

OCTOBER 29, 2017 — THIRTIETH 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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 30</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 31</b> 6:15 a.m. Eddie Bruton
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 1—Solemnity of All Saints</b> 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish 6:00 p.m. ✕Bonnie Davis
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 2—All Souls' Day</b> 8:30 a.m. ✕All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 3—St. Martin de Porres (M.)</b> 8:30 a.m. ✕Michael Egbufor
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 4</b> <b>Vigil—31st Sunday in OT</b> 3:00 p.m. ✕Thomas Whiteman
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 5</b> <b>31st Sunday in OT</b> 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish 11:00 a.m. ✕Pattie Ransom

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.

**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! **Please sign up by Sunday, November 5!**

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.

## Join us this weekend for our Annual Chili Cook-off!!!

We will be going downstairs after the 11:00 Mass to enjoy some delicious chili perfected by some of our parishioners! There will also be chili fixings and several desserts! And we have goodie bags for the kiddos! You do not want to miss out!

**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon**

## CALLING ALL VOICES!

Would you be interested in joining our choir for Christmas? We will begin having weekly practices in November, and would love to have many people involved! If you are interested, please see Fr. Rocha after Mass!

IN  
MEMORIAM



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## 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.

## 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.

## TOOTSIE ROLLS AND BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be present after all the Masses this weekend, 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 appreciated.

On Sunday, October 29, they will also be hosting their 5th Sunday Communion Breakfast. 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.)

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
Mat 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9; Mt 23:1-12

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 30</b>
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 31</b>
9:00 am	Homeschool Coop
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 1—ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
9:00 am	Adoration
	Homeschool Coop
2:00 pm	Benediction
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 2</b>
9:00 am	Homeschool Coop
1:00 pm	Catholicism Series
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 5</b>
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group
7:00 pm	Youth Group

**We will have a visiting Priest from the Vincentian Order all Weekend!**

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

11 years ago today (October 29, 2006), I was honored to assist Bishop Finn as he rededicated St. Matthew Apostle Catholic Church in south Kansas City. Little did I know that I would be back to your parish assigned as your Pastor. I often wonder about all the Masses that have been celebrated on the altar since the rededication, along with the baptisms, marriages, and funerals that have helped shape a church community of love.

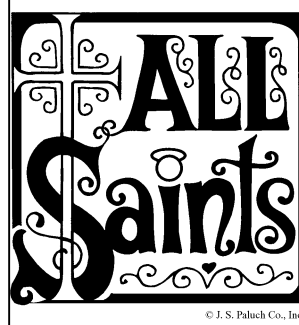
The readings for this Sunday are very fitting for our anniversary. And how appropriate the Gospel of this day, from the Apostle Matthew: Jesus' command to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. The purpose of the parish of St. Matthew is to help us as Catholics learn and live out these commands. Inspired by the Eucharist, the people of St. Matthew Apostle have taken the love of Christ outside the church walls. God's command to love doesn't just begin and end here at Mass.

For the past 50+ years, the parishioners of St. Matthew have been strengthened and inspired to take care of the poor, the sick, the elderly, to educate our children in faith, and to share the Gospel of Jesus.

And may we never forget the example of our patron saint, who immediately rose from his tax collector's table when Jesus said, "Follow me." Let us experience Jesus' call, his invitation to love, that we would follow him immediately, put aside everything and carry out his command of love.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Rocha



**The Solemnity of All Saints  
is Wednesday, November 1.  
It is a Holy Day of  
Obligation.**

**Mass times on Wednesday,  
November 1:  
8:30 am & 6:00 pm**

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

At our last meeting we welcomed Monica Miller to our youth group who will help out the group as a second adult/youth minister. Deacon Joe McNeal gave a talk on the Sacrament of Baptism which was very informative and inspirational with the young adults asking him many questions (we have a curious bunch thirsting for knowledge of our faith). Also a couple students missed last week and they made up last week's lesson with Deacon Joe participating. We finally had someone who made a hole-in-one! (The lesson involved God's will, a putter and some golf balls; and no, it wasn't the Deacon who scored that hole-in-one.) The trip to the Liberty Corn Maze on the 29th and the Youth Mass on November 12 were discussed.

Our next meeting will be November 5 at 7:00 pm. Young adults wishing to receive Confirmation are required to attend these meetings. Any teen in high school is also welcome to join.

Any questions, call Vince Torrez at 913-575-9496 (my new phone number) or contact the Parish Office.

Special Notice: Dawn Blackman has been a great help to our youth group getting her girls to the meetings and even staying and helping out and participating when a second adult was not available. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

## FINANCIAL FIGURES

### For the weekend of October 21 & 22

Weekly Parish Contribution \$3,524.47

### This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month \$24,125.00

Total Contributed to Date \$19,367.59

Needed To Meet Budget \$4,757.41

### Year-to-Date Comparisons

#### **July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018**

Total Budgeted Income \$289,500.00

Total Actual Income \$81,053.58

Difference To Date – \$208,446.42

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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