

FEBRUARY 24, 2019 — SEVENTH 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

CONFESIONS

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	February 25 <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	February 26 The Sick in Our Parish
Wednesday	February 27 †Tom Wynne
Thursday	February 28 †Bill Floyd
Friday	March 1 <i>No Mass</i>
Saturday	March 2 Vigil—8th Sunday in Ordinary Time †James Philip Whorton
Sunday	March 3 - 8th Sunday Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. 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	February 25 9:00 am Rosary Makers
Tuesday	February 26 9:00 am Homeschool Coop
Wednesday	February 27 9:00 am Adoration Homeschool Coop 11:30 am ST Potluck 2:00 pm Benediction 6:45 pm Little Saints
Thursday	February 28 9:00 am Homeschool Coop
Sunday	March 3 5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

ALL WEEKEND: CAC Food Drive

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

SILVER THREADS

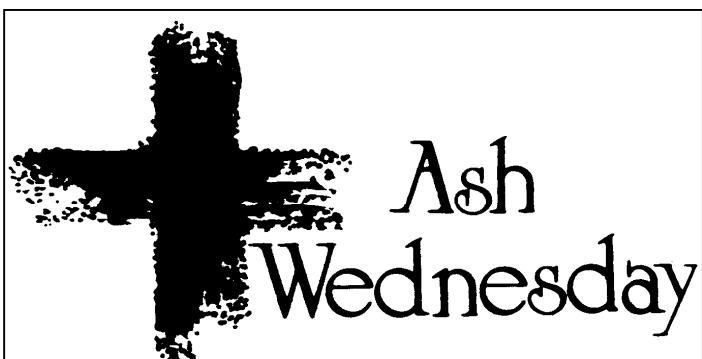
All parishioners age 55 and up are invited to join our group and share in our activities. If you haven't joined us lately, or not at all, check out the activities below and make plans to join us. You'll be glad you did!

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! *However, please keep an eye on the weather. If Hickman Mills district is closed, we will not have our potluck.*

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.

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.



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**Ash Wednesday is a week and a half away!
We will have two Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 6. The morning Mass will be at 8:30 am and the evening Mass will be at 7:00 pm.
Please join us as we begin the holy season of Lent!**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time are:
Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

15 UNCONVENTIONAL IDEAS FOR LENT

If you are looking for something different to do or give up for Lent, here are some ideas shared on the Lifeteen website:

- 1.“I’m addicted to caffeine so I gave up all drinks but water for Lent two years ago.” – Amanda
- 2.“Last year I didn’t give up anything for Lent, just added more prayer life. This year I am going to add more prayer life and give up Facebook.” – Josephina
- 3.“I gave up spoons and forks. I learned to use chopsticks. It was funny for my friends and made it easy to talk about Lent in a way that people were cool with. We laughed a lot.” – Matt
- 4.“I fasted for all of Lent one year. One meal a day really brings souls to Jesus, especially your own!” – Erika
- 5.“I’m going to treat my body as a temple of God during lent... everything I read, watch, listen to, eat, drink, do, say, etc... focusing on being a temple of God.” – Paul
- 6.“One year for Lent I wrote a letter each day. I made a list of 40 people who have touched my life in one way or another. Each day of Lent, I wrote a person on the list a letter of thanks for how they touched my life and I prayed for that person on that day... it was a wonderful experience!” – Patty
- 7.“I tried improving on my spirit of giving.” – Peter
- 8.“This year, I’m giving up the radio in my car in order to focus more on the things that are around me that God

- created! I can’t wait so I’ve already started it!” – Joshua
- 9.“This year, I’m giving up all sweets, (I work at a frozen yogurt shop) and am going to use the constant reminder to pray for one person in particular every day, I made a list/ calendar via Facebook of friends that need/want prayer.” – Aimee
- 10.“I didn’t do this, but last year two of my friends gave up warm water for their showers.” – Maria
- 11.“This year I’m giving up having my phone with me during the day because I’m always checking my email throughout the day. My hope is that having moderation I can be more present to the people around me. I want them to see my deeper connection with God.” – Kaitlin, a Life Teen Missionary
- 12.“I want to listen more.” – Carmelina
- 13.“Two years ago I went to adoration every day during Lent. I’m not gonna lie, I didn’t make it every day but I made it most of the time and it changed my life to get and be with Jesus that much, it was an awesome experience.” – Jacob
- 14.“I’ve adopted a priest in Chile... I offer daily prayers and sacrifices for Father Juan Nunes!” – Tony
- 15.“I’ve never done it, but I’ve heard of people giving up the snooze button on their alarm clock. They said that it was harder than they thought, but it taught them a lot about discipline.” – Jessica, a Life Teen Missionary

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. Daily Mass, rosary and confession available in addition to all the spiritual benefits available for making this pilgrimage.

Visit the website www.pilgrimages.com/catholiccharitieskcsj to learn more details on this spiritually enriching opportunity. We are limiting the number of pilgrims on this trip so reserve your spot soon!

TO THE QUILTERS & CRAFTERS

“Thank you to those who have helped make the special pillows for the breast cancer patients at St. Luke’s. They are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all of your time, effort, and dedication!” - Breast Cancer Center at St. Luke’s

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of February 9 & 10

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$5,598.00
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For the weekend of February 16 & 17

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$2,821.00
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This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$22,291.67
Total Contributed to Date	\$16,119.05
Needed To Meet Budget	\$6,172.62

Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019

Total Budgeted Income	\$267,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$164,453.08
Difference To Date	-\$103,046.92

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, 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.

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