Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 + SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER



Adoration of the Trinity, Albrecht Dürer, 1511

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 | 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
First Friday | 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE
OCTOBER OCT 31 - NOV 6

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
For the People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. Mass
✝ Dennis Riley
11:00 a.m. Mass
✝ Roger Smith
- Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
- 1 John 3:1-3
- Matthew 5:1-12a

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Commemoration of All the Faithfully Departed (All Souls)
8:00 a.m. Mass
For the People of the Parish
7:00 p.m. Mass
✝ Deceased Members of our Parish
- Wisdom 3:1-9
- Romans 6:3-9
- John 6:37-40

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
8:00 a.m. Mass
✝ Vincent Phillips
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
St. Charles Borromeo
7:00 p.m. Mass
✝ John and Celia Repka
- Philippians 2:12-18
- Luke 14:25-33

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
8:00 a.m. Mass
✝ Tim and Dixie Lee Butler
- Philippians 3:3–8a
- Luke 15:1–10

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
8:00 a.m. Mass
✝ Paul Bilohlavek
- Philippians 3:17–4:1
- Luke 16:1–8

✝ Special Intention
May they rest in peace

PARISH SPOTLIGHT

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - NOV. 2

On All Souls' Day, we will gather for our Mass of Remembrance at 7 p.m. to prayerfully remember those we have lost and commend them to God's loving care. All are welcome to attend this special Mass.

SAINT MATTHEW MARKET

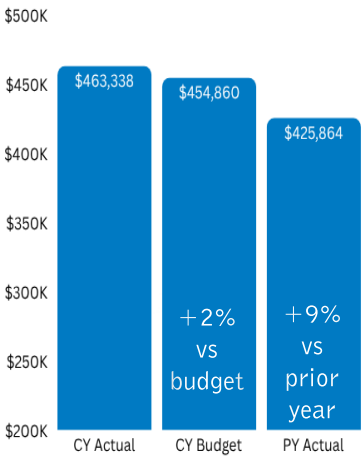
Come explore dozens of local small businesses in the gym at the Saint Matthew Market! Discover unique gifts, handmade treasures, and delicious treats, including offerings from several Saint Matthew families. The market opens to the public from noon to 3 p.m., but Saint Matthew members can shop between the Masses.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

~ FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 19-25 ~	
REGULAR COLLECTIONS	$24,009
CHARITY & OUTREACH	$375
WOMEN'S CLUB	$135

YTD Summary



Visiting, new, or looking to give?
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Second Collections

This Week:
Building Maint. & Facility Improvements
All Saints; All Souls
Next Week:
Charity and Outreach

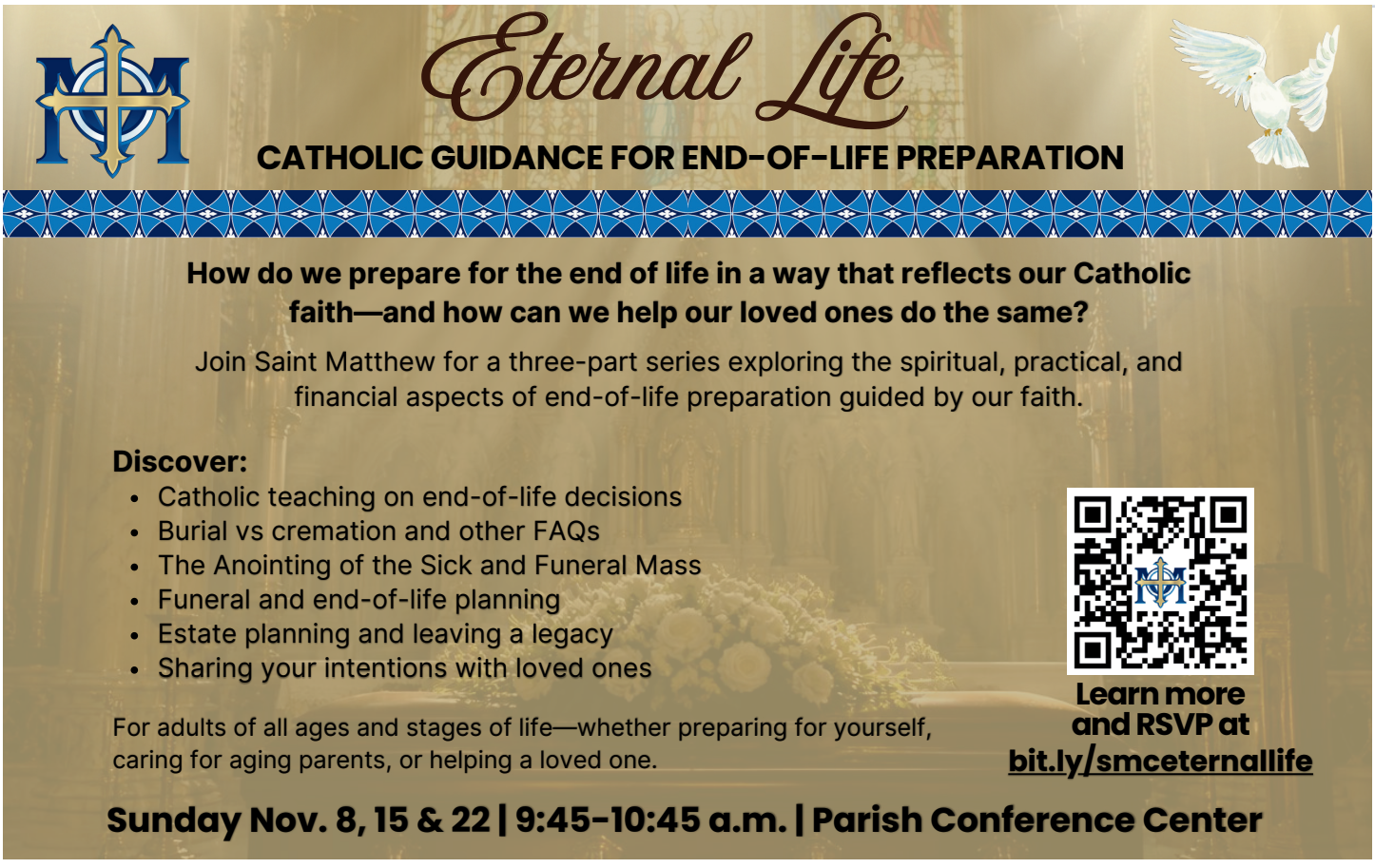
Registered Parish Families: 1,352

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR ADVENT - NOV 4

All ladies are invited to join Saint Gianna Circle and the Saint Matthew Women's Club for a beautiful evening of prayer and fellowship. The evening features an Advent reflection from dynamic guest speaker Alicia Bell, CEO of GraceWorks, as well as an opportunity to prepare Advent wreath making kits for the November 22 event. Preparing Our Hearts for Advent is this Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments are included. Come early for Mass. RSVPs appreciated.







Principal's Pen



Dr. Simpson

October was a busy month for the school, but we made sure to set aside time for prayer. One way was by celebrating the Month of the Rosary and spending time praying this sacred prayer. Other ways we focused on prayer in October included offering a special prayer for those fighting breast cancer and creating a prayer wall for those continuing that fight. We know the power of prayer, and we remain committed to praying for our Saint Matthew community.

On Thursday, we celebrated several students at Mass with our first-quarter SMS Award recipients: Katherine Furey (4th), Mila Dussich (5th), Parker Holifield (6th), Eamara Dillon (7th), and Hayden Griffith (8th). Students vote by secret ballot to recognize the classmate they believe best exemplifies our school's motto of *Seeking Knowledge, Modeling Christ, and Serving Others*.

Congratulations to our first-quarter recipients! Please know that we continue to pray for our parish community, and we hope you have a fantastic week.

Calling all Veterans: You're Invited!

We are excited to honor our parish veterans at a special Veterans Day celebration, hosted by our Saint Matthew fifth graders.

Join us so we can celebrate and thank you for your service. Following a performance, our veterans and their family members are invited to join us for refreshments in the Parish Conference Center. The event is **Monday, Nov. 9, 2026, at 8:15 a.m.** in the SMS gym. Doors open at 8 a.m.

Please RSVP by Friday, Nov. 6. You can also submit names of veterans who are unable to join us and we will pray for them.

SMS Saint Matthew School

bit.ly/smsvetday26

GETTING IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

RETURN YOUR BOX OF JOY

Filled Boxes of Joy are due back to the church office no later than Friday, Nov. 13. For your convenience, you may bring your filled boxes to any Mass next weekend, Nov. 7 and 8. Your participation is greatly appreciated! Please pray for the children who will receive these boxes. Questions? Contact Theresa Chau at 813-361-4334.

BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

Enjoy the beauty and fragrance of evergreen wreaths while supporting our Saint Matthew Boy Scouts! Order wreaths for your home or give them as a thoughtful gift for coworkers, friends, and family. It's an easy way to check one more thing off your holiday to-do list while supporting our scouts. Contact troop226@stmatthewtn.org if alternate pickup is needed. To ship wreaths, scan below.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Create a fresh Advent wreath with your family and make ornaments for a resident at NHC Place at the Trace on Sunday, Nov. 22, at noon. This annual event is hosted by our Saint Gianna Circle Mother's Ministry. A sign-up will be available soon.

GIFT DASH - NOV. 7

Ladies, are you ready for a Christmas party unlike any other? Be sure to RSVP for the Saint Matthew Women's Club annual Gift Dash dinner party on Monday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. Learn more about this fun and festive evening and register at bit.ly/smcgiftdash26 or through the QR code.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Join Loaves and Fishes, Saint Matthew's parish ministry dedicated to feeding the homeless! On the first Wednesday of each month, this group cooks and serves roughly 100 lunches at the Holy Name Parish Center near downtown. The next volunteer opportunity is on Wednesday, Nov. 4. To volunteer with Loaves and Fishes, contact Bill Thomson at bthomson7504@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



JOIN THE MEN'S CLUB

Looking for a fun, social Catholic community while also serving our parish? Come join the Saint Matthew Men's Club! Our next meeting is this Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Enjoy food, fellowship, and conversation while supporting many parish traditions such as Breakfast with Santa. All men are welcome! Email bbuckner@cmta.com for more details.

NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH



All parish seniors are invited to join our Lunch Bunch Ministry for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and bingo on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from noon to 2 p.m. Admission is $12, plus a prize for the prize table valued at $10. We will have a patriotic theme in honor of Veterans Day and America 250. The meal is meatloaf. Please RSVP by Thursday, Nov. 5 at bit.ly/smclbnov26.

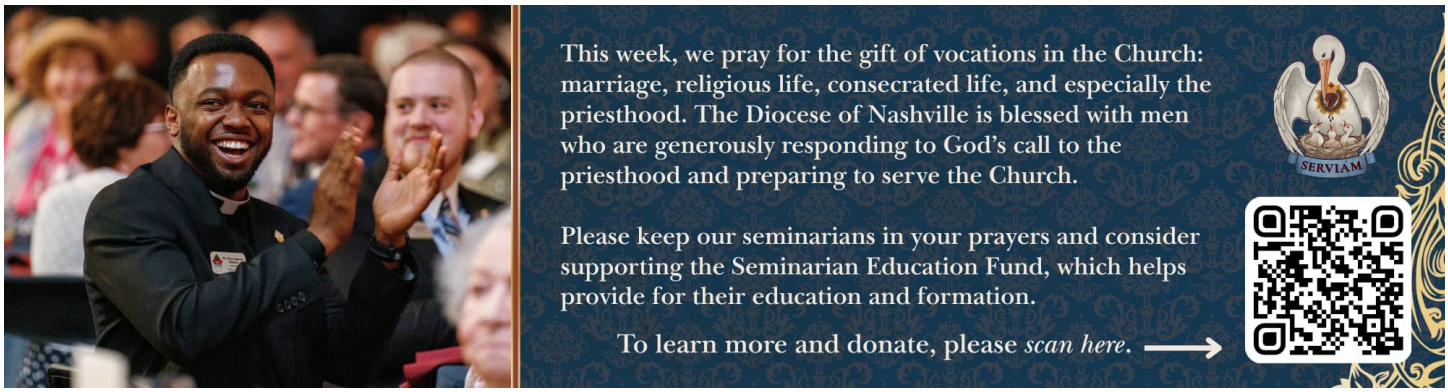
CHOIR NEWS

Sunday, Nov. 8 - The Little Light Choir is singing at the 11 a.m. Mass.
Sunday, Nov. 29 - The Men's Schola is singing at the 11 a.m. Mass.

AWAKE - COMMUNITY ADORATION EVENT

All are invited to a special praise and worship Adoration event on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m. hosted by our Saint Matthew Music Ministry. Come for an evening of prayer, reflection, and meditative silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament accompanied by a team of professional musicians.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - NOVEMBER 1-7



TONY'S REFLECTION

Becoming What We Celebrate

In the story Les Misérables, the main character, Jean Valjean, is an embittered ex-convict who is rough around the edges—he fights, robs, and drinks to survive. One day he steals expensive silver from Bishop Bienvenu, a saintly clergyman. Instead of turning Valjean in, the bishop forgives him completely and gives him more silver, an act of radical grace that shatters Valjean's bitterness and starts his journey toward redemption. This story illuminates how a man entrenched in the muck of a sinful life can recognize something noble and honorable in a saint.

Today we honor the saints—for what they've done and how they inspire us to live in a world seduced by modernism and revolutionary discord. As mankind groans excessively because he has kicked out God, the saints stand as an echo calling modern man back to God. In this, we can glean many nuggets of wisdom from the saints.

While the saints have this magnetic allure about them, their boldness can be daunting to us entrenched in worldly trappings. At first blush, we might be tempted to read the lives of the saints as extreme. St. Bonaventure recounts how St. Francis slept on the bare ground, ate little, wore a single tunic, and relentlessly punished his body with discipline. In another oddity, St. Francis wept so much for his own sins and for sinners that he developed a terrible malady in his eyes. In fact, he nearly went blind and was only healed by a surgery he was loath to undergo—not because of the intense pain he would suffer, but because he feared losing those tears whereby his 'interior eyes were purified, so that they may see God.' St. Francis' period of tears then made way for his era of penance. Knowing that acts of penance work to amend man's sins, St. Francis openly embraced personal penance. He sought to inspire the spirit of penance in others the way a generous man distributes gifts and treasure. Penance was the constant, irrepressible refrain of St. Francis' preaching, ringing out in all the towns of Italy. Looking at St. Francis' passionate reaction to man's sins provoked interest and then awe in his followers. Something about him told people not to take their sins lightly and to love God with more gusto.

As we admire the lives of saints, celebrating them is one thing, but God ups the ante and calls us to become saints. Become what you celebrate. It should become apparent that to become a saint is not an easy endeavor. It requires radical personal humility and a total surrender to God.

We are analogous to the character Jean Valjean in Les Misérables. His character is a universal symbol of human redemption, grace, and moral transformation. But his whole transformation was jump-started when he encountered a saint. Let us find a saint somewhere in history to encounter, and perhaps our life will change as well.

FAITH & COMMUNITY

WOMEN'S RETREAT INTEREST

The Saint Matthew Women's Club is exploring the possibility of hosting a women's retreat on January 22-24, 2027 at Sienna Hall. The estimated cost is $300-$325. If you are interested in attending, please email womensclub@stmatthewtn.org as they work to finalize plans.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY DISCOVERY NIGHT

Discover Nashville's only classical Catholic high school, Chesterton Academy of the Incarnation, on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at Saint Philip Catholic Church. Meet faculty, students and families, tour the school and learn about its faith-centered classical curriculum. Families o 7th and 8th graders as well as other prospective families and are welcome. For more information, email info@chestertontn.com.

POSTULANTS DINNER

Knights of Columbus Council 12012 invites you to the annual Postulants Banquet on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Saint Henry. Enjoy dinner and fellowship while supporting women discerning religious life with the Nashville Dominicans. Council 12012 is offering complimentary seats to Saint Matthew guests, though seating is limited. To attend, contact Sal Lombardi at sklombardi@comcast.net and mention you are with Saint Matthew.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS LEAGUE

The Catholic Business League invites you to its breakfast meeting on Thursday, Nov 12. Enjoy a morning of networking and coffee as Tasha Kennard, CEO of Thistle Farms, is recognized as the 2026 Catholic Professional of the Year. The meeting begins at 7:45 a.m. at the Cathedral's Fleming Center. Mass is offered at 7 a.m. More details can be found at catholicbusinessleague.org.

QUEEN OF FAMILIES MASS

Bishop Spalding will celebrate the annual Queen of Families Mass on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 12 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. The Queen of Families Mass is for those who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or other child loss before or after birth. All are welcome to join in prayer and support. For more details, visit nashvillefaithformation.com.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SEARCH RETREATS

SEARCH retreats for high school juniors and seniors are Nov. 20-22, Jan. 15-17, Feb. 12-14, and Apr. 23-25. Learn more and register at nashvillefaithformation.com/search.

CAMP MARYMOUNT SUMMER CAMPS

Registration for Summer 2027 is open, and we cannot wait to welcome returning and new campers back for another summer of faith, friendship, adventure, and time outdoors. Space can fill quickly, so families should reserve their camper's spot soon! Learn more at campmarymount.com/summer-camp.

TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARY APPLICATION

Do you know a young adult who would make a great Totus Tuus missionary next summer? Totus Tuus Nashville is currently seeking missionaries for 2027. Applicants must be 18+ years old, practicing the Catholic faith, and available to serve from May 28 - July 23, 2027. Applications may be found at www.nashvillefaithformation.com/totus-tuus.

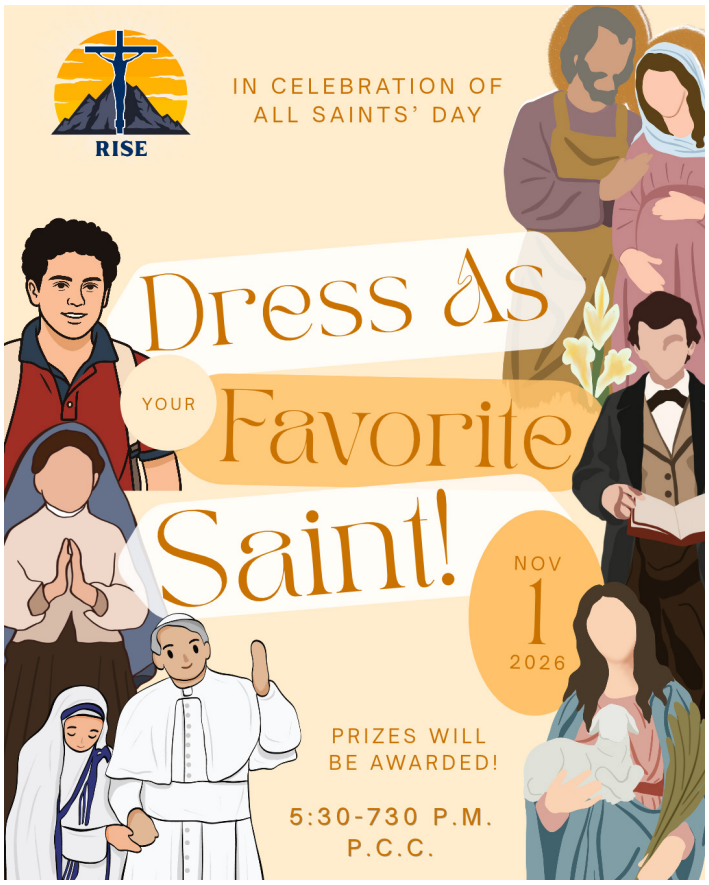


YOUTH MINISTRIES

FORGE: SUFFERING WITH THE SAINTS

Forge is gathering tonight with guest speaker Father James Grossheim. Drop-off is at the Cohan-Hansom Building and pickup is at the gym. Please RSVP your middle schoolers at bit.ly/forgenov26.







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