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—Proverbs 30:30

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Dear Saint Matthew Community,

At the beginning of the year, the goal was to keep the school's doors open in the midst of the ebb and flow of the continual pandemic. As we reflect, we held true to our goal while not allowing the tide of COVID to erode our mission. We experienced challenges, yet the challenges did not prevent opportunities like expanding our service learning program, the mission trip, athletics, and classroom learning.

In the last two months, the school was able to celebrate communal events like First Communion, Graduation/Bacclaireate, and Grandparents' Day. After having these events either altered or canceled in the previous years, it is affirming to once again be able to celebrate these mile markers and relationships.

We are at an exciting time at Saint Matthew School. Not only are we emerging from the pandemic, but there are new opportunities for growth in the school community. The Pre-Kindergarten program is moving to

the "Mane" campus. The school will have the opportunity to offer busing services to families who need help with transportation. The school will also set a new course with an updated five-year strategic plan. All of these things are exciting and bring a degree of anxiety. With trust in the community and faith in our God, Saint Matthew will continue to support and grow in its mission.

It will be difficult to say goodbye to our 8th graders and one of their homeroom teachers, Mrs. Cassidy. Their leadership has been pivotal to a great year. I hope everyone takes time this summer to rest and recharge. We are looking forward to another great year.

Yours in Christ,

*Timot J. Forbes*

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Our magazine name, Corde Leonis means

"Heart of a Lion."

Proverbs 30:30 is a bible verse that describes our community and our beloved mascot,

"the lion, the bravest of beasts, he will draw back from nothing"

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COVER STORY

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One, Two, Three...

Extra, extra, read all about it! The 2021-22 basketball season made Saint Matthew athletics history with a clean sweep at the DAC championship! Varsity boys & girls as well as JV boys and girls took home the 1st place trophies in the tournament. The JV boys, Team White and Team Blue, played each other for the DAC championship. Team Blue won the tournament trophy but Team White came out on top with the regular season, adding a trophy to the treasure. 10 new trophies were added to the trophy case for regular league season and tournament wins!

JV GIRLS

The JV Girls, coached by Josh Edmondson and SMS alumna, Kennedy Cockerham, started the season 1-3. "A big turning point of our season was when we played Saint Henry in the White Out game. Everything seemed to click for the ladies on that night and we defeated a team that had beaten us by 17 points 2 weeks prior. The ladies began to gain confidence and play as a team after this game." says Coach Edmondson. They ended up earning a #2 seed for the DAC tournament. They defeated SBA in the semifinals to advance to the championship against the #1 seed, Saint Pius. The most memorable play of that game and the season for Coach Edmondson was the game winning bucket by Megan Knapp in the finals against Saint Pius and the celebration that ensued. "Saint Pius was a bigger team than us, but we beat them by being more fundamentally sound and playing as a team. It was awesome to witness these girls grow not only as individuals, but also as a team. I was extremely proud of them." said Edmondson.

JV BOYS

SMS Blue vs SMS White for the DAC Championship finals ended in a nail biter game. SMS Blue, coached by alumni Knox Hargis, Sidney Cassidy and Drew Mills went into the tournament as league champions. In the semifinals game against St. Ann, Team White, coached by Eric Foster and

Will Warren, clawed their way through the tournament with a 3 point buzzer beater by Caleb Wyatt to tie up the game with 45 seconds left. Nick Kavanaugh made the final shot to win the game. In the final matchup between the two SMS teams, Team White edged out the win with a "clutch 3 pointer" from Luc Allegetti with 50 seconds left. Fans couldn't have asked for a better matchup for the championship game with all the talent between these two teams. The coaches are so proud of these boys and the heart they showed during the season!

VARSITY GIRLS

The varsity girls had an overall record of 18-5. Out of league losses were to Goodpasture, FRA & Lipscomb. The other two losses were to Overbrook School. SMS had a team of 8 players, however, with some injuries, they found themselves playing with only 5 or 6 for several games. Fortunately, they all returned just in time for the tournament. "This team had a camaraderie that led to their success," said Coach Libby Crow. At the championship game, Coach Crow had to rally the girls against a team that had defeated them twice. "It's hard sometimes to know the right words to say to inspire your team. I was fortunate to have a team that built trust in each other along with being self motivated." says Crow. She encouraged them to come out and play their game. "You



have nothing to lose. Have fun and don't give up!" were Crow's words, and what resonated most with player, Meghan Thomas. Thomas said the most difficult game was Overbrook and beating them was her favorite memory from the season. "I'm so proud of this team for reaching their goal of a Three-peat!!" said Coach Crow.

VARSITY BOYS

The varsity boy's team went 19-5 this season. "Outside of the league, we played a very tough schedule that prepared us to compete against anybody," said Coach Michael Lynch. Eighth grader, Michael Fisch recalls one of the most difficult games of the season against Holy Rosary in mid-January. "We were losing 2-8 but then we bonded as a team and fought back to beat them by 20." Coach Lynch said they talked every day about being better than they were yesterday which must have hit home during the season with a 13-0 record in the Diocesan conference. The semifinal game against St. Henry was a memorable game according to Fisch "It was a crazy atmosphere and our team played really well together." They won that game to advance to the championship against Christ the King. "Our coaches encouraged us to go out and have fun, which let me play freely and enjoy all the moments," said Fisch. Varsity boys repeated their DAC Championship title and celebrated a special season.



**CLASS UPDATES**

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**PRE-K - MR. BOND THE SCIENCE GUY**

Mr. Bond's Science Guys came to visit SMS Pre-K for their March in-house field trip. Mr. Bond demonstrated how the earth is round, that it rotates on a tilt, and travels around the sun. Here, the students are attempting to be the earth, rotating, while on a tilt and moving around the room (sun). They also learned about solids, liquids, gasses and electricity. Most of all, they learned that science is fun!



**1ST - NASHVILLE ZOO**

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! First grade classes had an exciting field trip to the Nashville Zoo this spring.

**4TH GRADE - SCIENCE WIZARDS**

Science teacher for the day, 6th grader, Molly Maguire helped Mrs. Tons teach the 4th grade about "Chemical Reactions/Mixtures" ("Potions" Lab) and helped the 5th graders begin making their model rockets which they launched on the athletic field!



Corn syrup & oil  
egg  
Troll saliva  
Juiced Eyeballs  
Powdered Bronze  
Crushed Dragon  
Vampire Teeth

**5TH GRADE - BIZTOWN**

Need a banker, newspaper reporter, restaurant manager, or radio DJ? SMS 5th graders were prepared and ready to run BizTown! Junior Achievement BizTown is a simulated town where students gain work experience that allows them to apply what they learned in the classroom to real life. They wrote resumes, interviewed for jobs and elected the BizTown mayor, Sarah Rose Shaw.



**7TH/8TH - DANCE**

Students from the 7th and 8th grades danced the night away at their "Dancing Through The Decades" middle school dance on April 2nd. Saint Matthew students came together to sing, dance, and show off their moves in costumes from the 50s thru the 80s. Awards went to Katherine Burgin for best costume and Reese Bartell for winning the Hula Hoop contest. The night ended in a dance contest between the boys and the girls, with the middle school boys taking home the bragging rights for 2022! "It was AWESOME", were the words from Will Lawson, when asked if he had a good time.



## CLUBS AND SPORTS

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MATHLETES



CHESS CLUB



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

### CHESS CLUB

This school year, Saint Matthew School welcomed back the Chess Club. The club is led by Chess Master, Coach Igor. Students further developed their knowledge of chess, competed against fellow friends, and developed a love of the game. The club was divided into two groups — those who wanted to learn the game and play for fun and another group who wanted to prepare for competitions in chess.

### MODEL UN

In Model UN this year, the club focused on our own community of Saint Matthew School instead of countries around the world. Each team of students looked through and reflected on our school's handbook and drafted bills based on things they would like to change, add, or remove from our current policies. They were required to find research that supported their claims and ideas. When writing their bills, students were challenged to use argumentative language to prove that their idea was going to make our school better.

### MATHLETES

The SMS Mathletes competed in the Father Ryan Math Day in March. The team members who participated were: 6th graders Mary Antonini, Brookman Tyrer, 7th graders Megan Knapp and Zachary Davidson, 8th graders Sophie Flores, Michael Texter, Michael Fisch, and Luke Rech. Sophie Flores placed 3rd in 8th Grade Fundamentals and Luke Rech placed 3rd in Algebra Fundamentals. All SMS Mathletes continue to work on their Gold Level project for the National Math Club. Go Mathletes!

### SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Five middle school students competed in the Tennessee Regional Science Bowl in February. Students worked hard to develop their teamwork and problem solving throughout the year in preparation for each of the events. SMS students participated in the following categories: Rocks and Minerals, Disease Detectives, Solar System and Codebusters. Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics, and Math. (8th grade: Sophie Flores, Aiden Stricker) (7th grade: Reese Bartell, Riley Akers, and Adeline Brault)



SOCCER



CHEERLEADING



GOLF

### GOLF

Coached by Michael LaHaie, our 6th-8th grade co-ed varsity golf team participated in the Harpeth Valley Athletic Conference for the 2022 spring season. Even in an extremely competitive league, our golfers had a strong season led by 8th graders Hank Dant and Mary Katherine Flynn.

### SOCCER

SMS varsity soccer is a co-ed team that competes in the DAC (Diocesan Athletic Conference). The team was coached by middle school teacher, Sarah Therrien and long time SMS soccer coach and alumni parent, Kevin Duffey.

### 5TH-6TH VOLLEYBALL

Both 5th-6th grade girls volleyball teams were considered two of the best teams in their respective divisions in the DAC. The American team was led by SMS alum, Anna Ratterman. The National team was coached by 5th grade teacher, Ellen Mascari and former SMS standout, Maggie Holt.

### 5TH-6TH SOCCER

Both 5th-6th grade co-ed soccer teams participated in the Diocesan Athletic Conference. SMS was one of three schools that fielded two teams. The White Team was coached by Elizabeth Abaray and Tara Morgan with the Blue Team coached by Will Warren and Aaron Lawyer. Both teams had very successful seasons on the pitch. The future of SMS soccer looks very bright!

### FLAG FOOTBALL

Saint Matthew School participated in the inaugural season of flag football in the Diocesan Athletic Conference. The new program was so popular with our 1st-4th grade boys and girls that SMS produced six teams, the most by any school in the conference.

### CHEERLEADING

Head coach Lauren Arnold was joined this season by Megan Mayberry, a parent volunteer and an experienced coach and cheerleader. The team cheered throughout the basketball season and performed at the White Out Pep Rally, where they led the student body in chants, cheers, and spirit.

## FUN EVENTS

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### Catholic Schools Week



SMS celebrated Catholic education during Catholic Schools Week (CSW) with the theme, "Faith. Excellence. Service". SMS fully embraces this theme during CSW with a jam packed week of excitement and activities such as the penny drive, parent, teacher, and student appreciation days, themed dress up days, all-schools Mass for 2nd & 7th grades, a pep rally, the White Out basketball game, Service Day and the Variety Show. The spirit of the week is best summed up through the middle school essay contests, where 6th, 7th & 8th grade students expressed their views on our motto, each grade writing about a different component.

Sixth grader, Elliot Hartz described "What it means to Seek Knowledge" in her essay as she points out the great technology, iPads, computers and books available to her but "while I'm excessively grateful for that, I also remember that we have teachers that love and care for us. The staff and students are all there for each other and are always respectful. If that wasn't enough, Saint Matthew School's goal is to always love and learn."

Seventh grader, Adeline Brault beautifully explained "What does it mean to Model Christ" in her essay stating, "We model Christ by sticking to our morals wherever we are, by following our moral compasses. We should never do something we know is wrong just to fit in or to get a laugh. We can grow our morals and conscience by talking to God and trusting Him to help us in the moments we'll need it most."

Eighth grader, Sophie Flores wrote her essay about what it means to Serve Others. She simply sums up, "service is done when you make time out of your day to help someone or some people in need as best you can, to do so with no second thought about a big reward, and to keep seeking to serve others while being a model of Christ throughout your life."

These winning essays sum up the heart of Saint Matthew School and Catholic education during the celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Each day is a new theme

to celebrate with the CSW motto of "Faith. Excellence. Service". The week kicks off with our annual penny drive, challenging the boys and girls to outdo each other, vying for out of uniform days for the winners...the ultimate prize, however, helping Our Lady of Miracles in Haiti with the funds raised. This year, the boys came out on top and earned three out of uniform days. Other highlights from the week included:

#### MONDAY: STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

- No homework and students dressed up in Hawaiian theme!

#### TUESDAY: SERVICE DAY

- Service Day is an entire day full of "Serving Others". Activities included writing letters to our parish and SMS alumni through College Outreach, collecting pull tabs and making fleece blankets for Ronald McDonald House, holding coat, book and canned food drives, and making placemats for seniors. Service Day supports our church ministries and our community with all grades participating and serving. We raised over \$7000 for Special Olympics, donated 2396 cans of food, 200 blankets, 198 coats, 636 books for Book 'Em and 100 placemats for assisted living.

#### WEDNESDAY: PARENT APPRECIATION DAY

- SMS is so grateful for the support our parents give to the school and the faculty. Each family received a card and small gift as a token of our appreciation. The 2nd grade and 7th graders attended Mass with the Bishop at the Catholic Pastoral Center followed by lunch out.

#### THURSDAY: TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

- This is certainly a faculty favorite event, with Home & School providing lunch for the faculty while volunteers covered lunchtime in their classrooms. The much anticipated White Out basketball game vs. Saint Henry capped the day with fun and spirit.

#### FRIDAY: MISSION AWARENESS DAY

- The week closed out with the always fun and entertaining Variety Show and the winners of the penny drive and essay contests announced.

Catholic Schools Week is a highly anticipated five days, full of fun times to celebrate our students, teachers, faith, service and community.



Twenty years after the inaugural Mane Event, "A Starry Night," the event continues to shine with the Olympic themed, "Bring Home the Gold!" The 2022 winter Olympics set the tone for the event in Nashville's new state of the art curling center - Tee Line Nashville. Parents/ owners, Marc & Mavis Bulger worked with the event committee to create a top scoring school fundraiser.

"Mane Event is a long-standing annual tradition for raising funds for the school and promoting fellowship in our community," said Lori Bellante, Director of Advancement. "It's hard to believe it has been 20 years ago when Saint Matthew made history with our first Mane Event, 'A Starry Night.' After a successful virtual event last year, it feels great to 'bring home the gold' for our fine arts department this year at an in person event."

Attendees had the opportunity to participate in curling and bowling while enjoying delicious food and fellowship. The biggest cheers were brought on by our live auction and paddle raise with some intense bidding for the incredible items donated for Saint Matthew School. A special shout out to our alumni attendees, Molly Schiller Jeeter, Parker Williams Bohn, Audrey & Madeline Barber!

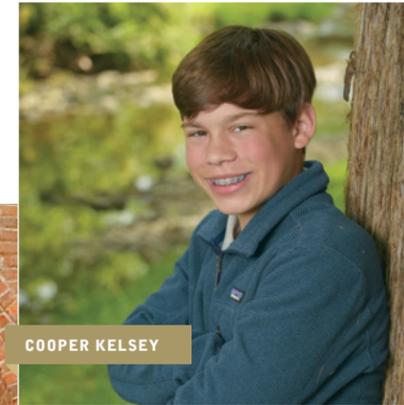
The Mane Event chairs, Erin Pryles & Lauren Griffith, along with the sponsorship, auction, basket and decorating committees earned their own gold medals while putting the 'fun' in fundraising. Saint Matthew School made history with an award winning night of sponsorships, paddle bids, silent and live auction, setting a record for the highest amount raised in its 20 years of this event.



THE CLASS OF 2022

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Luc Allegretti  
 Indi Ambs  
 Nate Armstrong  
 Brad Bach  
 Noah Basel  
 Finley Boron  
 Alex Bowler  
 Baker Brady  
 Meredith Brunner  
 Andrew Buccola  
 Gabrielle Butkerait  
 CJ Cavolo  
 Sean Cohn  
 Gavin Craft  
 Hank Dant  
 Gabriel Dean  
 Hailey Fernandez  
 Michael Fisch  
 Sophie Flores  
 Mary Katherine Flynn  
 Livy Harms  
 Caroline Hickernell  
 Rosie Howerton  
 Michael Issa  
 Nick Kavanaugh  
 Cooper Kelsey  
 Steven Kreller  
 Will Lawson  
 Ryan MacClary  
 Michael Mascari  
 Madeline McWright  
 Harper Mosley  
 Mary Nunn  
 Maggie O'Sullivan  
 Maren Oxborough  
 Sophie Paulus  
 Audrey Powell  
 Katie Radian  
 Luke Rech  
 Caroline Reusch  
 Elizabeth Russell  
 Colin Sawyer  
 Aidan Shires  
 Aiden Sissons  
 Maddy Stone  
 Aidan Stricker  
 Michael Texter  
 Megan Thomas  
 Sophie Tiesler  
 Jackson Wilson



COOPER KELSEY



MARY NUNN

2022 CLASS AWARDS

**MR. SMS**  
 Cooper Kelsey

**MISS SMS**  
 Mary Nunn

**HEART OF THE PRIDE**  
 Sophie Paulus

**UNITY OF THE PRIDE**  
 Mary Katherine Flynn

**HIGHEST GPA**  
 Maggie O'Sullivan

**BARBY MAGNESS LIFE PRINCIPLES AWARD**  
 Hailey Fernandez

**JEFF CARROLL SPIRIT AWARD**  
 Madeline McWright

**PAUL BEAVIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**  
 Luke Rech

**GENE FLATHMANN SERVICE AWARD**  
 Will Lawson

**MAY CROWNING**  
 Meredith Brunner was selected to crown Mary and Michael Texter was the attendant

**EXCELLENCE IN LANGUAGE ARTS**  
 Sophie Flores

**EXCELLENCE IN LITERATURE**  
 Sophie Paulus

**EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL STUDIES**  
 Sean Cohn

**EXCELLENCE IN RELIGION**  
 Maggie O'Sullivan

**EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE**  
 Finley Boron

**EXCELLENCE IN MATH**  
 CJ Cavolo, Gavin Craft and Sophie Flores

**EXCELLENCE IN SPANISH**  
 Maggie O'Sullivan

**SUSAN HAWKINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS**  
 Sophie Flores



## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

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*"This is My blood of the Covenant,  
which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins."*

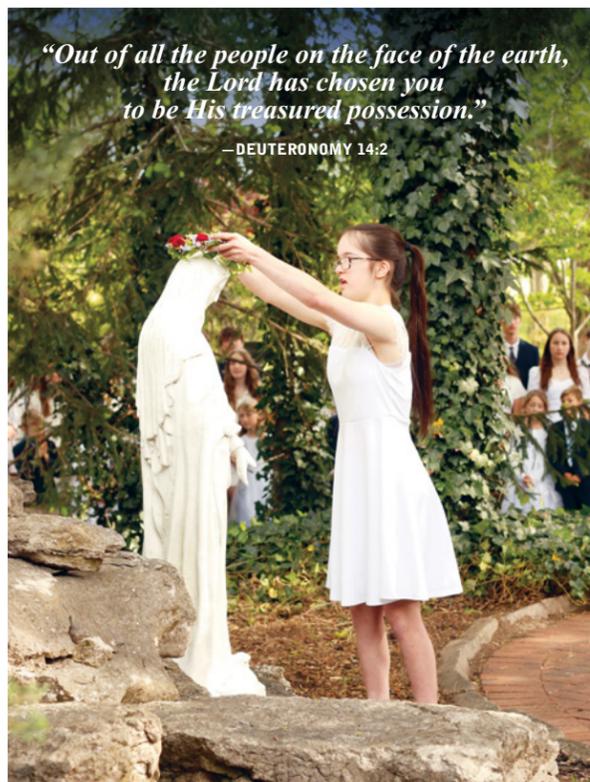
—MATTHEW 26:28

### FIRST COMMUNION - MAY 1, 2022

Second graders have spent the year preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. They learned about the Body and Blood of Christ, shared in the Breaking of the Bread ceremony and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On a beautiful Sunday on the first of May, they celebrated the Eucharist with great joy and pure hearts.

### MAY CROWNING - MAY 3, 2022

We honor Mary, the mother of Christ, who is a perfect follower of Christ, the "crown" of creation. The second and eighth graders participated in a special procession from the church to the grotto. Eighth graders Meredith Brunner and Michael Texter, with second graders Ryley Morgan and Andrew Reisinger, were the May Crowning attendants. Meredith had the special honor of placing a crown of flowers on Mary's head.



*"Out of all the people on the face of the earth,  
the Lord has chosen you  
to be His treasured possession."*

—DEUTERONOMY 14:2



*"There is nothing I cannot do  
in the One who strengthens me."*

—PHILIPPIANS 4:13

### CONFIRMATION - MARCH 27, 2022

8th grade students received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, March 27 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Collectively, they completed over 1200 service hours in preparation for this day. "We are extremely proud of this 8th grade class and pray for the road ahead of them." said 8th grade religion teacher, Kelly Cassidy



*"Now while he was in Jerusalem at the  
Passover Festival, many people saw the signs  
he was performing and believed in his name."*

—JOHN 2:23

### SEDER MEAL - 3RD GRADE

Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Beavins's third graders celebrated a class Seder meal together during Holy Week. They learned about the history of our ancestors in the old testament. Through the preparation for this meal, the students learned about the traditional Jewish Passover and why it is celebrated each year. They also learned that it was at a Seder meal that Jesus introduced the consecration of bread and wine into His body and blood and shared it with the apostles. This was the institution of the Eucharist for Christians. It was a wonderful, spiritual experience.



*"Lord Jesus, help us to care for everyone  
in their times of need"*

—SMS 4TH GRADE, LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS - APRIL 14, 2022

Saint Matthew students participated in the living Stations of the Cross performed by 4th graders during Mass on Holy Thursday. They took turns sharing reflections and prayers, and reenacting Jesus' last days on Earth in 15 different stations, starting with His condemnation and ending with his resurrection.



*Greek Life*



**Erin Neilsen** ('15) - Chi Omega - Make-A-Wish Foundation. As former Philanthropy Director and now Director of Programming, Erin has worked on events such as a Wish Sendoff, for a Philadelphia area family to come to Villanova's campus to celebrate their son's wish being granted. She has also planned fundraisers such as Wish Week, a weeklong initiative to promote fundraising and awareness for Make-A-Wish. Erin had the chance to speak on campus about Make-A-Wish and share a personal testimonial about her brother Tyler's Make-A-Wish grant to meet LeBron James. "Although I graduated from St. Matthew seven years ago, the strong emphasis that SMS placed on serving others has become an integral part of my daily life," states Neilsen.



**Tessa Bellante** ('15) and **Bella Bellane** ('17) - Delta Gamma - Tessa has most enjoyed working at the Mary Ryder Home, a

nursing home for women with intellectual disabilities, a facility that DG supports in the local St Louis community. Bella coached a team for AnchorSplash, an event held by DG chapters in the US and Canada to raise money for the visually impaired. In addition to service work with DG, Bella and Tessa are also a part of Micah, Saint Louis University's service learning community, and volunteer weekly at locations providing care to young children and tutoring for grade school students.



**Sydney Daigle** ('15) Alpha Gamma Delta - Our philanthropic purpose is Fighting Hunger. Every week, her chapter provides members to deliver meals to elderly people through Meals On Wheels. Daigle has been a weekly driver during the academic year. During COVID-19, all deliveries were contactless, but now that the pandemic has better sanctions, the AGD sisters are able to deliver meals directly to recipients again.

**Savanna Shaw** ('17) and **Maddie Ledieu** ('17) - Alpha Gamma Delta (Psi Chapter) are "Fighting Hunger Through Alpha Gamma Delta." "We have continued to "serve others" by participating in various events to raise awareness

and funds for fighting food insecurity in the Tuscaloosa community. Some of these events include working Meals on Wheels routes, holding canned food drives, volunteering at local food banks, and packaging food with nonprofit organizations."

**Nick Weishaar** ('16) - Delta Chi fraternity at the University of Kansas supports the Jimmy V Foundation, supporting cancer research. As the Philanthropy Chair the last 2 years, Nick helped coordinate fundraisers every semester to raise money such as restaurant percentage night, email campaign to family and friends, a dunk tank, and a hot chocolate and chili dinner.

**Brennan Hale** ('12) - Delta Gamma Epsilon supports Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Knoxville. "I still donate to this cause as well as support the events," says Hale.

**Parker Williams Bohn** ('07) - Zeta Tau Alpha - Breast Cancer Awareness and Education - "I have maintained a connection with ZTA after graduation. I have helped the Vanderbilt Chapter as a mentor for their Programs Council, which includes philanthropy. We have created events at the school to spread awareness and education. If you go to a Vanderbilt Football game during the month of October, make sure to look out for the ZTA women handing out shower cards and pink ribbon pins!"

**Madie Bellante** ('11) - Delta Gamma, UTK - Service for

Sight - Madie worked with CLUB VIBES (Visually Impaired/Blind Enhanced Services) on many events such as hosting Christmas parties, providing tech and resume training, playing auditory based sports, and accompanying members on walks outside. While on study abroad, Madie continued supporting her philanthropy by volunteering with the visually impaired in Spain. Outside of DG, Madie worked with Big Brothers and Sisters, mentoring her "little sister" Jaykerianna for all 4 years of college.

**Christina Gerbic** ('17) - Sigma Kappa supports the Alzheimer's Association. We raise money for Alzheimer's research and to donate money to Tennesseans with Alzheimer's. We also participate in the "walk to end Alzheimer's," says Gerbic.

**Molly Humphreys** ('09) Alpha Delta Pi's philanthropy is the Ronald McDonald House "which was so cool because I remember collecting pop tabs in Mrs. Beavin's third grade class!"



**Hannah Hubbuch** ('16) - Alpha Delta Pi - Hubbuch had this to share: "My sorority's philanthropy is the Ronald McDonald House Charities, a charity that supports the families of sick children. I have loved

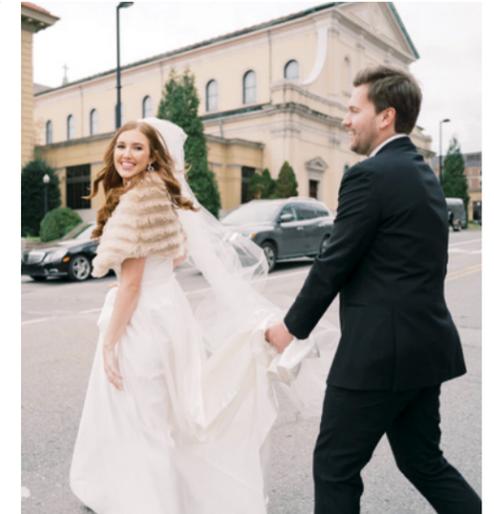
getting to continue 'serving others' through the events and fundraisers my chapter holds throughout the year. This year, we put on a pancake dinner called ADPI Hop that students could buy tickets to in order to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. We also recently had our event that we call the Walk for Ronald. Students can buy tickets to come to a local park for coffee and breakfast to walk around the park, collect shoes and donations, and write letters to the families who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House! Typically, we also are able to do service within the Ronald McDonald House, but due to Covid-19, we have refrained from visiting our local house to protect the families who live there. I am so thankful to have found a community to help me continue serving others!"



**Christian Ratterman** ('17) - Beta Upsilon Chi (BYX/Brothers Under Christ), University of Tennessee chapter, supports KARM, (Knox Area Rescue Ministry). KARM has stores throughout Knoxville where we can volunteer our time, and we have events throughout the year to help raise money for them. I also volunteer outside of our philanthropy - serving, for example, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Middle School LifeTeen. "Service remains a big part of who I am, and it is really awesome that I get to continue to grow that way with my brothers and those around me through opportunities that directly impact the Knoxville community in a positive way," shared Ratterman.



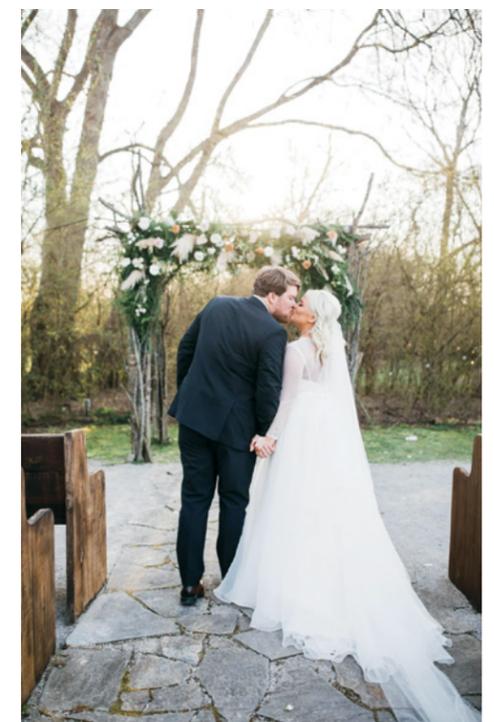
**Elizabeth & Benjamin Lampley** ('09) welcomed 9 lb., 11 oz. baby girl, Bridgette Marie Lampley on January 20, 2022.



**Kaitlyn Gilbert** ('09) wed Zachary Chrono in Nashville on Dec. 11, 2021



**Kaelene DeCoster** ('12) married Liam Mardis on Dec. 18, 2021 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Saint Louis. They will reside in Saint Louis as they finish graduate studies.



**Julianne & Grant Miller** ('10) wed on March 26, 2022. Seven of his groomsmen were SMS alumni.



*Saint Matthew School*

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*Once again voted Williamson's Best...*

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2022 WINNER

**BEST  
PRE-  
SCHOOL**

2

2022 WINNER

**BEST  
PRIVATE  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

3

2022 WINNER

**BEST  
PRIVATE  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**

4

2022 WINNER

**BEST  
MUSIC  
TEACHER**  
LAURA HOLDERMAN

Apple Distinguished School