



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

AUGUST 10, 2025 + 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You also must be
prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect, the
Son of Man will come.

Luke 12:40

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS

Mon., Tue., Thu., and 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.

*Assumption Mass Times on page 3

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

✦ For the People of Saint Matthew

8:30 a.m. Mass

✦ Sue Whittmer

11:00 a.m. Mass

✦ Thomas Noble

• Wisdom 18:6-9

• Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

• Luke 12:32-48

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Saint Clare

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For Chris & Nikki Suchanick

• Deuteronomy 10:12-22

• Matthew 17:22-27

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00 a.m. Mass (gym)

✦ Linda Tocket

• Deuteronomy 31:1-8

• Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00 p.m. Mass

✦ For Laura Gartner

• Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

• Deuteronomy 34:1-12

• Matthew 18:15-20

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 a.m. Mass (gym)

✦ John Cicon

• Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17

• Matthew 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ Margaret Lynch

12:00 p.m. Mass

✦ For Glenn Schott Jr.

7:00 p.m. Mass

✦ For Mike Marcuri

• Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

• 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

• Luke 1:39-56

✦ **Special Intention**

✦ *May they rest in peace*

*To RESERVE MASS INTENTIONS,
VISIT BIT.LY/SMCMASSINTENTION*

MINISTRY FAIR NEXT WEEKEND

NEW TO SAINT MATTHEW? LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

Whether you are new to our parish or simply looking for ways to grow in faith and community, you are invited to our upcoming Ministry Fair! With more than 40 parish ministries offering opportunities to connect, serve, and grow, there is something for everyone. From social gatherings and service-based ministries to spiritual enrichment and liturgical service, this is the perfect time to discover where you belong at Saint Matthew.

Come meet friendly faces, enjoy refreshments, and explore how you can be part of the life of Saint Matthew! All are invited.



Ministry Fair & Community Weekend

- Explore more than 40 parish ministries
- Live out your faith and embrace your parish family
- Social, Spiritual, and Liturgical opportunities
- Refreshments provided

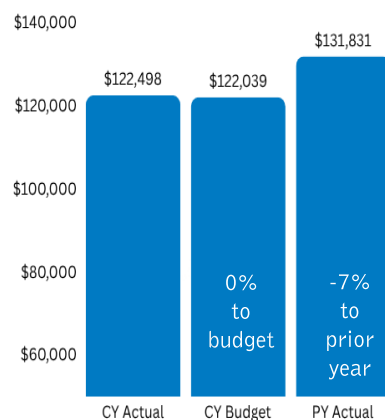
August 16 & 17 after all Masses
Cohan-Hansom Building

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 3 -

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$33,598
SECOND COLLECTION: BUILDING MAINTENANCE & FACILITY IMPROVEMENT	\$804

YTD Summary



Second Collections

This Week:
Tuition Assistance

Next Week:
Room In The Inn

Scan to make a gift now, or visit
stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



Registered Parish Families: 1235

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE

We were recently informed of a delay in the fabrication of our permanent lighting fixtures for our church from the lighting manufacturer. We hope to receive and install them in September. A few final touches of the renovation will be completed this week, such as painting and the reinstallation of the Stations of the Cross. **Masses this Tuesday and Thursday will be in the gym. Parishoners need to enter through the school lobby.**

SCHOOL MASS PLANS

Beginning Tuesday, August 19, 8 a.m. **Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays** will return to the church and SMS students will attend. Until all construction is completed, parents and other parishioners are asked to sit in the Narthex.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Masses for the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, on **Friday, August 15**, will be celebrated in the Church at **8 a.m.** (all school Mass), **noon**, and **7 p.m.** If your schedule allows, please consider attending the noon or 7 p.m. Mass to help accommodate school families and students, as seating will be limited. Incense will be used with the 7 p.m. Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS FOR 2025-2026

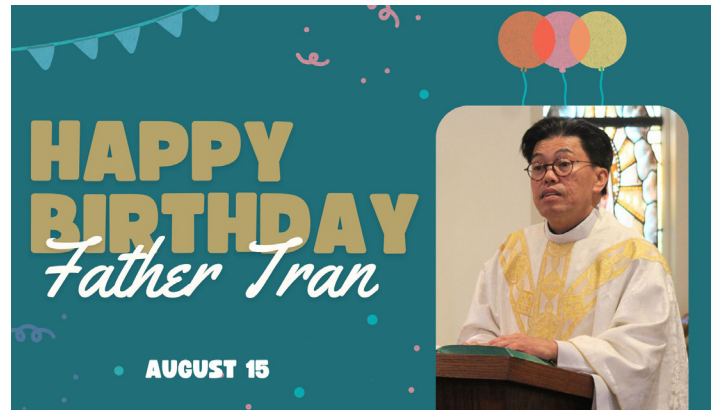
Saint Matthew Children's Choirs are forming now for the 2025-2026 school year! The Little Light Choir is open to Saint Matthew students and parish members in grades K-2. The Liturgy Choir is open to Saint Matthew students and parish members in grades 3-8.

Contact Rebecca Harding at rharding@stmatthewtn.org (Little Light Choir) or Laura Holderman at lholderman@stmatthewtn.org (Liturgy Choir) with any questions. To register and find additional details visit bit.ly/smcchildrenschoirs.

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Saint Matthew has a nursery available as a safe and caring environment for your little ones during the 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses. Children who are able to walk through age 3 are welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER TRAN



CONGRATULATIONS BR. SIMEON MARY

On Friday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption, Brother Matthew Ward Simeon Mary Jaeger will make his Simple Profession to the Dominican Friars of the Province of Saint Joseph. These simple vows mark the conclusion of his novitiate and the beginning of the next stage of formation, known as the studentate. These temporary vows mark full membership in his religious order, with priestly ordination expected in six years. While his full name is Br. Matthew Ward Simeon Mary Jaeger, he will go by Br. Simeon Mary Jaeger, or simply Br. Simeon in daily life. Please keep Brother Simeon and his classmates in your prayers.



CAMPUS SAFETY

With the return of students, please abide to the traffic patterns for drop off and pickup. Take extra precaution as our campus will be filled with children in the parking lot throughout the day. Please adhere to directional signs in the parking lot, avoid cell phone use, and drive slowly whenever students are on campus. The safety of our students is paramount and your cooperation helps protect everybody.

Saint Matthew School Masses start back on August 12. All Mass attendees are asked to follow directions given by school staff and security.



JUBILEE JAMBOREE

On September 13, 2025, SMS will celebrate our Silver Jubilee Jamboree! In lieu of the Mane Event this year, SMS is planning a day full of fun for our community! Join our **family-friendly daytime activities** or our special **adults-only nighttime events**. We invite all parishioners, past and current families, alumni, and community to join us for this special celebration! Scan the QR code in the graphic to purchase tickets or become a sponsor.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

Daytime Activities: We are excited to have each grade represented with fun games and activities, including an obstacle course, pop a shot, dunk tank, a special preschool playground zone and much more! There is no entrance fee to attend our daytime event, however, all grade booth activities require tickets to play. Ticket requirements are listed in the "Daytime Activities" section. Wristbands are also available for purchase.

Nighttime Activities: Purchase a ticket to enjoy our adults-only evening complete with a biergarten, live music, cornhole tournament, split-the-pot and more!



School starts tomorrow! The desks are labeled, the pencil pouches are packed, and the classrooms are excellently arranged. Everyone on campus has been hard at work making sure that the upcoming year is an excellent year for all of our students. We have many new faces this year, who we are excited to welcome to our community. Each and every teacher is excited to welcome students back to the classroom. I hope you take time to rest this weekend because we have a big day on Monday! Let's make our 25th year, the best year of Saint Matthew School yet.

SMS DRAMA CLUB WORKSHOPS FOR 2025-2026

SMS Drama Club's Workshops are designed to give students a place to build confidence, show their creativity, learn teamwork, and have a lot of fun! Each workshop focuses on a different aspect of the theater experience, culminating in the Spring Musical. You may register for any combination or ALL of them! An info meeting is Friday, August 15, at 3 p.m. Visit bit.ly/smsdrama25 to learn more. Contact Laura Holderman, lholderman@stmatthewtn.org with any questions.



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden."
~ Matthew 5:14

CALLING ALL MEN: THAT MAN IS YOU!

Saint Matthew is excited to launch That Man is You!—a dynamic men's program addressing the pressures and temptations men face in today's culture, especially in their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! Open to all men, the group is tentatively set to begin in September with meetings on Saturday mornings. Contact Aaron Frankovic at aaron.frankovic@gmail.com for questions. Scan the QR code to fill out an interest form and learn more.



DAISY TROOP INTEREST

Do you have a kindergarten or first grade daughter who might be interested in joining a Daisy Girl Scout Troop at Saint Matthew? If so, please email schuyler.m.lucio@gmail.com. If there is enough interest to form a troop, you will hear back shortly for the 2025-2026 school year.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month (Aug. 18) from 1-2:30 p.m. in the P.C.C. Their hand crafted prayer shawls are gifted to people facing illness, grief, or other hardships. All skill levels, including beginners are welcome to join. Want to work at home? Suggested shawl sizes are 20" x 60" for a traditional shawl or approximately 30" x 30" for a lap shawl. If you are able to donate yarn to support this ministry, you can drop it off at the church office.

IGNITE AND RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Our faith formation ministry is designed to help children know and live their faith throughout their lives. Registration is now open for the 25-26 school year for R.E. (PreK-6th grade) and Ignite (7th-8th grade). The first week of Religious Education programs is Sunday, September 7. Learn more about these sessions and register at bit.ly/smcreligioused.

FAITH IN SPORTS

St. Joseph's Men kicks off their fall session on Thursday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Center. This session explores the connection between faith and sports, and the vital role coaches play in forming young men. Special guest coaches from SMS are joining the meeting. All men are welcome. Come be part of the discussion and see what St. Josephs Men is all about!

HELP GUIDE OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES!

We are still in need of two catechists for our faith formation classes this school year.

Serving as a catechist is a meaningful way to nurture the faith of our children and help them grow in their relationship with Christ. You do not need to be a theologian. We provide all the materials and support you need. What matters most is your willingness to share your love for the faith.



If you are interested in volunteering as a catechist, fill out a brief form by visiting bit.ly/smccatechist25, or contact Tony Jesse at tjesse@stmatthewtn.org with any questions.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Meet & Greet Info Session

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Parish Conference Center



SAVE THE DATE - SVDP FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK/RUN

The 7th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk Run is Saturday, September 20. This family-friendly event is sponsored by the Saint Matthew chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. All proceeds benefit our neighbors in need including food, rent, utilities, medicine, and more. The walk/run starts at 9 a.m. with registration at 8 a.m. The starting location is on the Saint Cecilia Track. Sponsorships are available. Learn more about the event and sponsorship opportunities by visiting bit.ly/smcsvdpwalkrun25.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Scout Troop 226 will be hosting a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the courtyard. The event is open to everyone. If you have an American flag that is worn, damaged, or faded and would like it properly retired, please bring it with you, or drop it off at the church office and they will respectfully include it in the ceremony.

BENCHES IN THE GROTTO

If you pray in the grotto, please note the wooden benches will be temporarily removed this week. One of our young parishioners, Eli Egan, is refurbishing them as part of his Eagle project for Boy Scouts.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Want to go deeper with your faith? Each month, Saint Matthew sends out a monthly Adult Faith Formation newsletter offering additional resources to grow your faith. To sign up to receive this newsletter, visit bit.ly/smcadultfaithformation.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS LEAGUE MEETING

The Nashville Catholic Business League invites all to join our August breakfast meeting on Thursday, August 14, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Enjoy a morning of networking and coffee as Josh Hughes, partner and principal at Anecdote Architectural Experience, will be the featured speaker. Mass is at 7 a.m. and the meeting begins at 7:45 a.m. More details can be found at catholicbusinessleague.org.

AUGUST IS MAKE-A-WILL MONTH

Make-a-Will Month is observed in August. As a reminder to create or update your will the Diocese of Nashville is offering a free interactive panel discussion (online, phone, and radio) from 12-1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 18, to discuss the importance of having a will. It is hosted by Nashville Catholic Radio, 100.5 FM. All members of the Catholic community are invited to join the tutorial via phone or online. RSVP to Matt Wilson at Matt.Wilson@Dioceseofnashville.com.

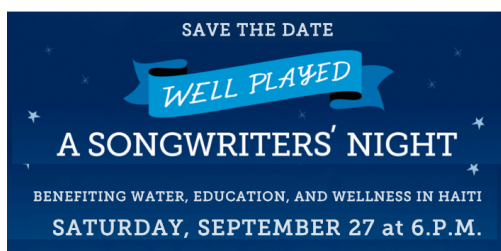
MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Haiti Impact Report 2024-2025



Benefitting: Our Lady of Miracles
Catholic Church and School

Thank you to everyone who donated
this past fiscal year
Your efforts made all of this
possible!



354 students educated at OLOM School	55 First Communicants	39 teachers & workers employed at OLOM school	63,720 lunches served to OLOM students
1,217 parishioners served by OLOM Church	1 new roof installed for the church rectory	1 Starlink installed for the community	14% of Saint Matthew Church families donated
5 miles a day is how long some students walk to school	5 community health workers employed	\$136,000 donated by Saint Matthew Church and School	1 doctor employed
1 principal employed at OLOM school	6 community watermen employed	\$12,500 in medicine and medical supplies provided	Countless amounts of love, hope, and prayers sent

TONY'S REFLECTION

RETURN OF THE MASTER

In our house, our oldest son is showing gradual signs of maturity. Given this, we are giving him more responsibility – such as being in charge when my wife and I go out for dinner. By handing on my authority and duty to him, I have temporarily given my oldest child “the keys to the Jesse household.” However, I, as master of the household, will return at some point in the night – and hopefully find that my oldest kept everything in order and everyone’s behavior was on par with what I taught them.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus provides us with a parable where the master departs for a wedding feast and puts his servants in charge. The first aspect of the parable is that the servants don’t know when the master will return. This unknown arrival of the master reveals the state of the servant’s loyalty toward the master. Are the servants prepared for the master’s return? Are they on watch, eagerly awaiting the return of their beloved master, or are the servants running amok precisely because the master is gone? The faithful servants are under the tutelage of the master; thus, they act in the style of the master whether or not there is a security camera recording them. Their belief in the message continues to make the reign of God visible, even though the master has not returned. In contrast, unfaithful servants are under the direction of the world, viewing the master’s teaching as a nuisance. The unfaithful servants create a tragic situation in which they abandon the master’s teaching. Here, they run rampant in sin and become reminiscent of mischievous children that misbehave as soon as the parents leave the house.

It’s intriguing that Jesus gives four different outcomes for four different types of servants. The first servant does what his master wills him to do and is ready for the master’s return. The second servant realizes the master is delayed and then begins to cause harm, all the while indulging in his sensual appetites. Here, he gets caught off guard when the master returns, resulting in a terminal separation from the master. Therefore, the first servant signifies the saints in heaven, while the second servant embodies the souls cut off in hell. The third and fourth servants give us a window into the Catholic doctrine of purgatory. While our modern ears might revolt when we hear the word “beaten” or “punished,” these words denote that the servants go through a correction period that is temporarily uncomfortable (i.e. purgatory). The third servant knew his master’s will but didn’t act according to the master’s will. He loved his master, yet his actions fell well short of his master’s will. The severe nature of his punishment insinuates his time in purgatory, in which his soul is purified to that of his master’s, was lengthy. However, the fourth servant didn’t know his master’s will; thus, his time during this correction phase is shorter and lighter (e.g. the state of a child).

The last line of this parable invokes that famous line from the Spider-Man movie, “With great power comes great responsibility.” Jesus assures us, “To whom much is given, much will be required of him.” As we love God more, let us take on more responsibility and live out His kingdom so we are ready for His return.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN RISE CORE TEAM FOR 2025-2026

RISE is looking for adults wanting to give their time, heart, and knowledge of the Lord to our high schoolers. Volunteering includes teaching, planning, coordinating games, dinner preparation, and clean up. If you feel called, you will be able to lead small groups and have the opportunity to present on topics in the Catholic faith of your choosing. Scan the QR code to learn more and apply.



RISE KICKOFF EVENT FOR 2025-2026

Join us as we launch the 2025–2026 RISE Youth Ministry year with a splash! Our epic Water Party is packed with fun:

- Chick-fil-A lunch
- Ice cream sundae bar
- Slip-n-slides & water inflatables
- Marshmallow dodgeball
- Shaving cream battle
- Water guns

...and so many more surprises!

Don’t miss it—RSVP for lunch!





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