

MARCH 18, 2018 — THE FIFTH 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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## PARISH OFFICE

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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>March 19—St. Joseph (S)</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 20</b> 6:15 a.m. ✕Eileen Williams
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 21</b> 8:30 a.m. Nathan Golder
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 22</b> 8:30 a.m. Ricky Erichsen
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo (m)</b> 8:30 a.m. ✕Mike Melena
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 24</b> <b>Vigil—Palm Sunday</b> 3:00 p.m. People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 25</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. ✕Jody Anderson 11:00 a.m. ✕Dottie Ballard

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 is no specific theme for this potluck, so just bring your favorite dish! Plan on enjoying a nice meal and some wonderful company!

**March 28 — "Sister Act" at the New Dinner Theatre!** We will be going to the New Dinner Theatre to see the classic performance of "Sister Act" on Wednesday, June 6. We will be carpooling from St. Matthew Apostle at 11:00 am. The cost is \$33. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. We only have 20 tickets, so sign up today!

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:

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!

**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon**

## A COUPLE THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

**"The metaphors of the "dying grain of wheat" and of the "surrendered life":** Jesus explains to his apostles that it is by his suffering and death that he is bringing life and liberation to the sinful world, just as a grain of wheat sown in the field ceases to remain itself alone, "just a seed," by germinating and then growing into a plant which produces many new grains of wheat. In the same way, it is by the self-sacrificial lives of holy men and women that life and salvation come to mankind. In other words, when we "die" to our selfishness, we "rise" to new life in Jesus Christ. To be "buried in the earth" means avoiding sin, accepting suffering and living for others.

**"Life messages: 1) New life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through suffering and service.** Salt delivers its taste by dissolving in water; a candle gives light by burning its wick and melting its wax. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray for this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent."

-Fr. Anthony Kadavil

## CAN YOU HELP?

The Easter Bunny invites you to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt after both Masses on Easter Sunday. If you forgot your candy today for the Easter Egg Hunt and still want to donate, you can bring it next weekend. We need several volunteers to help with the egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Please call Becky McNeal at 763-6899 to volunteer.

## 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. Welcome to our parish!

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 6th Sunday of Lent:

Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 19</b>
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 20</b>
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
10:00 am	Quilters and Crafters
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 21</b>
9:00 am	Adoration Homeschool Co-op
2:00 pm	Benediction
6:30 pm	Penance Service at SMA
7:00 pm	Little Saints/1st Confessions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 22</b>
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 23</b>
6:00 pm	Holy Hour
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 25</b>
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group
7:00 pm	Youth Group

**All Weekend: Holy Land Appeal**

### DON'T FORGET . . .

to bring your CRS Rice Bowls at any one of our Holy Week services: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday.

Thank you all for the sacrifices you made during Lent to help feed the hungry around the world.

### JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE TRIDUUM!

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

### GIVE "THE GIFT OF LIFE"

Our next blood drive will be Monday, April 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you would like to donate, contact Shirley Dobbins at 816-761-3278 or at [sfdobbins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfdobbins@sbcglobal.net). If you receive a call asking if you will be able to donate, please answer, whether your answer is a "yes" or a "no."

If able to donate, drink lots of water and bring your photo ID!

### GRAB A SHOEBOX!

If you have not had a chance to pick up a shoebox yet, there is still time! The "Shoebox Shower" helps Women's Shelters in the Kansas City area collect hygiene items for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Shoe boxes and lists of suggested items are available in the Gathering Space. Please bring boxes back by the weekend of April 7 & 8.

### THE ANNUAL HOLY LAND APPEAL . . .

will be next weekend, March 24 and 25. As a collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Holy Land Appeal offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect Holy Places. When you donate to this appeal you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Please give prayerful consideration to donating to this appeal. Thank you.

### YOUTH NEWS

The last Youth Group meeting took place after the Youth Mass on Sunday. We enjoyed donuts and chocolate milk, took care of some business and were delighted to have a visit from Becky McNeal who discussed the details of the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. The group is helping out with this event and it sounds like a good time for both children and parents.

The Youth Group is working on doing some service work in the parish neighborhood and planning activities which involve go-carts, hiking, camping, the KC Zoo, a lock-in; all of which will keep us quite busy up until summer. We will also be continuing the monthly Youth Mass.

Unfortunate news came our way right before the Youth Mass. One of our Youth members was injured in an auto accident on Saturday and is in the hospital. Please keep Brian Soriano and his family in your prayers as he recovers from his injuries.

Our next meeting will be March 18th at 7:00 pm. Any questions, call Vince at 913-575-9496 or contact the office.

### *FINANCIAL FIGURES*

#### For the weekend of March 10 & 11

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$3,907.82
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#### This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$24,125.00
Total Contributed to Date	\$11,649.68
Needed To Meet Budget	\$12,475.32

#### Year-to-Date Comparisons

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

Total Budgeted Income	\$289,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$193,394.88
Difference To Date	-\$96,105.12

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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

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