



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 31, 2026 + THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER



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.

*Communion Services on Tue. & Wed this week.

PARISH INFORMATION

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PASTOR:

Father Justin Raines

ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Father Tien Tran

DEACONS:

Bill Forte
James Grossheim

PARISH SPOTLIGHT

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Next Sunday, June 7, we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi with a Eucharistic procession after 11 a.m. Mass. Join us for this public celebration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and a reminder of the Christian faith as a pilgrimage to heaven. Our choir will lead us in song as we process through the campus. All are invited to take part in this beautiful expression of faith.



LITURGY SCHEDULE (MAY 31–JUNE 5)

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

✠ For The People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. Mass

✠ Bill Huffaker

11:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For Father Tran

• Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

• 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

• John 3:16-18

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For Catherine Falter

• 2 Peter 1:2-7

• Mark 12:1-12

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

St. Philip Neri

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

• 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18

• Mark 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

7:00 p.m. Communion Service

• 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12

• Mark 12:18-27

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For the Brault Family

• 2 Timothy 2:8-15

• Mark 12:28-34

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ Robert McKeown

• 2 Timothy 3:10-17

• Mark 12:35-37

✦ **Special Intention**

✠ *May they rest in peace*

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

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

MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note the following liturgical changes:

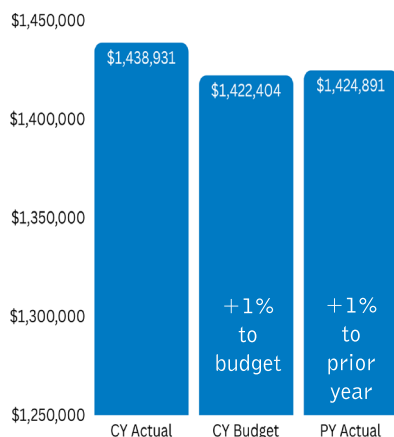
- Mass on Monday, June 1, will be in the Church to accommodate all those leaving on our mission trip.
- Tuesday, June 2: Communion Service at 8 a.m. in the chapel.
- Wednesday, June 3: Adoration at 6 p.m., followed by a Communion Service at 7 p.m. in the chapel. (No Confessions this evening).
- All weekday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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR WEEK OF MAY 18-24 -

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$42,971
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION	\$393

YTD Summary



Visiting, new, or looking to give?

Scan to make a gift now, or visit

stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



Second Collections

This Week:
Haiti Ministry

Next Week:
Building Maint. & Facility Improvements

Registered Parish Families: 1,309

PASSION OF CHRIST PRAYER GROUP

Join the Passion of Christ Prayer Group today, Sunday, May 31, 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. This ministry's mission is to pray for our fellow Catholic brothers and sisters who have left the Church.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Spend some quiet time with Jesus during our First Friday Adoration on Friday, June 5. Adoration begins after 8 a.m. Mass and ends with benediction on Saturday at 8 a.m. Sign up for a time slot at bit.ly/smcffajune26 to help us ensure someone is present with the Lord at all times.



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.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Saint Matthew Loaves & Fishes Ministry cooks and serves lunch to those experiencing homelessness at Holy Name Parish Center on the first Wednesday of each month. If you would like to get involved with this ministry or to join the volunteer list, email Bill Thomson at bthomson7504@gmail.com.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE STARTS NEXT WEEKEND

Saint Matthew is holding a baby bottle drive from June 6 through June 21 to support Mulier Care and the Pregnancy Help Center. Grab a baby bottle, take it home and fill it with loose change, cash, or check and return it to the blue bins in the Narthex. You can also donate via the QR code. Your loose change saves unborn lives! No donation is too small when it comes to supporting mothers in crisis and unplanned pregnancies. Every penny donated helps sustain Mulier Care and this life-saving ministry for mother and child!



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 annual Saint Matthew Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 19. Enjoy a joyful afternoon of food, games, and fellowship for all ages. We are proud to offer this event completely free. To do so, we encourage parish and local businesses to become a sponsor. See the back of the bulletin for details.

SAVE THE DATE

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

PARISH PICNIC

FOOD • GAMES • MUSIC • FUN

Sunday, July 19

SMS SUMMER CAMPS

There is still time to register for Saint Matthew Summer Camps! Camps are available the weeks of 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!



JOB OPENINGS

Saint Matthew School has the following job opening for the 2026-2027 school year: Individual Teaching Assistant. Find the job description and apply by visiting bit.ly/smcemployment.

SUMMER LIBRARY DATES

The SMS Library will be open for students to check out books 9 a.m. to noon on the following Wednesdays: June 3rd, June 17th, July 1st, July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th.

UNIFORM DATES

Max and Alice uniform store will hold a pop-up store on campus on Thursday, July 16. The HSA will hold their used uniform sale on Wednesday, July 29. Drop off for sale items will be July 28. More details to come.

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 for 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@stmatthewtn.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 Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-Noon
Friday: Closed



REGISTER TODAY!



TOTUS TUUS
TOTALLY YOURS



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.



Learn more and register



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

formed

Pick of the Week: May 31



Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

An epic feature film on the famous “Apostle of Rome” and great friend of youth in the 16th century. St. Philip Neri was widely known for his great charity, deep prayer life, and tremendous humor. Hoping to join St. Ignatius of Loyola’s new order of Jesuits and be a missionary to India, Providence instead guided Philip to seek out the poor and abandoned youth of Rome to catechize them in the faith and help them find a better life. He became the founder of the religious congregation, the Oratory, that worked with the youth and also labored to re-evangelize a decadent Rome.

This captivating film highlights Neri’s great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. This film is not rated, but is intended for a mature audience.

To watch this movie and other great content for free, visit **FORMED.org**. Use our parish code, **37069** to create your free account.

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.



AQUINAS COLLEGE
Nurturing a Mother’s Heart

Women’s Retreat at Siena Hall Conference Center

Speakers:

Sr. Gabriella Yi, O.P. and Claire Lawborne



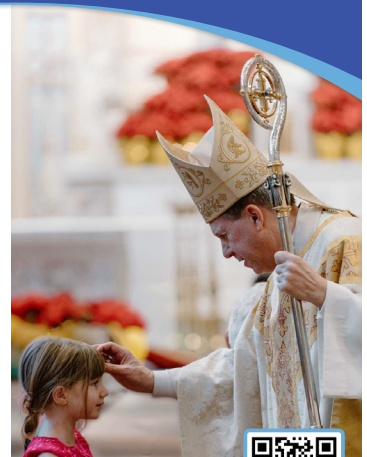
June 26-28, 2026

www.aquinascollege.edu/retreats/mothers



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



To learn more and donate, please scan the QR code or visit dioceseofnashville.com/appeal

TONY'S REFLECTION

Who Is God

Given the secular atmosphere of our times, we tend to approach the concept of the Trinity in a ho-hum manner. But, today we are called to meditate on this central mystery. The Catholic Church holds that God is three persons and one essence. This seems like a formal contradiction, but it is not: we are not claiming that God is three persons and also only one person; or three essences but one essence. Mysteries are not unique to theology or religion: in physics, it's well-known that light is both a wave and a particle. How can this be? No one knows, but experiments show it to be the case. Could it be that the creator of light is just as mysterious as light itself? So the doctrine of the Trinity is like the nature of light: it is difficult to understand, but nonetheless it is a brute fact.

I've been studying theology for twelve years, and I can say with all certainty that to contemplate who God is to explore the mystery surpassing all mysteries. It is certainly not easy to sum up God's trinitarian essence in a short reflection. Perhaps a simple analogy would suffice. John Paul II once described God as a family. He commented, "God in his deepest mystery is not a solitude, but a family." In short, when you add up the persons of the Trinity, it forms an inexhaustible family of self-emptying love. In the Trinity, there is an endless exchange of perfect giving and receiving that yields life. The Father is the giver as He pours Himself out to the Son. The Son perfectly receives the Father and, in turn, gives back everything to the Father producing the Holy Spirit which, in turn, explodes out life.

One of the ways we are made "in the image of God" is through the Sacrament of Matrimony. In marriage, we mimic the Trinity: when the husband (giver) and wife (receiver) unite, their self-giving love bursts forth into new life (a child). This divine recipe is broken down as: giving-receiving-giving.

The Trinity reveals that God is, in Himself, the height of self-giving love. And self-giving love is the highest form of love. The gift of the Son by the Father to the world, and the Son's gift of Himself through the work of the Holy Spirit for the world, is nothing other than an invitation for the world to enter into the height of love that defines God's essence. While we struggle on this earth to learn to give of ourselves and never to become selfish, in our human family, we can see a glimmer of how the Trinity operates. Despite the temptation to serve the self, parents have a keen sense to sacrifice their pleasures for the good of their spouse and children. When we're focused on the state of the eternal soul of those in our family, we can better model the self-emptying love of the Trinity.

As we actively move towards our final home, we can have comfort in knowing that heaven will not be a trip to Disney World or some sleepy half-conscious union with the "infinite divine," but an intense, intimate, and eternal communion with three persons – The Holy Trinity.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JPII ALUMNI CHORAL CONCERT

Save the Date for the Pope Saint John Paul II Preparatory School's Alumni Choral Concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, in the Ann and Monroe Carell Theater at the school in Hendersonville.

NCBWL AT SAINT MATTHEW

What is the NCBWL?
The Nashville Catholic
Business Women's



League is a community of Catholic business women who gather for fellowship, encouragement, and conversation. Would you enjoy a conversation "outside the home," discussing your business or marketing ideas, or having a sounding board for new products? Are you a retired business leader willing to share your expertise?

The NCBWL is gathering in the Saint Matthew Parish Conference Center on Saturday, June 13, from 2–4 p.m. Yes, Saturday clothes are the dress code! There will be beverages, snacks, and welcoming smiles. There is no charge to attend. RSVP:

PatriciaM@HerVoiceWorks.com.



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

PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION - JUNE 12



WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD,
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ORDINATION TO
THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST
OF

Rev. Mr. James Millennium Grossheim
Rev. Mr. David Efrain Herrera Mata
Rev. Mr. Reed Francis Donnelly Robinson

THROUGH THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS BY

Most Reverend J. Mark Spalding, D.D., F.C.L.
TWELFTH BISHOP OF NASHVILLE

FRIDAY, THE TWELFTH OF JUNE
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX
AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION
2015 WEST END AVENUE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

All are invited to attend the Presbyteral Ordination of Deacon James Grossheim on Friday, June 12. See the above invitation for more details. A reception will follow the ordinations.

Rev. Grossheim will celebrate 8:30 Mass at Saint Matthew on Sunday, June 14. Following that Mass, we will hold a reception in the Cohan-Hansom Building. His assignment at Saint Matthew ends Thursday, June 11. He has been assigned to serve as Chaplain of Pope St. John Paul II Preparatory School and Chaplain of the Catholic Youth Office.



PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSION TRIP

Our youth mission trip, *Servio Deo*, meaning *I Serve God*, is this week! Pray this week is filled with joyful service, deeper faith, and meaningful encounters with Christ through the service work of our 72 teens and chaperones. 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**

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

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

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!

Scan to register
\$60 per child



bit.ly/smctotustuus26

SAINT MATTHEW PARISH PICNIC

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 12 p.m.

PREMIERE SPONSOR

\$1,000

Position your business at the center of the Parish Picnic—supporting a welcoming and memorable experience for hundreds of parishioners and families!

- Prominent sponsor sign; company logo featured on each dining table
- Logo on picnic signage, website, and promotional emails
- Optional company-staffed table; Option to upgrade to a swag sponsor
- Includes Saint Matthew gift basket

EVENT SPONSOR

\$500

Put your name behind a top attraction like Bingo, Dunk Tank, Foam Cannons!

- Prominent signage at selected activity
- Optional company-staffed table; Option to upgrade to a swag sponsor
- Logo on picnic signage, website, and promotional emails
- Includes Saint Matthew gift basket

FRIENDS OF THE PICNIC

\$250

Support the event and gain community exposure!

- Sign recognition at the picnic (at an activity if applicable)
- Logo or family name listed on the website and picnic signage
- Includes a Saint Matthew thank-you gift

MINISTRY/ FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

\$100

A great way for families and parish ministries to show support!

- Sign recognition at the picnic (at an activity if applicable)
- Logo or family name listed on the website and picnic signage
- Includes a Saint Matthew thank-you gift



Inquire with Colleen Curran at ccurran@stmatthewtn.org or 615-646-0378.