

APRIL 15, 2018 — THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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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

Monday	April 16—Easter Weekday <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 6:15 a.m.	April 17—Easter Weekday ✠Frank Heckadon
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	April 18—Easter Weekday ✠Dottie Ballard
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	April 19—Easter Weekday ✠Pinky Maschka
Friday 8:30 a.m.	April 20—Easter Weekday ✠Aurora Doherty
Saturday 3:00 p.m.	April 21 Vigil—Fourth Sunday of Easter People of the Parish
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	April 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter ✠Myron Garth ✠Deceased Members of the Tonnar Family

**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.

April 25 — Potluck! We will be going to lunch at Ranch Café, formerly Shirley's Restaurant, on the outer road of 71 highway in Grandview, near the Wonder Bread Store. Please sign up in the Gathering Space so we can let them know how many are coming. Meet at the Ranch at 11:30 am. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you need a ride and your phone number.

June 6 — "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.

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

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

I keep telling myself that we are in the Easter season and not Christmas as I look out the window and see snow, hear of cooler temperatures, and keep looking for the signs of spring. We are in mid-April, and the joy of Easter continues. We need to keep looking forward and keep our eyes fixed on the Risen Lord. In the upcoming weeks we will celebrate First Holy Communion with our youth. We pray for them as they prepare to be renewed in the Spirit and prepare to receive Our Lord Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist. Hopefully, it reminds all of us of the time we received these sacraments and how our eyes have been opened by the Spirit to see and serve the Risen Lord in all that we do.

In the recent week, I have brought back the distribution of Holy Communion under both species. I have noticed, however, some "near misses" when an Extraordinary Minister has to travel with the chalice to distribute the Precious Blood to someone in the pews. Because of the danger of spillage, Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under one species (Host) to those unable to come up to receive. Please keep in mind that when you receive Our Lord under one species, you still receive Him: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Jesus says in today's gospel, "Why are you troubled? Why do questions arise in your hearts?" Our faith is deepened through the sacraments, and our youth remind us that God's love is always renewing and calling our parish community to walk closely with Our Lord. Is Jesus calling you to a deeper commitment this Easter Season to focus on your gifts and how you can share them within the parish community?

Continue to be blessed this Easter Season! May Jesus open our minds and hearts to understand the scriptures and affirm us in our mission.

And let us thank Almighty God for the blessings that He has bestowed upon us. He continues to bless us in many ways, and we look forward to the blessings yet to come as we "Trust in Jesus". Pray for the parish each day that we may be open to God's plan and know clearly where His plan will take us.

In His Divine Mercy,

Fr. Rocha

TOTUS TUUS

We will be doing Totus Tuus in combination with Regis this year. The dates will be July 14-20. Kindergarten-6th Grade students will meet July 16-20 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Students 7th-12th grade will meet July 15-July 19 from 6:45 pm until 8:45 pm. Mark your calendars! More details to come!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter are:

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	April 16
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
3:00 pm	Blood Drive
Tuesday	April 17
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
10:00 am	Quilters and Crafters
Wednesday	April 18
9:00 am	Adoration
	Homeschool Coop
2:00 pm	Benediction
7:00 pm	Little Saints
Thursday	April 19
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
Sunday	April 22
11:00 am	Youth Mass
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group

All Weekend: Potluck Pastry

MAY CROWNING

We will be crowning our Blessed Mother statue before the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, May 13.

All students are invited to join in the procession and to place a rose at Mary's feet. Any children or teenagers interested in being a part of the procession should meet in the Gathering Space at 10:50 am on May 13.



*Oh Mary, we crown thee
with blossoms today*

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your kind donations of time, talent, and treasure to make our annual Easter Egg Hunt a huge success for the children. Everybody enjoyed themselves and we couldn't have done it without you!

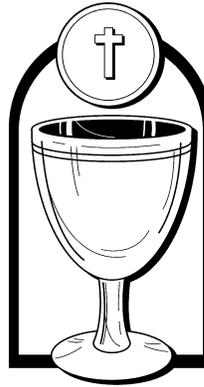


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GIVE "THE GIFT OF LIFE"

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.

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY



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Our students will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 6, at the 11:00 Mass. Please pray for them as they prepare themselves for the beautiful gift of receiving Christ in the Eucharist!

*"If angels could be jealous of men,
they would be so for one reason:
Holy Communion."*

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

GET YOUR TRASH BAGS!

St. Regis School is selling trash and lawn bags. It is an all-school fundraiser. Bags are available for purchase in the school office. Please consider getting your bags from them! You can pick them up between 8am and 3pm on school days!

Bag prices and sizes:

Lawn & leaf bags are \$10.00 for 15 bags (3 packs of 5 bags)

Trash bags are \$12.00 per roll

- White bags...15 gallon...65 bags per roll
- Yellow bags...39 gallon bag...25 bags per roll
- Blue bags...55 gallon...16 bags per roll

If you have any questions, feel free to call the school office at (816) 763-5837. Thank you!

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of March 31 & April 1

Weekly Parish Contribution \$6,445.61

For the weekend of April 7 & 8

Weekly Parish Contribution \$4,885.07

This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month \$24,125.00

Total Contributed to Date \$11,330.68

Needed To Meet Budget \$12,794.31

Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Total Budgeted Income \$289,500.00

Total Actual Income \$212,778.66

Difference To Date -\$76,721.34

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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