



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

OCTOBER 22, 2023 + TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**"THEN REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO
CAESAR AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD."**

- MATTHEW 22:21

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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Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte

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LITURGY SCHEDULE (OCTOBER 23-29, 2023)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ John Cicon
- Rom 4:20-25
- Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Scott Broady
- Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
- Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✠ Doug Charlton
- Rom 6:12-18
- Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Kitty Hobbs
- Rom 6:19-23
- Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Bob Bradshaw
- Rom 7:18-25a
- Lk 12:54-59

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✠ For the People of Saint Matthew
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ Bill Huffaker
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ Suzy Creasman
- Ex 22:20-26
- 1 Thes 1:5c-10
- Mt 22:34-40

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



ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

Next week, Saint Matthew will join Catholics and Christians all around the world in commemorating the faithful departed as we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. On Wednesday, November 1, we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, which is a holy day of obligation in the Church. We will celebrate Mass at 8 a.m. (school Mass), noon and 7 p.m., with Adoration and Confession starting at 6 p.m. in the chapel. After the 7 p.m. Mass, we will have first and second class relics from the Padre Pio Prayer Group available for veneration. On Thursday, November 2, we will celebrate Mass at 8 a.m. (school Mass) and the Mass of Remembrance at 7 p.m. in the Church. Please make plans to attend these special services.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$18,647
SECOND COLLECTION: HAITI MISSION	\$1,221

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: World Mission Sunday

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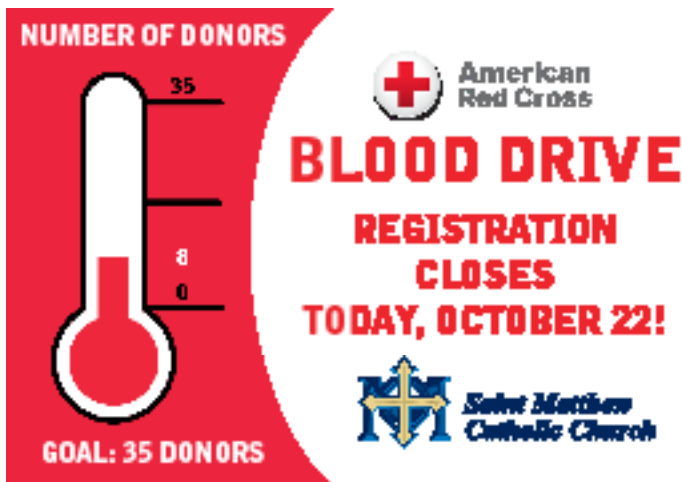


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ROOM IN THE INN SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Our Room In The Inn ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in the warm clothes drive! The items collected will go a long way to help our guests during the winter months ahead. While the drive has ended, we have created an Amazon Wishlist with some important items that our guests can use. To view the wishlist, visit [amzn.to/3RTShp1](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=AWS_C&pf_rd_p=3b7b1b1b-3b7b-4b7b-3b7b-3b7b1b1b3b7b) (case sensitive). We are also seeking volunteers to assist our guests during the upcoming season. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Rhea Forte at (615) 828-5950 or Mary Peters at mary_peters@comcast.net.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY



Today is the final day to register for the Saint Matthew blood drive, which will take place on Sunday, November 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish conference center. All donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card for participating, even if you do not qualify to donate after the screening! Our goal is to have 35 donors register for this year's event. Walk-ups will not be available, so schedule ahead of time to secure your spot. To schedule your appointment, visit rblood.org/46sStzy (case sensitive). For questions, contact Cynthia Myers at (615) 646-0378 x301.



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

www.stmatthewtn.org

RESPECT FOR LIFE & KofC DRIVE FOR MULIER CARE BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

Our Respect for Life ministry and KofC Council #12012 are hosting a joint diaper drive/food drive, benefitting Mulier Care's upcoming community baby shower! This annual event gives families in need the opportunity to stock up on food, diapers, and other items they might need for their children. We are collecting non-perishable food items, such as canned goods (chicken and tuna, pasta and pasta sauces, soups, veggies, fruits, beans, and ready made chili), peanut butter, packs of mac 'n cheese, cereal, rice; diapers of all sizes (NB-7); pull ups; and wet wipes. Donations can be dropped off in the box in the narthex. The drive will end on Sunday, November 5.

DR. SCOTT & KIMBERLY HAHN

Join us on Saturday, November 4 as we welcome renowned authors and speakers, Dr. Scott and Kimberly Hahn, for a full day of talks. The theme of the talks is *Communion of Saints: Striving for Holiness in Troubled Times*. Study Scripture from the heart of the Church and dive into the riches of the faith. Tickets are on sale now for \$40 each. For more information, including a full schedule of events, and to purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/smchahn. We hope to see you there.



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ST. GIANNA CIRCLE NEWS

All mothers (and babies) are always welcome to the St. Gianna Circle monthly meetings! Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. We'll be preparing for some terrific upcoming events! Visit bit.ly/sgcnov23 to register.

Mark your calendars!

- **November 19:** Advent Wreath Making Event after 11 a.m. Mass (Sign up link coming soon.)
- **November 18-December 3:** Graceworks Manger Children's Gift Collection (Collection boxes for new, unwrapped toys will be in narthex and school foyer)
- **December 16:** Children's Nativity after 5 p.m. Mass (Sign up link coming soon)
- **January 27, 2024:** Mother & Son Night of Fun from 6-9 p.m.

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.

PASSION OF CHRIST PRAYER GROUP

The Passion of Christ prayer group is an opportunity to learn more about the experiences of our Lord's Passion through the Way of the Cross. We will dive deeper into those final days, and pray and learn about the people there. We will walk alongside the greatest love story of the living Christ. The group meets the last Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. in the grotto. For inclement weather, meet inside the church. Bring your rosary! If you are interested in participating, please visit bit.ly/smcwayofthecross to complete the interest form. For questions, please contact Pam Fleckenstein at spflecken@comcast.net.


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.

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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IN MEMORIAM



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Paul Hostettler who passed away on October 18, 2023. Fr. Hostettler served as a priest in the dioceses of Nashville and Knoxville for over 70 years and was pastor of Saint Matthew from 1981-1987. He was 100 years old.

Arrangements for his funeral are as follows:

- Visitations will be held on Monday, October 23 from 5-8 p.m. at Marshall Donnelly Combs Funeral Home and on Tuesday, October 24 at 9 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation.
- The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 24 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SAINT MATTHEW SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN HOUSE/TRUNK OR TREAT

See the Saint Matthew difference at our Open House on Sunday, October 29 from noon-2:30 p.m.! We meet children where they are. Our faculty is highly skilled and committed to delivering instruction to students in a way that provides the best opportunity for their short and long-term success, including small groups for reading and math, leveled classes in middle school, and an innovative approach to technology. Come visit us to see the difference for yourself! After Open House ends, all parents of children age seven and under are invited to attend our Trunk or Treat! Costumes and car decorations are encouraged. Visit www.stmatthewtn.org/school or scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin to learn more and register.



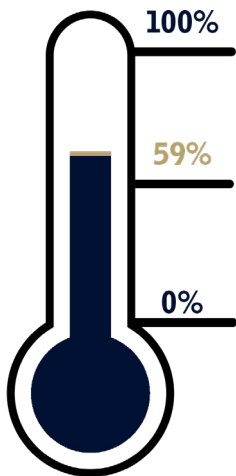
FREE MONEY!

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!

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES: MORE THAN \$70,000 RAISED!



Thanks to your generous support, Saint Matthew has raised more than \$70,000 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 59% of that goal with a total of \$70,149 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!

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TONY'S REFLECTION

THE INTERSECTION OF RELIGION AND POLITICS

GK Chesterton once said, "Those who say you can't talk about politics and religion are removing the two most intriguing things worth talking about." The readings for this Sunday are concerned, in part, with the interaction of religion and politics in the rule of God vs. the rule of men. The Scriptures affirm that ultimate control of human history is in the hands of God. Political powers rise and fall by God's permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1). In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not."

Whatever political intentions Cyrus had in mind, his actions were ultimately part of God's providential plan to restore the Jews to their homeland (see Ezra 1:1-4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins. It is often difficult to perceive any "method to the madness" of world politics, much less to see the hand of God there.

The political jousting continues in the Gospel reading. Here, the Jewish leaders try to trap Jesus in a political dilemma during a public interview, much like TV interviewers try to entrap politicians they don't like with a no-win political question. In this case, the Herodians and Pharisees figure there is no right answer Jesus can give to their question about paying taxes to Caesar. If Jesus says, "It is right to pay taxes," they will spread the news that Jesus supports this tyrannical Roman regime. On the other hand, if Jesus says "It is wrong to pay taxes," they will immediately report him to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate for punishment.

But Jesus was more than a match for their political maneuverings. The meaning of his response, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar," can be understood like this: "If you are going to participate in the Roman currency system and benefit from it, you must also be willing to play by its rules." Both the Pharisees and the Sadducees benefited from the Roman tax system as it allowed them to tax Jewish subjects for the "support" of the Temple.

We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see Acts 5:29). But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image, but we bear God's own image. We owe Him our entire life—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of our will for His.

Yet, for all that, the goal of human existence is not the perfect earthly society that politics attempts to create. The goal of human existence is union with God the Father, Son, and Spirit. And only Jesus Christ is "stamped" with the "face of the Father."

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 Monday nights from 7-8 p.m. in the parish conference center. If you are interested in attending, please visit bit.ly/smcpresence23 to register.

MASS CLASS WITH FR. RAINES

Ever wonder why we do certain things at the Mass? To dive deeper into the Mass and have a greater appreciation for it Father Raines will be leading a Mass Class series. The Mass Class is a four-part series taking place from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the parish conference center. The second class will take place today and the final two on October 29 and November 5. If you are interested in attending, visit bit.ly/smcmassclass to register.

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.

SAINT MATTHEW DAY OF SERVICE

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Saint Matthew School

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2PM-3:30



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