



Saint Matthew

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

MARCH 17, 2024 + FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DIES, IT REMAINS JUST A GRAIN OF WHEAT; BUT IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES MUCH FRUIT. - JOHN 12:24



MASS SCHEDULE

MASS

Monday - Friday | 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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JUSTIN RAINES: COVERING IMAGES DURING THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

During Lent, we are accustomed to giving up things. You may have noticed we give up some things at Mass, too. Since Ash Wednesday, we have given up singing the Gloria (“Glory to God in the highest...”) and Alleluia. During the last days before Easter, we also give up looking at the images in the church. The images have to be covered on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, but the older tradition is to have them covered the last two weeks of Lent. The Roman Missal says, “In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the Fifth Sunday of Lent] may be observed.” Exercising this option allows more people to participate in this tradition, people who may not be able to come on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Covering the images helps us to practice a kind of fasting of the eyes, and it calls us to listen more attentively to the Scriptures, especially the Gospels of the Passion, which we read on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. It also invites us to renew our commitment to observing Lent, at a time when our commitment may be waning, in preparation for the joy of Easter.

LITURGY SCHEDULE (MARCH 18-24, 2024)

MONDAY, MARCH 18

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Mary Pat Sloan
- Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
- Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ For Linda Valiquette
- 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
- Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
- Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✙ Phyllis Erickson
- Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
- Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ For Kristine Morris Boan
- Gn 17:3-9
- Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✙ Msgr. Leo Baldinger
- Jer 20:10-13
- Jn 10:31-42

PALM SUNDAY

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✙ John Perry
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ Edith Baldinger
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✙ For the People of Saint Matthew
- Mk 11:1-10
- Is 50:4-7
- Phil 2:6-11
- Mk 14:1—15:47

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 10 -

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$16,267
2ND COLLECTION: PARISH CHARITY	\$1,195
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$94

- FISCAL YEAR TO DATE (BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023)

CURRENT YTD	\$1,034,739
BUDGET YTD	\$1,087,426
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PARISH NEWS

WOMEN'S CLUB MARCH MEETING

Join the Saint Matthew Women's Club at our live cooking demonstration and dinner! We will be joined by "Chef" Kevin Raymond, who hosts a monthly international cooking series at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. We will assist him as he teaches us how to prepare a fabulous meal. So grab your apron and join us for this hands-on event this Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. All are invited to join us at the 7 p.m. Mass beforehand. The cost is \$15. To register, visit bit.ly/smcwcmarchintospring.



MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY - FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Join the Saint Matthew Men's Club on Friday, March 22 for their last Fish Fry of the Lenten season! Meals are available for \$10/each and will include two pieces of fried catfish, hush puppies, fries, and coleslaw. Spaghetti will be available for those who do not like catfish. Dinner will be served from 6-8 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. To place your order, visit bit.ly/smcfishfryfeb24.



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!



PALM SUNDAY

— March 23 & 24 —

Saturday Vigil
5 p.m.

Sunday Mass
8:30 & 11 a.m.



HOLY THURSDAY

— March 28 —

The Lord's Supper
7 p.m.

Procession &
Compline to follow

Adoration available
until midnight



GOOD FRIDAY

— March 29 —

Morning Prayer
8 a.m.

Stations of the Cross
3 p.m.

Passion of the Lord
7 p.m.



EASTER VIGIL

— March 30 —

Morning Prayer
8 a.m.

Easter Vigil
8 p.m.



EASTER SUNDAY

— March 31 —

Mass
7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

*Easter Egg Hunt
following 11:30 a.m. Mass

PARISH NEWS

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION & COMPLINE

Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28, we will move the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose in the gym, where we will pray Compline and host Adoration until midnight. We invite everyone to participate in these special prayer services after the Mass. Similar to our First Friday Adoration, we have created a sign-up sheet for the evening. If you are interested in spending time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, please feel free to sign up for a time slot. Time slots are available in 30-minute increments. If you would like to spend more time in Adoration, you are welcome to sign up for multiple consecutive time slots. To register, please visit bit.ly/smccompline.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Saint Matthew Respect for Life ministry invites all parishioners to take part in the 40 Days for Life spring campaign. This internationally coordinated campaign aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. The spring campaign will end on March 24. All are invited to participate. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/nashville for a full schedule of events.

BECOME AN EMHC

Now that we have begun distributing the Precious Blood at our weekend Masses, we are in need of more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Whether you have served as an EMHC in the past or are feeling called to this ministry for the first time, this is your opportunity to serve a special role in our liturgies. The simple training session can take place at your convenience and will only last about a half hour. To learn more and schedule your training session, contact Kelly Ott at kott@stmatthewtn.org.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Are you looking for a simple way to get involved at the parish? Do you like using your talents to serve others? Do you like to knit or crochet? We are looking to revive our prayer shawl ministry. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mary Starr at maryestarr25@gmail.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. in the church. Each week, we will be led by a different member of the community. Our next event will take place this Friday, March 22, led by members of the Rise Youth Group. We hope to see you there!



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

www.stmatthewtn.org

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

YOUR GIVING IN ACTION



Be a part of stories like this:

Neighbor Hollie phoned the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** at Saint Matthew help line requesting assistance. She is the sole support for two teenage children. In the interval between her layoff as a claims adjuster and the start of her new job, Hollie lacked sufficient savings to cover her rent. Two SVdP volunteers visited Hollie in her home and verified what would sustain her while waiting to start a new job.

Through generous contributions by parishioners like you, SVdP gave spiritual and financial support to Hollie's family, assisting with her January rent, averting eviction.

WAYS TO HELP:

1. JOIN OUR MINISTRY: call 979-236-9025
2. DONATE TO SVDP on the Saint Matthew website, in parish envelopes, or at the SVdP Poor Box in the Chapel
3. PRAY FOR US

SVdP help line: 615-550-5130

Following Christ through service to those in need.

SAINT MATTHEW SCHOOL NEWS

SMS CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for SMS Camp 2024 is now open! Come join us for another summer at Saint Matthew summer camp. Our doors will be open for another five weeks this summer. To register for SMS Camp, view the camp brochure, or sign up to be a Counselor in Training (CIT), visit bit.ly/smscamp24. If you have any questions regarding camp, please email Camp Director Josh Edmondson at jedmondson@stmatthewtn.org. Go Lions!

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lunch volunteers are needed for our school lunches! This is a great way to see the children for a short time and fulfill that new year resolution to volunteer more. Come every day, once a week, once a month - whenever you can! If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, contact Grace Wright at gwright@stmatthewtn.org. When you volunteer in the lunchroom, your child (or you!) will receive lunch free that day!

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!

Join our diocese at the
National Eucharistic Congress
Indianapolis | July 17 - 21, 2024

For more information,
please scan the QR
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TONY'S REFLECTION THE HOUR HAS COME

Viewing a church from the outside, the stained glass windows don't look like much other than multicolored glass. However, when you walk inside the church, the stained glass windows pulsate with sacred scenes that enhance our prayer and mental immersion into the faith.

Seeing things from the inside rather than the outside tends to illuminate our understanding of that thing – especially as it pertains to spiritual matters. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus announces, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." When Jesus says "the hour" has come, let us try to place ourselves "inside" the message to grasp what Jesus is telling us. In John's Gospel, Jesus directly refers to "the hour" six times, while John refers to "the hour" in three other areas (7:30, 8:20, 13:1).

If we add up the instances when Jesus refers to "the hour," we can compile a composite of His message. His first three references to "the hour" tell us that the hour will come in the future. First, we see that in His hour, He will provide wine (John 2:4). Second, in His hour, He will provide a new way of worship that will include all people (John 4:21,23). Third, in His hour, He will give the Word of God made flesh so that those who are spiritually dead will have divine life in them (John 5:25). Here, we come to a decisive turning point where He tells us that "the hour has come" (John 12:23). But, what was it in this scene that provoked the arrival of Jesus' hour? We are at the Passover celebration in Jerusalem, and a group of Greeks are interested in seeing Jesus. Rather than Jesus responding by carving out some time to meet with the Greeks, Jesus launches into a big-picture overview of His mission. This scene tells us that Jesus' message is no longer solely contained within the boundaries of Israel. Now that Jesus' interest has reached the polytheistic worshipers, His mission is coming to a crescendo, and His glorification is at hand.

But how will the Son of Man be glorified? In a rather peculiar fashion – by dying similarly to how a grain of wheat goes into the ground to give new life. The whole point of a single grain being put into the ground is that it will grow and form more grains, leading to the fruit of bread. Therefore, Jesus expects to be glorified by dying to provide spiritual food analogous to a single grain of wheat providing bread. Therefore, if we add "the hour" phrases, we see that Jesus will provide us bread and wine in His hour, a new way of worship for all people that will bring us from darkness to light.

Those on the outside looking in might merely view Jesus' "hour" as the time when He is unfairly arrested and executed (John 7:30, 8:20). But, looking on the inside, Jesus shows us that the authorities weren't taking His life. Still, He was freely giving up His earthly life solely to produce fruit for us – to implant His divine life into us.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTER FOR SCUBA VBS

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God at Scuba VBS! Kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living



water is really all about. Scuba VBS will take place from July 22-26 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and is open to all rising preschool (four years old by August 1) and kindergarten students. Visit bit.ly/smcvbs24 to register.

REGISTER FOR TOTUS TUUS

Latin for Totally Yours, Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic program designed to spread the Good News of Jesus and create joy in the faith. Totus Tuus is led by a team of college-aged missionaries and seminarians. The youthfulness, energy, and ability to witness to the faith



make the missionaries effective with children and teens. Totus Tuus will take place from July 22-26 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and is open to all rising 1st-6th graders. To register, visit bit.ly/smetotustuus24.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

This summer, there will be a historic National Eucharistic Pilgrimage accompanying Jesus from city to city across the four corners of the country.



This historic procession of the Eucharist will come through Nashville from June 26-30. Visit www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-juan-diego-route for more information about this event, and stay tuned for more on our parish's participation in this pilgrimage.

YOUTH MINISTRY

TOTUS TUUS FOR TEENS

Totus Tuus is not just for the younger kids! In fact, the missionaries put on a whole night program specifically for rising 7-12th graders. The topics, games, conversations are all intended for teens! Regardless of where you are in your faith journey, this is a great experience and opportunity to grow closer to Jesus. This group will meet from 6-8 p.m. from Sunday, July 21 through Thursday, July 25. Register online at bit.ly/smctotustuusnight24.

GAME DAY (aka RISE NIGHT)

Hope everyone enjoyed spring break! Let's close out the break on a high note with a night full of games. We'll meet tonight at 5:30 p.m. Peep the info below. As always, friends are welcome!

A dark green poster with white text. The words "GAME DAY" are in large, bold, outlined letters. To the right of "DAY" is the text "FULL NIGHT OF GAMES". Below this, the date and time "SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH FROM 5:30 - 7:30 PM" are listed, followed by the location "THE ATHLETIC FIELD AT SAINT MATTHEW". At the bottom, it says "ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS WELCOME" and "RISE VS RISE" in a white box.

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MISSION TRIP FAQs

What is Alive In You?

This year, Saint Matthew will be going on a mission trip with the incredible organization, Alive in You. A handful of these camps are hosted every summer in various locations. It is a mission trip, Catholic conference, retreat and adventure all rolled into one week. As with Servio Deo in previous years, it'll consist of a rhythm between service projects, sacraments, evening programs with games, small group discussions, and a free day (likely spent at the beach). There will also be opportunities throughout to build friendships, faith and your love for life as you serve others.

What about Servio Deo?

We wouldn't be able to attend Alive in You without the impact Servio Deo has made on our parish! After last year, there was absolutely no doubt that we needed to continue to host annual mission trips; however, much prayer and long conversations helped us realize that Alive in You truly presented the best opportunity to make this happen. Which is why we're so excited to be joining them!

When are we going?

We're joining the first camp of the summer in Mobile, Alabama! It'll take place June 11-16, 2024 (Tuesday & Sunday are half travel days). Spring Hill College will be our home away from home for the week as participants stay in the dorms.

Who can come?

The age requirement is a bit different. This year, Alive in You is open to current 7th-12th graders. Young adults and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend! To count as an adult chaperone, you must be 21 years of age or older.



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



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