



# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 + TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath”

Luke 6:5

### 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.

### PARISH INFORMATION

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Father Tien Tran

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Bill Forte



## SAINT MATTHEW NEWS

### 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 beginning September 13, with weekly Saturday morning meetings at 7 a.m. in the Parish Conference Center.



Come experience this great ministry in the morning and then further your bond at the Jubilee Jamboree in the afternoon!

Contact Aaron Frankovic at [aaron.frankovic@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.frankovic@gmail.com) for questions. Scan the QR code to learn more and fill out an interest form or visit the table in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend.



### OLIVE WOOD CARVING SALE - SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

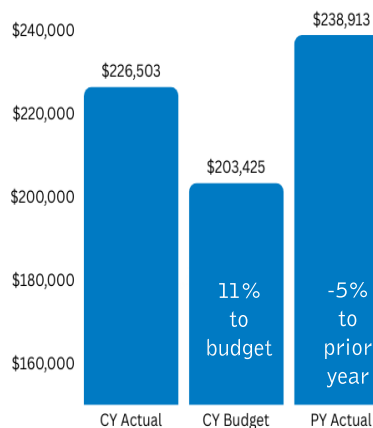
Saint Matthew has a representative selling hand-crafted items from the Holy Land this weekend. In these times of war and uncertainty, our Christian brothers and sisters there need our support. Visit the Cohan-Hansom Building on Saturday from 4-6:45 p.m., or Sunday from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. to shop olive wood handicrafts made by Christian artisans in Bethlehem. Your purchase directly supports the families who rely on this work for survival.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### - FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 31 -

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$33,835
SECOND COLLECTION: ST. GIANNA CIRCLE	\$247

### YTD Summary



### Second Collections

*This Week:*

*Building Maint. & Facility Improvements*

*Next Week:*

*Catholic University*

Scan to make a gift now, or visit [stmatthewtn.org/church/giving](http://stmatthewtn.org/church/giving)



**Registered Parish Families: 1246**

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**

✦ For the People of Saint Matthew

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

✦ Stephen Broussard

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

✦ Kevin Murphy

• Wisdom 9:13-18b

• Philemon 9-10, 12-17

• Luke 14:25-33

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

✦ For Rosemarie Martin

• Micah 5:1-4a

• Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Saint Peter Claver

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

✦ For Tram Tran

• Colossians 2:6-15

• Luke 6:12-19

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**7:00 p.m. Mass**

✦ Bud Massan

• Colossians 3:1-11

• Luke 6:20-26

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

✦ For all First Responders and those impacted by the events of 9/11

• Colossians 3:12-17

• Luke 6:27-38

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

✦ William Lawson

• 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14

• Luke 6:39-42

✦ **Special Intention**

✦ *May they rest in peace*

*To RESERVE MASS INTENTIONS, VISIT [BIT.LY/SMMASSINTENTION](http://BIT.LY/SMMASSINTENTION)*

## FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

We are celebrating the Solemnity of Saint Matthew as a community on his feast day, Sunday, September 21. See the graphic below for more details. If your family plans to attend the free luncheon, please **RSVP by Monday, September 8**, so we can give the caterer an accurate headcount.

## Feast of Saint Matthew



### Sunday, September 21

**Free Light Breakfast**  
after 8:30 a.m. Mass  
with Bishop Beckman

**Free Catered Luncheon**  
after 11 a.m. Mass  
Please RSVP

**On Saturday,  
September 20,  
Bishop Spalding  
will Preside  
at 5 p.m. Mass.**



Please RSVP for the Luncheon by Monday, September 8.  
Receptions are in the Cohan-Hansom Building

## O.C.I.A. CLASSES ARE FORMING NOW

Are you, or do you know anyone, interested in becoming Catholic? Our O.C.I.A. ministry can help! O.C.I.A. is a process of conversion and apprenticeship to welcome those who desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. There is a casual meet and greet planned on Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Center. Come meet the priests, learn more about the O.C.I.A. program, and have questions answered in a no-pressure environment. To begin the journey of exploring Catholicism, visit [bit.ly/smccocia](http://bit.ly/smccocia).

Interested in becoming Catholic?

**Meet & Greet Info Session**  
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.  
Parish Conference Center





Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

## LUNCH BUNCH THIS TUESDAY!

The first Lunch Bunch of the 25-26 year is Tuesday, September 9, at noon in the Narthex. All parishioners aged 55+ are invited for an afternoon of food, bingo, and fellowship. Come get in on the fun! The cost is \$12 per person plus a gift valued around \$10 for the prize table. Lunch will be chicken tenders from Cracker Barrel. We still have a few seats available for this week's event. To RSVP, email Alex Halfmann at [ahalfmann@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:ahalfmann@stmatthewtn.org).







**7TH ANNUAL**  
**FRIENDS OF THE POOR**

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## WALK RUN

All proceeds benefit our neighbors in need including,  
**FOOD, RENT, UTILITIES, MEDICINE, ETC...**  
So dust off those Nike's and join in the family fun!  
Refreshments provided.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
8 A.M. REGISTRATION | 9 A.M. RACE START



Location:

**St. Cecilia Academy Track**  
4210 Harding Pike





Our celebration is upon us in just one week's time. The Jubilee Jamboree will take place next Saturday, September 13, on campus. The event is going to be a great time for the community to come together to celebrate the 25th year of Saint Matthew School. The afternoon session will be filled with kid events, and the evening event is just for the adults. Please come out to celebrate with us, as this celebration is about being more than just a school; it is about all of the years of work the community has invested to create such a strong Catholic community. I hope that I will see you next weekend, and please come by the dunk tank when I am scheduled.

## GET INVOLVED WITH THE JAMBOREE

Our Jamboree is quickly approaching. All are invited to attend and support the event. See the back of the bulletin to learn more. In the meantime, here are ways you can get involved now to help make the event a success.

## GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Skip the ticket line and purchase your tickets in advance! Game tickets or wristbands will be used for the afternoon festivities (1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.). You can also purchase your tickets to the adults-only evening (6 p.m. to 10 p.m.) through the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

## SILENT AUCTION NOW OPEN

The Jubilee Jamboree silent auction is now open. Check out the great items and get bidding today. You can find them through the "Items" tab on the event page. Bidding is online and you do not need to be present to win. The auction and Split-The-Pot both close at 9:30 p.m. on September 13. Happy bidding!



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**PLEASE JOIN US!**



Scan here or register online

[www.stmatthewtn.org/school/admissions](http://www.stmatthewtn.org/school/admissions)

Zoom and in-person options available.

Thursday  
**SEPTEMBER 25**  
9:00 a.m.



## FATHER SAPPENFIELD AT MASS

Father Mark Sappenfield is concelebrating school Mass at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, as part of our SMS Jubilee Celebration. Parishioners are asked to sit in the narthex.

## CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Need an excuse to bake? The Jubilee Jamboree is looking for bakers! Scan to let us know you plan to donate a sweet treat for our Cake Wheel. Cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. are all accepted. Whether you bake one, or a baker's dozen, thank you for your delicious donation.



## SONGWRITERS' NIGHT TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets for *Well Played: A Songwriters' Night* are on sale now! Join us Saturday, September 27, and celebrate this event's 15th year of supporting water, wellness, and education in Gobert, Haiti. This 21+ evening features an exciting lineup of hit country songwriters. Wednesday, September 10, is the deadline to receive full sponsor benefits. Scan for details and tickets.



## MEET THE ARTISTS: BOBBY TOMBERLIN

Bobby Tomberlin is a CMA, ACM, and Grammy nominee who has penned hits for stars like Diamond Rio, Darryl Worley, Dolly Parton, Bill Anderson, Blake Shelton, Willie Nelson, and Barbra Streisand. Tomberlin has spent 30 years writing music including co-writing #1 Hit "One More Day." He has also appeared on CMT's The Singing Bee, Country's Family Reunion, and in films alongside Kris Kristofferson and Stephen Dorff. Come hear the stories behind the songs at our upcoming Songwriters Night! Scan above to get your tickets now.



## KNIGHT'S SOCCER CHALLENGE

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge on Saturday, September 20, at 3:45 p.m. on the Saint Matthew Soccer Field. Winners will advance to the regional competition. The competition will conclude before 5 p.m. Mass. Entry forms are in the church and school offices or on our website.



## NEW DATE COMING FOR FSM ANNUAL SOCIAL

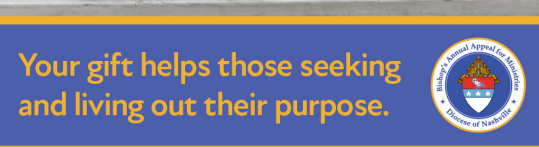
The Date of the Family Service Ministry's Annual Social and Box of Joy Kick-Off, is changing. Check back next week for the new date to learn about this ministry, socialize, play, and sign up for the Box of Joy program. Box of Joy gifts are Christmas gifts sent to children in developing countries like Haiti, Malawi, and the Dominican Republic. We participate by donating items for the boxes.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL CELEBRATES THE ORDINATION OF FOUR NEW PRIESTS!

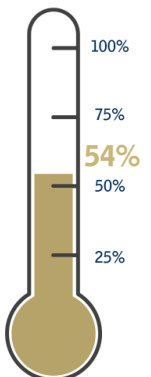
Seminarian Education is one of the many programs supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries. Saint Matthew thanks you for supporting the formation of these four men who were ordained priests for the diocese of Nashville in August. Please keep these men, all our seminarians, and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers.



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**Saint Matthew 2025**  
**Donations: \$93,005 (54%)**  
**Goal: \$171,000**





**Saint Matthew Catholic Church**

**PRESENTS**

**WELL PLAYED**

**A SONGWRITERS' NIGHT**

**BENEFITTING OUR HAITI MINISTRY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

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## TONY'S REFLECTION

### NOT SUCH A LARGE COST

The planet Jupiter is a gas giant that can fit 1,300 Earths in it. Science now shows us that the exact positioning and size of Jupiter allows the earth, and, in turn, us to survive. Due to its massive size, Jupiter's gravity pulls in hazardous debris and volatile compounds from the asteroid belt. It also prevents solar storms from distant stars from affecting us. In short, Jupiter acts like an offensive lineman absorbing the blow of a cosmic blitz to allow planet Earth to have its comfortable setting in the hostile universe. The precise placement and mass of Jupiter is one of many other examples that show how God created the universe with a fine-tuned precision to sustain our life. For example, if the speed of light were to be slightly faster or slower, life on earth would not be possible. If the gravitational constant were to be different, none of us would exist. If the exact tilt of the earth was altered by a hair's breadth, the temperature would not sustain life.

Knowing the great lengths that God goes to create and protect His creation, the cost of becoming Christ's disciple doesn't seem so daunting. Yet, Jesus teaches us that the call to follow Him cannot be taken half-heartedly, as such an attitude is a tragic miscalculation. Like a king getting ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, Jesus implores us to prepare and count the cost before we set out to follow Him.

Discipleship is a serious endeavor that involves more than merely testing the waters of faith. Given this commitment, you need to plan and calculate it prior to putting it into action, otherwise despair will ensue. St. Cyril of Alexandria cautioned that the disciple should first work on loving God and understanding His ways before putting in the sacrificial work of being a disciple. As St. Cyril wrote, "How will those who do not have any zeal be able to reach the goal that is set before them?" He reasoned that man could not finish the work of a disciple because he was bound to his former way.

From a purely earthly perspective, the cost of being a disciple of Christ appears too much of an extreme trade. We must give up possessions, even "hate" family relationships, to be a disciple of Christ? The word "hate" is an idiomatic term that refers "to love less." In this sense, Jesus tells us to give up the things that can become an excuse or an obstacle to giving ourselves completely to Him. Here, we are to "hate" our old lives, to detach from all the earthly attachments. Jesus is showing us that discipleship must be accepted with mature deliberation. Yes, the cost seems great. But the Jupiter example allows us to reflect on how God's fatherly care and protection He provides us, even in the intricate details of the way He created the universe, should allow us to go "all in" on Him.

Christ offers what the modern world cannot: structure, sacrifice, and mystery. As Peter Kreeft observes, "Catholicism doesn't whisper that you're perfect just the way you are. It demands transformation. It demands submission—to something older, wiser, and greater than you." Knowing this, the cost doesn't seem that bad.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Join Us

# NASHVILLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE FAIR

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 8TH | 6:30 P.M.

Learn more about what Catholic colleges and universities offer in a personal setting. All area high school students and families are invited to attend.

\*Listing as of September 2, 2025



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## 2025 Heart of Mary House

3rd Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction  
NO COST TO ATTEND

November 1  
Aquinas Center  
at the Dominican Campus  
Program begins at 6:30pm  
Smart Casual Attire



NEW THIS YEAR!

Patron Party

5:00pm  
upstairs loft in the Aquinas Center  
\$100 per ticket  
Ticketed Event  
Limited Seating



KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Fr. Mark Simpson

A Catholic Priest serving in the Diocese of Nashville as the Pastor at Mother Teresa Parish in Nolensville

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER


RISE strives to make living our faith fun while also building lasting friendships and a supportive community for our parish teenagers. While many think of our program mainly as our Sunday evening RISE nights, RISE offers so much more.

This year, we are adding new opportunities that go beyond our teens alone. Earlier this week, several of our youth led outdoor games for families, then closed the evening with prayer by leading compline. Look out for more of these free, family-friendly events open to the whole community. It is such a joy to see our teens take ownership of their faith and become the leaders they are called to be.

Teens also have the chance to join our weekly Lectio Divina & Doughnuts on Tuesdays. Together, we dive into Sunday's Gospel reading and reflect on how it applies to our lives. This group continues to grow and is a powerful sign of how committed our teens are to living their faith and growing spiritually.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. RISE is truly a special, welcoming, and loving community! Teens, you are always invited to be part of it! Register with RISE through the QR code below.






### Lectio Divina & Doughnuts

Join us every Tuesday evening. Please bring your Bible and journal!

**Bible study begins at 6:30pm**



## RISE SCHEDULE

**SUN  
SEPT 7**

**RISE Night: "Beginning the Year as a High School Student!"**  
Pizza and snacks provided.

**SUN  
SEPT 14**

**RISE Night: Speakers Nevaeh Edwards "Biblical Femininity" & John Vargas "Virtuous Masculinity!"**  
**WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM!**

**SUN  
SEPT 21**

**RISE Night: "Rise of the Guardians"**  
Movie and discussion.  
Zaxby's for dinner.

**SUN  
SEPT 28**

**RISE Night: Addy Prenares on "The Seven Deadly Sins and How They Present Themselves in High School."**

**SUN  
OCT  
5 & 12**

**NO SESSIONS.  
HAPPY FALL BREAK!**

RISE meets every Sunday in the P.C.C. beginning at 5:30 p.m. with pick-up at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is provided.

## DONATE A PIZZA

### FOR RISE STUDENTS

Each Sunday, RISE brings teens together to share a meal and grow in their faith. To offset some of the cost of food, whether it is pizza, or another meal, we are humbly asking for \$20 donations. Your financial support makes a real difference and helps us share Christ's love with our youth. Thank you!



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Want to learn about the faith? Visit  
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