



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

JULY 30, 2023 + SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS LIKE

TREASURE BURIED IN A FIELD

WHICH A PERSON FINDS AND HIDES AGAIN,
AND OUT OF JOY GOES AND SELLS ALL THAT
HE HAS AND BUYS THAT FIELD."

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

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Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte



PARISH NEWS

KNEELERS AT COMMUNION



We have a number of parishioners and families who kneel to receive Holy Communion. After receiving multiple requests, we would like to make the reception of Holy Communion safer for them and others by making two prie-dieus (movable kneelers) available for use in the center aisle during Mass. Starting next weekend, the kneelers will be placed to the side of the priest and deacon/EMHC so as not to be in the way. You do not need to change anything about the way that you currently receive Holy Communion. This should not affect

anyone who does not wish to kneel. Please feel free to continue receiving in the manner that you always have. Those who want to kneel can make use of the prie-dieus.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Time slots are still available for our First Friday Adoration on August 4. Time slots are available in 30-minute increments. We need two people present with the Blessed Sacrament at all times. If you are interested in attending, please visit bit.ly/smcffajuly23 to register. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

NEW HIRE MEET AND GREET - AUGUST 5 & 6

Our next Community Weekend will take place next weekend, 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, school faculty and staff, and others. We hope to see you there!

LITURGY SCHEDULE (JULY 31 - AUGUST 6, 2023)

MONDAY, JULY 31

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Edna Eleazar
- Ex 32:15-24, 30-34
- Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Souls in Purgatory
- Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
- Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✠ For Dee Davis
- Ex 34:29-35
- Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ For Kevin and Susan Cox
- Ex 40:16-21, 34-38
- Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Jim, Scott, and Keith Baldinger
- Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
- Mt 13:54-58

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✠ For the People of Saint Matthew
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ Richard Sappenfield
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ Clara Harris
- Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
- 2 Pt 1:16-19
- Mt 17:1-9

✠ **Special Intention**
✠ *May they rest in peace*

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$17,045
SECOND COLLECTION: ST. GIANNA CIRCLE MINISTRY	\$170

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www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



PARISH NEWS

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!

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.



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 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. 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

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.

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.

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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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM
SAINT MATTHEW.

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 30



IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called “The Saint of Second Chances,” St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

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?

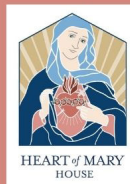
Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness, and others conflict in their relationships. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For confidential 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.

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:

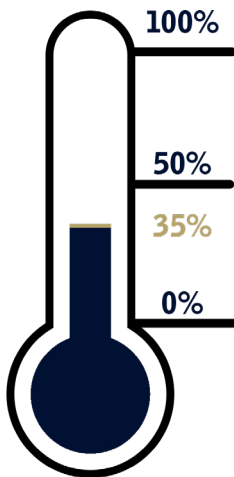
- **Part Time Caregiver**- this is a paid position. No licensure or experience necessary; on the job training provided.
- **Volunteer**- jobs include, cleaning; laundry; resident personal care; praying; sharing musical talents; reading; etc...

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Nashville, TN 37211



www.heartofmaryhouse.org
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Kim Derrick, 615-504-8542

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 35% of that goal with a total of \$42,356.

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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TO MAKE
A GIFT



TONY'S REFLECTION

BURIED TREASURE THIS WAY

For a recent family movie night, we watched *National Treasure* with Nicolas Cage. My kids seemed fascinated with the thrill of going on an arduous adventure to find hidden treasure. The characters in the film were willing to risk everything, including their lives, just to lay eyes on a lost treasure. These kinds of stories seem to resonate with us. Why? Deep down, we are hunting for that secret treasure. In today's readings, Jesus presents us with three parables that show our faith through a similar lens – God's Kingdom is veiled and its value is inestimable.

The first parable tells us that the Kingdom is not obvious. If God's Kingdom is like "buried treasure," there's no billboard saying, "TRUE CHURCH, THAT IS THE KINGDOM, EXIT LEFT 1 MILE." Those speeding by on the highway of life will never find it. That is, to be merely focused on keeping on with the latest jargon and trends one becomes oblivious to God's treasure. Therefore, you can't just be fixated on worldly things and expect the Kingdom to fall right in front of your face. The hidden nature of the Kingdom implies you have to go out and seek it. Then, you have to dig through some rough layers until... suddenly, you hit something. Can it be? Is it? Yes! Your next move is to sell everything you have to buy the field with this treasure. Why? Once you realize the beauty of God's Kingdom, you'll do anything to get it, as everything else becomes mere rubbish (Philippians 3:8).

The second of these parables is similar to the first. Again, the Kingdom is not obvious. There are many competitors, perhaps even "fake pearls" or pearls of low quality. It takes some discernment—indeed wisdom, like Solomon asked for—to tell the true and valuable pearl from all the look-alikes.

The third parable is one of the most important for us to comprehend. It tells us that the Kingdom, for all its value, will also be a "mixed bag" full of the good and bad.

"The Kingdom" in the Gospel of Matthew is, in one sense, nothing but Jesus himself: the King. However, since the Church is the Body of Christ and united to Him, what is said about the Kingdom applies also to the Church, both Triumphant (in heaven) and Militant (on earth). The seven parables of the Kingdom in Matthew 13 are clearly not speaking of the Church Triumphant, glorified in God's presence; nor are they speaking (for the most part) of the Kingdom manifested in the person of Christ the Kingdom. These parables of a Kingdom hidden, starting small, growing slowly, hard to find, mixed with weeds and bad fish, is a description of the Church Militant—perhaps even our local parish.

It takes wisdom to recognize that the Church Militant is, for all its wounds, the Kingdom of Heaven come to earth. This wisdom can only come from God, granted to those who love him. If we are docile to the teachings of Jesus, He will teach us the wisdom of the Kingdom.

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

LIFE TEEN KICK-OFF EVENT

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



FALL 2023 KICKOFF

color wars

water wars

August 13th

5:30 - 7:30pm

more info to come

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/smclifeteen2324.


ANTOINETTE'S REFLECTION A LOOK BACK AT SUMMER

Can you believe it's already the end of Summer? Let's take some time to reflect on the good God has done the past few months.

Here are a few questions to ask yourself as you reflect on the summer. These questions can be good for journaling or as conversation starters with your friends or family.

- How has God shown Himself to me this Summer (in big ways and little ones)?
- What was the biggest blessing?
- What was the greatest challenge?
- What was God trying to show me through this challenge?
- How did I say yes to God?
- How can I continue to say yes this school year?

YOUTH GROUP ON INSTAGRAM



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Guess what? We're back on Instagram! Follow us for Youth Group updates, Catholic resources for teens, and much more! Give us a follow [@stmatthewyouth](https://www.instagram.com/stmatthewyouth).



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Want to learn about the faith? Visit
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