

Chicago radio personality Kevin Matthews will share his spiritual journey of finding a broken statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary during a talk at 7:00 p.m., May 29 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 416 N. Chicago St. in Joliet. The free event is open to the public.

Matthews will tell his story of his early years in radio and stand-up comedy, his successful career, his struggle with multiple sclerosis, his awakening to the dignity of women, and, importantly, his chance encounter with a broken statue of Mary left next to a dumpster and all that happened as a result.

He had made the decision to not repair the statue to perfection because he said the broken hands reminded him that everyone is broken inside and the statue gives him and others hope. Matthews, who wrote the book, *Broken Mary: Journey of Hope*, will also bring the statue that hundreds of people had lined up to see and pray to after hearing his compelling story of hope and healing. His book will be on sale and there will be a book signing.

In 2008, Kevin Matthews, a well-known ABC and CBS radio personality in Chicago, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. He was a radio host for 17 years on AM 1000, The Loop and ABC and CBS radio, and also the voice of his sports commentator, Jim Shorts, and other characters.

Matthews entertained ten million listeners weekly, sold out every appearance in the Midwest, and performed in front of 65,000 fans at Grant Park. He traveled around the world, met the famous, had babies named after him, and helped countless charities. He entertained hundreds of thousands of people inside prisons, army bases, and backyards.

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