

FEBRUARY 4, 2018 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

8001 LONGVIEW ROAD, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64134



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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	February 5—St. Agatha (M) <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 6:15 a.m.	February 6—St. Paul Miki & Companions (M) ✠Urban Daniel
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	February 7 ✠Aron Jansens
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	February 8—St. Josephine Bakhita (M) ✠Robert Van De Vyvere
Friday 8:30 a.m.	February 9 ✠Bernard Martin
Saturday 3:00 p.m.	February 10 Vigil—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	February 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠Myron Garth ✠Marcus Foster

**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.

February 28 — Our Next Potluck! There will be more details to come, but you'll want to circle the date and plan on coming!

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

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A weekend away for a lifetime of change. Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth emerging from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning.

The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **MARCH 2-4, at Precious Blood Center, Liberty, MO.** If you would like more information, please contact Lori by phone at 913-980-7966, visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, or email: register.bekc@gmail.com.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

HOPE AFRICA COLLECTION

Francis and Eunice John and their sons are collecting pencils, pens, erasers, chalk, etc. for rural African students. As volunteers in the federally recognized tax exempt charity "Hope Africa," they will have collection boxes in the Gathering Space. Thank you for any materials you may provide!

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.

YOUTH NEWS

At our last meeting we were all business. We discussed the Youth Mass which will be February 18 at the 11:00 Mass. We also talked about combining our youth group with another parish youth group; it was not unanimous to do this so we will continue to pray on this. Also, our Confirmation candidates are really close to being ready as we get all of our requirements wrapped up. We also had a discussion on "Prayer" which was our topic for the evening. We focused mainly on personal prayer. Of course we also consumed snacks and lit a candle in honor of the Blessed Mother.

Our next meeting will be February 4 at 7 pm. All Confirmation candidates must attend this meeting. No exceptions. Also, all high school students of St. Matthew Apostle are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Questions: call Vince Torrez 913-575-9496 or contact the church office.

ATTENTION LECTORS!

Fr. Rocha would like to have a brief meeting with all the lectors after all the Masses next weekend. Please just plan on staying a little late after whichever Mass you attend on February 10th or 11th. Thank you for your dedication to St. Matthew Apostle!

AN INVITATION

If you have not already done so, we invite you to become a part of our parish family by registering as a member/family. We have noticed that we have a number of people who come to celebrate Mass with us on a regular basis who are not registered members at St. Matthew's.

If you consider St. Matthew's "Your Parish", we encourage you to call the Parish Office, 816-763-0208, and we will send you a Parish Census form to complete and return.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:13-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	February 5
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
Tuesday	February 6
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
10:00 am	Quilters & Crafters
Wednesday	February 7
9:00 am	Adoration
	Homeschool Co-op
2:00 pm	Benediction
7:00 pm	Little Saints
Thursday	February 8
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
6:00 pm	Manos Amigas
Saturday	February 10
4:00 pm	Meeting with Lectors after Mass
Sunday	February 11
9:00 am	Meeting with Lectors after Mass
12:00 pm	Meeting with Lectors after Mass
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group
7:00 pm	Youth Group

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Join our parish community—and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the Gathering Space on Ash Wednesday and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

2017 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

This is the last weekend your year-end tax statements will be in the Gathering Space. If you are unable to pick them up this weekend, they will be available for you to pick-up in the Parish Office anytime during regular office hours.

Thank you for your past and continued support to our parish.

LITURGICAL WORKSHOP AT SMA!!!

If you are interested in being trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or as a Lector, please come to this training! The workshop will take place on Saturday, February 17 from 9:00 am until around 11:30 am at St. Matthew Apostle. The morning will begin with the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training and the training for lectors will follow. This training is completely FREE. If you would like to be an EMHC, please show up by 9:00 am. If you want to be a Lector, please arrive by 10:00 am. And if you would like to be trained as both, please arrive by 9:00 am and plan on staying until 11:30. Please consider this!!



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There will be two Masses offered on Wednesday, February 14. The morning Mass will be at 8:30 am, and the evening Mass will be at 7:00 pm. Both Masses will take place in the main worship space.

THROAT BLESSINGS AFTER MASS TODAY!

We will be offering a Blessing of Throats after all Masses this weekend, February 3rd and 4th. This Blessing originated with St. Blaise, a bishop in Armenia. St. Blaise lived during a time of persecution and had been imprisoned for his faith. While he was in prison, a young boy was brought to him because he was choking on a fish bone stuck in his throat. Blaise gave the boy a blessing, the bone miraculously became dislodged, and the boy's life was saved. Whether you have a throat ailment or not, come and get your throat blessed this weekend!

NEED PRAYERS? WANT TO BE A PRAYER ANGEL?

Prayers offer emotional, spiritual and physical healing. God bless all of you for your support through your love and prayers. Send your Prayer Angel requests to Becky McNeal at prayerangels15@gmail.com or call her at 816-763-6899.

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of January 27 & 28

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$6,494.94
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This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$24,125.00
Total Contributed to Date	\$16,881.90
Needed To Meet Budget	\$7,243.10

Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Total Budgeted Income	\$289,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$158,270.15
Difference To Date	- \$131,229.85

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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