



Saint Matthew

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 + THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



The Solemnity of

JESUS

CHRIST

King of the Universe



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

CONTACT US:

📍 535 Sneed Road W, Franklin, TN 37069
✉ info@stmatthewtn.org
☎ (615) 646-0378
🌐 www.stmatthewtn.org
📱 @SaintMatthewCatholicChurch

PASTOR:

Father Justin Raines

ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Father Tien Tran

DEACONS:

Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte



PARISH NEWS

WOMEN'S CLUB GIFT DASH



LITURGY SCHEDULE (NOV 27-DEC 3, 2023)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ William Schulz
- Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
- Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Kylie LaPierre
- Dn 2:31-45
- Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ Deceased members of the Freire and Cuadra Families
- Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
- Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Mike Bosi
- Rom 10:9-18
- Mt 4:18-22

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ For the People of Israel
- Dn 7:2-14
- Lk 21:29-33

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ Norm Pictor
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Eric Larkin
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
- 1 Cor 1:3-9
- Mk 13:33-37

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

The Saint Matthew Women's Club is excited to present its inaugural Gift Dash! This fundraiser and dinner is sure to get you into the holiday spirit. Dash (don't walk) to the registration form and sign up today. All members of the parish are invited to join us for a gift exchange unlike any other. The event will take place this Friday, December 1 in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Dinner begins at 6 p.m., followed by the Gift Dash at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$35 per person. Each ticket includes dinner and two drink tickets. Tables of eight are available on a limited basis. If you would like to be seated with particular people, please either order together or mention their names on the form. The deadline to register is this **Wednesday, November 29 at noon**, so act fast! Visit bit.ly/smcwcgiftdash to learn more and register. We look forward to seeing you there!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 19, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$ 23,281
SECOND COLLECTION: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$367

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Debt Reduction

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Capital Needs

MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY ON OUR
ONLINE GIVING PAGE:

www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



PARISH NEWS

THE MANGER IS UNDERWAY!



Our Christmas giving program is underway! The Manger, hosted by GraceWorks Ministries in Franklin, is a shopping experience designed to help low-income families in Williamson County provide Christmas gifts for their children. Eligible families will have the opportunity to “shop” for gifts in a store-like environment. Now through December 3, Saint Matthew will be collecting NEW and UNWRAPPED toys and sporting equipment for children ages 0-18. All donations can be dropped off in the bins in the church narthex and the school lobby. Visit bit.ly/smcmanager23 or scan the QR code above to learn more.

BECOME A GIFT BEARER

As we reflect on the Thanksgiving holiday, we remember all of the gifts that God has given us in our lives. At each Mass, the gift bearers represent the faithful of the Church expressing their gratitude and thanks for God’s blessings and returning those gifts back to Him. Families and individuals alike are welcome to participate in this special part of the liturgy. We are specifically in need of gift bearers for the 5 p.m. Masses on Saturday. If you are interested in participating in the Mass, scan the QR code above or visit bit.ly/smcgiftbearer to sign up for one of our upcoming liturgies.



PENANCE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saint Matthew is seeking volunteers to help serve dinner to the priests in attendance at our penance service on Tuesday, December 5. Volunteers will be needed from 5-7 p.m. Responsibilities include serving dinner and helping with clean up afterwards. If you are interested, please contact Kelly Ott at kott@stmatthewtn.org.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Time slots are still available for our First Friday Adoration this Friday, December 1. Time slots are available in 30-minute increments. We must have at least two people present with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the entire day. If you are interested in attending, please visit bit.ly/smcffadecember23 to register for a time slot.

FAMILY SERVICE MINISTRY CAROLING

Join our Family Service Ministry for Christmas caroling at NHC Place at the Trace on Thursday, December 7 at 3:30 p.m. The residents love to hear the children sing! Festive garb is suggested, but not required. Visit bit.ly/smcfsmc Caroling23 to sign up. All ages are welcome!

MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Santa Claus is coming to Saint Matthew! Join us in the Cohan-Hansom Building on Saturday, December 9 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Men’s Club. All children in attendance will have the opportunity to meet Santa, get their picture taken with him, and enjoy breakfast with the parish community. The event is free and open to children of all ages. Registration is not required but will help us plan for breakfast. Visit bit.ly/smcbreakfastwithsanta23 to register.



PARISH NEWS

NATIVITY PAGEANT - DECEMBER 16



The Children's Nativity Pageant, hosted by our St. Gianna Circle Mothers Ministry, will take place on Saturday, December 16 following the 5 p.m. Mass. The pageant is a retelling of the Christmas

story made up entirely of a cast of children from our parish and school community. All parishioners are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

FREE MONEY!

Let's take advantage of free money to raise funds for our sister parish, Our Lady of Miracles, in Gobert, Haiti! Simply register your Kroger and Publix shoppers cards and select Saint Matthew Church to receive the funds. Then, buy groceries as you normally would! These stores will send quarterly checks to the church and school based on our total spending. To register your cards for these benefits, visit www.publix.com and www.kroger.com. Thank you for your support!

GOT SPARE CHANGE?

There are clear boxes on the table outside the training chapel where you can share your spare change to benefit our sister parish in Haiti. Don't have any change in your pocket or purse? Use the included QR code on the box to donate a dollar or two (or more!). Thank you in advance for sharing your spare change!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM SAINT MATTHEW.

www.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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - NOVEMBER 26



SACRED ART | CHRIST THE KING

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of sacred art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

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

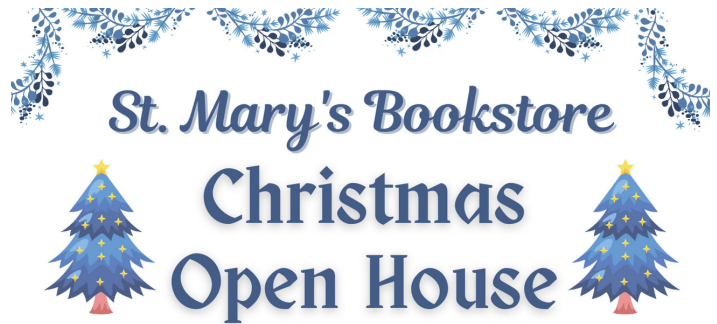
COMMUNITY NEWS

BECOME A FATHER RYAN STUDENT

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 school year at Father Ryan High School. With large numbers applying for this current school year, we encourage prospective families to apply as early as possible. For more information and to apply, visit www.fatherryan.org/admissions/apply.

OH, COME LET US ADORE HIM

In honor of the Year of Parish Renewal in the National Eucharistic Revival, St. Ann Catholic Church is hosting 40 continuous hours of Adoration from December 15-17. The opening Mass will take place at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 15, and the closing Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 17. For more information and to register, visit their website at www.saintannparish.com/faithformation.



REFRESHMENTS - DOOR PRIZES CHRISTMAS SPECIALS



Saturday, December 2nd

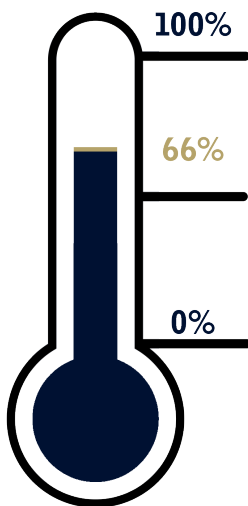
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



St. Mary's Bookstore

1909 West End Ave. - Nashville

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES: *MORE THAN \$75,000 RAISED!*



Thanks to your generous support, Saint Matthew has raised more than \$75,000 toward its goal in this year's *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries*! Our goal for this year's appeal is \$118,390. We are currently at 66% of that goal with a total of \$78,194 raised to date.

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. Please prayerfully consider making a gift.

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!

**SCAN HERE
TO MAKE
A GIFT**



TONY'S REFLECTION

WHAT TO DO WITH OUR TALENTS?

Some years ago, a movie was released called *For Greater Glory* depicting the struggle for religious freedom for the Catholics of Mexico. The movie depicts how the communist government was violently oppressing the Catholic faith in the 1920's. The rallying cry of the persecuted Mexican Catholics was "Viva Cristo Rey!" which means "Long Live Christ the King!" For many of them, these were the last words out of their mouths before their violent deaths. Here, faithful men boldly proclaimed that Christ was king of the world, king of their lives in the face of looming death.

Today, we celebrate the kingship of Christ. Unlike the vast majority of human kings, Christ the King came to give up His life for his followers rather than protect it. In the storyline of the Gospel, the people have it backward. They claim if He is truly king, God will save Him from death on the cross. So, they taunt Him. What they don't understand is that this king didn't come to save Himself but to save them—and us. By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His kingship—not in protecting His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours.

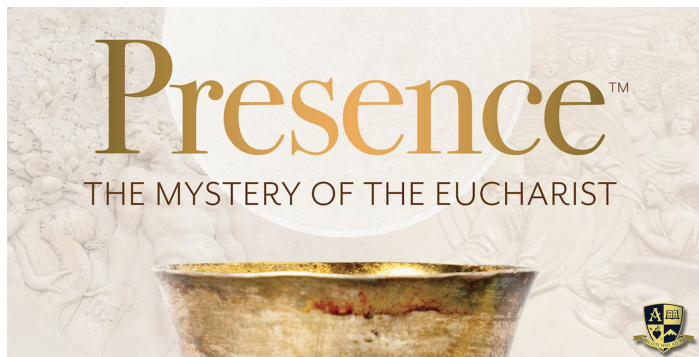
The kingship of Christ is best understood through Jesus' conversation with the Roman governor Pontius Pilate before Pilate condemned Him to death by crucifixion. When Pilate questioned Jesus about His kingship, Jesus did not deny that He is a king. He explained, however, the unique nature of His kingship - one that "does not belong to this world" (Jn 18: 36). The heart of Christ's kingdom is not of this world. It is in the next. Yet, how we live and the teachings we embrace in this world show that we either follow the King or do not. While political involvement is a civic duty of Catholics, we are not ultimately fighting for some political order but for holiness, for communion with God, for the salvation of souls, and eternal life. This is Christ's kingdom. Any other goal is far too low. Jesus went out to tell Pilate that part of His kingship is "to testify to the truth," (Jn 18: 37), freeing all mankind from slavery to the deceptions by which Satan would lead us into sin and eternal death.

In Christ's kingship, one grasps the right order of all things – the sacramental, the moral, the natural, and political order. Christ conquers the disorder introduced into the world by the rebellion of our first parents against the will of God for us and for the world. The obedience of God the Son reestablishes and restores the original communion of man with God and, therefore, peace in the world.

Today, we acclaim Christ the King of our lives and of our world, and we offer Him the worship which He alone, among all kings, merits.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

REAL PRESENCE SERIES



As we continue to celebrate the Year of the Eucharistic Revival, all are invited to learn more about the Real Presence of the Eucharist as we watch and discuss the Presence series, presented by the Augustine Institute. Join us on Mondays starting November 27 from 7-8 p.m. in the parish conference center. If you are interested in attending, please visit bit.ly/smcpresence23 to register.

PASSION OF CHRIST PRAYER GROUP

Please join us on the last Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. in the chapel to pray the Way of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and learn more about our Lord's Passion. Our mission is to pray for our fellow Catholic brothers and sisters who have left the church, or any intentions that you may have. As St. Mother Teresa once said, "To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of his love... When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then; when you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." Visit bit.ly/smcwayofthecross to complete the form.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The Seven Sisters Apostolate needs women who would commit to offering a weekly holy hour for our parish pastor. The commitment of each intercessor is to the day of the week versus a particular hour on a particular day. You would pray the hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration or in front of a tabernacle. This may be prayed at any parish. If you are interested in joining the apostolate, visit bit.ly/smcsevensisters to complete the interest form. For questions, contact Susan Ruigh at susanruigh@protonmail.com or (402) 499-6724.

YOUTH MINISTRY

RISE COMMUNITY NIGHT

We're coming back from Thanksgiving break ready for a second feast! Per the teen's request, this month's community night will consist of a potluck & game night. We will meet in the Cohan-Hansom Building on Sunday, November 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Visit bit.ly/smcrisethanksgiving to sign up to bring a dish. See you there!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We're looking for teens to help stuff and label Christmas cards for our church family! Although it's a pretty easy, repetitive task, it truly impacts our community. We'll be doing this Wednesday, November 29 in the parish conference center. Hours available from 4-8 p.m. For more information and to sign up, visit bit.ly/smcriseservice.

REGISTER FOR RISE

Life is busy, and other things can take priority for a time. That is why registration for Rise is available year round! We regularly welcome new teens to our group and encourage them to bring friends. It's never too late to join us! Visit bit.ly/smcrise2324 to register.

A PILGRIMAGE FOR TEENAGERS TO THE *Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament*

December 2nd, 2023 from 8:30 am - 8:30 pm

All 8th - 12th graders are invited to join

Fr. Raines & Antoinette on a day pilgrimage!

Younger siblings are also welcome to come with a Parent present



REGISTER TEENS HERE

\$25 A PERSON includes lunch

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER
WEDNESDAY, 11/29**



TONY JESSE

Director of Religious Education

tjesse@stmatthewtn.org

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



ANTOINETTE HANNING

Director of Youth Ministry

ahanning@stmatthewtn.org



OFFICE HOURS: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH: 615-646-0378

SCHOOL: 615-662-4044

PASTORAL STAFF



Father Justin Raines
Pastor
fraines@stmatthewtn.org



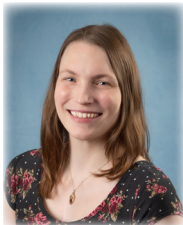
Father Tien Tran
Associate Pastor
frtran@stmatthewtn.org



Bill Forte
Deacon
bforte@stmatthewtn.org



Lachlan Cameron
Deacon
lcameron@stmatthewtn.org



Rebecca Harding
Dir. of Music Ministry
rharding@stmatthewtn.org



Antoinette Hanning
Dir. of Youth Ministry
ahanning@stmatthewtn.org



Tony Jesse
Dir. of Religious Ed.
tjesse@stmatthewtn.org



Kelly Ott
Pastoral Associate
kott@stmatthewtn.org

BUSINESS STAFF



Leslie Holt
Dir. of Operations
lholt@stmatthewtn.org



Dr. Anthony Simpson
SMS Principal
asimpson@stmatthewtn.org



Lori Bellante
SMS Advancement Director
lbellante@stmatthewtn.org



Bill Stewart
Dir. of Finance
bstewart@stmatthewtn.org



Martin Strobel
Dir. Comm./Stewardship
mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org



Cynthia Myers
Facility Coordinator
cmyers@stmatthewtn.org



Margaret Cook
Reception
mcook@stmatthewtn.org



Lisa Newman
Accounts Payable Clerk
lnewman@stmatthewtn.org