

FEBRUARY 17, 2019 — SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# 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

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>February 18</b><br><i>No Mass</i>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>February 19</b><br>6:15 a.m. ✨Gary Bruton  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>February 20</b><br>8:30 a.m. ✨Willie Shrewsbury  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>February 21— St. Peter Damian (m.)</b><br>8:30 a.m. ✨Francis Lewis                         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>February 22—Chair of St. Peter (F.)</b><br>8:30 a.m. ✨Kip and Desi Odion                   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>February 23</b><br>Vigil—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>3:00 p.m. ✨Leo Ratkey              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>February 24 - 7th Sunday Ordinary Time</b><br>8:00 a.m. People of the Parish<br>11:00 a.m. |

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

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>February 18</b><br>9:00 am Rosary Makers   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>February 19</b><br>9:00 am Homeschool Coop<br>10:00 am Quilters and Crafters   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>February 20</b><br>9:00 am Adoration<br>Homeschool Coop<br>2:00 pm Benediction<br>6:45 pm Little Saints<br>7:00 pm Confirmation at Holy Spirit |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>February 21</b><br>9:00 am Homeschool Coop   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>February 24</b><br>5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group  |

**ALL WEEKEND: Safe Haven Sunday**

## 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.

**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!

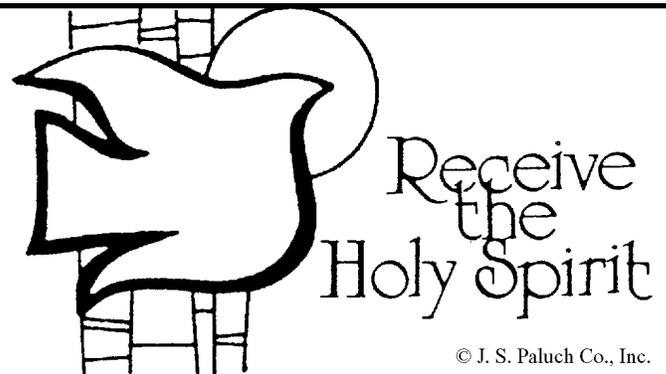
**February 27—February Potluck!** Mark your calendars for our next potluck! Join us on Wednesday, February 27 at 11:30! There is no specific theme, so just bring your favorite dish! We will play penny bingo after lunch!

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.

## SMA GUARDIAN 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



***Congratulations to those receiving Confirmation this Wednesday, February 20, at Holy Spirit! Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament!***

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time are:  
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

## GET YOUR TRASH BAGS!

St. Regis School (8941 James A Reed Rd) is selling trash and lawn bags through the Kansas City-based company, Frontier Bag. 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 any time between 8am and 3pm on school days!

### Bag prices and sizes:

Lawn & leaf bags are \$10.00 for 15 bags (3 packages 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!

## SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

Next weekend, February 23 & 24, we will celebrate Safe Haven Sunday at St. Matthew Apostle. There will not be a second appeal, but all of the parishes in the Diocese have been asked to read a letter addressing certain threats to the sanctity of marriage and human sexuality. The letter covers the topic of pornography. Although the message has been adapted to fit a parish presentation, some of the content may not be suitable for young ears. The weekend will also connect us to resources so that we can better help those in our lives struggling with this modern-day epidemic that is running rampant in our country, our neighborhoods, and our schools.

## PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP JOHNSTON

Join Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr and Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph for a first-class pilgrimage with 3 nights in Rome and 3 nights in Assisi from October 6-13 with an optional extended tour to Florence and Venice from October 13-17. This will be the first pilgrimage led by Bishop Johnston since his ordination as a bishop in 2008. As pilgrims, we will receive special privileges at many holy sites with Bishop Johnston as our spiritual guide. While in Assisi, we will take a half-day tour to visit the Basilica of St. Rita of Cascia, the patron saint of impossible causes. Daily Mass, rosary and confession available in addition to all the spiritual benefits available for making this pilgrimage.

Visit the website [www.pilgrimages.com/catholiccharitiesksj](http://www.pilgrimages.com/catholiccharitiesksj) to learn more details on this spiritually enriching opportunity. We are limiting the number of pilgrims on this trip so the earlier you send in your deposit, the better chance you have of reserving your spot.

## 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!**

## 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 this weekend, 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.

## GOT A MINUTE?

(OR 30? OR 60?)

Come join us each Wednesday!

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

9:00 am—2:00 pm



Mass 8:30 am; Benediction 2:00 pm

## HAVE A HOSPITAL VISIT SCHEDULED?

All those planning a hospital stay or scheduling a surgery are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick beforehand. Please call the Parish Office or speak to Fr. Rocha to schedule a convenient time during the week or after Mass. Also, please notify the parish if you or a family member is in the hospital. This is often the only way we know about a hospital stay and it allows us to attend to the spiritual needs of our parishioners. Please continue to pray for all those in our parish who are sick or hospitalized.

## FINANCIAL FIGURES

The financial figures for the weekend of February 9 & 10 were not available at printing time. They will be posted in next week's bulletin.

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

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