



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

MARCH 3, 2024 + THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**"DESTROY THIS TEMPLE AND IN
THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP."**

JOHN 2:19

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

PARENTING TEENS IN THE MODERN WORLD PANEL



Our St. Gianna Circle Mothers Ministry invites all mothers and fathers to attend an inspiring panel discussion titled *Parenting Teens in the Modern World* this Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Our thoughtful panelists will discuss ways to encounter God's love more fully in your home and change the world through the ministry of parenting. Joining us on the panel are Antoinette Hanning, Director of Youth Ministry at Saint Matthew; Rebecca Heinemann, co-founder of the nonprofit Protection of the Educational Rights of Kids; Dr. Matthew Jaeger, pediatrician; and Angie Mayer, mother of three. Appetizers, desserts, and drinks will be served. To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/sgcpanel2024.

LITURGY SCHEDULE (MARCH 4-10, 2024)

MONDAY, MARCH 4

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Cathy Brulin
- 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab
- Lk 4:24-30

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Lan Nguyen
- Dn 3:25, 34-43
- Mt 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Jeanne Clark
- Dt 4:1, 5-9
- Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Rita Clauser
- Jer 7:23-28
- Lk 11:14-23

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Martin Conway
- Hos 14:2-10
- Mk 12:28-34

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✦ For the People of Saint Matthew
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ Fr. James (Giacobe) Dang
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For Jacob Allen
- 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
- Eph 2:4-10
- Jn 3:14-21

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

| - FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 25 - | |
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| REGULAR COLLECTIONS | \$22,752 |
| SECOND COLLECTION: HAITI MINISTRY | \$4,834 |
| - FISCAL YEAR TO DATE (BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023) | |
| CURRENT YTD (JULY '23 - FEB '24) | \$992,687 |
| BUDGET YTD (JULY '23 - FEB '24) | \$1,037,785 |
| PREVIOUS YTD (JULY '22 - FEB '24) | \$1,088,241 |

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-8.8 %

MAKE YOUR
GIFT TODAY!



PARISH NEWS

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, specifically at our 11 a.m. Mass every Sunday. 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, please contact Kelly Ott at kott@stmatthewtn.org.

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 8, led by Deacon Bill Forte. We hope to see you there!

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! 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated campaign that 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.

LUNCH BUNCH - TUESDAY, MARCH 12



Feeling lucky? Then join us at our March Lunch Bunch event as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day! All senior members of the community are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and bingo.

Come wearing green for good luck! Participation in the theme is encouraged but not required. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 12 from noon-2 p.m. in the narthex. The cost for entry is \$10 and a prize valued around \$10. Visit bit.ly/smclunchbunchmarch24 to register. Questions? Contact Martin Strobel, mstrobel@stmatthewtn.org.

FAMILY SERVICE MINISTRY SENSORY GARDEN

The Family Service Ministry would love your helping hands at our annual gardening day! On Sunday, March 17, we will be at the Lion's Club Sensory Garden for the Blind from 9 a.m. through noon. It will be the first gardening day of the year at the garden, so we could use your help! To learn more and RSVP, please visit bit.ly/smcfsmgardening24. If you have questions, please contact Theresa Chau at (813) 361-4334. We hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S CLUB MARCH MEETING



**Saint Matthew
Women's Club**

Join the Saint Matthew Women's Club as we *March Into Spring* with 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 in Nashville and has graciously agreed to share his time and talents with us. 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. The event will take place on 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. Visit bit.ly/smewcmarchintospring to register.



SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY, MARCH 22
STARTING AT 6 PM

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.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - MARCH 3



CATHOLIC ALL YEAR AT HOME | ST. FRANCES OF ROME

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup."

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

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!

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!

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

APPLY TO FATHER RYAN HIGH SCHOOL

Application for Father Ryan High School is open for the 2024-2025 school year. With large numbers applying for this current school year, we encourage prospective families to apply as early as possible. Visit www.fatherryan.org/admissions/apply to learn more and apply today!

KALEIDOSCOPE FESTIVAL

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Nashville in partnership with Catholic Charities USA, Interfaith America, YMCA, and Habitat for Humanity would like to invite you to take part in our upcoming Kaleidoscope Festival. The goal of this event is to celebrate cultural diversity, integrate the entire community, and have fun. The individuals participating in our festival will be staff members, volunteers, donors, interns, advocates, partners, Nashvillian families, and neighbors throughout Middle Tennessee. The festival will take place on Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Center. To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/cctennkaleidoscope.

SAINT THOMAS HOSPITAL NEEDS EMHCs

Ascension Saint Thomas Hospital is seeking volunteers to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for patient visitation at both the West and Midtown campuses. Eucharistic Ministers must be practicing Catholics and apply first to become hospital volunteers. A letter of good standing from the pastor must also be provided. Those interested should contact Susan Fussell at (615) 222-6602 for additional information.

NCR NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Nashville Catholic Radio needs volunteers. Help is needed on air, in production, promotion, financial, and many new areas to come. Contact either Jim Crowe (jim.crowe@dioceseofnashville.com) or Ron Fleitz (rfleitz31@gmail.com) and share your talents and thoughts.



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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM
SAINT MATTHEW.

www.stmatthewtn.org

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

For more information,
please scan the QR
code at the right.



[Learn More](#)

TONY'S REFLECTION WAITING AT THE WELL

Those who've become embarrassed about their troubled past typically try to avoid the local crowds lest people gossip and continue to smear their reputation. But what if instead of finding the chattering crowd, they find an outsider who interestingly knows every detail of their past?

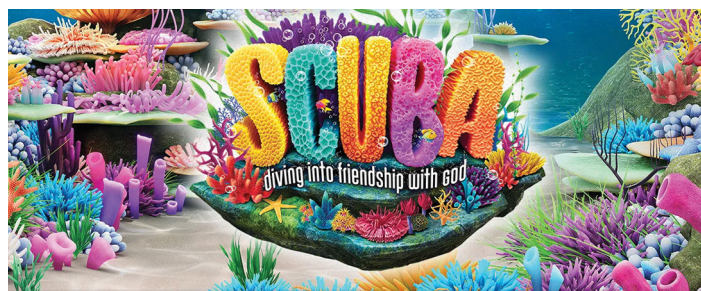
One Gospel reading presents us with such a scenario. Two cultural taboos initially stick out in this exchange: a man speaking with a woman, coupled with a Jew conversing with a Samaritan. The enmity between the Jews and Samaritans was deep. It went back centuries when the Assyrians destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 B.C. The people were forcibly deported and foreign tribes were brought in to settle the land. The Israelites that remained in the north were known as Samaritans. They assimilated with these pagan people and engaged in intermarriage and adoption of pagan gods, while the Jews in the Southern Kingdom remained somewhat loyal to God's covenants. The north and the south kingdoms became competing camps in which one group thought the other had defiled the covenant. Consequently, the Jews and Samaritans avoided any contact with each other.

The context of a man speaking to a woman reveals the intimacy of this conversation goes beyond mere chitchat. This woman's multiple marital struggles parallel the historical experience of the Samaritan people as the five foreign tribes who intermarried with the Samaritans introduced five male deities into their religion. Through her, Jesus is speaking to the entire nation of Samaria and showing the Samaritan people that their long-awaited God has come to marry them once again. The five false gods to which the Samaritans built shrines (see 2 Kings 17: 24-34) were also known as "Baals." While Baal was a name of a particular deity, it was also used to refer to a "husband" (see Proverbs 12:4, Judges 2:11). Therefore, in worshiping five Baals, Samaria was engaging in actions analogous to adultery to the Lord's covenant. Yet despite Samaria's unfaithfulness and infidelity, God remained faithful to them (see Hosea 2: 14-23).

And here He is – God in human form waiting for them by the well of Jacob. The image of the well harkens back to the marital arrangements described in the OT. Here, the wives of Isaac (Gen. 24: 10-67), Jacob (Gen. 29: 1-30), and Moses (Ex. 2: 15-21) were first encountered at a well. Given this marriage backdrop, Jesus is the Divine bridegroom searching for the lost Samaritans to be His covenant bride (John 3:29).

Continuing the nuptial theme in this Gospel exchange, Jesus finds what he is asking for – water. The woman thinks Jesus is talking about flowing water, which would be better than stagnant well water. But Jesus is referring to *living water*, the life and vitality of the Holy Spirit. While Jesus is physically thirsty for water, He longs for something else. When was another time Jesus said he was thirsty? On the cross, He bellowed, "I thirst." As Bishop Sheen was fond of saying, when Christ says, *I thirst*, He is referring to His thirst for souls." He is signifying His yearning for us. Let us meet Him as he stands waiting for us wherever our "well" should be.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



TOTUS TUUS & VBS

SAVE THE DATE!
JULY 22-26



TOTUS TUUS
TOTALLY
YOURS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

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

NO RISE TONIGHT

Congratulations to all the 8th graders being confirmed today! Members of our core team and some Rise families will be attending this wonderful celebration, so we will not have Rise tonight. If you miss us, check out the Lent Bible Study happening Wednesday!

SCHOOL VISITS THIS WEEK

HOMESCHOOL LUNCH

Tuesday, March 5 | 12-1:30 p.m. in the PCC

JAMES LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 6 | Morning PLT

CHESTERTON ACADEMY

Thursday, March 7 | Lunch hour



The graphic features a circular path of dots forming a rosary. At the top is a circle with the text "For the beginning of Life". Moving clockwise, the next circle says "An end to Racism". Then "For Human Dignity to be upheld justly". Then "For all those who are homeless". Then "An end to the Death Penalty". The path ends at a crucifix at the bottom. In the center of the path is the text "ROSARY WALK for Life". In the top right corner is a small shield logo with a cross and stars. To the right of the path, the text reads: "SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024 11:30AM-3:30PM DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT SOUNDSCATHOLIC.COM/ROSARY-WALK FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP". A QR code is located at the bottom right, with an arrow pointing to it from the text "FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP".

LENT BIBLE STUDY

CHURCH LIBRARY

WEDNESDAYS,

FROM 6:15-7PM

MARCH 6TH & 20TH

OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS
PLEASE REGISTER BELOW



RISE
SAINT MATTHEW YOUTH GROUP



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



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