



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 14, 2026 + ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

— THE —
KINGDOM
of **HEAVEN**
— IS AT —
HAND

MATTHEW 10:7

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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Father Justin Raines

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Father Tien Tran

DEACONS:

Bill Forte

PARISH SPOTLIGHT

RECEPTION FOR FATHER GROSSHEIM & BLESSINGS

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Father Grossheim on his ordination to the priesthood on Friday. We are grateful for the year he spent serving our parish as a deacon and for the many ways he shared his faith, kindness, and dedication with our community. As he begins his priestly ministry, we assure him of our prayers and ask God to abundantly bless him in this new chapter of service to the Church.

All are invited to join us after the 8:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, June 14, in the Cohan-Hansom Building to congratulate Father Grossheim. You may receive a priestly blessing from Father Grossheim, and celebrate this joyful occasion with him before he begins his new assignment as Chaplain of Pope St. John Paul II Preparatory School and Chaplain of the Catholic Youth Office. He will be in residence at Our Lady of the Lake Church.

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. Please return your filled bottles to the blue bins in the Narthex next

weekend. 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!



MULIER CARE
SERVING WITH DIGNITY & COMPASSION

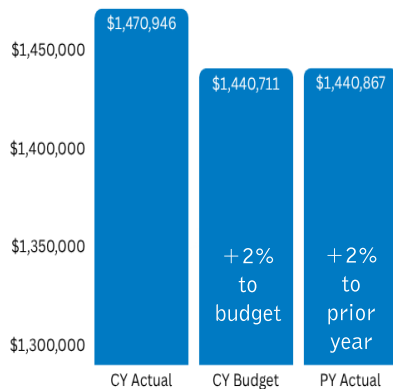


STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

~ FOR WEEK OF JUNE 1-7 ~

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$28,932
BUILDING MAINT. & FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS	\$571

YTD Summary



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



Second Collections

This Week:
Charity and Outreach

Next Week:
Men's Group (Saint Matthew Men's Club)

Registered Parish Families: 1,312



LITURGY SCHEDULE (JUNE 13-19)

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

✠ William Espejo

8:30 a.m. Mass

✠ Bill Huffaker

11:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For the People of Saint Matthew

- Exodus 19:2-6a
- Romans 5:6-11
- Matthew 9:36—10:8

MONDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ Sandy Economou

- 1 Kings 21:1-16
- Matthew 5:38-42

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

8:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For the Stremel Family

- 1 Kings 21:17-29
- Matthew 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

7:00 p.m. Mass

✠ Donnie Ray Jeffers

- 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ Brent Stremel

- Sirach 48:1-14
- Matthew 6:7-15

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

8:00 a.m. Mass

✠ Anna Grace Miller

- 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20
- Matthew 6:19-23

✦ Special Intention

✠ *May they rest in peace*

TO RESERVE MASS INTENTIONS, VISIT [BIT.LY/SMCMAASSINTENTION](http://bit.ly/smcmaassintention)

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



**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

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.

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 distributed 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.



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: Maid in Nashville, Hiller, Knights of Columbus Council 12012, Her Voice Works, McCall's Carpet One Floor & Home, Jim & Angelia Brunner, Curran Realty, Craig & Georgann DeMille, Matthew & Anne Margaret Weishaar.

Sponsorship details are on the back of the bulletin.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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

Open to Rising
PreK & K Students



Learn more and register

WELCOME THE TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES

Help welcome our Totus Tuus missionaries to Saint Matthew! We are seeking parishioners willing to host 2-4 missionaries in their homes for rest. We also need volunteers to provide meals for our missionaries throughout the week. Further, we will have a parish potluck dinner on Wednesday, June 24. Scan to sign up for any of these opportunities!



SMS SUMMER CAMPS

There is still time to register for Saint Matthew Summer Camps for the weeks of June 15, July 6, and July 20. Scan for details.



**SCAN FOR
SMS SUMMER
CAMP DETAILS**



JOB OPENINGS

Saint Matthew has the following job openings for the 2026-2027 school year: Individual Teaching Assistant and Kindergarten Teacher. Learn more and apply by visiting 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.

HELP WITH THE SMS OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Did you know SMS has an outdoor classroom? Our garden is really taking off and we need your help this summer! We are looking for volunteers to stop by for easy pruning, watering and weeding. Contact Tracy Becker at tbecker@stmatthewtn.org if you are interested.

Gardening
HELP NEEDED



COUNT DOWN



Give to the 2025-26 Annual Fund by visiting:
[https://www.stmatthewtn.org/school/support/!](https://www.stmatthewtn.org/school/support/)



Saint Matthew School

SAINT MATTHEW SCHOOL
HAVANA
October 3, 2026 *Nights*
SAVE THE DATE



SMS Summer Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-Noon
Friday: Closed



Congratulations

on your **PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION**



FR. JAMES GROSSHEIM



FR. DAVID HERRERA



FR. REED ROBINSON

May God bless each of you as you faithfully respond to His call to the priesthood. May you always seek God's will and guide all those entrusted to your care toward Heaven.



AUDIOBOOK OF ENCYCLICAL NOW AVAILABLE

Pope Leo XIV's encyclical "*Magnifica humanitas*" is now available as an audiobook. The Vatican News team has prepared this audiobook and divided it into the seven audio files. You can listen to it at bit.ly/magnificahumanitasaudiobook.

PAPAL INTENTION FOR JUNE

Each month, the Holy Father invites Catholics around the world to pray for a specific intention, encouraging the faithful to unite in prayer with the Pope and the universal Church. Learn more at popesprayerusa.net.

— POPE LEO XIV —
POPE'S INTENTION
for
JUNE 2026

FOR THE
VALUES OF SPORTS

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of **peace, encounter, and dialogue** among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as **respect, solidarity, and personal growth.**

RESPECT SOLIDARITY PEACE ENCOUNTER PERSONAL GROWTH

"Sport has the power to unite people and build a better world."
 — POPE LEO XIV



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

REMEMBERING OUR Faithful Departed

Joan Lambers Hardebeck
R. "Kent" Wildman
Jim Schneider - Funeral June 27
Cecile "Taffy" Armbruster - Funeral June 29

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
 ~ Amen ~

TONY'S REFLECTION

FOCUSED LEADERSHIP

The story of the 2002 Oakland A's is so intriguing Hollywood made a movie about it called Moneyball. The central character of the movie is A's general manager, Billy Beane. With little room for money, Beane knows he can't merely buy the best players. So he begins to examine the fundamental aspects of what makes a great baseball team. Here, Beane asks the basic question—what wins baseball games? His simple answer: scoring runs. Then he asks, "How do you score runs?" His simple answer: You need to get on base. Therefore, he concludes, if you want to win games, you must acquire players who have a knack for getting on base. Beane then develops a statistical platform to identify the players who frequently get on base. He quickly realizes that baseball executives and scouts overlook this simple yet gritty concept to get on base. Instead, the baseball gurus fixate on those who have the "star" qualities and possess that baseball "look."

Everyone insists that Beane is overlooking the "baseball qualities" that make a great team. But Beane sees these qualities as artificial and overblown. Despite receiving much angst, Beane insists on utilizing his formula to win games. While these players are undervalued by the trivial baseball metric of "eye candy," they become more valuable to Beane since they correspond to his vision—they get on base. This team of seemingly misfit toys begins to click and then excel by finishing with the best record in MLB at 103-59.

What made Beane so successful? He was a leader who didn't get caught up in the hype of these artificial features. Our readings today touch on how strong leaders shouldn't get distracted by idle affairs. As Jesus sees the crowd before Him, He has compassion on the crowd because they "were like sheep without a shepherd." Sheep that have no leader inevitably wander off, become confused, and get lost. A shepherd stands as a leader to guide the sheep and fend off looming danger. It should be noted that this leader's job entails much suffering, which is why Jesus refers to the work of a shepherd as a "laborer" who works in the field.

Jesus announces, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." He proceeds to appoint leaders that will go out with diligence to do His work. We're all busy with many human endeavors. Trivial activities have a way of clogging up our time from laboring in Christ's field. Yet, we can apply Beane's logic to know where to labor in Christ's field. In doing so, we need to begin by asking the fundamental questions, much like Beane did. What is the mission of the Church? The mission of the Church is the salvation of souls. Who and what gives people salvation? Answer: God in the sacraments. So, if our labor points to Christ in some capacity, we stand ready to be helpful workers in His field. If it doesn't have anything to do with Christ, move on. Very often, these outside "things" act as clutter inevitably distracting us from the focal point of the faith—the salvation of souls through the sacraments.

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIME CHANGES JUNE 22-26

Mass times will be adjusted during the week of June 22 to accommodate our students attending Totus Tuus. We will celebrate Daily Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. each day this week.

On Wednesday, June 24, we will celebrate two Masses, one at 9 a.m. in the church and the regularly scheduled 7 p.m. Mass in the chapel. Adoration and Confession will occur as usual on Wednesday.

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.

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.



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/tnrthmonument.

TENNESSEE MONUMENT TO THE UNBORN

In Memory of the Victims of Abortion:

Babies, Women, and Men

Dedication: June 24, 2026

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JOIN THE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Do you love Saint Matthew, have a warm smile, and a welcoming spirit? Then we need your help! We are looking for friendly adults and teens to serve in our Hospitality Ministry ensuring everyone in our parish feels at home.

Hospitality Ministers help by:

- Greeting parishioners as they arrive
- Handing out bulletins after Mass
- Serving as ushers, passing collection baskets, and guiding Communion lines

Whether you serve at just one Mass or more regularly, your gift of hospitality makes a meaningful impact. Let's make every person who walks through our doors feel at home!

Interested?

Contact Kelly Ott kott@stmatthewtn.org



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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