



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

JANUARY 25, 2026 + THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Repent,
for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand.

- Matthew 4:17

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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LITURGY SCHEDULE (JANUARY 25-30)

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

✦ For the People of Saint Matthew

8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

✦ Betty J. Molenaar

11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

✦ Lynn L. Davis

• Isaiah 8:23—9:3

• 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

• Matthew 4:12-23

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Saint Timothy & Titus

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ Andrew Hill

• 2 Timothy 1:1-8

• Mark 3:22-30

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For the Brault Family

• 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19

• Mark 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas

7:00 p.m. Mass

✦ Michael Patrick Robertson

• 2 Samuel 7:4-17

• Mark 4:1-20

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For Cheryl Perkins

• 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29

• Mark 4:21-25

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For Chris Suchanick

• 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17

• Mark 4:26-34

✦ **Special Intention**

✦ *May they rest in peace*

To RESERVE MASS INTENTIONS,
VISIT BIT.LY/SMMASSINTENTION

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

If you wanted to start a revolution, where would you begin? You cannot start a revolution without gathering a group of followers who believe in your vision. On the one hand, you could begin with your friends, family, and neighbors, who already know and respect you. On the other hand, you could go to the nation's capital, as very many pro-lifers did this week, in order to convince the influential people who live there and govern the rest of us. You initial band of followers may include ordinary people or powerful public figures—but which approach is more likely to succeed?



Some movements chose the latter, influencing cultural and political leaders. Even Catholic missionaries, such as the “Apostle to England,” St. Augustine of Canterbury, chose the lords and rulers of England for his first audience. Humanly speaking, this is the best way to influence opinions, challenge the status quo, and enact change.

God's ways, however, are not our ways. Jesus chose to preach first not to the Roman Emperor, Pontius Pilate, or even the chief priests in Jerusalem, nor did he begin with his childhood friends or relatives. Instead, he left his hometown and settled in Capernaum. There, not Rome or Jerusalem, he gathered followers from the average strangers who lived there: fishermen, laborers, tax collectors, and sinners. From Capernaum, he traveled all over Galilee, preaching to ordinary people.

Jesus had a revolution to begin, which continues today. Eventually, that revolution would reach Jerusalem and later Rome. From Rome, the revolution spread like wildfire across the known world, and today it reaches further than those fishermen could ever have imagined. The revolution continues still, and today it aims to set our hearts on fire for the cause. Today, we are the average people called to follow Jesus, so that through us his Kingdom will continue to spread and incorporate every human family.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEKS OF JAN 5 - JAN 18-

WEEK OF JAN 5-18 (TWO WEEKS)	\$55,389
SECOND COLLECTION: PARISH CHARITY	\$495
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Due to the Diocese accounting system conversion, updated year-to-date collection figures and comparisons to budget and prior year will be available once final December reconciliations are finished, and the Diocese completes the historical and budget data import process.

Registered Parish Families:
1279

Visiting, new, or looking to give?
Scan to make a gift now, or visit
stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



Second Collections

This Week:

School Tuition Assistance

Next Week:

*Building Maintenance
& Facility Improvements*

THEOLOGY & CULTURE UPDATES

Due to the inclement weather, today's *Theology & Culture*, talk has been moved to Sunday, Feb. 8, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Conference Center. It will be led by Sister Mary Diana Dreger O.P. on the topic *Understanding Human Emotions*.



FORGE - FEB. 1

All middle school students are invited to join Forge next Sunday, Feb. 1, for their monthly meeting. The theme is *Peace Be With You: Managing Stress*. Drop off is at 5:30 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building and pickup is at 7:30 p.m. at the gym. Bring a friend this month and get a prize! Let us know you are coming at bit.ly/forgefeb26.

CANDLEMAS - FEB. 2

Saint Matthew will celebrate Candlemas on Monday, Feb. 2, with Masses at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. We will bless all of the candles we will use in the church this year during the 6 p.m. Mass and have a brief procession before that Mass. You may bring your candles from home to be blessed at the 6 p.m. Mass. In addition, blessed candles will be available after the Masses. Each parishioner is welcome to take two candles. A donation of \$5 is greatly appreciated.

BLESSING OF THROATS

The Feast of St. Blaise is Tuesday, Feb. 3. We will offer the blessing of the throats after the all-school Mass on his feast day, as well as after all Masses on the weekend of Feb. 7 & 8.

TOTUS TUUS & VBS - JUNE 21-26

Totus Tuus & Vacation Bible School for 2026 are as follows: Totus Tuus night program (7-12th grades) June 21-25, Totus Tuus Day (K-6th grades) and VBS are June 22-26. Registration opens in February.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SAINT MATTHEW CONFIRMATION RETREAT

We still need adult volunteers to lead small groups at our Confirmation Retreat next weekend. These volunteers will serve as small group leaders, helping guide discussion following talks and throughout the day. Materials will be provided to help guide the students as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit. The retreat is on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Camp Marymount. Contact Tony Jesse at tjesse@stmatthewtn.org for more information.

SPONSOR THE RISE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All are invited to enjoy a free community breakfast, with freewill donations gratefully accepted in support of the RISE summer mission trip, Servio Deo. Sponsors are needed for the breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 22. To become a sponsor or learn more (including what the priests say their favorite 'pancakes' are) scan the QR code below.

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Sponsors Needed and Save the Date

Sunday, Feb. 22

FOLLOWING THE
SUNDAY MASSES



SUPPORTING
SERVIO DEO
MISSION TRIP



SCAN FOR MORE INFO ON
BECOMING A SPONSOR



COMMUNITY SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Join us for coffee and doughnuts after the Sunday Masses next weekend, Sunday, Feb. 1, for a Community Sunday. Thank you to the Coronado, Ludvik, and Harrison families for volunteering.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES

The Saint Matthew Girl Scout troops will have their famous and delicious cookies available after Masses in the Narthex on the weekends of February 7 & 8 and 14 & 15. Be sure to stock up before they disappear again and thank you for supporting these young ladies!



Happy Catholic Schools Week! One of the most exciting weeks of the school year is upon us. Throughout this week, we take special note to celebrate all of the great people who make our community and school a fantastic place for students to learn and grow. We celebrate our students with fun themed out of uniform days. We celebrate our faculty/staff with a nice lunch. We celebrate the service we completed throughout the year with our Demonstration Day. We celebrate our parents who choose Catholic education. We have a fun night of celebration with our White Out game in which we come to cheer on our athletes. We cap off the week with our Variety Show, in which many of our students show off their talents. Most importantly, throughout the week we celebrate the gift of Catholic Education. The community is blessed to have these opportunities, and I know we are all thankful for Saint Matthew. When you are reading this, it might be snowing, so I hope you enjoy the snow!

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

SMS spring sports registration is now open for Junior Cheerleading, Flag Football, Touch Rugby, Soccer, Track & Field, Volleyball and Golf. Registration closes on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 11:59 p.m. and late registrations are **NOT** accepted. Register at clubs.bluesombrero.com/stmatthewtn.

SMS SUMMER CAMPS

Summer camp registration at Saint Matthew School is now open. The dates for 2026 camp weeks are as follows: June 1-5, June 8-12, June 15-19, July 6-10, and July 20-24. Learn about the 26 different camps offered this summer and register through the QR code below. Children do not need to be SMS students to attend camp. Before and/or after care is available.



SILVER PRIDE DRIVE

The Silver Pride Drive (formerly Penny Drive) is a beloved Catholic School's Week tradition at SMS. It's a boys versus girls competition with pride and an out of uniform day on the line. The real winners, however, are the students at our sister school in Haiti, Our Lady of Miracles, receiving what's raised.

You can get involved with the Silver Pride Drive too! We will once again hold a Miracle Minute and a Half during the 3rd quarter of our White Out Varsity games (see below). Bring your spare change and support our Haitian Brothers and Sisters.

WHITE OUT GAMES & COACH CROW HONOR

All parishioners are encouraged to come support our Lion basketball teams for their annual White Out games on Thursday, Jan. 29, in the gym. Wear white in support of the teams! The game times are:

- 4:30 p.m. JV Boys - SMS White vs. SMS Navy
- 5:45 p.m. Varsity Girls - SMS vs. Linden Waldorf
- 7 p.m. Varsity Boys - SMS vs. Saint Edward

This year, we will also have a special honor for Coach Libby Crow for her incredible impact on her student athletes over the years. Former players can meet up with Coach Crow between games in the Parish Conference Center.



MINISTRY NEWS

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Saint Matthew Loaves & Fishes ministry feeds the homeless on the first Wednesday of each month at Holy Name Catholic Church near downtown Nashville. Volunteers are needed to make and serve lunch to about 100 men on Wednesday, Feb 4. To volunteer, or for more information, please email Bill Thomson at bthomson7504@gmail.com.

ST. GIANNA CIRCLE MEETING - FEB. 4

It's Galentine's night with Saint Gianna Circle. All moms are invited to enjoy wine, cheese, and charcuterie on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The meeting will also include Valentine's crafts and discussion on ways to show love and appreciation to our husbands. Start the evening with 7 p.m. Mass in the chapel, followed by the meeting in the Parish Conference Center.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING - FEB. 5

All parish men are invited to join the Men's Club for their monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship while also preparing for the Lenten fish fries (Feb. 20 & March 27).

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Spend some quiet time with Jesus during our First Friday Adoration on Friday, Feb. 6. Adoration begins after 8 a.m. Mass and ends with benediction on Saturday at 8 a.m. Sign up for a time slot to help us ensure we have someone present with the Eucharist at all times at bit.ly/smcffafeb26.



PARISH PICNIC COMMITTEE

Saint Matthew is seeking a few volunteers to join the Parish Picnic Planning Committee. This team helps organize our annual summer parish picnic—a free, family-friendly event that brings our community together for great food, games, and fellowship. Last year's picnic was a joyful success, drawing roughly 600 parishioners of all ages for an afternoon of connection and celebration. If you feel called to help plan this beloved Saint Matthew tradition, please contact Colleen Curran at ccurran@stmatthewtn.org.



TONY'S REFLECTION

GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU

Because I grew up in an Irish Catholic neighborhood in Chicago, everyone seemed to be magnetically drawn to Notre Dame football, myself included. That is why when the movie "Rudy" came out in 1993, I watched it with lively interest as an eager teenager. In the movie, we notice that Rudy has a deep love for Notre Dame football and desperately had a dream to play it there. Most of Rudy's family and friends scoffed at him and told him, "Chasing a dream causes nothing but heartache." However, his best friend Pete encouraged Rudy to pursue his dreams as he affirmed, "Having dreams is what makes life tolerable." While following his dream seemed daunting and improbable, something set Rudy off. Something sparked him to make his dream his reality. It was the tragic death of his best friend, Pete. This story illuminates that often there is a single event that ushers in the clear mission that a person knows he is destined for.

Thus far in Matthew's Gospel, we have been leading up to the start of Jesus's public ministry. Today, His ministry officially starts. Today, He moves into action. And what was the defining moment that triggered Jesus's public mission? His friend, His cousin, John, has been unjustly arrested. This event hit home for Christ and ignited Him into the mission He knew He came for. After this, He left Nazareth and went to Galilee. Jesus targets Galilee as the place to begin reversing the tragedies of Israel's history by restoring the twelve tribes of the New Covenant and shepherding the people away from false worship and towards God's kingdom.

Let us investigate our interior to see if there is an event that can spark us into a holy purpose. Take stock of the scenes in your life and look to that central experience that changed you in some way. Perhaps there was one moment that catapulted you from a jokester to a person of maturity and character. It could have been the birth of your child, the death of a loved one, or the scenes of corruption in our world. Whatever it is, look to that defining moment as a resurgence to become the person God created you to be and to be sent on His mission. God often uses these weighty moments in life to provoke a surge towards His will.

From the heavenly vantage point, our central dream to pursue should be to become a saint. Oftentimes, the pursuit of God's "dream" for us to become a saint gets stalled—be it through naysayers, the culture, or our own blunders. Let us look to Christ as our example. He was confronted with all sorts of opponents that attempted to thwart His mission of self-giving love on the cross—even from His inner circle (see Matt. 16:21-23). However, He was squarely focused on His mission at hand. His unyielding love and union with the Father allowed Him to embrace His work of redemption with passion. The faith beckons us to greatness. Let us go forward and not be anxious to pursue our "dream" to be a saint.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

LITURGICAL OPPORTUNITIES

THREE TO STAY MARRIED DINNER

You are invited to attend Three to Stay Married, an evening of dinner and inspiration, being held this Saturday, Jan 31, at Cathedral's Fleming Center. The keynote speaker is Matt Birk who will weave stories of marriage and family into the team-building ethic that earned him a Super Bowl ring and title of NFL Man of the Year. The 15-year NFL veteran has since held many roles inside the NFL, launched a successful public speaking career, and worked with major national brands on building lasting leadership principles. Matt is staunchly pro-life, having spoken numerous times at the National March for Life in DC, and is lauded as insightful, witty, and Catholic to the core. Proceeds from the evening benefit Three to GET Married engaged couples' retreat. Advance registration is required. Cost is \$150/couple.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS & RECEPTION

All married couples are invited to celebrate your wedding anniversary in a special way this year at the World Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Spalding at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on Sunday, Feb. 1, at 2:30 p.m. Anniversaries of any year are encouraged to attend (special recognition for milestone anniversaries of 25, 50, 60+ years). A reception follows Mass. If you would like to attend, please RSVP with how many in your party will attend to the Office of Marriage and Family Life online at www.nashvillefaithformation.com/mfl-events or call (615) 540-1235.

UCAT presents **UCAT Gala** at THE CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTER
FEB 21 2026

QR code for UCAT Gala registration

DISCIPLESHIP & DELIVERANCE

Discipleship & Deliverance is a Lenten workshop by Whole Catholic, a local Catholic apostolate, which will take place at St. Philip Catholic Church in Franklin. The 8-week program is available both in-person or via Zoom with gatherings on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. starting Feb. 3. The cost is \$197. Visit bit.ly/ddlent2026 for more information or to register.

SCOUT SUNDAY 2026

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS TO SCOUTING AND HONORING THEIR FAITH AND "DUTY TO GOD."

ALL CURRENT SCOUTS AND FORMER SCOUTS ARE WELCOME!

"SCOUT SUNDAY MASS" WITH BISHOP SPALDING
FEBRUARY 7, 2026 - 5:00 PM (VIGIL MASS)
CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION
2015 WEST END AVE, NASHVILLE, TN 37203

REGISTER TODAY!

QR code for Scout Sunday registration

<https://scoutingevent.com/560-109617>

A night of study, prayer, and community for Nashville Young Adults

STEEPED in friendship

A Talk and Compline with the Dominican Sisters
St. Cecilia Motherhouse

24 FEB 06:30PM

Questions or more information:
vocation@op-tn.org

RISE YOUTH MINISTRY

RISE SCHEDULE

**JAN
25**

NO RISE Due to Winter Weather.
Stay safe and have fun.
P.S. you're not too cool to wear a helmet while sledding ;)

**FEB
1**

Trailblazer
Examining the uniqueness of Jesus' public ministry

**FEB
8 & 15**

NO RISE NIGHT
Enjoy the Super Bowl and your long weekend!

RISE meets Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the P.C.C. with pickup at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is provided.

SERVIO DEO REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

RISE YOUTH MINISTRY

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**HIS MISSION
OUR HANDS**

Black Mountain, NC
June 1-5, 2026

OPEN TO ALL CURRENT
7TH-12TH GRADERS

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Pay In Full: \$540
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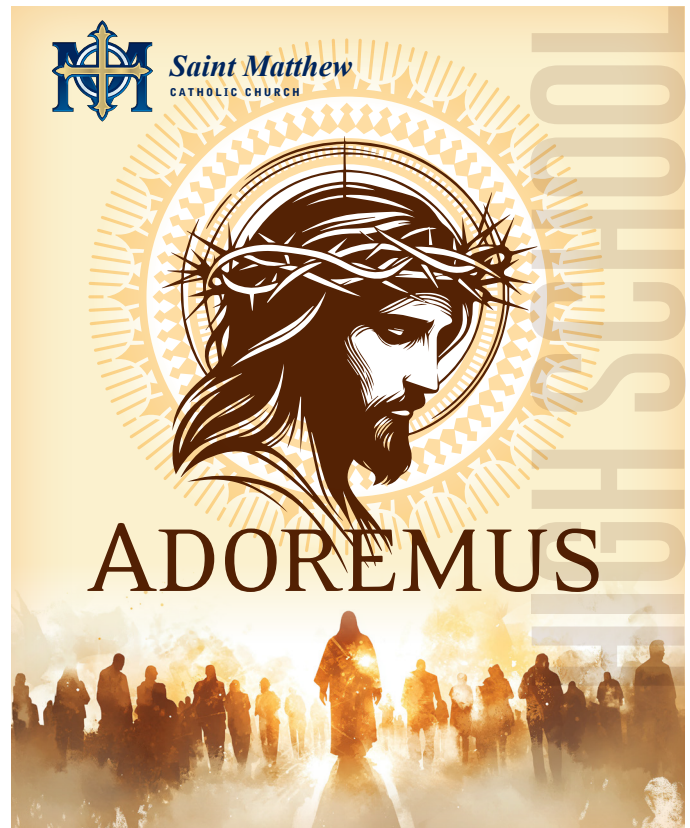
TEEN BIBLE STUDY

Teens desiring to go deeper with their faith are invited to join RISE for a weekly Bible Study on Tuesday evenings. The group gathers at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Kitchen. We'd love to see you there!

ADOREMUS


Adoremus is a Eucharistic-centered retreat for our high school students. They will be called to a deeper relationship through talks and testimonies as they adore our Lord exposed in the Most Blessed Sacrament on top of "the burning bush." There will be time to grow in fellowship and community with peers as well. PJ Anderson will provide the musical worship for the weekend. Adoremus is March 27-29 at Camp Marymount. Scan below to register.

 **Saint Matthew**
CATHOLIC CHURCH



ADOREMUS

High School Retreat at Camp Marymount

\$100  March **27-29**



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