

NOVEMBER 19, 2017 — THIRTY THIRD 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	November 20 <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 6:15 a.m.	November 21—Presentation of Mary (M.) Brandon Clark
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	November 22—St. Cecilia (M.) ✠Kip and Desi Odion
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	November 23— St. Clement I (M.) People of St. Matthew Apostle
Friday	November 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions (M.) <i>No Mass</i>
Saturday 3:00 p.m.	November 25 Vigil—Solemnity of Christ the King People of the Parish
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	November 26 Solemnity of Christ the King ✠Myron Garth ✠Don Smith

**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.

December 13 — Christmas Potluck! We will be serving ham and playing penny bingo. We will also have a Christmas Carol sing-along, so get ready to belt some of your favorite holiday tunes!

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.

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. Please take time this week to consider how your support of these programs and ministries can transform lives and build our faith through your sacrificial gifts.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

ANGEL TREE

If you would like to have an "Angel" ornament dedicated to someone you loved that has passed away, please complete one of the forms found in the Gathering Space and return it in an envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Donations are appreciated. Your completed form must be turned in NO LATER than Sunday, December 3.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Winter Blood Drive will be on Monday, December 4, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please call Shirley Dobbins at 816-761-3278 for your appointment. If you receive a voice message, PLEASE call back with your "Yes" or "No."

PHOTOS OF OUR BELOVED DEAD

The month of November is a traditional time when the church remembers all those we have lost. As we have done in past years, we will put up a photo display of our beloved dead. You are invited to bring in your framed photos for our November display, beginning November 1. Please place your photos on the table that will be set up in the Gathering Space and remember to write your name and phone number on the back if you would like your picture returned.

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES

There are sign up sheets on the Ministry Board for anyone interested in signing up for a ministry for Christmas Masses.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our young adults did an admirable job during the Youth Mass on November 12. Again I received many compliments on their participation at Mass, but Monsignor Gregory paid them the highest compliment by saying at the end of Mass that if this is an example of our youth today then our future church is in good hands. (My heart swelled when I heard him say this!)

After Mass we discussed the upcoming trip to SkyZone on the 26th of November. Our next meeting will be the 19th of November where we will learn about the role the Sacrament of Reconciliation plays in staying on the path to heaven.

Thank you: Some of the youth group members are stepping up into leadership roles in the group and providing good insight to the younger members. This is great. Thank you very much!

Also, our love and prayers are needed for one of our young adults who recently lost a grandparent.

Any questions, call Vince Torrez at 913-575-9496 or contact the Parish Office.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King:
Ex 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	November 20
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
Tuesday	November 21
10:00 am	Quilters & Crafters
Wednesday	November 22
9:00 am	Adoration
2:00 pm	Benediction
Thursday	November 23—Thanksgiving
	<i>All Parish Offices will be closed.</i>
Sunday	November 26
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group

HELP GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree for those families in our community who need help this Christmas is in the Gathering Space.

We encourage you to bring new, unwrapped gifts any time now through the weekend of December 2-3 and place them in the large gift-wrapped box. Lists of suggested items are available.

We will deliver your gifts to the CAC in time for their Holiday Store opening in early December. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

THE CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Our 2018 parish calendars are here! We ask that you take only one calendar per parish family so every family has the chance to get one. Any extras will be made available in December.

We would like to extend a special thank-you to the families of Harold Erichsen, Cliff Shipley, Gary Bruton, Leo and Pinky Lantsberger, Ted Rastorfer, Joe Oakley, Carol Ann Burns-Wixom, Stan Lukowski, Gerald Auckly and Myron Garth who generously provided us with our 2018 parish calendars in memory of their deceased loved ones. If you get the opportunity, please thank them for their generous gift!

TOMORROW'S PRIESTS FUND APPEAL

The Vocation Office has wonderful news—we now have 29 young men studying for the priesthood at several different seminaries around the world. This is a wonderful blessing for our diocese and also a great challenge for us financially. Please help us support “Tomorrow’s Priests”, our seminarians. The appeal will take place this weekend, November 18 and 19.

There will not be a second collection, just put your envelope marked “Tomorrow’s Priests Vocation Fund” in the collection basket. Please give prayerful consideration to donating to this wonderful appeal.

2017 GUIDE BOOK AND DIRECTORY

Please keep an eye out for your 2017 Guide Book and Directory! It should be arriving in the next week or so!

Thank you to everyone who updated their addresses and phone numbers! If you notice your number or address is not correct, please contact Jess so that she can update it!

WELL DONE MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Today’s parable is about the servant who lacked courage, and who being fear-driven, was consequently unproductive, excusing himself by accusing his Master of being a hard man. This servant, like the foolish virgins in last week’s gospel, was looking for an excuse. He was in a state of denial, denying his own responsibilities.

But what about us? Do we realize that we too will face our own Day of Judgment; that our own little world will one day come to an end? What about our own productivity and accountability? Are our decisions fear-based or faith-based?

These last Sundays, bringing us to the end of the Church year, ought to challenge us – even disturb us. While it is true that Jesus is meek and mild, boundlessly compassionate and merciful, and that He loves us unconditionally, it is likewise true that He has great and high expectations of us. After all, God our Father didn’t create us to do nothing. It’s what He created us *for* that ought to occupy our attention, disturb our conscience, and prod us into spiritual productivity.

How else can we reveal God’s kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven?

Have a Blessed week!

Fr. Rocha

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of November 11 & 12

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$3,938.25
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This Month’s Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$24,125.00
Total Contributed to Date	\$12,127.95
Needed To Meet Budget	\$11,997.05

Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Total Budgeted Income	\$289,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$97,985.24
Difference To Date	– \$191,514.76

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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