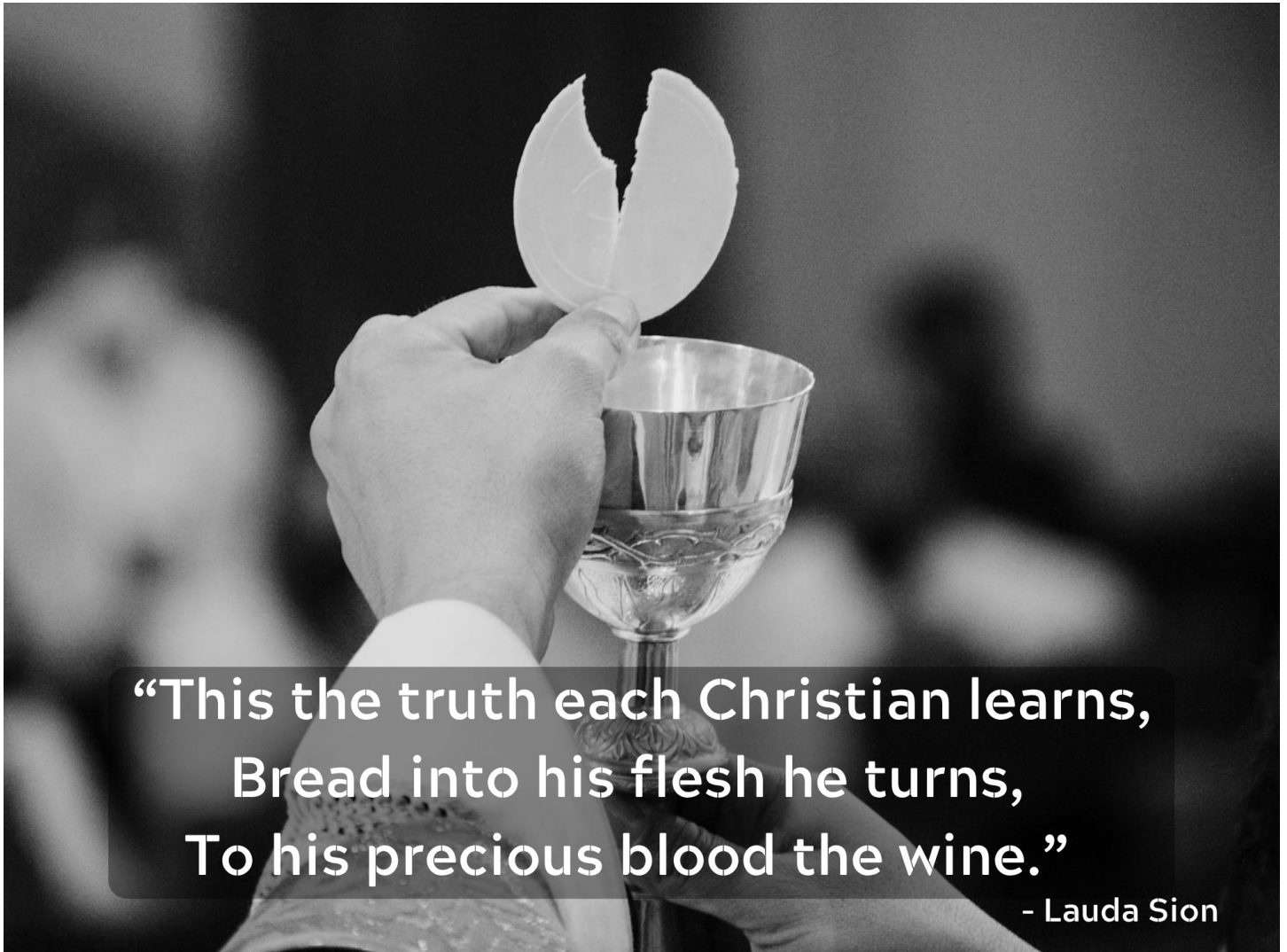




# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

**JUNE 7, 2026 + THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER**



**“This the truth each Christian learns,  
Bread into his flesh he turns,  
To his precious blood the wine.”**

**- Lauda Sion**

## **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.

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

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### **PASTOR:**

Father Justin Raines

### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR:**

Father Tien Tran

### **DEACONS:**

Bill Forte  
James Grossheim



## LITURGY SCHEDULE (JUNE 6-12)

### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**

✠ Michael Dibisceglie

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

✦ For the People of Saint Matthew

**11:00 a.m. Mass**

✠ Bill Blackburn

- Genesis 14:18-20
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- Luke 9:11b-17

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

✦ For Bill Bassett

- 1 Kings 17:1-6
- Matthew 5:1-12

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

✠ For the Souls in Purgatory

- 1 Kings 17:7-16
- Matthew 5:13-16

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

**7:00 p.m. Mass**

✦ For Janine Cable

- 1 Kings 18:20-39
- Matthew 5:17-19

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

St. Barnabas

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

✠ Craig Hausman

- Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3
- Matthew 10:7-13

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Sacred Heart of Jesus

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

✦ For Isabelle Cable

- Ezekiel 34:11-16
- Romans 5:5b-11
- Luke 15:3-7

✦ **Special Intention**

✠ *May they rest in peace*

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

## PARISH SPOTLIGHT



WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD,  
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE ORDINATION  
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 F. 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

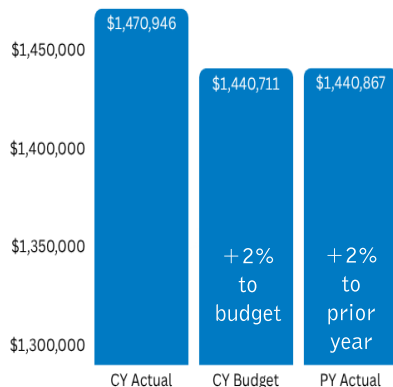
CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION  
2015 WEST END AVENUE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### - FOR WEEK OF MAY 25-31 -

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$31,269
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### YTD Summary



Visiting, new, or looking to give?

Scan to make a gift now, or visit

[stmatthewtn.org/church/giving](http://stmatthewtn.org/church/giving)



## Second Collections

**This Week:**

*Building Maint. & Facility Improvements*

**Next Week:**

*Charity and Outreach*

**Registered Parish Families: 1,310**

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

Today, 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.

**PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION - JUNE 12**

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

Deacon Grossheim invites you to his First Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, June 13, at 10 a.m. at Saint Catherine in Columbia. Please RSVP using the QR code below if attending.

He will celebrate 8:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Matthew next Sunday, June 14. A reception will follow in the Cohan-Hansom Building.

He has been assigned to serve as Chaplain of Pope St. John Paul II Preparatory School and Chaplain of the Catholic Youth Office.



**RECEPTION FOR FATHER TRAN - JUNE 28**

Saint Matthew is hosting a reception for Father Tran on Sunday, June 28, between the Masses. Come show your appreciation for all he has done at Saint Matthew and wish him well as he moves to St. Patrick in McEwen. The 8:30 Mass that Sunday is his last scheduled Mass at Saint Matthew.

**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE FOR MULIER CARE**

Saint Matthew is holding a baby bottle drive now through June 21 to support Mulier Care and the Pregnancy Help Center. Grab a baby bottle from the Narthex, take it home, and fill it with loose change, cash, or check. Return filled bottles 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!



**TOTUS TUUS HOST FAMILIES**

With Totus Tuus coming up the week of June 22-26, we are needing families to host our Totus Tuus missionaries. While the missionaries will spend most of their day and night at the church, they need a place to sleep and eat breakfast in the morning. This is a great opportunity to practice the virtue of hospitality by welcoming in the young missionaries in your home.

If you are interested in becoming a host family, please fill out the form at [bit.ly/smctthost26](http://bit.ly/smctthost26).

**ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL LIST?**

Our parish email list is the best way to stay informed about parish events, ministry opportunities, schedule changes, and other important announcements. If you are not currently receiving parish emails, or if you used to receive them but no longer do, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/smcemails](http://bit.ly/smcemails) to sign up and stay connected.



**PARISH PICNIC SPONSORSHIPS**

Save the date for the annual Saint Matthew Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 19. Enjoy a joyful afternoon of food, games, and fellowship for all ages.

Thank you to our current sponsors: Her Voice Works, Jim & Angelia Brunner, Craig & Georgann DeMille, Matthew & Anne Margaret Weishaar.

Parishioner-owned and local businesses are invited to become a sponsor. See the back of the bulletin for details. Thanks for helping keep this event free for the whole community!



## SMS SUMMER CAMPS

There is still time to register for Saint Matthew Summer Camps! Camps are still available for the weeks of 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/smemployment](http://bit.ly/smemployment).

## 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 17, July 1, July 15, July 22, and July 29.

## 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 month of the 2025-26 Annual Fund. Please consider making your tax-deductible gift by scanning the QR Code. Contributions help us fund school security, a 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](http://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](mailto: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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



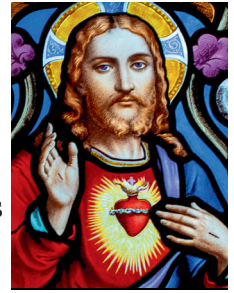
June 22-26  
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Open to Rising  
PreK & K Students



Learn more and register

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.

Join Catholics across the country in praying the Novena to the Sacred Heart 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.



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:  
You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.  
From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.  
Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.  
We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.  
We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.  
May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.  
May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.  
O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.  
Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!



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](http://bit.ly/smctotustuus26)

RELIGIOUS ED & IGNITE REGISTRATION

Our faith formation ministry is designed to help children know and live their faith throughout their lives. Registration is now open for the 26-27 school year for R.E. (preK-6th) and Ignite (7th-8th). The first sessions of Religious Education and Ignite will start on Sunday, September 13. Learn more about these engaging programs and register at [bit.ly/smcreled](http://bit.ly/smcreled).



## TONY'S REFLECTION

### THIS IS MY BODY

Today, we celebrate the Body of Christ. On the surface, the teaching of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist invokes bewilderment as our measly minds can't fathom God's Body presented to us as bread to eat. Alas, the crowd eagerly following Jesus 2,000 years ago was also perplexed by this. Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word, "trogein," that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing. When Jesus spoke about eating His flesh and drinking His blood, His words were met with astonishment. The crowd gasped, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" They went on to complain, "This is a hard saying who can listen to it?" In fact, so many of His followers abandoned Him over this that Jesus had to ask the twelve disciples if they too planned to quit. It is interesting that Jesus did not run after His followers, saying, "Don't go. I was just speaking metaphorically!"

How did the early Church interpret these challenging words of Jesus? Interesting fact. One charge the pagan Romans lodged against the Christians was cannibalism. Why? You guessed it. They heard that this sect regularly meets to eat and drink human blood. As with most rumors, there was a slice of truth in their flawed interpretation. It was blood, but under the matter of bread and wine. But notice, did the early Christians say, "Wait a minute, it's only a symbol!" Not at all. When trying to explain the Eucharist to the Roman Emperor around 155 AD, Justin Martyr did not mince his words: "For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior. . . so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the word of prayer which comes from him . . . is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus."

From the earliest moments of Christianity, the apostles took the consumption of the Eucharist with the utmost sacred significance. By consuming the Eucharist, we literally align our flesh and soul with Christ's. As St. Paul asserts, "The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? (1 Cor. 10:16). The Eucharist presses the concept of Jesus' presence smack dab in front of us. It is one thing to say "Jesus is spiritually present in those that suffer," yet it carries more weight to say, "Jesus Christ just entered the room." Even more profoundly, Jesus gives us the immense opportunity to consume Him into us.

Jesus in the Holy Eucharist eagerly longs for our adoration and our reception. The tragedy in our life is that very often, this magnetic Eucharistic presence is taken for granted. We walk up to receive Him nonchalantly. Nevertheless, God keeps speaking to us with a holy urgency to recognize Him in the Eucharist and to humbly, lovingly receive Him. As we approach the Eucharist, let us wisely comprehend that we are stepping forward to the upper echelon of sacredness, and receive with reverence so we can ascend to union with Christ.

## PARISH NEWS

### BLESSING BAGS

The Saint Matthew Family Service Ministry is hosting its annual Blessing Bag Assembly event after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 28, in the Parish Conference Center. You can help by donating items, assembling the bags, and/or writing encouraging notes. We have a goal of filling 100 bags and need your help. The filled bags will be donated to a charity who will distribute the bags to the homeless in the greater Nashville area. The assembly event will last about one hour. To see what supplies are needed and to sign up to help, scan or visit [bit.ly/smcblessingbags26](http://bit.ly/smcblessingbags26).



### THEOLOGY & CULTURE DATE CHANGE

The Theology & Culture talk with Dr. Brad Pepper originally scheduled for Sunday, June 28, has been moved to Sunday, July 12, so all may attend Father Tran's farewell reception.

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office hours for the church this summer are:  
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon.  
Have a great summer!

### MONUMENT TO THE UNBORN

The Saint Matthew Respect for Life ministry invites you to join them for Tennessee Right to Life's unveiling of the Monument to the Unborn. This monument stands as:

- A recognition that every life matters.
- A place to honor the lives that were lost.
- And a public declaration that Tennessee will not forget.

The location is on the Capital Grounds at 600 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The program begins at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24. Learn more at [bit.ly/tnrmlmonument](http://bit.ly/tnrmlmonument).

### TENNESSEE MONUMENT TO THE UNBORN

*In Memory of the Victims of Abortion:*

*Babies, Women, and Men*

Dedication: June 24, 2026

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](mailto:PatriciaM@HerVoiceWorks.com).

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSION TRIP

Thank you for keeping our youth in your prayers as a team of more than 70 people attended our *Servio Deo* mission trip.



DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTER  
NASHVILLE, TN

Couple \$64  
Childcare \$5/child  
Register by July 27 to grab an Early Bird discount



REGISTER HERE!

For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org/nashville](http://togetherinholiness.org/nashville)

PRESENTED BY



RISE PARTY FOR DEACON 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. All recent 8th-12th graders are invited. We cannot thank Deacon Grossheim enough for all he has done for our teens, and wish him the best as he enters the priesthood and begins his new roles serving youth across the diocese. The Tuesday evening teen Bible study remains on break until June 16.

JOIN THE RISE CORE TEAM

RISE is looking for adults wanting to give their time, heart, and knowledge of the Lord to our high schoolers. Volunteering may include teaching, planning, coordinating games, dinner preparation, and cleanup. If you feel called, you will be able to lead small groups and have the opportunity to present on topics in the Catholic faith of your choosing. Reach out to Michaela Miller at [mmiller@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:mmiller@stmatthewtn.org) to discuss and discern if you are called to serve during the 2026-2027 year, with opportunities to get involved sooner.



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](http://www.aquinascollege.edu/retreats/mothers)



# 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



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