



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 + TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

***"For where two or three are
gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."***

- Matthew 18:20



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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PARISH NEWS

13TH ANNUAL SONGWRITERS NIGHT



LITURGY SCHEDULE (SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2023)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For all first responders and those impacted by the events of 9/11
- Col 1:24-2:3
- Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ William Lawson
- Col 2:6-15
- Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✦ For Mike & Madeleine Harvey
- Col 3:1-11
- Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ Anthony Tran
- Nm 21:4b-9
- Phil 2:6-11
- Jn 3:13-17

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Anthony Prenares
- 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
- Jn 19:25-27

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✦ For the People of Saint Matthew
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ Mary Weishaar
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ Ruby Nichols
- Sir 27:30—28:7
- Rom 14:7-9
- Mt 18:21-35

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

NEXT WEEK!

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

PRESENTS

WELL PLAYED

featuring...

**WOOD
NEWTON**

**CLARE
CUNNINGHAM**

**KING
LEG**

Only one more week left until our 13th Annual Songwriters Night! Join us next Saturday, September 16 at 6 p.m. in the courtyard for a night of music and fellowship, benefitting our Haiti Ministry and our sister parish, Our Lady of Miracles, in Gobert, Haiti. Tickets are still on sale! Buy your tickets today at bit.ly/smsongwritersnight23.

SPONSOR OUR SONGWRITERS NIGHT

Sponsorship opportunities are available for our 13th Annual Well Played: A Songwriters Night! With four different sponsorship levels, there are options to fit every budget. If you or your business is interested in sponsoring this event, please visit bit.ly/smsongwritersnightsponsor23 and complete the sponsorship form.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 -	
PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$20,013
SECOND COLLECTION: CAPITAL NEEDS	\$459

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ONLINE GIVING PAGE:

www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



PARISH NEWS

LUNCH BUNCH RETURNS!



Lunch Bunch is back! All senior members of the community (ages 55+) are invited to join us for lunch, fellowship, fun and bingo. Our first event of the new season

will take place this Tuesday, September 12 from noon-2 p.m. in the narthex. The cost is \$10 (cash or check, paid at the door). Please bring a gift for the prize table. This can be a trinket, toy, game, statue, book, baked goods, etc. valued around \$10. Have some old items collecting dust in your home? Bring it to bingo! All used items must be in good, working condition. Visit www.bit.ly/smclunchbunchsept23 to register. For questions, contact Martin Strobel at mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org or (615) 550-5101.

SAINT MATTHEW FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



Join us 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. Meals will cost \$10/plate and \$40/family. All members of the Saint Matthew community are invited to attend and spend time in fellowship together. Visit bit.ly/smcfestdaydinner to place your meal order today.

WOMEN'S CLUB SEPTEMBER MEETING

Join us for the official return of the Saint Matthew Women's Club. Our first meeting will take place in the PCC 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 Mass. We will then meet to enjoy refreshments, review the agenda for the upcoming year, explore service opportunities, and distribute the book for our October meeting. 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 cm Myers@stmatthewtn.org.

SAINT MATTHEW SPEAKER SERIES FEATURING DR. JAMES PAULEY



Join us for the next installment of the Saint Matthew Speaker Series featuring Dr. James Pauley, professor of Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University of

Steubenville. In honor of the year of Eucharistic Revival, both of his talks will be centered on the Eucharist. His first talk on Wednesday, October 4 is titled "How does the Eucharist revive us?" The second talk on Thursday, October 5 is titled "How can we better encounter God at Mass?" Both talks will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Visit bit.ly/smcsspauley to register and learn more.

RESPECT FOR LIFE MINISTRY ROSARY

Our Respect for Life ministry would like to invite the Saint Matthew community to pray a rosary for the unborn. The group will gather in the grotto every Tuesday following the 8 a.m. Mass to pray the rosary. In the event of inclement weather, the group will gather in the church. All are invited to attend.

PARISH NEWS

FAMILY SERVICE MINISTRY BOX OF JOY KICK-OFF EVENT - NEW DATE

Our Family Service Ministry is hosting its annual social and Box of Joy kick-off event on Thursday, September 14 at 3 p.m. (*new date and time*) at the Saint Matthew playground. Please join us, even if you're not yet a ministry member. Although it's not required, please RSVP if you plan to attend. Visit bit.ly/smcfsmbboxofjoy to register. FSM provides service opportunities for the whole family to participate in. Contact Theresa Chau at theresa.a.chau@gmail.com to learn more.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PORTAL IS LIVE



We are excited to announce that the Eucharistic Revival portal is now live on the Saint Matthew website! Visit bit.ly/smceucharist to learn more about the Year of Eucharistic Revival, learn

more about upcoming Eucharistic Revival events at Saint Matthew, and to refocus your heart on this fundamental truth of our faith.

CURSILLO MOVEMENT

There is a movement in the Diocese of Nashville that is intended to help Catholics develop an understanding of what it means to lead a fully Christian life. Cursillo focuses on building a deeper relationship with God and living out the call to Christian leadership. The weekend will include talks, group discussions, personal reflection time, and Sacraments, all designed to help you grow in your faith and discern your place in life and role in the Church. This is a great way to make true friends by sharing the experience with Catholics from Saint Matthew and other parishes in the diocese. Cursillo is an adventure for adults to rediscover being Catholic and explore how you can bring your faith to your daily life. It is a spiritual resurrection, and you are invited to experience it for yourself! The men's retreat will take place on September 28-October 1, and the women's from October 5-8. To learn more and register for an upcoming retreat, visit www.nashvillecursillo.com.

THE TROOPS OF SAINT GEORGE

Register for one of our newest ministries, the Troops of Saint George. Founded in 2013, TSG is a national fraternal Catholic apostolate for young men looking for a life of adventure and virtue. All Catholic fathers and sons are invited to join. 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, please visit bit.ly/smctsgregistration. For questions, please email Eric Ruppaner at tsg@stmatthewtn.org.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Stay up to date with the latest news and information from Saint Matthew! Join our email list today to receive our newsletters, updates on upcoming events, and more. To sign up, visit bit.ly/smcemailsignup.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - SEPTEMBER 10



CATHOLIC ALL YEAR W/ KENDRA TIERNEY: FUN WITH EXALTING THE HOLY CROSS

In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, let's talk about...talking to kids about Jesus' suffering. Plus a family-friendly at-home Veneration of the Cross, and our favorite feast day foods.

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

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JUNIOR IRISH NIGHT AT FATHER RYAN

All grade-school children are invited to Junior Irish Night on Friday, September 29 from 5-7 p.m. at Father Ryan. There will be swag bags, carnival and lawn games, a DJ, and more! Line up with the student body and the marching band to lead the team onto the field! All Junior Irish receive a free ticket to the football game that night, with kickoff at 7 p.m. Junior Irish Night Registration is required - go to www.fatherryan.org/admissions/junior-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. To learn more, call (615) 838-6724, email nrv3043@gmail.com, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

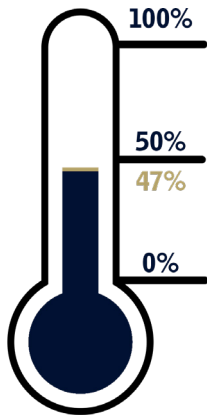
FATHER RYAN PRIDE IN THE PIT BBQ CONTEST

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 \$55,000 RAISED!



Thanks to your generous support, Saint Matthew has already raised more than \$53,000 in this year's *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries*! Our goal for this year's appeal is \$118,390. We are currently at 47% of that goal with a total of \$55,825.

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

FRATERNAL CORRECTION

Winston Churchill once said, "The criticisms may not be agreeable, but it is necessary." Psychologists have found that people tend to avoid giving or receiving constructive criticism because it provokes negative feedback. With constructive criticism, we come to the crossroads of knowing we need it but not wanting it.

From the Biblical vantage point, constructive criticism is known as fraternal correction. Fraternal correction is rooted in such phrases in Proverbs as "He who heeds rebuke gains understanding," and "rebuke a wise man, and he will love you." Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst.

People tend to drift into two extremes with fraternal correction. At one extreme is the person who is obsessed with wanting to be liked by all, so they never correct anyone for fear of being despised. At the other extreme, the person goes out of his way to tell the other their flaws in order to demonstrate his moral superiority. In this case, it isn't authentic because fraternal correction is rooted in helping the other's salvation, not merely boosting one's ego. Therefore, we want to avoid falling into these two camps.

The deciding factor in fraternal correction is that we are desiring the other's salvation out of love. Therefore, you don't hand out fraternal correction on minor faults but on those that jeopardize the other's salvation. Here, Jesus indicates those instances when they've sinned against you, and their sin ruptures your relationship with them and separates them from God. The formula Jesus outlines for fraternal correction starts with going to this person privately. Oftentimes times, people might skip over this and instead blast a post on social media or gossip about what that person did. Yet, Jesus challenges us to have a one-on-one charitable conversation to win them back. If the private discussion does not help one's sinful behavior, Jesus's next option is through the witness of others. Here, we enter into an intervention-type scenario. Finally, Jesus presents the Church as the final arbitrator to help turn the person from their false path.

I recently heard a priest say that forgiveness is the basis of fraternal correction. The Our Father prayer tells us that those who trespass against us are to be forgiven, and in the reading, Jesus equated fraternal correction to binding and loosing. The Greek word for "loose" means to dissolve or to release. Therefore, when you forgive someone, you release them from your internal pain and resentment. Once this happens, you will approach fraternal correction with care and compassion rather than as a means to get back at the person.

To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must forgive them and then make every effort to win them back even if it hurts along the way.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HOLY CHILD SYMPOSIUM



Holy Child Symposium
Safe Environment Strategies for Parents
Sunday, September 24
9:45-10:45 a.m.



One of our main tasks as parents is to safeguard our children in a fallen world. Led by parishioner Fran Jaeger, we will hold a symposium to discuss safe environment strategies for parents. This symposium is open to all parents and child caregivers on Sunday, September 24 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the parish conference center.

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. We are in need of catechists for our 4th grade Religious Education classes. If you are interested, please visit bit.ly/smccatechist23 and fill out the brief form. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about becoming a catechist, please contact Tony Jesse, Director of Religious Education, at tjesse@stmatthewtn.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, our RCIA ministry can help. RCIA will hold its social mixer on Tuesday, September 19 to welcome all of our potential candidates. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, visit bit.ly/smcrcia24 to learn more.

YOUTH MINISTRY

RISE NIGHT TONIGHT!

We're back y'all! Join us for fun and taquitos tonight from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. All high school students are welcome, and bring a friend or sibling. We hope to see you there!

HOME SCHOOL LUNCH

Starting September 19, we will be hosting a home school lunch hour! All high school-aged students are welcome to join us in the parish conference center anytime between 12-1:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month for lunch and fellowship. Bring lunch and come hang out!

YOUTH GROUP ON INSTAGRAM



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).

WANTED: BOARD GAMES

Do you like playing board games? Hey, so do we! And we're looking to grow our collection! If you have any old games collecting dust, we will happily take them. Or if there's a game you think we absolutely have to have, we'd gladly take new ones. Please make sure they are appropriate and have all of the pieces. These games will primarily be used by high school students, but we're not above turning a little kid's matching game into an epic relay race. If you'd like to donate please contact Antoinette Hanning at ahanning@stmatthewtn.org.

SAVE THE DATE(S)

Don't miss these awesome opportunities to spend time with friends and encounter the faith! Save the date for these upcoming Rise events.

FOUR WEEK GUYS & GIRLS BIBLE STUDIES

MONDAYS FROM OCTOBER 16-NOVEMBER 6

7-8 P.M.

DAY OF SERVICE

NOVEMBER 5

SEARCH RETREAT

NOVEMBER 10-12

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT (ALABAMA)

DECEMBER 2

8:15 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.



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



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READY TO DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIFFERENCE?

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL



Wednesday
SEPT. 20, 2023
8:00 a.m.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Register online

www.stmatthewtn.org/school/admissions

Zoom and in-person options available.



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Saint Matthew
CATHOLIC SCHOOL