

MARCH 24, 2019 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Monday	March 25—The Annunciation <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 6:15 am	March 26 ✠Jody Anderson
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 27 Maria Werdon
Thursday 8:30 am	March 28 ✠Bob and Debbie Duehren
Friday 8:30 am	March 29 ✠Bill Floyd
Saturday 3:00 p.m.	March 30 Vigil—4th Sunday of Lent ✠Bob Burns & Carol Ann (Burns) Wixom
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	March 31 - 4th Sunday of Lent People of the Parish ✠Kenneth Grogman

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 9:00 am	March 25 Rosary Makers
Tuesday 9:00 am	March 26 Homeschool Coop
Wednesday 9:00 am	March 27 Adoration Homeschool Coop
11:30 am	Silver Threads Potluck
2:00 pm	Benediction
6:45 pm	Little Saints
Thursday 9:00 am	March 28 Homeschool Coop
Friday 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	March 29 Holy Hour with Confessions Stations of the Cross
Sunday 5:00 pm	March 31 Charismatic Prayer Group

ALL WEEKEND: Catholic Relief Service Appeal

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!

March 27—March Potluck! Mark your calendars for our next potluck! Join us on Wednesday, March 27 at 11:30! Bring your favorite dish to share! We will play penny bingo after lunch!

April 4—Lunch and Show at the Gamber Center! On Thursday, April 4, the Senior Barn Players will perform "Phenomenal women." We will carpool from St. Matthew Apostle at 11:00 am. The cost is \$10. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. Sign up by March 27!

May 1—The Buddy Holly Story at New Dinner Theatre! Come and see the Buddy Holly story and enjoy a wonderful lunch and a great show! Cost is \$33. See the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space for more information or to sign up!

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.

NEED PRAYERS? WANT TO BE A PRAYER ANGEL?

Prayers offer emotional, spiritual and physical healing. God bless all of you for your support through your love and prayers. Send your Prayer Angel requests to Becky McNeal at prayerangels15@gmail.com or call her at 816-763-6899.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE TRIDUUM!

Thursday 7:00 p.m.	April 18—Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	April 19—Good Friday Confessions Chaplet of Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross Passion & Veneration of the Cross
Saturday 8:30 p.m.	April 20—Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	April 21—Easter Sunday Easter Morning Mass Easter Morning Mass

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent are:
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join St. Matthew Apostle—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Gathering Space any time between now and Holy Week! Your donation can change lives.

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 so reserve your spot soon!

K OF C LENTEN SHRIMP DINNERS

Join the Knights of Columbus for their Lenten Shrimp Dinners! The cooks are charming and the food is delicious! There is one more opportunity this Lent to join! There will be a dinner on Friday, April 5. You don't want to miss it!

Simply make your way to the Knights of Columbus hall between 5:30-7:00 pm! The menu includes boiled shrimp, potatoes, corn, bread, and coleslaw.

You get a pound of shrimp for \$15, 1/2 lb for \$10, and kids under 12 can get 1/4 lb for \$5. And if your kids don't like shrimp, feel free to bring a dinner with you!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Communal penance services will be held at:

Tues, April 2—St. Sabina Parish, Belton—7:00 pm

Thur, April 4—St. Bernadette/Lourdes (at Lourdes)—7:00 pm

Mon, April 8—St. Catherine of Siena—7:00 pm

Tues, April 9—Regis/St. Matthew (at SMA)—6:00 pm

Mark your calendars and don't miss out on the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance prior to Easter!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 29, at 7:00 pm. Or come early and join us for a Holy Hour and confessions from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm!

GRAB A SHOEBOX (OR TWO)!

We are once again participating in the "Shoebox" Shower during Lent! We will be donating hygiene items for Women's Shelters in the Kansas City area for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Shoe boxes with lists of suggested items are available in the Gathering Space. Pick yours up today.

We ask for your prayers for all victims of domestic violence and their perpetrators. May they seek and accept the help that is available for them.

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!

HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE

Next weekend, March 30 and 31, we will have an appeal for Catholic Relief Services. The funds from this appeal help provide food to the hungry and provides support and education to displaced refugees, victims of human trafficking, and those who need pastoral care and assistance across the globe.

There will not be a second collection. Just bring your envelope marked "Catholic Relief Services" with you next weekend and put it in the collection basket with your weekly contribution envelope, or mark any plain envelope. Thank you!

FINANCIAL FIGURES

The financial figures for the weekend of March 16 & 17 were not available at printing time. They will be posted in next week's bulletin.

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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