



# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

APRIL 14, 2024 + THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“WHY ARE YOU TROUBLED?  
AND WHY DO QUESTIONS  
ARISE IN YOUR HEARTS?”  
- LUKE 24:38

## 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.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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### PASTOR:

Father Justin Raines

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Father Tien Tran

### DEACONS:

Lachlan Cameron & Bill Forte

## PARISH NEWS

### HAITI SPRING OF HOPE APPEAL

Next weekend, April 20 and 21, our Haiti Ministry will host the inaugural *Spring of Hope* appeal to benefit our sister parish, Our Lady of Miracles, in Gobert, Haiti. Throughout the weekend, members of our Haiti Ministry will be available before and after the Masses to share how we are continuing to minister to the community of Gobert and collect funds to support our ongoing efforts. In addition, we invite all parishioners to join us in the parish conference center between the Masses on Sunday, April 21 for a special presentation from Barney Schulte, the president of our Haiti Ministry. Now more than ever, our Haitian brothers and sisters need your support. Visit [bit.ly/smcspringofhope](https://bit.ly/smcspringofhope) to learn more and make your gift today. Please prayerfully consider joining our Haiti Ministry by participating in this campaign. Thank you.

### BECOME AN EMHC

We are in need of more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at our weekend liturgies. 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, contact Kelly Ott at [kott@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:kott@stmatthewtn.org).

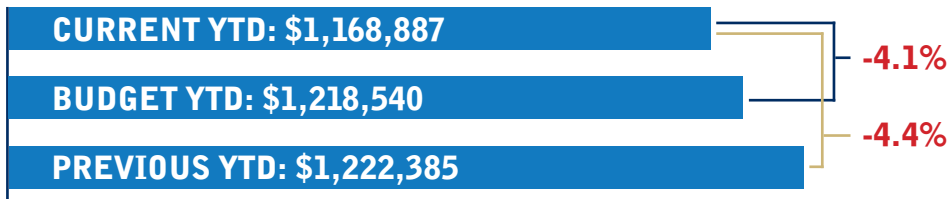
### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

#### - FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 7 -

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$19,206
2ND COLLECTION: CAPITAL NEEDS	\$748

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

CURRENT YTD	\$1,168,887
BUDGET YTD	\$1,218,540
PREVIOUS YTD	\$1,222,385



### LITURGY SCHEDULE (APRIL 15-21, 2024)

#### MONDAY, APRIL 15

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Bruce Dawson
- Acts 6:8-15
- Jn 6:22-29

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Rev. Jonathan Bakkelund
- Acts 7:51—8:1a
- Jn 6:30-35

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✠ For Mary & Bill Lawson
- Acts 8:1b-8
- Jn 6:35-40

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Tom Glavey
- Acts 8:26-40
- Jn 6:44-51

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ For Taffy Armbruster
- Acts 9:1-20
- Jn 6:52-59

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✠ For the People of Saint Matthew
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ Paul (Phaolo) Vy Tran
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ Gale Hamann
- Acts 4:8-12
- 1 Jn 3:1-2
- Jn 10:11-18

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

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[www.stmatthewtn.org/giving](https://www.stmatthewtn.org/giving)



## PARISH NEWS

### FAITH IN FILM WITH FATHER RAINES

Let's all go to the movies! Join us for our inaugural *Faith in Film* movie series. Embark on a cinematic journey like no other and immerse yourself in exploration of faith and morality through the lens of the 1966 classic, *A Man For All Seasons*. This four-week film study will take place every Tuesday beginning April 16 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the parish conference center. Each session, we will view 30 minutes of the film, followed by an enriching discussion on that section of the movie led by Father Raines. Don't miss this unique opportunity to dissect an iconic film while deepening our understanding of the faith. Visit [bit.ly/smcfaithinfilm](http://bit.ly/smcfaithinfilm) to learn more and register.

The graphic features the Saint Matthew Catholic Church logo at the top, followed by the text 'FAITH IN FILM with Father Raines'. Below this is a movie poster for 'A Man For All Seasons' showing a man in a purple robe. Underneath the poster is a marquee sign that reads 'A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS'. At the bottom, it says 'A four-week film study on Tuesdays starting April 16 from 6:30-8 p.m.' and includes icons of a drink, popcorn, and a clapperboard.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Saint Matthew Catholic Church is seeking a new receptionist for the church office. The church receptionist is a full-time position that provides support services for the church office staff. This person is responsible for providing a friendly and welcoming environment while maintaining a professional and caring atmosphere. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please visit our website at [bit.ly/smcemployment](http://bit.ly/smcemployment) to view the job listing and apply. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Holt, Director of Operations, at [lholt@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:lholt@stmatthewtn.org).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CANDIDATES & CATECHUMENS

At the Easter Vigil on March 30, 21 candidates and catechumens from our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children program received the sacraments of initiation and entered into full communion with the Church! We would like to congratulate all of our new brothers and sisters in the faith and welcome them to our parish:

<i>Frank Beck</i>	<i>Leonie Klein</i>
<i>Janice Bruck</i>	<i>Sophie Klein</i>
<i>Janine Cable</i>	<i>Jennifer Frankovic</i>
<i>Adam Cable</i>	<i>Shandi Smith</i>
<i>Christian Edwards</i>	<i>Hunter Whitney</i>
<i>Navaeh Edwards</i>	<i>Isabelle Cable</i>
<i>Tameka Edwards</i>	<i>Zoey Cable</i>
<i>Sarah Hill</i>	<i>Raylan Olmstead</i>
<i>Jessica Lee</i>	<i>Julia Sterle</i>
<i>Catherine Wiles</i>	<i>Stacie Moore</i>
<i>Kevin Wiles</i>	

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children is not just a ministry; it is the mission of the Church. It is open to any individual who is looking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Tony Jesse, Director of Religious Education, at [tjesse@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:tjesse@stmatthewtn.org).


## PARISH NEWS

### 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](https://bit.ly/smcemailsignup).

### 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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# FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - APRIL 14



## ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

“St. Bernadette of Lourdes” is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world’s most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.

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

## SAINT MATTHEW SCHOOL NEWS

### SMS TRIVIA NIGHT



Trivia Night is the Athletic Booster Club’s annual fundraiser that benefits the SMS athletic programs. Teams of eight compete for bragging rights and a grand prize by answering fun and challenging trivia questions from a variety of categories. At the end of the night, the team with the highest score wins! Winners for Best Team Theme/Costumes and Best Decorated Table are also awarded. The event will be on Saturday, April 20 starting at 6 p.m. in the gym. To register, please text [ABC TRIVIA 2024](https://text.abc trivia2024) to 76278.

### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN

Join us for another summer at Saint Matthew Summer Camp. Our doors will be open for another five weeks this summer. Visit [bit.ly/smscamp24](https://bit.ly/smscamp24) to learn more and register. If you have any questions regarding camp, please email Camp Director Josh Edmondson at [jedmondson@stmatthewtn.org](mailto: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](https://www.publix.com) and [www.kroger.com](https://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!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### EUCHARISTIC LECTURE AT AQUINAS COLLEGE

Please join us for the last eucharistic lecture at the Aquinas Center on Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. Deacon Mark Faulkner will deliver a talk titled *The Eucharist: The Amazing Real Presence in a Humanistic World*. The lecture will end with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Email [aquinasevents@aquinascollege.edu](mailto:aquinasevents@aquinascollege.edu) for more information.

### CHESTERTON ACADEMY GALA

Chesterton Academy of the Incarnation is a joyfully Catholic classical high school in the Franklin area. We offer an environment centered around daily Mass and prayers, classical curriculum, Socratic method, and a highly skilled faculty who will know your child and help them grow and mature in their Catholic faith. Our yearly gala fundraiser is Friday, April 26 at The Embassy Suites in Cool Springs. All are invited to join and learn more about our “high school with a higher purpose.” To register, please contact Ray Brocato at [raybrocato1969@gmail.com](mailto:raybrocato1969@gmail.com) or Angie Duncan at [aduncan@chestertontn.com](mailto:aduncan@chestertontn.com).

### THE NASHVILLE MARIAN CONFERENCE

Join us as we unite our hearts with Mary’s Immaculate Heart and pray for our world, our nation, our homes, and each of our hearts to lead us more closely to the Sacred Heart of her Son. The event will take place at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Hendersonville on April 26 and 27. Tickets and more information are available at [www.nashvillemarianconference.com](http://www.nashvillemarianconference.com).

### CAMP MARYMOUNT HIRING SUMMER STAFF

Camp Marymount is currently hiring for the 2024 summer sessions. Camp Marymount is the Catholic summer camp of the Diocese of Nashville. We have provided summer programs since 1939. As we move into our 85<sup>th</sup> summer, we are looking for support staff to work in our first-aid center, kitchen, and at the lake as well as cabin counselors for the boys’ session. For more information, visit [www.campmarymount.com](http://www.campmarymount.com) or email Margaret at [summerdirector@campmarymount.com](mailto:summerdirector@campmarymount.com).

# Join our diocese at the National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis | July 17 - 21, 2024

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code at the right.



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**TONY'S REFLECTION**  
**RECOGNIZING JESUS**

The old TV crime show "Colombo" featured an experienced detective named Colombo who would often cloak his character as he would unassumingly socialize with different "persons of interest," asking disarmingly simple and even naïve questions to get them to open up. Similarly, in the Gospel scene today, we find a hidden Jesus nonchalantly strolling along two disciples, acting like He's not privy to the dramatic news of Easter Sunday.

Unbeknownst to themselves, these disciples tell Jesus all about their expectations of Him. The discouraged travelers had hoped that Jesus would reign as king in Jerusalem and rescue Israel from Roman oppression. Yet their hopes are out of step with God's plan to rescue them from sin and death rather than political subjection. As is typically the case, our will is far different and inferior to God's will. Later, the disciples will realize that release from spiritual tyranny is far greater than temporary physical oppression.

In their grief, these disciples wrestle aloud with their shattered hopes in Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah. Ironically, they do this unknowingly with the very person they were mourning. Here, as Jesus patiently proceeds through the Old Testament, explaining the key passages prophesying His nature and ministry, Jesus begins to reveal that He is, in fact, the Messiah. Talk about participating in the ultimate Bible study led directly by Jesus.

Enthralled by this in-depth exposition of all the Scriptures, they pleaded to this mysterious man to stay with them as they stopped at the Emmaus village. He agreed, and at the evening meal, He "took, blessed, broke, and gave" the bread to those present. Here, Luke employs this same sequence of four verbs in his account of the feeding of the 5,000 and at the Last Supper. This helps us to understand the significance of their "recognition" of Jesus.

It's vital to grasp that at the beginning of this encounter, Scripture indicates that the disciples' "eyes were kept from recognizing him." And then, after Jesus "took," "blessed," "broke," and "gave" them this holy, consecrated bread, their "eyes were open, and they recognized him, and he vanished out of their sight."

So, they recognized Him for a second, then He vanished. Where did He go? Jesus didn't merely disappear into thin air. Instead, He is now physically present in the bread He just took, blessed, broke, and gave. This serves as a holy lesson for us—we should "recognize" Jesus in the broken bread. Therefore, there is no need to seek an obscure apparition of Jesus because He is truly present with us in the Eucharistic host.

The structure of the Emmaus episode eloquently reflects the structure of the Mass. First, open up the Scriptures (the Liturgy of the Word and homily), then pray over bread and present this holy Eucharistic bread to the people. We might miss this concept, just like those disciples walking with Jesus initially didn't get it. When we abandon our way of thinking and allow God's message to saturate us, our "eyes will be open," just like those disciples' eyes were opened.

## 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 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](https://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 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/smctotustuus24](https://bit.ly/smctotustuus24).

## 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 between June 26-30. Visit [www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-juan-diego-route](http://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

### RISE NIGHT TONIGHT

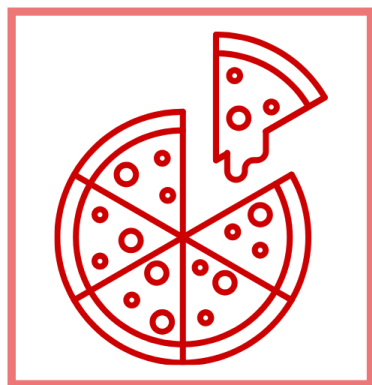
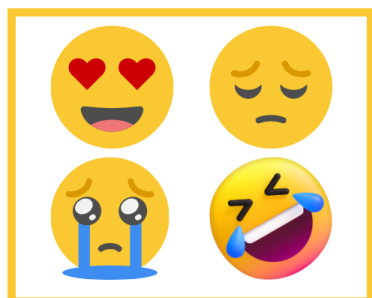
High schoolers! Tonight only (April 14), make sure to meet us in the parish conference center for Rise Night! We'll meet for nachos at 5:30 p.m. As usual, the night will go til 7:30 p.m. and will end in the church. Make sure to tell your friends so they know where to find us!

### FAITH IN FILM WITH FR. RAINES

If you missed it, Fr. Raines will be leading a film study on an incredible movie called *A Man for All Seasons*. It's based on the crazy true story of St. Thomas More, a 15th century martyr. We'd love to see the teens take advantage of this awesome opportunity! Bring your parents or friends, everyone is welcome. Also, if more than five teens tell Antoinette they're coming to the first night, she'll order y'all some pizza. Flip to page three for details.

### EIGHTH GRADE RISE NIGHT - APRIL 28

Parents, high schoolers will still be present to welcome your students and show them what Rise is all about. In addition to food and games, we'll have a discussion on the topic: *The Outside Matters?* Basically, our clothes, facial expressions, attitudes, etc. can reveal a lot more about ourselves than we realize. So how do we express ourselves appropriately, and does it really matter? If your eighth grader is able to come, please register by scanning the QR code below! This will help us plan accordingly for food. *Please note the date change!*



# EIGHTH GRADE RISE NIGHT SPRING 2024

**APRIL 28TH**  
**5:30-7:30PM**  
Meet us at the concrete picnic benches in front of Saint Matthew Church



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# Spring of HOPE

## SAINT MATTHEW HAITI MINISTRY 2024 APPEAL

Over that last three weeks, we, the members of the Saint Matthew Haiti Ministry, have tried to give you a window into how we serve the people of our sister parish in Gobert, Haiti. Through education, medical care, and clean water and power, we are trying to live up to the Haiti Ministry's mission statement: *The Haiti Committee of Saint Matthew Catholic Church exists to support, nurture, and educate the people of our sister parish in Gobert, Haiti.*

The key words of that statement are *support, nurture* and *educate*. These words run parallel with our calling as Catholics to the Works of Mercy, both Spiritual and Corporal. While we strive to live up to that commitment in the ways previously described, those words most importantly apply to our commitment to support the spiritual growth of the people of Our Lady of Miracles (OLOM). Our dedicated pastor, Father Nicolas Floreal, ministers to a parish of more than 1,100 people at OLOM. He travels many difficult miles to serve other small chapels in the surrounding community to celebrate Mass, minister to the sick and dying, and celebrate feast days. Your generous donations to the Haiti Ministry allow Fr. Floreal to buy the necessary materials for Mass, support a music program, conduct special parish celebrations, and simply cover transportation costs.

Saint Matthew's pairing with Our Lady of Miracles for more than 25 years is a true blessing for all. It is an opportunity for us to practice both the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. With our support of Fr. Floreal's efforts in Haiti, we help him keep this spiritual commitment to the people of Gobert and Our Lady of Miracles Catholic Church.

Now more than ever, our Haitian brothers and sisters need your support. Join us next weekend, April 20 & 21, to participate in the Spring of Hope appeal and learn how you can help us minister to our sister parish in Haiti.



*Photos from Easter Sunday Mass, 2024*