

NOVEMBER 18, 2018 — THIRTY THIRD 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	November 19 <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	November 20 6:15 a.m. ✠Dottie Ballard
Wednesday	November 21—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M) 8:30 a.m. ✠Hildegard Heckadon
Thursday	November 22—St. Cecilia (M) 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
Friday	November 23—St. Clement I (m) 8:30 a.m. <i>No Mass</i>
Saturday	November 24 Vigil—Solemnity of Christ the King 3:00 p.m. ✠Leo Ratkey
Sunday	November 25—Solemnity of Christ the King 8:00 a.m. ✠Mary K McNeal 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Please remember in prayer those who have died.
Grant them eternal rest and peace O Lord!**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	November 19 9:00 am Rosary Makers 6:30 pm Manos Amigas 7:00 pm Neocatechumenal Way Talk
Tuesday	November 20 10:00 am Quilters and Crafters
Wednesday	November 21 9:00 am Adoration 2:00 pm Benediction 7:00 pm Neocatechumenal Way Talk
Thursday	November 22—Thanksgiving <i>Office Closed</i>
Sunday	November 25 5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

HELP GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree for those families in our community who need help this Christmas is in the Gathering Space.

We encourage you to bring new, unwrapped gifts any time now through the weekend of December 8-9 and place them in the large gift-wrapped box. Lists of suggested items are available.

We will deliver your gifts to the CAC in time for their Holiday Store opening in early December. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

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 activities below and make plans to join us. You'll be glad you did!

December 12—Christmas Luncheon! Join us on Wednesday, December 12 for our Christmas Potluck! We are excited to say that we will be joined by the Children's School Choir from Presentation! We will serve ham at the potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share!

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We thank all who have pledged or given to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). If you are still considering your ability to join the Appeal, please realize that we all benefit by the programs and services that the Appeal supports. Educating children in Catholic Schools, training of future priests in seminaries, reaching out to poor to provide housing and food for their families, and helping ensure healthy marriages are all direct benefits of your gift. Please take time this week to consider how your support of these programs and ministries can transform lives and build our faith through your sacrificial gifts.

PHOTOS OF OUR BELOVED DEAD

As we have done in past years, we will put up a photo display of our beloved dead. You are invited to bring in your framed photos for our November display. Please place your photos on the table that will be set up in the Gathering Space and remember to write your name and phone number on the back of your photo.

NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY

You are invited to participate in Catechesis for youth and adults that takes place every Monday and Wednesday at 7pm.

"Whoever fails to love does not know God, because God is love. This is the revelation of God's love for us, that God sent his only Son into the world that we might have life through him. Love consists in this: it is not we who loved God, but God loved us and sent his Son to expiate our sins"
(1 Jn 4:8-10).

Everyone is invited! Come and Listen!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King are:
Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

IT'S NOVEMBER

It is in this month of November that calls to mind wonderful memories for us. We are grateful to celebrate those saints in heaven, who are rejoicing in the Church Triumphant. We remember those loved ones that have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. And we are reminded on Thanksgiving day of the many blessings which give us gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

As we continue our annual trek through remembrance, gratitude, and thanksgiving, we are grateful for the gift of life, love, family, friends, and our faith. Our response is simply, thanks, not just in word, but most importantly in the actions of our everyday lives. As we set our priorities and agendas according to the Gospel, as we respond in faith, we become Christian Stewards.

As we began in this month our SMA appeal, along with the ACA, we can be reminded of the opportunities of how we can give of our Time, Talent, and Treasure. We are called to be a people who are responsible for each other. We take care of each other, helping each other to be faithful Disciples of Jesus. In this way we continue the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

As we move through this month of Christian Stewardship, allow yourselves to reflect upon the ministries that are available at St. Matthew Apostle. In a few short weeks, you will be able to choose a ministry or ministries that will help you to be more responsible for others. You will benefit, your family and friends will benefit, and this parish will benefit!

Let us always be mindful that we are members of St. Matthew Apostle; a Parish who answers the Call, as the tax collector did, to follow Jesus, and make an impact on the world.

Let us continue to tend to each other and to support each other through all the seasons of our lives!

Have a Blessed week!

Fr. Rocha

ANNUAL RESOURCE BOOKS ARE HERE!

If you ordered annual resource books, they have arrived! They will be available in the sacristy after the weekend Masses. Please see Father. They will also be available for pickup throughout the week during office hours.

Thank you to the many volunteers of the parish for all you do!

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Winter Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, November 27, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Please call Shirley Dobbins at 816-761-3278 for your appointment. If you receive a voice message, PLEASE call back with your "Yes" or "No."

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

"I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian." — St. Ignatius of Antioch

Who: High School students or older that have not received the sacrament

When: Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00pm
December 5

January 9

February 13

Retreat TBD

Practice is usually the week of the actual Confirmation

Confirmation Date: February 20, 2019 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory

Where: St. Matthew the Apostle Church
Meet the first night in the Gathering Space

How: Please contact Mary Seura with your contact information before the first class, if possible: email – mseura2@att.net, cell – 816-517-5431 (please text)

A copy of your baptismal certificate will be needed before receiving the sacrament.

ANGEL TREE

If you would like to have an "Angel" ornament dedicated to someone you loved that has passed away, please complete one of the forms found in the Gathering Space and return it in an envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Donations are appreciated. Your completed form must be turned in NO LATER than Sunday, December 9.

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of November 10 & 11

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$3,018.36
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This month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$22,291.67
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Total Contributed to Date	\$9,855.66
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Needed To Meet Budget	\$12,436.01
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Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019

Total Budgeted Income	\$267,500.00
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Total Actual Income	\$91,192.70
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Difference To Date	– \$176,307.30
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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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