

MARCH 3, 2019 — EIGHTH 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

Monday	March 4 <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	March 5 6:15 a.m. ✕Bernadette Aaker
Wednesday	March 6—Ash Wednesday 8:30 a.m. ✕Willie Shrewsbury 7:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Thursday	March 7—Sts. Perpetua and Felicity (m) 8:30 a.m. ✕Francis Lewis
Friday	March 8—St. John of God (m) 8:30 a.m. ✕Kip and Desi Odion
Saturday	March 9 Vigil—1st Sunday of Lent 3:00 p.m. ✕Dennis Schallenberg
Sunday	March 10 - 1st Sunday of Lent 8:00 a.m. ✕Tom Derr 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	March 4 9:00 am Rosary Makers
Tuesday	March 5 9:00 am Homeschool Coop 10:00 am Quilters & Crafters
Wednesday	March 6—Ash Wednesday 9:00 am Adoration Homeschool Coop 2:00 pm Benediction
Thursday	March 7 9:00 am Homeschool Coop
Friday	March 8 6:00 pm Holy Hour with Confessions 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Sunday	March 10 5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

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! 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.



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Ash Wednesday is this week! 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!

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent are:
Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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/catholiccharitiesksj to learn more details on this spiritually enriching opportunity. We are limiting the number of pilgrims on this trip so reserve your spot soon!

3 QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE LENT

This was in a blog that I read recently and I thought the questions worked as a good springboard. The article was written by Erika Dawson and was featured on the website, *Faithful Moms*.

- **Where will you say no?** {What will you withhold?} —>What is distracting you from God? Is it TV, books, your planner, social media, your phone? What is it for you? Do you have the courage and the faith to go without that thing for the next 40 days? What do you need to let go of, withhold or say “no” to in order to focus on God? What are the activities, attitudes, or obligations that clutter your calendar and life?
- **Where will you say yes?** {What will you contribute?} —> What can you take on *for* Christ these next 40 days? Where have you struggled to be a “doer” of the Word and not just a “hearer”? Maybe it’s time to serve at your church or collect food for the food pantry. Maybe it’s blessing a stranger with a random act of kindness in the name of Jesus every day of Lent or maybe it’s being present, purposeful and engaged at home with your husband or your children. **Where can your love take action these next 40 days?**
- **How will you pray?** For many, Lent is a time of intentional prayer. **How will you grow in your prayer life over these next 40 days?** Maybe it’s committing to a time of prayer every day. Maybe it’s praying intentionally for your kids or for your husband. Maybe during your prayer time you can listen more and talk less or commit to praying *with* people once a day rather than just asking *how* you can pray. Pick up a prayer book or read Scriptures on prayer — but don’t neglect to pray.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!

begins Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks UP one hour before going to bed Saturday night to be sure you get to Mass on time Sunday morning.

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR OUR PRIESTS

Come join us in PRAYING for and SUPPORTING our PRIESTS!

Where: Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist
Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
2100 North Noland Road
Independence, MO 64050

How: HOLY HOUR FOR OUR PRIESTS

Why: We need our priests! Without the priesthood there can be no MASS, no SACRAMENTS.

Without the EUCHARIST no COMMUNION,
no real PRESENCE on earth!

When: March 21, 2019: 7:00 to 8:00 pm

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of February 23 & 24

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$4,440.36
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This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$22,291.67
Total Contributed to Date	\$20,559.41
Needed To Meet Budget	\$1,732.26

Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019

Total Budgeted Income	\$267,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$168,893.44
Difference To Date	– \$98,606.56

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@dioceseksj.org for more information.

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