responsibilities vary depending on the role and training is offered for each one.

If you are interested in joining the Music/Worship or Liturgical crews, please contact Antoinette Hanning at ahanning@stmatthewtn.org.



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



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