

MARCH 11, 2018 — THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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	March 12 <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	March 13 6:15 a.m. ✕Robert Curless
Wednesday	March 14 8:30 a.m. ✕Willie Shrewsbury
Thursday	March 15 8:30 a.m. ✕Francis Lewis
Friday	March 16 8:30 a.m. ✕Kip & Desi Odion
Saturday	March 17 Vigil—5th Sunday of Lent 3:00 p.m. ✕Carol Ann Burns Wixom and Bob Burns
Sunday	March 18 5th Sunday of Lent 8:00 a.m. ✕Myron Garth 11:00 a.m. 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.

March 28 — March Potluck! There will be more details to follow, but for now just mark your calendar!

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Communal penance services will be held at:

- Tues, Mar 13—St. Sabina Parish, Belton—7:00 pm
- Mon, Mar 19—St. Bernadette/Lourdes (at Lourdes)—6:00 pm
- Tues, Mar 20—St. Catherine of Siena—7:00 pm
- Wed, Mar 21—Regis/St. Matthew (at SMA)—6:30 pm

Mark your calendars and don't miss out on the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance prior to Easter!

MAY THEY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Please remember to keep the sick, hospitalized, and homebound members of our parish family in your daily prayers. And, please notify the parish office when a loved one is hospitalized.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

NOTES ON THE GOSPEL

I wanted to share with you a couple of thoughts on today's Gospel that I found on the Vatican Radio website:

“The uplifted serpent: John refers to an Old Testament story given in Numbers 21:4-9. On their journey through the wilderness, the people of Israel murmured and complained, regretting that they had ever left Egypt. To punish them, God sent a plague of deadly serpents. When the people repented and cried for mercy, God instructed Moses to make an image of a serpent in bronze and to hold it up in the midst of the camp so that those who looked upon the serpent might be healed through the power of God. In today's Gospel lesson, Nicodemus learns that, like Moses' bronze serpent, Jesus, too, must be “lifted up” (a contemporary euphemism for being crucified), and that the act of His being “lifted up” will similarly bring about salvation. This is the first of three references in John's Gospel to Jesus being “lifted up” (cf. 8:28, 12:32-34). Specifically, this reference foreshadows the crucifixion of Jesus who carried with him the burden of the sins of the world. When humans turn their thoughts to their crucified Savior and believe in him, they too will find eternal life. Jesus was lifted up twice: on the Cross and at his Ascension into Heaven. Just as the cross was the way to glory for Jesus, so it is for us. We can, if we like, refuse the cross that every Christian is called to bear. It is an unalterable law of human life, however, that without the cross, there is no crown...

“The Gospel of the Gospels: John 3:16 is probably the best loved verse in the Bible and it has been called “everybody's text” and the “Gospel of the Gospels.” “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” This is the summary of the Gospel message of salvation through Christ Jesus. This text is the very essence of the Gospel. It tells us that the initiative in all salvation is God's love for man. As St. Augustine puts it: “God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love.” It also explains to us the universality of the love of God. God's motive is love and God's objective is salvation. Those who actually receive eternal life must believe in the Son.”

- Fr. Anthony Kadavil



SHARE THE GIFT OF MUSIC!

We are looking to increase the number of cantors we have here at St. Matthew Apostle. If you would like to help lead the congregation in song, please contact Lori Radosevic, 816-896-0143 or radosevicL@hotmail.com. Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent:
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	March 12
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
4:15 pm	Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	March 13
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
Wednesday	March 14
9:00 am	Adoration
	Homeschool Co-op
11:30 am	St. Peter and the Call to Conversion
2:00 pm	Benediction
7:00 pm	Little Saints
Thursday	March 15
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
Friday	March 16
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sunday	March 18
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group
7:00 pm	Youth Group

All Weekend: Potluck Pastry

"ST. PETER AND THE CALL TO COVERSION"

On Wednesday, March 14, Fr. Haake will be giving a two-part presentation on St. Peter and the Call to Conversion. The talk begins at 11:30 am. There will be a light luncheon around 12:30, followed by the second half of the presentation. The talk will end around 1:40, and people are welcome to stay for Benediction at 2:00. This is a great presentation to attend for the Lenten season. Please consider joining us!

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.

YOUTH NEWS

Our latest meeting was last Sunday and it was quite the meeting! We began with Praise and Adoration at St. Catherine Parish. It was beautifully done. There was live music while our Lord was exposed creating a nice atmosphere to adore our God. After Adoration we had a chili supper with root beer floats and also had a chance to meet with their youth director to compare notes and find out more about their youth program with the intention of combining the two programs for various functions. (We are still in the early stages.)

After supper we headed to St. Matthew Apostle for our youth meeting at 7:00 where snacks were plenty and two unexpected guests made for an exciting time. We told stories and planned many things: the Youth Mass, Longview clean up/cookout, a lock-in, trips to nature trails and helping with the Easter Egg Hunt. We are a busy group!

Our next meeting will be March 11th after the 11:00 Youth Mass. Any questions, call Vince at 913-575-9496 or contact the parish office.

HELP WANTED

CAN YOU HELP?

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is fast approaching and we need your candy donations to fill our eggs. Please drop off 1-2 bags of candy at Mass March 17-18. Thank you for being generous.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHRIMP DINNER

The Bishop O'Hara Council will be hosting a Lenten shrimp dinner on Friday, March 16 at the Knights Hall (5111 E 112 Terrace) There will be boiled shrimp, potatoes, corn, bread, and coleslaw. 1 pound is \$15, 1/2 pound is \$10, and children under 12 will receive 1/4 pound of shrimp for \$5. If you have not checked out their shrimp dinner yet, you won't want to miss it!

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE TRIDUUM!

Thursday	March 29—Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	March 30—Good Friday
7:00 p.m.	Passion & Veneration of the Cross
Saturday	March 31—Holy Saturday
8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	April 1—Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m.	Easter Morning Mass
11:00 a.m.	Easter Morning Mass

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of March 3 & 4

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$7,741.86
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This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$24,125.00
Total Contributed to Date	\$7,741.86
Needed To Meet Budget	\$16,383.14

Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Total Budgeted Income	\$289,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$189,487.06
Difference To Date	- \$100,012.94

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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