



Saint Matthew

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 24, 2026 + PENTECOST SUNDAY

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER



“Receive the Holy Spirit”

John 20:22

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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PASTOR:

Father Justin Raines

ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Father Tien Tran

DEACONS:

Bill Forte
James Grossheim

PARISH SPOTLIGHT

DIOCESAN PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS

This week, Bishop Mark Spalding announced new priests assignments for the Diocese of Nashville. This includes **Father Tien Tran** being appointed as Pastor of Saint Patrick Church in McEwen.

We are incredibly blessed to have Father Tran at Saint Matthew since 2021, and are deeply grateful for his faithful witness, his care for our parish family, and his love for each one of us as he leads hearts closer to heaven. In a special way, he has made an immense impact on our school children through his infectious joy, positive attitude, and deep love for Our Lord.

Saint Matthew is excited to welcome **Rev. Anthony Stewart**, as our new Associate Pastor. Ordained in 2018, he currently serves at Saint Henry.

Following his ordination, **Rev. Mr. James Grossheim** will be appointed Chaplain of Pope St. John Paul II Preparatory School and Chaplain of the Catholic Youth Office, in residence at Our Lady of the Lake Church.

Saint Matthew will host receptions between the Masses for Rev. Grossheim on June 14, and for Father Tran on June, 28. Both 9:30-10:45 a.m. A reception for Fr. Anthony will be announce in the coming months.

Please keep them, along with all the priests of our diocese, in your prayers. A full list of priest assignments can be found at nashvillecatholic.org.

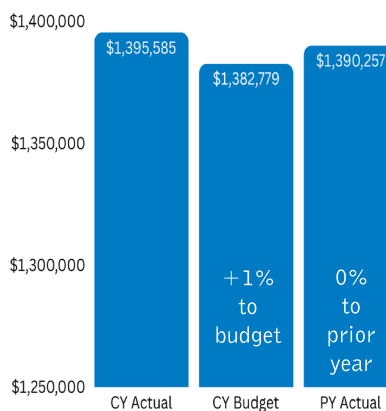


STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR WEEK OF MAY 11-17 -

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$29,866
PARISH CHARITY AND OUTREACH	\$755

YTD Summary



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



Second Collections

This Week:
Catholic Communication Campaign

Next Week:
Haiti Ministry

Registered Parish Families: 1,309



LITURGY SCHEDULE (MAY 23-29)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

✠ James Olenick

8:30 a.m. Mass

✦ For The People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For Madelyne Ott

• Acts 2:1-11

• 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

• John 20:19-23

MONDAY, MAY 25

Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ John Cicon

• Genesis 3:9-15, 20

• John 19:25-34

TUESDAY, MAY 26

St. Philip Neri

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For Sophie Klein

• 1 Peter 1:10-16

• Mark 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

7:00 p.m. Mass

✦ For Leonie Klein

• 1 Peter 1:18-25

• Mark 10:32-45

THURSDAY, MAY 28

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For Father Tran

• 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12

• Mark 10:46-52

FRIDAY, MAY 29

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ John Finn

• 1 Peter 4:7-13

• Mark 11:11-26

Special Intention

✠ *May they rest in peace*

To RESERVE MASS INTENTIONS, VISIT BIT.LV/SMCMASSENTENTION

COME PRAY THE ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL FOLLOWING 8 A.M. WEEKDAY MASSES

SUMMER MASS UPDATES

Please note the following liturgical changes:

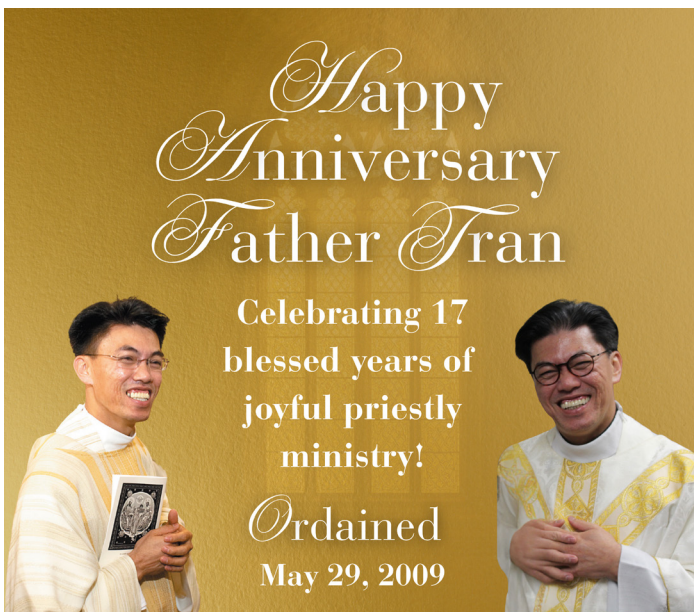
- All weekday Masses over the summer will be held in the chapel, unless otherwise noted.
- Mass on Monday, June 1, will be in the Church to accommodate all those leaving on our mission trip.
- Tuesday, June 2: Communion Service at 8 a.m. in the chapel (no Mass).
- Wednesday, June 3: Adoration at 6 p.m., followed by a Communion Service at 7 p.m. in the chapel. (No Confessions or Mass this evening).

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

- The church and school offices are closed Monday, May 25, in honor of Memorial Day.
- The school office is closed through Wednesday, May 27, for their annual administrative meetings.
 - Beginning Thursday, May 28, office hours for the school will be Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.- noon, and closed on Fridays.
 - This summer, the church office will close at noon on Fridays .

LOST & FOUND CLEANOUT

The Lost and Found basket in the Church Kitchen is getting full, and it's time to donate any unclaimed items. Please stop by and check to see if you may have left something behind at church. Any items remaining in the basket on Monday, June 1, will be removed and donated. Thank you.



END-OF-LIFE EVENT SURVEY

Saint Matthew is planning an event focused on Catholic end-of-life preparation—offering guidance on topics such as when to call a priest, planning a Catholic funeral, understanding Church teaching, and taking practical steps like wills, powers of attorney, and estate planning. This event is intended for adults in all stages of life—from young adults and those caring for aging parents, to those making their own plans—and anyone seeking to better understand these decisions through the lens of the Catholic faith. The goal is to provide an informative introduction that helps parishioners and families better understand these important decisions and connect with trusted parish and diocesan resources.

To help shape this event, we invite you to complete a brief parish survey. Your input will guide the topics, format, and timing. There will be no financial solicitations—simply an opportunity to learn, ask questions, and begin planning with clarity and peace of mind. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/smcendoflifesurvey.



PARISH PICNIC SPONSORSHIPS

Join us for the Saint Matthew Parish Picnic Sunday, July 19, for a joyful afternoon of food, games, and fellowship for all ages. We are proud to offer this event completely free and open to the entire Saint Matthew community. This year, we're excited to expand into the Parish Life Center (Gym), offering a more comfortable space for dining and activities while keeping all the fun you know and love.

In order to offer this event for free, we could not do it without the help of our ministries and partnerships with local businesses. We invite parishioners and local businesses to consider sponsoring this year's picnic. Sponsorship is a meaningful way to support the parish while gaining visibility within our growing community of over 1,300 families. Opportunities are available at multiple levels, including a new option to partner on a custom parish giveaway item, or to have a table to engage with the community. To learn more or become a sponsor, visit bit.ly/smcpicnicsponsor2026 or contact Colleen Curran at 615-646-0378 or ccurran@stmatthewtn.org.





ANNUAL FUND

Saint Matthew School is in its final months of the 2025-26 Annual Fund. Please consider making your tax-deductible gift by scanning the QR Code. Contributions help us fund school security, full-time nurse and student-wide enrichment. Any amount is appreciated.



ATTENTION SMS ALUMNI!

Are you a graduate of Saint Matthew School? We love hearing from you and keeping up to date with our beloved alumni! Please take a moment and visit bit.ly/smsalumniereg to update your information so that we can keep in touch and share the latest news and events from Saint Matthew School!

SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for Saint Matthew Home and School Association’s annual fundraiser, ‘*The Mane Event*’ on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Not only is this a great opportunity to meet other parents in our community, but also a wonderful way to support our school.

We would love for you to join us in this year’s outdoor event, “Havana Nights” featuring games, food, live music, auction, specialty drinks, and more!

We are preparing for this event now and can always use volunteers! If you are interested in helping to procure auction items, secure sponsorships, assist with communication needs and/or anything in between, we would love to have you on a committee!

Please contact Tracy Becker at tbecker@stmat-thewtn.org for more information.

P.S. This fundraiser has 2 events. In spring 2027, we will hold a carnival style day with games, food and music for the whole family. The date will be announced soon!

SMS SUMMER CAMPS

There is still time to register for Saint Matthew Summer Camps! Camps are available the weeks of June 1, June 8, June 15, July 6, and July 20, with options for all ages and interests. From sports camps like soccer, basketball, volleyball, football, and cheerleading to creative favorites like The Lion’s Art Lab, Sew Much Fun!, Dancing Queens, and It’s Girl Time, there’s something for everyone. We also have exciting STEM, science, chess, gaming, and imaginative adventure camps including Nature Builders, STEM Around the World, Mermaids and Pirates, and Get Your Game On!



Many camps are nearing capacity, so don’t wait to reserve your spot. Before and after care options are available. Scan to visit the Summer Camps page to view the full schedule and register!



REGISTER TODAY!



Totus Tuus
7th-12th graders
June 21-25 6-8 p.m.
1st-6th graders
June 22-26 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.



Vacation Bible School
PreK & K
June 22-26 8:30-11:30 a.m.



Learn more and register

JOB OPENINGS

Saint Matthew has the following openings for the 2026-2027 school year: 4th Grade Social Studies/ ELA Teacher, Art Teacher, Individual Teaching Assistant, Middle School Math Teacher, and Pre-K Assistant. Find the job descriptions and apply by visiting bit.ly/smemployment.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES

Thank you to everyone who prayerfully supported the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries during Commitment Weekend. Your generosity supports ministries that form disciples, serve those in need, foster vocations, and strengthen Catholic life throughout Middle Tennessee. We are especially grateful for the many parishioners who have already responded in faith and helped move Saint Matthew closer to our parish goal.

In just the past week, Saint Matthew received more than \$7,000 in gifts, with more contributions still being processed. We have now reached \$50,898, or 29% or our parish goal of \$173,000. Pledge envelopes remain available in the pews for those looking to participate. Gifts may be placed in the collection basket, mailed directly to the Diocese, or made online through the QR code below. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this important mission!

BLUE MASS - MAY 30

Join Bishop Spalding on Saturday, May 30, at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation for the annual Blue Mass, honoring all first responders and military. Attendees are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

POPE LEO ENCYCLICAL

Pope Leo XIV is releasing his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity), on Monday, May 25. The document will focus on the ethical challenges of artificial intelligence and the protection of human dignity in an increasingly technological world. By personally presenting the encyclical, Pope Leo is emphasizing the Church's desire to offer moral guidance on the responsible development and use of AI. It will be available on the Vatican's website.


CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART

In celebrating our nation's 250th birthday, the U.S. bishops are consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026. This historic act invites us to place our nation, families, and lives more deeply under the love and mercy of Christ, while renewing our commitment to live the Gospel through truth, justice, charity, and service to others.

The Diocese of Nashville is consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, first by Bishop David Choby in June 2014 and Bishop Spalding renewed the diocesan consecration for another 10 years in June 2024.


All are invited to join a nine-day Novena to the Sacred Heart beginning June 3 in preparation for the consecration. Scan the QR code to access the daily prayers and learn more about this beautiful devotion. For generations, Catholics have turned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a sign of Christ's faithful love and compassion for the world.






Please prayerfully consider supporting the **Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries**. Your gift strengthens and sustains the daily work of Church through essential diocesan ministries such as:

- Forming future priests and supporting men in seminary
- Bringing college students closer to Christ through University Catholic
- Providing life-changing youth and family faith formation
- Meeting the corporal and spiritual needs of our neighbors







TONY'S REFLECTION

THE ANSWER IS BLOWING IN THE WIND

In Bob Dylan's popular song "Blowin' in the Wind," he asks some of life's pressing questions with the following verses: "How many roads must a man walk down before you call him a man?" and "How many seas must a white dove sail before she sleeps in the sand?" Throughout the song, Dylan is asking such deep questions as: Who am I? What's life about? When will there be peace? Then comes his famous answer. "The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind." With this answer to all of life's questions as "the wind," we likely assume that he's referring to some vague, abstract concept. Not that Bob Dylan is a theologian, but his song suggests something biblically spot-on. Rather than view the wind as an elusive construct, Scripture presents "the wind" as a rich symbol of the Holy Spirit.

The Hebrew word for the Spirit of God is "ruach," which means wind or breath. Genesis describes how "The earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the abyss, and a mighty ruach (wind/breath) sweeping over the waters." The wind is meant to signify the breath of God, and from this breath comes all of creation. Notice also in Genesis that the very thing that brought the first man into a "living being" was when God breathed into him the breath of life (Gen. 2:7). Similarly, in the Gospel, we witness Jesus breathing on the disciples and then immediately telling them, "receive the Holy Spirit." Do you begin to see a pattern of God breathing wind and new life emerging? It is almost as if the Holy Spirit is the breath between the Father and the Son in which sacred life transmutes into a soul.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggests that the Holy Spirit can also be named Gift, as the Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son that is gifted to us. Assuming we humbly allow the Holy Spirit into us at the Sacrament of Confirmation, He implants in us a spiritual seal that bestows us with the gifts of knowledge, understanding, wisdom, courage, reverence to God, piety, and counsel. As anxiety and uncertainty seem to run amok in our day, the gifts of the Holy Spirit curtail our worrisome nature and transmute in us the zeal of the faith that can make us saints. As Peter Kreeft observed, "Our culture has filled our heads but emptied our hearts, stuffed our wallets but starved our wonder. It has fed our thirst for facts but not for meaning or mystery. It produces "nice" people, not heroes. All of this dinginess in the culture can be corrected by people welcoming the Holy Spirit."

Earlier in John's Gospel, Jesus said, "I have much more to tell you, but cannot bear it now. But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you in all truth." (John 16:12-13). We can study psychology, science, and the whole of theology, but without the Spirit, we cannot fully comprehend and live out God's ways. While the world is abuzz with chatter of influencers, let us allow the Holy Spirit to influence us today on Pentecost and transform our lives.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

EXECUTIVE SPEAKER SERIES

WEDNESDAY MAY 27TH 7-9PM ST. ANN'S BREEN HALL

SPEAKER
JANELLE MAIOCCO
FOUNDER & CEO
BARNZDOOR

RSVP at
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FATHER RYAN ALUMNI WEEKEND

Save the Date for Father Ryan High School's Alumni Weekend on May 29-31. The full weekend includes the Lou Graham '56 Alumni Golf Tournament, the All-Alumni Reception, the Elliston Place luncheon, class reunion parties, and the Golden Grad Mass and Brunch. For more information, visit fatherryan.org/alumni/alumni-events.



HEART of MARY HOUSE

The Heart of Mary House is the only place in Middle Tennessee that offers free housing to those who have received a terminal prognosis, have nowhere to go, and no one to care for them at the end of their lives. Each individual is provided with a safe, peaceful, and comfortable space to call home for the remainder of their days. In addition to housing, we provide loving care inspired by the Scripture passage: "Whatever you did for the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did for me." The grace of God is poured out on both sides of the bed.

We welcome volunteers from across the diocese, and we especially welcome YOU! The home operates entirely through the generosity of private donors. We do not receive government funding, nor do we bill insurance for the loving care we provide to our residents. All services are offered completely free of charge to those in our care.

We invite you to come and care for these souls. Prayerfully discern if God is asking you to support these residents financially or as a volunteer. Learn more at

HeartOfMaryHouse.org

Pentecost is underrated. The Bible tells us of people speaking in tongues, fire coming down from heaven, and joyful praise to God Almighty. The Pentecost account also contains one of the strangest images from the New Testament: the Church speaks in tongues. At least, we find it strange. When we read the Acts of the Apostles, Christians seem to treat it as a regular phenomenon. While the Bible never seems to indicate that speaking in tongues stopped, today it is rather uncommon in most parts of the Church. Pentecost was an important historical event in the Church's life, but how relevant is it for us today?



Of course, there was a time before Pentecost when everyone could understand each other's language, regardless of who they were. The Book of Genesis tells us about this time, before humanity proudly built the infamous Tower of Babel, and God scattered humanity across the earth and scrambled their language, so that differing tribes and peoples no longer shared a common language.

Language creates unity. Humanity could only build the Tower of Babel because they spoke the same language. God knew that if sinful humanity was united, our pride would grow so enormous that we would destroy ourselves, so he kept us from uniting until we could unite under God's own kingship. On Pentecost, God restored the ability of humanity to unite without language barriers, provided we first unite ourselves to Christ and to the Holy Spirit. The Church may not always speak in tongues nowadays, but the Church does speak every language. Through charity and the Holy Spirit, the Church can preach the Gospel in whatever nation needs to hear it, regardless of the language they speak. Uniting all humanity, the Church can build a new tower, a temple that reaches toward the heights of heaven, where humanity has always dreamed to soar.

PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION - JUNE 12

The Diocese of Nashville joyfully invites you to the Presbyteral Ordination Mass of Deacon James Grossheim, Deacon David Herrera, and Deacon Reed Robinson at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 12, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Join us in celebrating these men as they respond to God's call and are ordained to the sacred priesthood.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSION TRIP

Please pray for our teens and chaperones as they prepare for the upcoming Servio Deo mission trip next week. May this be a week filled with joyful service, deeper faith, and meaningful encounters with Christ through those they serve. Pray for safe travels, open hearts, and the strength to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the community. We also ask prayers for the individuals and families they will encounter — that they may experience hope, compassion, and the love of God through every act of service.

RISE PARTY FOR REV. GROSSHEIM

RISE is hosting a congratulatory party for James Grossheim on Tuesday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building in anticipation of his ordination. We cannot thank James enough for all he has done for our teens, and wish him the best as he enters the priesthood and begins his new roles at J.P. II and the Catholic Youth Office. All recent 8th-12th graders are invited. The Tuesday evening teen Bible study remains on break until June 16.



**Saint Matthew
June 21-26**

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week! Learn about the Apostles Creed and the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord. See you there!

Day Program
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm
Grades 1-6

Evening Program
Sunday-Thursday 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Grades 7-12

Scan to register
\$60 per child



bit.ly/smctotustuus26



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