



Saint Matthew

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

NOVEMBER 2, 2025 + THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



**“If we have grown
into union with him
through a death like
his, we shall also be
united with him in
the resurrection.”**

Romans 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.

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PARISH SPOTLIGHT



LITURGY SCHEDULE

ALL SOULS' DAY

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

✦ For the People of Saint Matthew

8:30 a.m. Mass

✦ Vincent Phillips

11:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For All of the Faithful Departed

• Wisdom 3:1-9

• Romans 6:3-9

• John 6:37-40

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ Sophia Keller

• Romans 11:29-36

• Luke 14:12-14

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ Elizabeth Charris

• Romans 12:5-16ab

• Luke 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00 p.m. Mass

✦ Departed Members of our Families and Community

• Romans 13:8-10

• Luke 14:25-33

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ Rafael Alvear

• Romans 14:7-12

• Luke 15:1-10

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ All Deceased Dominicans

• Romans 15:14-21

• Luke 16:1-8

✦ **Special Intention**

✦ *May they rest in peace*

To RESERVE MASS INTENTIONS,
VISIT [BIT.LY/SMCMASSENTENTION](http://bit.ly/SMCMASSENTENTION)

COME PRAY THE ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL
FOLLOWING 8 A.M. WEEKDAY MASSES
AND 8:30 A.M. SUNDAY MASS.

OPEN HOUSE

SMMS
Saint Matthew
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Apple Distinguished School



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
12:00pm-2:30pm

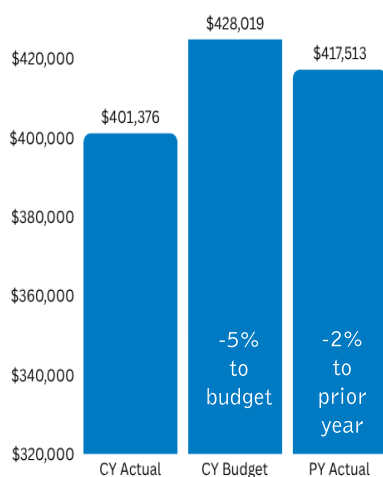


STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 26 -

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$17,270
SECOND COLLECTION: CHARITY & OUTREACH	\$277

YTD Summary



Second Collections

This Week:
Building Maint. & Facility Improvements

Next Week:
Charity & Outreach Priesthood Sunday

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



Registered Parish Families: 1259

SAINT MATTHEW NEWS

SAINT RELICS AT SAINT MATTHEW

St. Ambrose
St. Augustine
St. Charles Borromeo
St. Elizabeth of Hungary
St. Lucy
St. Maria Goretti
St. Thérèse of Lisieux
Purple Robe & Pillar
of the Scourging



Saturday
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday
8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Last Day is
Nov. 2

SUPPORT BOY SCOUT TROOP 226 CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER



Pickup at Nov. 29 & 30 Masses.
For alternate delivery options email
troop226@stmatthewtn.org



Order
Deadline:
Sunday,
Nov. 9



Community Sunday Today!

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS AT A
FUTURE COMMUNITY SUNDAY

QUESTIONS?
CCURRAN@STMATTHEW.TN.ORG



Mass of Remembrance Wednesday, November 5, 7 p.m.



SGC MONTHLY MOM'S MEETING

All moms are invited to join Saint Gianna Circle for their monthly mom's meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Start the evening with 7 p.m. Mass in the Chapel, followed by fellowship in the Parish Conference Center. You are invited to bring a new toy or sports equipment to donate to GraceWorks' The Manger. During the gathering, they will be assembling Advent Wreath Kits and discussing plans for the December 5 Mother & Daughter Night. As always, babies are welcome!

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

All men are invited to join the Saint Matthew Men's Club for their monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 7-9 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship while also preparing for the Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 13. Save the date!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Spend some quiet time with Jesus during our First Friday Adoration on Friday, Nov. 7. Adoration begins after 8 a.m. Mass and ends with benediction on Saturday at 8 a.m. This month we will need extra help covering the overnight hours. Sign up for your time slot at bit.ly/smcffanov25.



HONORING PARISH VETERANS

Saint Matthew School 5th graders are hosting a musical celebration to honor veterans on Monday, Nov. 10, at 8:15 a.m. in the gym. All parish veterans, active duty members, and their family members are invited to attend. Please register by Wednesday, Nov. 5, using the QR code. You may also submit the names of veterans who are unable to attend so that we can pray for them. A light reception will follow.



18TH ANNUAL

Trivia Night

NOVEMBER 8TH
2025
6:00 P.M.





Principal's Pen

Dr. Simpson

Our 7th graders kicked things off with their retreat at Holy Family Catholic Church. Even when the weather wasn't cooperating, they still had a fantastic day growing in faith and spending time together in community.

This week, we also celebrated our 1st Quarter SMS Award recipients — students who consistently seek knowledge, model Christ, and serve others. Awarding the SMS Award to these students is always such a special moment for them and their families. I especially love seeing all the students cheering for their classmates who were voted as winners.

As we wrapped up the week and headed into the weekend, we prepared our students for All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Please know of the many prayers and blessings from the SMS community! You are in our prayers.

SENIOR SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY

All parish seniors are invited to join us for Lunch Bunch, which includes lunch, bingo, and fellowship. Our next Lunch Bunch is Tuesday, Nov. 11, at noon. Cost is \$12 and bring a gift for the prize table valued around \$10. Scan to learn more and register.



CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT

Registration is now open for the Saint Matthew Children's Nativity Pageant. All children ages 4-14 are invited to participate. Registration is free, but must be completed prior to the first practice, on Sunday, Nov. 23, following 11 a.m. Mass. The Pageant is Saturday, Dec. 13, following 5 p.m. Mass. Scan to register.



AWAKE SURVEY

If you attended Awake last weekend, we would love your feedback. Scan the QR code for a quick, three question survey. Help us make this event even better in the future and thank you for worshipping with us!



BECOME A GIFT BEARER

Families and children are invited to help bring up the gifts at Mass—a special way to further participate in the liturgy, and a sign of thanksgiving for God's blessings Sign up at bit.ly/smcgiftbearer.

HAITI MARKET - NOVEMBER 16

The Saint Matthew Haiti Market is on Sunday, Nov. 16. Be sure to stop by and get a head start on your Christmas shopping, pick up something crafty for your home, or enjoy some delicious homemade baked goods. It is free to come and shop.

There are a limited number of vendor spaces still available. If you, or someone you know, would like to have a booth at the Haiti Market, please scan the QR code in the graphic to the left. Registration supports teacher salaries at our sister parish in Haiti.

Saint Matthew Market

533 SNEED RD. W FRANKLIN, TN

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 16
NOON TO 4PM

HANDMADE ITEMS
ART • JEWELRY • FOOD

<https://www.stmatthewtn.org/school>

WE ARE ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS

COME SHOP WITH US AND SUPPORT OUR HAITI MINISTRY!

Vendors scan to apply.

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Pick of the Week: November 2

ETERNAL REST™ THE ART OF DYING WELL



Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the Augustine Institute. Eternal Rest examines the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Eternal Rest presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life.

Watch this series and other great content for free. Visit FORMED.org and use our parish code: 37069.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 9

Today marks the start of National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 2–8), a time to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Here in the Diocese of Nashville, we are blessed with 35 seminarians preparing for the priesthood, including 15 men in their first year of formation through the new propaedeutic stage. Among them is Saint Matthew parishioner Griffin Gartner. Saint Matthew will also welcome back James Grossheim after he completes his final semester of seminary, and this year, the parish will host a total of four propaedeutic seminarians.

This growth in vocations is a tremendous blessing, but also means your financial support is needed now more than ever. A priest's journey from first hearing God's call to the joyous day of ordination is made possible through your prayers and support. Next weekend, Nov. 8 & 9, our parish will participate in the annual diocesan Priesthood Sunday Collection, which supports the education and formation of our future priests. Your generosity helps cover tuition, housing, and other costs that make their discernment and preparation possible. Additionally, the Seminarian Education Fund supports the formation of permanent deacons, including Saint Matthew parishioner Dan Ott. He will soon be ordained to the diaconate along with six other men on Saturday, Dec. 20, at Sagrado Corazón.

Pledge cards will be available in the pews next weekend, or you can donate today using the QR code below. Please give prayerfully and generously. Keep all our seminarians, and all those discerning a religious vocation, in your prayers. Thank you for supporting vocations in our diocese.



**Saint Matthew 2025
Donations: \$103,807 (61%)
Goal: \$171,000**



This week we pray for the gift of vocations in the Church: marriage, religious life, consecrated life, and especially the priesthood. The Diocese of Nashville is blessed with 35 seminarians in formation. Please keep them in your prayers and consider supporting the Seminarian Education Fund.

To learn more and donate, please [scan here](#).



TONY'S REFLECTION

ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH DEATH

This weekend is known as Hallowtide. It is the three days of celebrating the Christian holy days: All Hallows Eve (Halloween), All Saints, and All Souls. These days prompt us to reflect on "the last things": death, judgment, heaven, and hell. With Hallowtide, we meditate on the reality of death so much that it traditionally evokes the Latin phrase "memento mori," which translates into "remember that you must die." Memento mori customarily displays a skull to engrave in our minds that our bodies will eventually become bones. Why such a dramatic display of death around Hallowtide?

St. Paul summarizes how both spiritually dying to ourselves and physically dying lead us to eternal life precisely because this is what Christ experienced. As he affirms, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

To be sure, the spiritual concept that death leads to life might sound counterintuitive, as we've been trained to think that death eliminates life. But given that Christ has defeated death at the cross (Heb. 2:14-15), death takes on a new meaning—Christ has made death a bridge to eternal life. On the natural level, we can witness life emerging from perceived death. Take a glance at the trees this fall. As the leaves fall, the trees lose their life-giving fuel. Then, in spring, new life emerges, and the landscape radiates growth after its dying period.

The end of Scripture has Jesus announcing, "I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5). Given this, we can look at death entirely differently. In our physical death, we become like the tree in the winter, stripped of life and naked precisely so we can experience a new life in Christ—our eternal spring.

To a fallen world, a skull presents an uncomfortable reality of one's mortality or oddly becomes a source of worship in the world of the occult. But to a Catholic, a skull has us reflect on the reality of death, not to fear it, and to prepare for it by living for its eventual arrival. That is right. To see an image of the skull is to remind us and motivate us to live a life for Christ. As the movie *Braveheart* reminds us, "Every man dies, but not every man really lives." Let the reality of death's bridge into eternal life inject a holy urgency in living toward Christ.

With the link of All Saints and All Souls, Hallowtide also serves as a vivid reminder that we must pray *for* the souls of the deceased who are being purified (All Souls) while also praying to the souls who have been perfected in Christ (All Saints). Hallowtide illuminates the chain reaction of prayer within the layers of the Church. We, who stand in the Church Militant (the faithful on earth) offer our prayers and sufferings for the Church Suffering (the souls in purgatory) while relying on the prayers and intercession from the Church Triumphant (the saints in heaven). In Hallowtide, God's children pray for each other that we might embrace death of the body for life in Christ.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

All Souls's day reminds us to pray for those no longer with us. We pray that their souls may be purified so they can enter heaven. Praying this act of love shows hope in God's mercy and is a way to continue loving those we have lost here on Earth.

Feast of All Souls

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS

As we remember and pray for the dead, did you know you can have a Mass celebrated for someone who has passed, or for a special intention? Request a Mass at bit.ly/smcmassintentions. There is a suggested minimum donation of \$5 per intention.

MEMENTO MORI

Memento Mori, Latin for "Remember you must die," is a traditional Catholic practice reminding us of our mortality and the hope of eternal life. The image of a skull often accompanies it, not as something morbid, but as a symbol urging us to live virtuously and keep our eyes fixed on heaven. By remembering death, we learn to value each day as a gift and grow in holiness.



Philippe de Champaigne, *Vanitas (The Allegory of Human Life)*, 1646

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH MINISTRY



Saint Matthew Women's Club

Paint Along



Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.
C.H.B.



Limited Space

\$15/person



Led by:
Niki Antonini

WELCOME MICHAELA!

Michaela Miller is our new Director of Youth Ministry at Saint Matthew. Michaela comes to us with 14 years of experience serving in parishes of the Diocese of Nashville in both youth ministry and faith formation roles. This week is her first week leading RISE Youth Ministry. Come to tonight's meeting and give Michaela a warm welcome!



SAINT MATTHEW BLOOD DRIVE



NOVEMBER 16

Cohan-Hansom Building
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.





RISE SCHEDULE

**SUN
NOV 2**

The Sacrament of Confession
Learn more about this wonderful sacrament of healing. Confession will be available.

**SUN
NOV 9**

Friendsgiving: Enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner and an evening of gratitude. Dessert sign-up below.

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

ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Healing Retreats are for anyone seeking healing and reconciliation from an abortion or involvement in an abortion. For more information, please contact Jane Crowley at janervineyard@gmail.com or 615-400-4379. The next opportunity is Thursday Nov. 13, to Sunday Nov. 16. For future dates visit, rachelsvineyard.org.

AN EVENING WITH *Our Lady of Hope*

Advent Meditations for the Jubilee

A Women's Advent Preparation Retreat at
St. Philip Catholic Church
Franklin, TN

November 19, 2025
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Tickets
Individual: \$25
Table of 6: \$125



bit.ly/AdventHope25

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CALLING ALL BAKERS

Do you love baking and want to support our RISE Youth Ministry as they celebrate an evening of thankfulness? Perfect! We are looking for dessert donations for our RISE Thanksgiving celebration next Sunday! Sign up at bit.ly/risethank25. Please drop off your baked goods on Sunday, Nov. 9, around 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Conference Center, or you may leave them in the church kitchen when you come for Mass that weekend. Thank you for helping make this celebration extra sweet!

RISE welcomes all students in grades 9-12





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