

DECEMBER 17, 2017 — THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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	December 18 <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	December 19 6:15 a.m. Juanita Oakley
Wednesday	December 20 8:30 a.m. ✕Joe Putthoff
Thursday	December 21—St. Peter Canisius 8:30 a.m. ✕Tony Morbach
Friday	December 22 8:30 a.m. ✕Kip and Desi Odion
Saturday	December 23 Vigil—Fourth Sunday of Advent People of the Parish
3:00 p.m.	
Sunday	December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. ✕Bob and Debbie Duehren

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.

January 24 — Our Next Potluck! There is no special theme for the January potluck, but we will have a guest presenter! Julie Lane from Health and Wellness Group will be giving a presentation on health issues. Join us for this delicious food and what is sure to be an interesting presentation!

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.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

Thanks to everyone who generously donated items for the CAC Holiday Store. Our gifts were distributed to those in our community who are experiencing hardship and are having trouble providing for their families this holiday season.

God bless all of you who help the CAC in their efforts to serve the people in our community not only during the holiday season but throughout the entire year. Your Christmas gifts and donations of food for Thanksgiving meals and the CAC food pantry and school supplies for the children in our school district are greatly appreciated by the CAC and the families they serve year round. Thank you for helping those in need!

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

CATHOLIC KEY SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Did you know our parish is required to purchase a set number of Catholic Key subscriptions every year? The weekend of January 6 & 7, we will ask you to renew your subscription to the Catholic Key by making a \$25 annual renewal fee to the parish. By doing so you can help the parish cover this expense and allow us to use it toward another area of ministry. Just mark your envelope "SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT: \$25" and put it in the collection basket. Thanks for your generosity!

2017 YEAR END TAX NOTICE

Sunday, December 31, 2017 will be the last collection for the current tax year. Anything received after this date will be credited to the tax year 2018. Our Parish relies on your generous and consistent giving, so thank you all for the gifts of your time, talent and treasure to St. Matthew Apostle!

VOCATION CRUCIFIX

Carol Hoover will have the Vocation Crucifix in her home this week. Please join her in praying for vocations.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space for December and January. Please consider signing up for a week!



"You just *have* to say grace here tonight, Pastor Al. Tonight we can thank God officially!"

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent are:
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	December 18
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
Tuesday	December 19
10:00 am	Quilters & Crafters
Wednesday	December 20
9:00 am	Adoration
2:00 pm	Benediction

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

It was a glorious day last Sunday at the Youth Mass as two of our young adults received the Eucharist for the first time! We had a celebration afterwards in the Youth Group room and a small meeting where we discussed the upcoming youth group meeting and next year's agenda. We are going to change the time of the Youth Mass to the 8:00 or 3:00 Mass time.

Our next meeting will be December 17th at 7:00 pm. Snacks, games, music, planning, prayer will all be on the agenda. We will also have a special guest who will help us out with a video project.

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

Special thanks to Sofia and Brianda's parents for brining tasty Mexican sweet bread to eat after Mass and for bringing your daughters to Jesus' table for the Bread of Life!

ATTENTION PARENTS

There will be NO Little Saints PSR classes on Wednesday, December 20 or Wednesday, December 27.

There will be NO High School Youth Group Sunday, December 24 or Sunday, December 31. Have a safe and joy-filled Christmas and New Year!

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of December 9 & 10

Weekly Parish Contribution \$6,321.13

This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month \$24,125.00
 Total Contributed to Date \$14,074.58
 Needed To Meet Budget \$10,050.42

Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Total Budgeted Income \$289,500.00
 Total Actual Income \$120,895.23
 Difference To Date - \$168,604.77

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

DIFFERENT MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 23/24 AND DECEMBER 30/31



Because both Christmas and New Year fall on a Monday this year, the Sunday Mass schedule for both December 24 and December 31 will be somewhat different. There will be a Sunday morning

Mass at 9:00 am, but **there will not be a Mass at 8:00 am or 11:00 am on either of those Sundays.** Below are the complete schedules for those two weekends:

Mass Times for the 4th Sunday of Advent:

Saturday, December 23:

3:00 pm

Sunday, December 24:

9:00 am

Mass Times for Christmas:

Sunday, December 24:

4:00 pm

Monday, December 25:

9:00 am

Mass Times for the Feast of the Holy Family:

Saturday, December 30:

3:00 pm

Sunday, December 31:

9:00 am

Mass Times for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God:

Sunday, December 31:

4:00 pm

Monday, January 1:

9:00 am

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.

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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