



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

JUNE 25, 2023 + TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHAT I SAY TO YOU IN THE DARKNESS,
*Speak in
the light.*
MATTHEW 10:27

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS

Monday - Friday | 9 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

DAILY MASSES AT 9 A.M. THIS WEEK

It's Totus Tuus & VBS week at Saint Matthew! We are excited to welcome the Totus Tuus missionaries to our campus for their week-long faith formation program for the youth of our parish. To accommodate their schedule, our daily Masses will be held at 9 a.m. every day this week. We will still celebrate daily Mass at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28. Please pray for all of those participating in Totus Tuus and VBS!

RESPECT FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE ENDS TODAY!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Respect for Life Ministry's baby bottle drive benefitting Mulier Care! Today is the final day to return your filled baby bottles. Please drop all baby bottles in the blue bin in the narthex. Contact Mary Starr at maryestarr25@gmail.com with questions.

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 this 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.

TOTUS TUUS PARISH POTLUCK DINNER - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

The Totus Tuus missionaries would like to invite all Saint Matthew parishioners to a potluck dinner! Join us to meet the missionaries and learn more about their service work around the diocese. The dinner will take place this Wednesday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Please bring a dish to share. We hope to see you there!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 11, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$20,177
SECOND COLLECTION: MEN'S CLUB	\$274

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

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Capital Needs

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ONLINE GIVING PAGE:

www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



LITURGY SCHEDULE (JUNE 26-JULY 2, 2023)

MONDAY, JUNE 26

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Peggy Rippetoe
- Gn 12:1-9
- Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ John and Elizabeth Benus
- Gn 13:2, 5-18
- Mt 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ For the Totus Tuus missionaries
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ Marguerite Chin
- Gn 15:1-12, 17-18
- Mt 7:15-20

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ John DeSilva Jr.
- Acts 12:1-11
- 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
- Mt 16:13-19

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Baby Harwood
- Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22
- Mt 8:1-4

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Peter Anthony Pagan
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ James Testin
- 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a
- Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
- Mt 10:37-42

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

PARISH NEWS

OFFICES CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4

In observance of Independence Day, Saint Matthew offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - JULY 7

Registration is now open for our next First Friday Adoration on Friday, July 7. Time slots are available in 30-minute increments. We need two people present with the Blessed Sacrament at all times. If the time slot you would like to choose already has two slots filled, you are still welcome to sign up for that time. Visit bit.ly/smcfirstfridayadorationjuly23 to register for a time slot. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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 Kelly Ott at kott@stmatthewtn.org.

ROSARY FOR OUR NATION - JULY 9

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.

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!

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. Their founding activity, still practiced today, is the home visit. Through these visits, members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need, not only providing material assistance such as rent, utilities, food, or clothing, but also offering friendship, understanding, and prayer. Our conference is no different, working to serve those most in need in our surrounding communities. 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 will open next weekend. Save the date and make plans to attend!

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!



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


PARISH NEWS

BEWARE OF SCAM EMAILS

Recently, we have noticed more and more spam emails coming from scammers posing as Fr. Raines, Fr. Tran, and other church and school staff members. In these emails, the scammers are requesting meetings, asking for favors, and even soliciting money and gift cards from members of our community. And as technology continues to advance, these emails are becoming increasingly harder to identify. Please know that all of our staff members will only send emails from our official Saint Matthew email addresses and would never solicit money or request personal information directly through email. If you receive an email from a Saint Matthew employee that appears suspicious, please do not respond to it or click any links in the message. Instead, please contact the church office, and we will help you verify whether the email is real or a scam. We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (615) 646-0378.

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.

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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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PRAY THE ROSARY AFTER 8 A.M. DAILY MASS

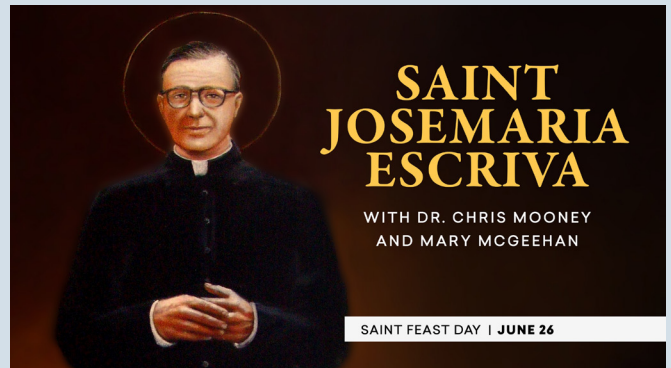
We invite you to pray the rosary with us after our 8 a.m. daily Masses. The group meets in the chapel following daily Mass every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. All are invited to attend.

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 25



CATHOLIC SAINTS: ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

Called “the saint of ordinary life” by Pope John Paul II, St. Josemaria Escriva centered his ministry around a simple truth: Each person can experience the extraordinary grace of holiness, even in the ordinary events of day-to-day life.

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

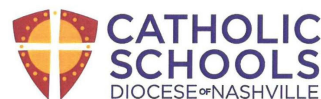
COMMUNITY NEWS

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!

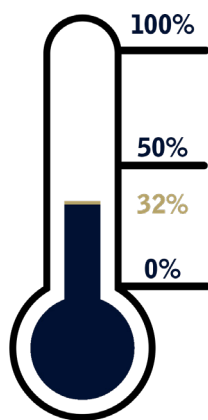


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THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES: MORE THAN \$38,000 ALREADY RAISED!



Thanks to your generous support, Saint Matthew has already raised more than \$38,000 in this year's *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries*! Our goal for this year's appeal is \$118,390. We are currently at 32% of that goal with a total of \$38,934.

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

DO NOT BE AFRAID

In the depths of the Great Depression, Franklin Roosevelt famously announced, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Fear occurs when we encounter something that we can't control or that we think will harm us. Fear is a natural human response that arises as a defense mechanism in the face of potential danger. While not the same, fear and anxiety are related. Fear is a physical response, whereas anxiety is a mental or emotional response to something that may negatively harm us. Fear has been a constant emotion that has been a part of the human scene ever since the fall of man. Today, it seems fear has skyrocketed across our landscape. An estimated 31% of Americans experience an anxiety disorder in their life.

In the Gospel today, Jesus assures us three times not to be afraid of earthly trappings but rather to fear being in hell, separated from God. "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

Three years ago, this country was stepped in the midst of fear of COVID to the point we shut down our normal way of living. Today, Jesus is reminding us to put aside fear and anxiety toward physical obstacles while having a healthy fear of spiritual realities. If a person doesn't fear sin, yet falls under the control of fearing a physical thing – be it cancer or even death itself – this fear will inevitably pull them away from the faith. Why? Because a physical ailment has no power to separate you from God. To become paranoid over a physical condition more than a divine relationship would be analogous to me fearing a bad rash because it negatively affects my relationship with my wife. This doesn't make any sense as the physical condition holds no sway over the sacramental relationship. But, sin, on the other hand, does have the ability to separate you from God. Therefore, we should fear sin and losing our connection with God over a mere physical disease.

Yet, if we are honest, we know that deep down, we tend to place more of our fear into the problems in this world. The picture today presents a sad reversal of the biblical message in which we've become afraid of that which we shouldn't ultimately fear (our health, the unknown), and we've become indifferent to the only thing we should be fearful of (separation from God). By casting aside the supernatural perspective, the material now takes precedence. Here, one's order has devolved, and fear becomes out of control. And God assuredly does not want us to be a constant worry wart about life. However, having one's foot situated in the spiritual landscape allows us to be above the fray of the fear and chaos going on in the physical world.

In prayer, the Lord can help us turn down the volume of fear so we can catch a glimmer of the peace He promises us.

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

SERVIO DEO 2023

Drywall and paint entire houses. Package bags of food. Organize and distribute food at a food pantry. Build and deliver sheds. Fill dozens of sand bags. Deep clean a church. Clear out old flooring. Clean a preserve of hurricane debris.

This is just a small list of the work we accomplished at Servio Deo last week. The list is overwhelming. Each task as important as the next to the people of Fort Myers who were impacted by Hurricane Ian. Thanks to your support and prayers, a group of incredible youth and adults from Saint Matthew were able to accomplish it all! They did so with a smile and a beautiful willingness to serve complete strangers. God is good!

If you want to see more of our Servio Deo mission trip, check out our YouTube channel (bit.ly/smclyoutube).



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/smcLifeteen2324.



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



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