



Saint Matthew

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 21, 2026 + TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

*Do not be afraid; you are
worth more than many
sparrows.*



MATTHEW 10:31

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.

8 a.m. Masses moved to 9 a.m. this week

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Father Tien Tran

DEACONS:

Bill Forte

PARISH SPOTLIGHT



LITURGY SCHEDULE (JUNE 20-25)

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

✠ Donna Wilson

8:30 a.m. Mass

✦ For the People of Saint Matthew

11:00 a.m. Mass

✠ For all Deceased Fathers

- Jeremiah 20:10-13
- Romans 5:12-15
- Matthew 10:26-33

MONDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For Caroline Lantz

- 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18
- Matthew 7:1-5

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 a.m. Mass

✠ Karin Kula

- 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36
- Matthew 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

7:00 p.m. Mass

✠ Dorothy Leahy

- Isaiah 49:1-6
- Acts 13:22-26
- Luke 1:57-66, 80

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 a.m. Mass

✠ Michael Wurzell

- 2 Kings 24:8-17
- Matthew 7:21-29

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 a.m. Mass

✦ For Patricia Smith

- 2 Kings 25:1-12
- Matthew 8:1-4

✦ **Special Intention**

✠ *May they rest in peace*

To RESERVE MASS INTENTIONS, VISIT BIT.LV/SMCMASSENTENTION

COME PRAY THE ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL

MASS TIME CHANGES

Mass times are adjusted this week to accommodate our students attending Totus Tuus. We will celebrate daily Mass in the church at 9 a.m. each day this week, including Wednesday.

On Wednesday, June 24, we will celebrate Mass at both 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 evening.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BABY BOTTLES

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Baby Bottle Drive benefiting Mulier Care and the Pregnancy Help Center. Your generosity helps provide vital support and resources to mothers and families facing crisis and unplanned pregnancies.

If you still have a baby bottle at home, please return it to the parish business office as soon as possible so that we can complete the collection and deliver the donations. Thank you for helping support this life-saving ministry for mothers and their children.



MULIER CARE
SERVING WITH DIGNITY & COMPASSION

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!



TOTUS TUUS
TOTALLY YOURS

NIGHT PROGRAM

7th-12th graders
June 21-25 6-8 p.m.

DAY PROGRAM

1st-6th graders
June 22-26
8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

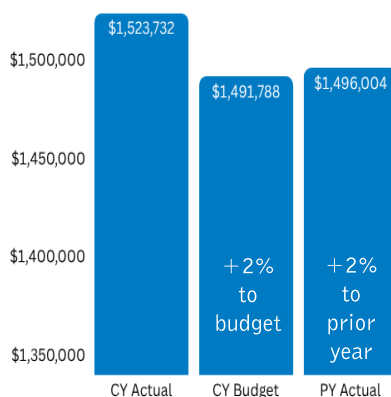


STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

~ FOR WEEK OF JUNE 8-14 ~

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$23,838
CHARITY & OUTREACH	\$380

YTD Summary



Visiting, new, or looking to give?

Scan to make a gift now, or visit

stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



Second Collections

This Week:

Men's Group (Saint Matthew Men's Club)

Next Week:

St. Vincent de Paul

Registered Parish Families: 1,312

FEED THE TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES

While the Totus Tuus missionaries are busy nourishing our children’s souls this week, you can help nourish their bodies with a delicious meal. We still have several opportunities available to provide lunch or dinner for the eight missionaries. We will also gather for a parish potluck dinner on Wednesday, June 24. Scan the QR code to sign up, and please review the dietary restrictions before selecting a meal. Thank you!



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.



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 next Sunday is his final Mass at Saint Matthew.

CLERGY CHANGES

Father Anthony Stewart
to serve as Associate Pastor
at Saint Matthew.

FIRST DAY: JULY 5



Father Tien Tran
to serve as Pastor of
Saint Patrick Parish in
McEwen, Tennessee.

LAST DAY: JUNE 28



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Spend some quiet time with Jesus during our First Friday Adoration on Friday, July 3. Due to the holiday weekend, there are altered hours. Adoration begins after 8 a.m. Mass and concludes with Benediction at 3 p.m. Signing up for a time slot at bit.ly/smceffajuly26 ensures someone is always present with Our Lord.



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 to sign up and stay connected.



SMS SUMMER CAMPS

Registration remains open for Saint Matthew Summer Camps for the weeks of **July 6** and **July 20**. From sports to sewing, and chess to cheerleading, find these options and more when you scan below!



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 in helping.



ANNUAL FUND

Saint Matthew School is in its final two weeks of the 2025-26 Annual Fund. Please consider making your tax-deductible gift by scanning the QR Code. Contributions help fund school security, a full-time nurse, and student-wide enrichment. Prayerfully consider making your gift today. Thank you for your continued support of Saint Matthew School!



2027-28 SMS APPLICATION IS OPEN!

Applications for the 2027–2028 school year are now being accepted for students in Pre-K 3 through 8th grade. Guided by our motto, Seeking Knowledge, Modeling Christ and Serving Others, Saint Matthew School provides a nurturing environment where students grow academically, spiritually, and socially.

Families are encouraged to apply early. The Priority Application Deadline is December 11, 2026.

For more information or to begin the application process, please visit the admissions page of our website www.stmatthewtn.org/school/admissions/ or contact Holly Ledieu at hledieu@stmatthewtn.org or 615-550-5112.

We look forward to welcoming new families to Saint Matthew School!

Haiti Happenings

Greetings from the SMS Haiti Committee! The 2026 Haiti Summer Challenge is in full swing! Last year, we had some terrific projects such as a “dirty soda” stand, a shoe sale, fresh frozen lemonade, poolside frozen treats, and hand-made jewelry. Past ideas include cheerleader car wash, dog walking or pet sitting, yardwork, reading books for pledges, group backyard dinner parties, and a dance-a-thon. The possibilities are endless!

The amount raised doesn’t matter; it’s about participating, creating community, and serving others. Please contact Jodie Richter at jodiefelix@hotmail.com if you need additional information packets/forms. Let’s see what we can do this year for Our Lady of Miracles!

Challenge accepted!



COMMUNITY NEWS

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 Capitol 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.



FULTON SHEEN BEATIFICATION TICKETS

The Beatification of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will take place on September 24, 2026, in St. Louis, marking a historic moment for the Church in the United States. Archbishop Sheen, known for his powerful preaching, evangelization, and witness to the Catholic faith, will be declared "Blessed," the final step before canonization.

Tickets for the Beatification Mass will become available during the week of June 22. Those interested in attending are encouraged to visit the official Sheen Beatification website for ticket information, event schedules, pilgrimage opportunities, and updates. Subscribers to the Fulton Sheen Foundation newsletter will be among the first to receive ticket notifications. Learn more at celebratesheen.com.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

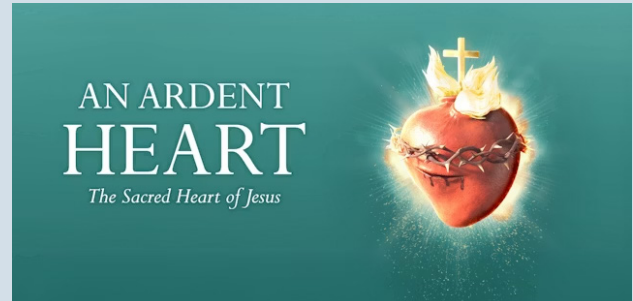
The office hours for the church this summer are:

- Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The church office is closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

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Pick of the Week: June 21



An Ardent Heart

This film tells the dramatic story of Lupe Valdes, a best-selling writer who investigates the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in search of inspiration for her next novel. Guided by an expert in sacred mysteries, she discovers the historical evidence of the mystical revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary, meeting in the process with saints, murderers, exorcists, popes, presidents, conspirators, and encountering both miracles and evil crimes.

During her intense investigation, Lupe discovers the deep secrets of both the Heart of Jesus, and of her own heart that is afflicted by old wounds in need of healing.

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

BECOME A GIFT BEARER

Families and children are invited to help bring up the gifts at Mass—a special way to further participate in the liturgy, and a sign of thanksgiving for God's blessings. Sign up at bit.ly/smcgiftbearer.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

If you or anyone you know is struggling with food, utilities, etc., Saint Matthew supports the following two non-profits offering assistance. You can contact the Saint Vincent de Paul Society hotline by calling 615-550-5130 or Graceworks at 615-794-9055. Do not hesitate to reach out if you need help.

TONY'S REFLECTION

WHAT TO FEAR?

At the depths of the Great Depression, Franklin Roosevelt famously announced, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Fear occurs when we encounter something that we can't control or perceive will harm us. Fear is a natural human response arising as a defense mechanism in the face of looming danger. While not the same, fear and anxiety are related. Fear acts as a physical response, whereas anxiety is a mental or emotional response to a perceived threat. Fear and anxiety have skyrocketed across our culture. An estimated 31% of Americans now experience an anxiety disorder during their life.

In the Gospel today, Jesus assures us three times not to be afraid of earthly trappings but rather to fear being separated from God in hell. "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). Logically, Christ's concept makes sense. A physical ailment has no power to separate you from God. To equate that a physical condition impacts a sacramental relationship would be as silly as me fearing a bad rash because it negatively affects my relationship with my wife.

Because we operate in a fallen world, we'll inevitably experience an array of physical and mental stressors that will trigger fear. Yet, Jesus is showing us that fear is helpful when it is correctly applied. The healthy side of fear is seen when Proverbs declares, "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Reflecting on this verse, St. Ambrose concluded that if you fear that moment you choose to divorce yourself from God, wisdom and virtue will follow.

Jesus reminds us to cast aside fear and anxiety toward earthly drama, while having a healthy fear of spiritual realities. If you fear separation from God, this is an advantageous fear that acts as an alert device. Take, for example, a rabbit, which, in the presence of a fox, darts off instantly. The passion of fear is an important mechanism to assist the animal's instinct of self-preservation. Much like the rabbit's senses tell them danger is nearby, the fear of the Lord acts as an internal compass to tell us our sin has caused a disturbance to our fulfillment.

Yet, if we are honest, we tend to place more of our fear into the struggles in this world. The picture today presents a sad reversal of the Biblical message in which we've become paranoid of that which we shouldn't fear (our health, the unknown), and we've become indifferent to the only thing we should fear (separation from God). By casting aside the supernatural perspective, the material now takes precedence. Here, one's order has devolved into a dysfunction in which one becomes worried about minor things. However, having our foot situated in the spiritual landscape allows us to be above the fray of the fear and chaos going on in the physical world.

Fittingly, today is Father's Day. Fathers stand as composed leaders who can calm down earthly-induced emotional fears while simultaneously pointing the family to God, the Father. Let us take Christ's wise counsel and redirect our fears.

PARISH NEWS

JOB OPENING

Saint Matthew has the following job opening for the 2026-2027 school year: Individual Teaching Assistant. Learn more and apply at bit.ly/smemployment.

PASSION OF CHRIST PRAYER GROUP

Join the Passion of Christ Prayer Group next Sunday, June 28, 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.

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, Sept. 13. Learn more about these engaging programs and register at bit.ly/smcreled.



OCIA CLASSES NOW FORMING

Do you know anyone that is interested in becoming Catholic? OCIA is the step-by-step spiritual journey and educational process through which adults and older children enter into the Church. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please fill out the inquiry form by scanning the QR code or visiting bit.ly/smccocia26. OCIA classes begin in September.



SUNDAY,
JULY

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12-3
PM



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Houses

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