

OCTOBER 22, 2017 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 3:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 6:15 am
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 2:00 pm Wednesday-Friday: 7:45 am

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St. Matthew Apostle Mission Statement

St. Matthew Apostle Parish is a Catholic community committed to Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, blessed by Life, and guided by the Gospel. ~ Answering the call to follow Christ as disciples challenges us to support one another on our journey of faith and to witness that faith to others. ~ Dedicated to the mission of Christ, we strive to be a worshipping community reaching out, welcoming, and embracing all people.

Welcome to St. Matthew

We welcome all who want to deepen their relationship with God to join us. To become a registered member of our community, please call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	October 23—St. John of Capistrano (M) <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 6:15 a.m.	October 24—St. Anthony Mary Claret (M.) Special intention of Dottie Ballard
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	October 25 ✠Francis Lewis
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	October 26 ✠Gerry Auckly
Friday 8:30 a.m.	October 27 ✠Maggie Sabato
Saturday 3:00 p.m.	October 28 Vigil—29th Sunday in OT ✠Chuck Jennings
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	October 29 29th Sunday in OT ✠Anastasia Egbufor People of the Parish

**Please remember in prayer those who have died.
Grant them eternal rest and peace O Lord!**

SILVER THREADS

All parishioners age 55 and up are invited to join our group and share in our activities. If you haven't joined us lately, or not at all, check out the list of activities below and make plans to join us. You'll be glad you did.

October 25 — October Potluck—Bring your winter items! This month we will be enjoying fried chicken for lunch! We will also be collecting winter items for the CAC Christmas Store. Please bring hats, gloves, scarves, etc. to give to those who need extra warmth this winter! We will play penny bingo after lunch.

November 16 — Thanksgiving Dinner at the Gamber Center! We will be enjoying the delicious Thanksgiving Dinner at the Gamber Center again this year! See the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space for more information!

For more information about our group or attending any of our away activities, check the Gathering Space for sign-up sheets or call Thelma at 816-388-3257.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation is available for registered, active parishioners at Saint Matthew. Please contact Fr. Rocha for information on receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY & CHILI COOK OFF

On Sunday, October 29, we will have our annual Chili Cook Off and will also be celebrating the 11th anniversary of the dedication of our church! Head to the Family Room after the 11:00 Mass for some delicious chili and to hear the winner announced for our annual chili competition. Better yet, make your own family recipe and enter a chili into the competition!

There are sign up sheets in the Gathering Space for anyone interested in entering a chili into the Chili Cook-Off, or for those simply interested in attending. We hope to see you there!

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH...

and we are collecting baby items for the Women's Clinic of Kansas City located in Grandview. The Women's Clinic of KC is a community supported 501(c)3 pregnancy resource center offering free services to young women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. Their goal is to build healthy families by providing free medical crisis intervention, prevention education, and family development support.

Bring your baby items: disposable diapers (Newborn and Size 1 only), baby blankets, baby clothes (Newborn to 12 months), baby bottles, baby wipes, lotions, shampoo, baby bath, etc., and place them in the baby crib in the Gathering Space anytime throughout the month of October and we will deliver them to the Clinic. These items need to be new/unused. Sorry, due to a lack of space items such as baby furniture, car seats, strollers, etc. can not be accepted. If you prefer to make a financial donation, please make your checks payable to The Women's Clinic of Kansas City.

CROP HUNGER WALK

Thank you to all those who donated to the CROP Walk! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We thank all who have pledged or given to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). If you are still considering your ability to join the Appeal, please realize that we all benefit by the programs and services that the Appeal supports. Educating children in Catholic Schools, training of future priests in seminaries, reaching out to poor to provide housing and food for their families, and helping ensure healthy marriages are all direct benefits of your gift. We have placed pledge envelopes in all pews this weekend. Please use these envelopes to help us meet our financial goal to enable the Catholic Church in Northwest Missouri to be a beacon of hope to those in need.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	October 23
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
Tuesday	October 24
9:00 am	Homeschool Coop
Wednesday	October 25
9:00 am	Adoration Homeschool Coop
11:30 am	Silver Threads Potluck
2:00 pm	Benediction
7:00 pm	Little Saints
Thursday	October 26
9:00 am	Homeschool Coop
1:00 pm	Catholicism Series
6:00 pm	Manos Amigas
Sunday	October 29
12:00 pm	Chili Cook Off
2:00 pm	Youth Group Outing
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

At our last meeting we had some fun learning about God's Will. With the young adults taking on the roles of saints, pope, even Jesus and a putter and golf balls, we discovered how difficult it is doing the will of God (the youth group could not sink a putt if their lives depended on it!) We also discussed the trip to the Liberty Corn Maze on the 29th, had snacks and lit a candle in honor of the Blessed Mother.

Our next meeting will be October 22 at 7:00 pm. We are excited to have Deacon Joe McNeal as a guest speaker talking to us about the Sacrament of Baptism. Young adults wishing to receive Confirmation are required to attend these meetings.

Any questions, call Vince Torrez at 816-916-7510 or contact the Parish Office.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL

This weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. St. Paul asked the Gentile Churches to take up a collection and support the churches in Jerusalem. Now we are asked to reach out and support the young churches throughout our world. Your prayers and generous gifts to the Society for the Propagation of Faith will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God.

There will not be a second collection, just put your envelope marked World Mission Sunday Appeal in the collection basket with your weekly contribution envelope. There are also Mission Sunday envelopes available in the Gathering Space or any envelope marked the same will work.

TOOTSIE ROLLS AND BREAKFAST

Please consider supporting the Knights of Columbus next weekend, October 28 and 29!

They will be present after all the Masses on the weekend of October 28 and 29 as part of their Annual Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD) Drive. They will be passing out tootsie rolls and raising money to benefit those with developmental disabilities. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

On Sunday, October 29, they will also be hosting their 5th Sunday Communion Breakfast. The Knights will join us for the 8:00 am Mass and everyone is invited to attend their breakfast afterward, beginning at 9:15 at the Knights of Columbus Hall (5111 E 112 Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64137.)

...AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD

The drama of the Gospel is being played out all around us today. We are to "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Mt 22:21). Some would like to drown out the voice of Jesus. There will always be those who oppose giving to God what belongs to God. But we have God's image on us, we belong to God, and the only way to true happiness is to put God first in our lives. The closer we come to God, the more we become friends of God, the more we want to give to God, who has given everything to us in the first place. If we give only to Caesar and not to God, Caesar will not be there to welcome us to eternity or to judge how we lived. "Why did God make you? God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, in order to be happy with Him forever in Heaven (Balt. Cat. Lesson 1 #6).

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Rocha

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of October 14 & 15

Weekly Parish Contribution \$3,443.97

This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$24,125.00
Total Contributed to Date	\$15,843.12
Needed To Meet Budget	\$8,281.88

Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Total Budgeted Income	\$289,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$77,529.11
Difference To Date	- \$211,970.89

Thank you for your continued support to our parish. The gifts of your time, talents, and treasure are greatly appreciated.

REPORT CHILD ABUSE OF ANY KIND

The Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Kathleen Chastain, Victim Advocate at 816-392-0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

INFORMATION SHEET

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