

FEBRUARY 10, 2019 — 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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## PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 816-763-0208    Fax: 816-765-2617    Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, (Closed on Friday)

## 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>February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:15 a.m.	<b>February 12</b> ✠Joseph Hutman
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>February 13</b> ✠Hildegard Heckadon
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>February 14— Sts. Cyril and Methodius</b> ✠Nancy Spaw
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>February 15</b> Holly Carlson
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 16</b> <b>Vigil—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> ✠Leo Ratkey
3:00 p.m.	
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>February 17 - 6th Sunday Ordinary Time</b> People of the Parish ✠Marcus Foster

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

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 11</b>
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
4:15 pm	Soup Kitchen
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 12</b>
9:00 am	Homeschool Coop
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 13</b>
9:00 am	Adoration Homeschool Coop
2:00 pm	Benediction
6:45 pm	Little Saints
7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 14</b>
9:00 am	Homeschool Coop
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 17</b>
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group

**ALL WEEKEND: Catholic Charities  
Emergency Assistance Appeal**

## NEED PRAYERS? WANT TO BE A PRAYER ANGEL?

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the Prayer Angels, contact Becky McNeal at prayerangels15@gmail.com or call her at 816-763-6899.

**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon**

## 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!

**February 27—February Potluck!** Mark your calendars for our next potluck! Join us on Wednesday, February 27 at 11:30! 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.

## 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.

## SMA GAURDIAN BASH

On March 2, 2019, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School will host its second annual scholarship benefit Guardian Bash - Midnight in Memphis benefitting all SMA students.

Befitting of the Midnight in Memphis theme, guests will enjoy a live band Outlaw Jim & the Whisky Benders, BBQ, great drinks, live and silent auctions, and an evening of fun. All funds raised will support the SMA Sword & Shield Fund; making tuition more affordable for all area families

## 2018 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

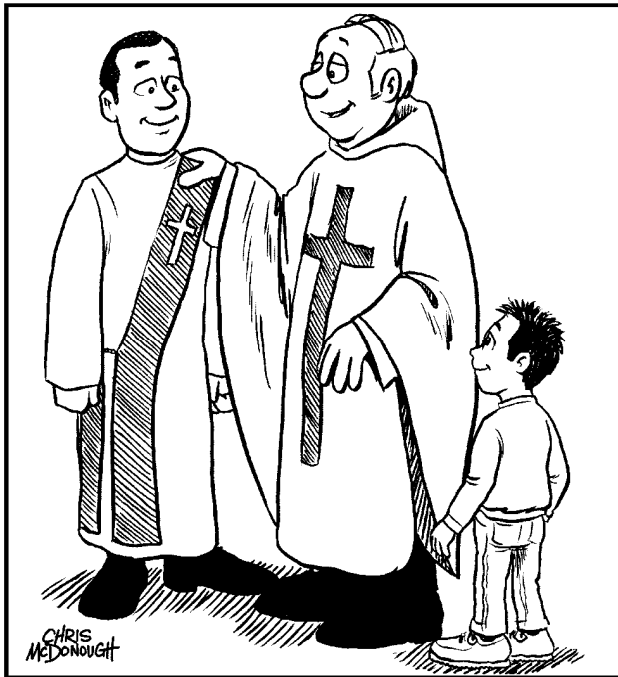
Your 2018 Year-end Parish Contribution Letters are available for you to pick up from the table located in the Gathering Space. They will be there through the weekend of February 9 and 10. After that, they will be available for you to pick up in the Parish Office anytime during regular office hours.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have faithfully supported St. Matthew's Parish during the past year. The gifts of your time, talents, and treasure are greatly appreciated.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time are:  
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

# Pastor Al™



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"Well, Deacon Aaron *does* assist me during the Mass, but I never considered calling him my 'sidekick'."

## 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  
February 13                      Retreat TBD  
Practice is usually the week of the actual Confirmation  
Confirmation Date: Feb 20, 2019 at Holy Spirit Church  
**Attendance at all sessions is mandatory**
- Where:** St. Matthew the Apostle Church
- How:** Please contact Mary Seura: email – mseura2@att.net, cell – 816-517-5431 (please text)

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

## 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.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES ASSISTANCE FUND

Please help Catholic Charities of Kansas City—St. Joseph as we strive to serve and lift our clients. There will be a second collection on Feb. 16-17 for the annual Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund. Thanks to your support of the CCEAF, we're able to help those less fortunate meet their immediate needs and ultimately regain a sense of stability. Once the immediate crisis is resolved, Catholic Charities works with families on their personal pathway out of poverty – helping sustain them until they are self-sufficient and thriving. You'll find a special collection envelope in your packet for the weekend of February 16-17. Please be generous. Contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager for more information or to help at [nbutters@ccharities.com](mailto:nbutters@ccharities.com) or 816-659-8266.

## ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

**Attention, volunteers: Schedules for 2019 will be on the table on the east wall of the Gathering Space after all the Masses this weekend. Please pick yours up if you have not already! Thank you!**

## DID YOU KNOW?

For those of you that are unable to process up to receive Communion at Mass, did you know that we have orange and yellow stripe sashes on the counters as your enter the church that you can loop over the end of your pew in order to help our Eucharistic Ministers know you need them to bring Communion to you? Just ask one of our Hospitality Ministers and they will glad to assist you.

## FINANCIAL FIGURES

### For the weekend of February 2 & 3

Weekly Parish Contribution                      \$7,700.05

### This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$22,291.67
Total Contributed to Date	\$7,700.05
Needed To Meet Budget	\$14,591.62

### Year-to-Date Comparisons

#### **July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019**

Total Budgeted Income	\$267,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$156,034.08
Difference To Date	– \$111,465.92

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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