



Saint Matthew

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

JANUARY 14, 2024 + SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“What are you
looking for? ...

COME

and you will see.”

- John 1:38-39



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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Father Tien Tran

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PARISH NEWS

OFFICE CLOSED FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Our church and school offices will be closed this Monday, January 15 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Mass will still be celebrated at 8 a.m. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

With snow in this week's forecast, we wanted to review our policies in the event of inclement weather. Any changes to the church calendar, including the cancellation of church liturgies and events, will be communicated via email and the church website. If we do experience ice and/or snow, our maintenance staff will salt the sidewalks but not the parking lots or roads on campus. Please practice immense caution if you plan to visit campus. Thank you for your cooperation.

KofC YOUTH FREE THROW COMPETITION - TODAY, JANUARY 14!

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition is back! All children from the Saint Matthew community ages 9-14 are invited to participate in this annual competition, sponsored by Council #12012. This year's event will take place at the St. Henry gym this afternoon, January 14 at 12:30 p.m. All interested participants must fill out a registration form and bring it to the event. Visit bit.ly/smckcfreethrow24 to download the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact kofc12012@gmail.com.

ROOM IN THE INN

Our Room In The Inn ministry is seeking donations of NEW or GENTLY USED jeans to offer our guests at our upcoming events. The jeans can be any color and sized for larger men. All donations can be dropped off in the bins under the table in the sacristy. For more information, please contact Mary Peters at mary_peters@comcast.net or Rhea Forte at (615) 828-5950.

LITURGY SCHEDULE (JANUARY 15-21, 2024)

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Anthony Tran
- 1 Sm 15:16-23
- Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Arthur Sullivan
- 1 Sm 16:1-13
- Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ Vince Phillips
- 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
- Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ For Rebecca Harding
- 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
- Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Janice LeJeune
- 1 Sm 24:3-21
- Mk 3:13-19

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ Lindsey House
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Nicholas Caime
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- Jon 3:1-5, 10
- 1 Cor 7:29-31
- Mk 1:14-20

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$23,768
SECOND COLLECTION: CAPITAL NEEDS	\$913

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Parish Charity

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Haiti Mission

MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY ON OUR
ONLINE GIVING PAGE:

www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



PARISH NEWS

“I LOVE NEW YORK” MOTHER & SON NIGHT



All mothers and sons (ages three and up) are invited to Saint Matthew Mother & Son Night, hosted by our St. Gianna Circle Mothers Ministry! The event will take place on Saturday, January 27 from 6-9 p.m. in the school gymnasium. We encourage all mothers and sons to attend the 5 p.m. Mass before the event. The night of fun will include DJ Louie, dinner, cotton candy, games, crafts, photo booth, and more. The theme is “I Love New York!” Feel free to dress up or wear whatever is comfortable. Tickets are \$35 per family. Visit bit.ly/sgcmothersonnight to learn more and sign up. Registration will close on Wednesday, January 17, so sign up before it's too late!

ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE

The Rise Youth Group and Saint Matthew Respect for Life ministry will participate in the Rosary Walk for Life, hosted by the Diocese of Nashville. Since the overturning of Roe V. Wade, the states have been encouraged to continue the fight and pray for their local governments to continue to support life. On Saturday, January 20, the Diocese of Nashville will be hosting a rosary walk through downtown Nashville to pray for all aspects of life. Visit www.soundscatholic.com/rosary-walk to learn more and register.

RISE PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



The Rise Youth Group will take over Community Weekend in February to host its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser! All members of the Saint Matthew community are invited to join us in the Cohan-Hansom Building for a delicious pancake meal after all the Masses on February 3 and 4 (including the Saturday night Mass, because who doesn't love breakfast for dinner?!) Members of the Rise Youth Group will be on hand to make/serve the food and collect donations for their upcoming mission trip this summer. Donations are not required but are appreciated. Bring the family and join us for a free, all-you-can-eat pancake meal and fellowship with the parish community!


SPONSOR THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Rise Youth Group is seeking individuals, families and businesses to sponsor our upcoming pancake breakfast. Rather than selling tickets, as we've done in previous years, we are relying on free-will donations and sponsorship partners from the community to raise funds for our mission trip. With your generous support, breakfast will be made free to our community. All sponsorships must be purchased by Tuesday, January 30. To learn more and become a sponsor, visit bit.ly/smcrisepancakesponsor.

PARISH NEWS

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! 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 - JANUARY 14



MARCAM: RUNNING THE GOOD RACE | FILMED AT SAINT MATTHEW!

In this episode filmed at Saint Matthew Catholic Church and School, Marcam meets Fr. Raines and Dr. Simpson and learns all about the joy of athletics and sports. Put on your imaginary running shoes and run the good race with Marcam!

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

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!

APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED FOR SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

There is still time to complete an application for Saint Matthew School for the 2024-2025 school year! Students in all grades are welcome to apply. To complete an application, go to www.stmatthewtn.org/school/admissions and scroll down to "Apply Now." If you have any questions, please contact Lori Bellante, Director of Advancement, at lbellante@stmatthewtn.org.

SMS COMMUNITY NIGHT

On Thursday, January 25, our 5th-6th grade basketball teams will play The Covenant School at Belmont's Curb Event Center. This will be a special evening of basketball and our chance to show our support of The Covenant School, their students and families. As part of the evening's festivities, we will sell special T-shirts to commemorate the event. The shirt will be available for pre-order through the Saint Matthew Spirit Store after Christmas break. We would love to have a big turnout from Lion Nation at this event. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at Belmont for the games.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAKE HASTE: A MORNING REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

Women of all ages are welcome to join us for a beautiful morning of reflection at the Cathedral of the Incarnation with the amazing music and testimony from *His Own*, a Nashville-born group of women creating music and ministry for the feminine heart. The event will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 20 and end at 11:30 a.m. This event is sponsored by Regnum Christi Nashville and Cathedral of the Incarnation. Tickets can be purchased at rcnashvilletn.org. Email regnumchristinashville@gmail.com with questions.

NASHVILLE DCCW MEETING

All Catholic women are invited to attend the Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women winter meeting on Saturday, January 27 at St. Henry Catholic Church. Mass is at 8 a.m. with a light breakfast to follow. Kim Derrick, RN, founder of the Heart of Mary House, will be our guest speaker. Lunch is \$15 per person. RSVP to Laura Nota (lnota615@gmail.com) or call (615) 319-3606 by January 20.

FATHER RYAN LEGACY GALA

Join us on January 27 at the Music City Center as we honor David (FRHS 1966 alumnus) and Linda Bohan for their work and service to Father Ryan and the entire Nashville community. The cocktail reception will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the silent auction at 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are now available by visiting www.fatherryan.org/gala. Tickets are available on the website.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS & RECEPTION

All married couples are invited to celebrate your wedding anniversary in a special way this year at the World Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Spalding at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on Sunday, February 4 at 2:30 p.m. Anniversaries of any year are encouraged to attend (special recognition for milestone anniversaries of 25, 50, 60+ years). A reception will follow the Holy Mass. If you would like to attend, please RSVP online at www.nashvillefaithformation.com/mfl-events or call (615) 540-1235.



COMING SOON: SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

In 2019, Pope Francis established the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, “Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world” (Aperuit illud, no. 2).

On January 21, in observance of the Sunday of the Word of God, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a “Sunday Seminar Series” of four videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, available in English and Spanish, will feature some of the bishops and biblical scholars and will be accompanied by discussion/reflection questions. The videos will be made available on January 19 at www.catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god. Through these videos, we hope to bring people into an encounter with Scripture. May God’s people be inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with Scripture in a new and prayerful way.

TONY'S REFLECTION

WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

Jesus' first interaction with mankind in the Gospel of John was to ask a question. Jesus saw two guys following Him. He turned to them and asked, "What do you seek?" Why does John place this as the very first question in the Gospel? Is it because this is the first question that Christ requires us to address?

This question from Jesus guides us to come to a profound awareness of ourselves and to understand our desires, to know who we are and who we are to become, for our meaning begins to emerge as we come into an awareness of what we most deeply crave.

The question probes for an underlying and comprehensive longing, "What is drawing me; what do I want?" Another way of phrasing this question is: "What do you want out of life?" "What brings me a sense of meaning and habitual joy?" Of course, the answer to this question is contained in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. He is asking them the question while being the only one to hold the answer.

The question of Jesus attempts to bring to the surface the desires that are governing human life. It reaches into hope for the joy that gives everything human beings touch expectation and meaning. This question is posed to us. What are you seeking? What drives you? Are you merely seeking comfort, pleasure, admiration, and a cozy life?

The question assumes one is pursuing something, not merely wandering through life like a nomad, or being tossed around like a leaf blowing in every direction the winds of the world take him. A person at a certain time needs to ask: "Where am I going in life?" "What am I looking for?" In our noise-infested world, we forget to search out these pressing questions. We can suppress these questions with our busyness, but these questions are always there. They never go away. It is almost like we are put on this planet to find the answers to these questions. We think the world will offer the answers to our deepest desires, but it becomes a false consolation.

The person who is seeking is in pursuit of something more - the truth. Are we humbly willing to go where the truth is? As Proverbs says, "It is the glory of kings to search a matter out." (Proverbs 25:2). To be on a quest for something more than your pleasant mode of living is a radical journey where self-denial will reward you with the prize of truth.

From the moment we begin to think, we are searching for something. We are searching for answers, meaning, love, and happiness. We are all on a journey in life. We are all moving somewhere, and time is taking us there. Where are we going? How does the journey end? With all the different paths in life to choose from, what am I really looking for? Everyone at some point in their life will ponder these questions. They rise from our souls no matter how many distractions try to hide these questions. So, what do you seek?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

We are looking forward to our Confirmation Retreat on January 27 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Camp Marymount in Fairview, TN. At the retreat, students will encounter an inspirational message that will awake their souls as they prepare for Confirmation. We will be sending out detailed information about the retreat as we get closer. To register your child for the retreat, visit bit.ly/smcconfirmationretreat24.

VOLUNTEER AT THE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

We are looking for high-school, college-age, or adult volunteers to help with a variety of tasks at the retreat. Giving of the self in service to our kids is a great way to put the faith into action. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit bit.ly/smcconfirmationretreatvol24.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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, "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.

GUYS RETREAT

ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?

February 10-11th | 9-12th grade



REGISTER
HERE

NaCoMe Camp & Retreat
Center in Centerville, TN

IT'S TIME FOR A...

Girls Retreat

FEBRUARY 10 - 11TH : 9-12TH GRADE

NACOME CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER
IN CENTERVILLE, TENNESSEE



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