



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

OCTOBER 26, 2025 + THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself
will be exalted.”**

Luke 18:14

NORMAL WEEKLY 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.

*Solemnity of All Saints Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday

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PARISH SPOTLIGHT



LITURGY SCHEDULE

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

✠ Joseph Samuel Monte

8:30 a.m. Mass

✠ For the People of Saint Matthew

11:00 a.m. Mass

✠ Bill Huffaker

• Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

• 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

• Luke 18:9-14

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ John Cicon

• Romans 8:12-17

• Luke 13:10-17

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ Suzanne Creasman

• Ephesians 2:19-22

• Luke 6:12-16

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00 p.m. Mass

✠ Frank Ballinger

• Romans 8:26-30

• Luke 13:22-30

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ Chethan Babu

• Romans 8:31b-39

• Luke 13:31-35

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ Stephanie Sheehan

• Romans 9:1-5

• Luke 14:1-6

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Solemnity of All Saints

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ For the Church

• Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

• 1 John 3:1-3

• Matthew 5:1-12a

Awake

Adoration & Worship

SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

533 SNEED ROAD W. FRANKLIN, TN

OCT 26 @ 6PM IN THE GYM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



AWAKE TONIGHT!

Join us for an evening of Adoration and music tonight, Sunday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. in the gym. This special event is called *Awake*, and is a call for renewal in our lives through Adoration, periods of silence, and beautiful music provided by a group of professional musicians.

Following the Adoration portion of the event, there will be a reception with refreshments provided by several parish ministries.

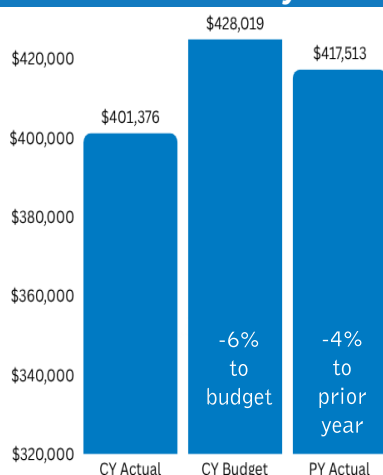
Please plan to attend and spend some time as a parish family with Jesus in prayer and song!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 19 -

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$21,432
SECOND COLLECTION: HAITI MISSION	\$925
SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	\$105

YTD Summary



Second Collections

This Week:

Charity & Outreach

Next Week:

Building Maint. & Facility Improvements

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



Registered Parish Families: 1258

FORGE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

All 6th-8th graders are invited to join Forge for their kick-off event on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 4:30 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Forge is the new Saint Matthew Middle School Ministry. Come for food, fun, and games. The evening includes a guest speaker panel, and concludes in the gym by attending the parish-wide Awake event.



Scan the QR code to register your child with Forge and to stay up to date as the ministry grows. To volunteer, for any questions, or for more information, email forge@stmatthewtn.org.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

This afternoon, Sunday, Oct. 26, join us for a trunk-or-treat event sponsored by our Saint Gianna Circle Mothers' Ministry. Activities include bouncy slide, face painting, dancing, costume contests, and more. The event is from 2-4 p.m. in the parking lot. Learn more at bit.ly/smctot25.



PASSION OF CHRIST PRAYER GROUP

Join the Passion of Christ Prayer Group on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. in the chapel to pray the Way of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and learn more about our Lord's Passion. Their mission is to pray for our fellow Catholic brothers and sisters who have left the Church. As St. Mother Teresa once said, "When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then; when you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

RELICS FOR VENERATION

Saint Matthew will have a special display of relics available for veneration in the chapel beginning Friday, Oct. 31, through Sunday, Nov. 2. Prayer cards will be available. Hours are:

- Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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 **Oct. 31 - Nov. 2**

ALL SAINTS DAY LITURGY - NOVEMBER 1

Due to All Saints' Day falling on a Saturday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation in the U.S. However, Saint Matthew will still celebrate the solemnity on Saturday with a liturgy at 8 a.m. All are invited to join us in honoring the saints.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE IN NARTHEX MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - NOVEMBER 5

Saint Matthew will celebrate our annual *Mass of Remembrance*, on Wednesday, November 5, at 7 p.m. If you lost a loved one over the past year (Nov. 2024 to present), email bereavement@stmatthewtn.org by Friday, October 31, to have their name included in this Mass. The Book of Remembrance is in the Narthex now through October 31 for any parishioners who would like to write in names of any loved ones who have passed away. Please make plans to attend this special service.



18TH ANNUAL

Trivia Night

NOVEMBER 8TH
2025
6:00 P.M.





Principal's Pen



Dr. Simpson

As we enter the second quarter, it's been a busy and exciting week at Saint Matthew following fall break! On Thursday, we were honored to welcome Bishop Spalding to celebrate Mass with us. The students loved having him preside and learned that one of their parents' greatest responsibilities is to help them get to heaven. Later that day, our 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade flag football teams competed in their championship games, which were hosted here at SMS.

As the week wrapped up, we celebrated our fall sports teams with a spirited pep rally. The students cheered loudly, and the older grades joined in some fun competitions. Afterward, we sent off our 3rd–5th and 6th–8th grade cross country runners as they traveled to Knoxville for the state meet.

We are so proud of all our students and their great accomplishments—academic, artistic, and athletic. Go Lions!

HAITI MARKET - NOVEMBER 16



Please join us to learn more about Saint Matthew School and what it means to live out our motto of
+Seeking Knowledge + Modeling Christ + Serving Others+

Save the Date for the Saint Matthew Haiti Market 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. New this year, the SMS Hait Market will feature a special shopping window between Masses that is open only to Saint Matthew parishioners.

HONORING PARISH VETERANS

The Saint Matthew School 5th grade students are hosting a musical celebration to honor our 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 during the celebration. A light reception will follow.



PARISH NEWS

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 morning at 8 a.m. Sign up for a 30-minute time slot at bit.ly/smcffanov25.



FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Saint Matthew Loaves & Fishes ministry will be making and serving lunch at Holy Name on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Email bthomson7504@gmail.com to volunteer and for more information.

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Pick of the Week: October 26

MIRACLE of
SAINT THÉRÈSE

Miracle of Saint Thérèse

This is the acclaimed dramatic feature film made in France that tells the story of St. Thérèse of Lisieux from childhood to her death as a Carmelite nun at age 24. Film critics have called it, “an excellent, reverent biopic” on St. Thérèse that accurately portrays the saint’s story and her unique spirituality. The movie offers numerous glimpses into Thérèse’s “little way” of spiritual childhood, which was her particular charism that helped make her a Doctor of the Church, including situations of conflict between Thérèse and her mother prioress regarding her conviction of striving for perfection with confidence and trust in the mercy and love of God. This film is an unsung cinematic gem that captures the spirit and life of the beloved St. Thérèse.

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

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.



DONATE BLOOD AT SAINT MATTHEW

SAINT MATTHEW BLOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 16

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

QR code for registration

American Red Cross logo

HOPE
does not disappoint
ROMANS 5:5

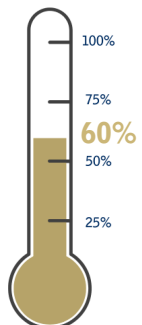
BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES



Help us reach our 2025 goal! Scan to make your annual donation now.



Saint Matthew 2025
Donations: \$103,112 (60%)
Goal: \$171,000



TONY'S REFLECTION

HUMILITY VERSE PRIDE

It has been said that there are two types of people—sinners who think they are saints and saints who think they are sinners. The former is a description of pride, whereas the latter is humility. These two polar ideas of pride and humility are continuously presented throughout the Bible. As Proverbs declares, "A man's pride shall bring him low, but honor shall uphold a humble soul."

God makes it abundantly clear that He cannot enter a prideful soul but can only penetrate one who has embraced humility. Pride acts as a "do not enter" sign to God. After all, if one thinks he or she is perfect, then there is no need for God. Of course, pride may just insinuate one is too emotionally unstable to admit failure. However, with humility, an emotional, thin-skinned ego is molded into a durable, thick-skinned persona that can admit their mistakes and receive counsel with relative ease. In short, humility makes an honest, well-rounded person able to advance in the spiritual life.

In today's Gospel reading we see two prayers from two different people that present the stark contrast between humility and pride. On one hand, we have the prideful prayer of the Pharisee that is drenched in arrogance and a false reality. On the other hand, we have the sincere prayer of the tax collector that is immersed in humility.

The Gospel account indicated that the Pharisee "speaks this prayer to himself." Quite oddly, the Pharisee is praising himself and even praying to himself! He has gotten himself confused with God. This is the essence of pride. Instead of adoring God for His mighty works, the Pharisee congratulates himself for his own deeds. This is a window into pride—where the self is lifted up towards a god-like pedestal.

In contrast, the tax collector does not attempt to erect a false pedestal of himself. He stands at a distance, knowing that his actions deem him unworthy to stand in front of God. The tax collector simply cries to God for mercy and receives it. We realize that the tax collector was likely not living a virtuous life. Many tax collectors were unjust and abusive. They took advantage of others in society, including the poor. Yet, this man saturated in sin prays with a humble and contrite heart and pleads for mercy. This type of honest, repentant prayer is the starting point to becoming an instrument of God.

If we exalt ourselves before the Lord, as the Pharisee does, we will be brought low. We cannot curry favor with God by touting our accomplishments while refusing to acknowledge Him as the source of our gifts. The virtue of humility reminds us that we are not perfect, and any good deeds we can muster up and every gift we have comes from God, not from us.

Our motivation for good works should not be done for our own merits, but rather solely for the love of God. As St. Therese of Lisieux remarks, "After earth's exile, I hope to go and enjoy you in the fatherland, but I do not want to lay up merits for heaven. I want to work for your love alone."

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

YOUR GIVING IN ACTION



The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the sponsors, the participants, the helpers, the St. Cecelia School staff, and the SVdP Conference members who assisted in making this year's *Friends of the Poor Walk/Run* a record-breaking success.

We thank you for your **generosity**.

We thank you for **empowering** your SVdP chapter to serve those in need as Good Samaritans on behalf of our St. Matthew Congregation.

We thank you for your **continuing prayers** as we practice the Corporal Works of Mercy in your name.

We thank you for **lifting up** the working poor in their moment of need.

Thank you for supporting your SVdP.

WAYS TO HELP:

1. JOIN OUR MINISTRY call 979-236-9025
2. DONATE TO SVdP on the Saint Matthew website, in parish envelopes, or at the SVdP Poor Box in the Chapel
3. PRAY FOR US

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LADIES OF CHARITY CONSIGNMENT SALE

The Ladies of Charity Fall Consignment Sale is happening now through Saturday, Nov. 1. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The sale is located at 2216 State Street. Proceeds benefit those in need through the Ladies of Charity's outreach programs.

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*

Scan for more information and to make reservations





KEY NOTE SPEAKER
Fr. Mark Simpson

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

FATHER RYAN RELAY FOR LIFE

Father Ryan will host its annual Relay For Life on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. on the Father Ryan Campus. The Survivor Walk is at noon. This is the nation's largest student-led relay, saluting cancer survivors and cancer fighters and raising funds for the American Cancer Society. For more information, to donate, or to register, visit fatherryan.org/relayforlife.

DAN OTT DIACONATE PETITION

Mr. Dan Ott is a member of our parish and is petitioning to be ordained a deacon for the Diocese of Nashville. If you have any concerns about his ordination, please contact the Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Nashville, Fr. Luke Wilgenbusch, at fr.wilgenbusch@nashvocations.org or 615-783-0782.

WELCOME MICHAELA!

Michaela Miller will be 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. Her first day leading RISE Youth Ministry will be Sunday, Nov. 2. Welcome Michaela!



RISE SCHEDULE

SUN
OCT 26

Awake Event
Gather in the P.C.C. at 5:30. We will attend Awake, a community praise and worship adoration, as a group.

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.

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.

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! 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!

For youth ministry related questions, contact
youth@stmatthewtn.org



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