



Saint Matthew

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

OCTOBER 29, 2023 + THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your
soul, and with all your mind."*

- Matthew 22:37



MASS SCHEDULE

MASS

Monday-Friday | 8 a.m.
Wed. at noon, 7 p.m. | Thurs. at 7 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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PARISH NEWS

LITURGY SCHEDULE (OCT 30-NOV 5, 2023)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Matthew Brewer
- Rom 8:12-17
- Lk 13:10-17

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Lee Maxcy
- Rom 8:18-25
- Lk 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Mike Donnelly
- 12:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ Marilyn L'Heureau
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
- 1 Jn 3:1-3
- Mt 5:1-12a

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Pam McGrath
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ All of the Faithful Departed
- Wis 3:1-9
- Rom 6:3-9
- Jn 6:37-40

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Gus Hobbs
- Rom 9:1-5
- Lk 14:1-6

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ Edward Mascolo
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Jerry Boyczuk
- Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
- 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13
- Mt 23:1-12

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



ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

This 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. For an hour before and 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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2023 -	
PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$18,705
SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	\$148

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Charity

MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY ON OUR
ONLINE GIVING PAGE:

www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



PARISH NEWS

RESPECT FOR LIFE & KofC DRIVE FOR MULIER CARE ENDS NEXT WEEKEND

Our combination food drive and diaper drive is underway! All donations will benefit Mulier Care's upcoming community baby shower, which 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 boxes in the narthex. The drive will end next Sunday, November 5. Thank you for your support!

DR. SCOTT & KIMBERLY HAHN

Join us this 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.

SCOTT & KIMBERLY HAHN

Study Scripture from the heart of the Church and dive deeper into the riches of the Catholic faith



DATE
Saturday, November 4
8:00 AM - 3:35 PM

LOCATION
Saint Matthew Catholic Church
535 Sneed Road W
Franklin, TN 37069

PRICE
\$40

REGISTER NOW!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - NOVEMBER 3

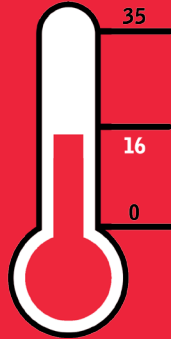


Time slots are available for our First Friday Adoration on November 3. This is a great opportunity to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during this year of Eucharistic


Revival. Time slots are available in 30-minute increments throughout the day. If you are interested in attending, please visit bit.ly/smcffanovember23 to register.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - REGISTRATION EXTENDED!

NUMBER OF DONORS




GOAL: 35 DONORS



American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE

REGISTRATION CLOSSES TODAY, OCTOBER 22!



Saint Matthew Catholic Church

Registration for our annual blood drive has been extended! The blood drive will take place this 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. We currently have 16 donors scheduled for the blood drive. To schedule your appointment, visit rcblood.org/46sStzy (case sensitive). Contact Cynthia Myers at (615) 646-0378 x301 for questions.



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

www.stmatthewtn.org

PARISH NEWS

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT



Our St. Gianna Circle Mothers Ministry invites you to our third annual Saint Matthew Family Advent Wreath Making Event. All are invited to attend on Sunday, November 19 from noon-2 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Each family will make its own Advent wreath to take home. Kids can make ornaments for our elderly friends at NHC Place at the Trace, courtesy of our Family Service Ministry. In addition, other Advent activities, desserts, appetizers and drinks will be available. A recommended donation of \$25 per family is appreciated to cover the cost of the wreath kits and food. Visit bit.ly/smcsgcwreaths23 to learn more and register. For questions, contact Elizabeth Abaray at elizabeth.abaray@live.com.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT



St. Gianna Circle Mothers Ministry invites all Saint Matthew children in grades K-6 to participate in the Children's Nativity Pageant. This will be a retelling of the Christmas story made up of a cast entirely of children from our parish and school community. The pageant will take place on Saturday, December 16 following the 5 p.m. Mass. The first reading of the script will take place on Monday, November 13 at 4 p.m. (children interested in a speaking role must attend the first reading). Roles will be assigned after the first reading. Visit bit.ly/smcnativity to learn more and register your child for the pageant. If you have any questions, please contact Summer Farrell (farrell.summer@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Abaray (elizabeth.abaray@live.com).

ST. GIANNA CIRCLE MONTHLY MEETING

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.

WOMEN'S CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING



Get into the Christmas spirit at the Women's Club's November meeting on Wednesday, November 8, as Saint Matthew parishioner and talented artist, Lynn Tuerff, will lead a Paint-Along Class. All women of the parish are invited

to join us in the Cohan-Hansom Building after the 7 p.m. Mass as Lynn will guide us step-by-step through the painting above. No talent? No problem! You'll be amazed at what you can do. The cost is \$15 per person. All supplies will be provided. To register for the event, visit bit.ly/smcwcpaintalong.

WOMEN'S CLUB GIFT DASH



The Saint Matthew Women's Club is excited to present Gift Dash, our inaugural fundraiser and dinner! All members of the parish are invited to join us for a gift exchange unlike any other. The event will take place on 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. Festive holiday attire is encouraged (think Christmas jammies, ugly Christmas sweaters - the sky's the limit!). We expect this event to sell out quickly, so act fast! Visit bit.ly/smcwcgiftdash to register.

SAINT MATTHEW SCHOOL NEWS

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!

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - OCTOBER 29

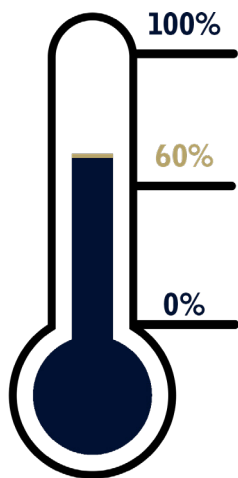


Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

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

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 60% of that goal with a total of \$71,039 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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TO MAKE
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TONY'S REFLECTION

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Jesus keeps dodging his opponents' dubious traps. This week, a cunning lawyer asked Him which of the 613 commandments is the greatest. Without batting an eye, Jesus responded that it is to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, while adding that the second greatest commandment is to love the other as yourself. Here, Jesus asserts that the 613 commandments in the Old Testament are distilled into two prescriptions – love God and love your neighbor.

The linking of loving the other underneath loving God shows how they flow together. We can't love our neighbor if we can't love God first. And we can't love God - whom we can't see - if we don't love our neighbor - whom we can see. Precisely because our neighbor is an image of God, we must love them as all human love flows from loving God.

Catholicism has long taught that love is not reducible to a feeling or warm sentimentality. Rather, as St. Thomas Aquinas put it in concrete terms, "Love is to will the good of the other."

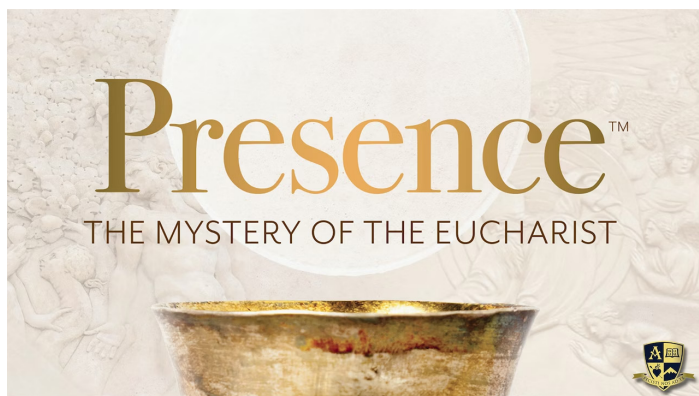
As Scott Hahn is fond of saying, "Love without suffering is vain, emotional platitudes. What proves that love is genuine is one's ability to suffer for the other." Therefore, embedded in the formula of love is that the self must endure a trial to will the good of the other. In Mother Teresa's noble peace speech, she said, "For love to be real it must hurt." Jesus indicated that in love, the self would suffer to some degree in willing the good of the other. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for the beloved" (John 15:13). Almost every time the word "love" surfaces in the Bible, it is associated with self-sacrifice or suffering. Therefore, where there is no sacrifice, there is no love. As the 1976 song by Nazareth declares rather pointedly, "Love Hurts."

It follows that if love is to will the good of the other, at times, this process won't feel comfortable. Because in willing the good of the other, you have to face difficult conversations with loved ones when they've gone astray, similar to the painful encounters invoked at an intervention with an addict. However, such arduous experiences paradoxically allow the person's faith to grow. Indeed, the Christian pedigree is one of hardship, suffering, and martyrdom.

Psychology reveals that often, we treat others kindly primarily so that the other, in turn, will give us praise. However, this formula is a fake version of love, for such moves are tantamount to a strategic self-interest move such as "I scratch your back, you scratch my back." As Bishop Barron puts it, "Truly to love is to move outside of the black hole of one's egotism, to resist the centripetal force that compels one to assume the attitude of self-protection." Love is a total gift of self-sacrifice to God and the other. While the greatest commandment is not the easiest commandment, it will get you closest to God.

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. The third class will take place today in the parish conference center and the final session on November 5 in the school library. If you are interested in attending, visit bit.ly/smcmassclass to register.

NASHVILLE EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE



Join other Catholics from around the Diocese of Nashville in celebration of the Eucharist at the Eucharistic Revival Conference. Hear from Catholic speakers, attend Mass with Bishop J. Mark Spalding, participate in

Adoration, and shop with local Catholic vendors. The event will take place on Saturday, November 11 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Lunch will be provided. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit soundscatholic.com/erc-english.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FALL NIGHT

Tonight! High school students, join us for fall-themed games, a ramen dinner and a talk by one of our incredible core members! Feel free to invite your friends.



SAVE THE DATE(S)

YOUTH HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
4-5 P.M.

8TH GRADE NIGHT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
5:30-7:30 P.M.

NOTE: This isn't just for 8th graders. It will still be a typical RISE night for the high school students.

RISE PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
DEPART FROM SMC AT 8:15 A.M.
SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
(ALABAMA)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON WEDNESDAY?

This Wednesday is a very important feast in the Catholic Church: All Saint's Day! For literally hundreds and hundreds of years, the Church has recognized November 1 as a holy day of obligation and therefore asks that we attend Mass to celebrate. I understand it might not be easy for you to do so, especially in the middle of the school week, but Jesus deserves your time! So I encourage you to make a special effort, maybe make plans with your family or friends to go to Mass. Saint Matthew is offering 3 Masses throughout the day at 8 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m. We'll see you there!

SAINT MATTHEW DAY OF SERVICE

SUNDAY
NOV
5TH

SPONSORED BY RISE &
IGNITE YOUTH GROUPS

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SERVICE
OPPORTUNITIES AROUND
OUR WONDERFUL PARISH!

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN 8TH - 12TH
GRADE & PARENTS

HOURS CAN COUNT TOWARD
SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR MOST
SCHOOL OR RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS



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SCHOOL BUS



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Want to learn about the faith? Visit
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