

APRIL 14, 2019 — PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

# 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>April 15</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:15 am	<b>April 16—Tuesday of Holy Week</b> ✠Nancy Spaw
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 17—Wednesday of Holy Week</b> ✠Hildegard Heckadon
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 pm	<b>April 18—Holy Thursday</b> Fr. Rocha and all priests of our Diocese
<b>Friday</b> 4:00 pm	<b>April 19—Good Friday</b> <i>Good Friday Service</i>
<b>Saturday</b>  8:30 p.m.	<b>April 20—Holy Saturday</b> <b>Easter Vigil</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>April 21—Easter Sunday</b> ✠Our Deceased Loved Ones ✠Our Deceased Loved Ones

Please remember in prayer those who have died.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Monday</b> 9:00 am	<b>April 15</b> Rosary Makers
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00 am 10:00 am	<b>April 16</b> Homeschool Coop Quilters and Crafters
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 am  2:00 pm	<b>April 17</b> Adoration Homeschool Coop Benediction
<b>Thursday</b> 7:45 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>April 18—Holy Thursday</b> Confessions Confessions Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Friday</b> 7:45 am 2:00 pm 3:00 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm	<b>April 19—Good Friday</b> Confessions Confessions Chaplet of Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross Veneration of the Cross and Reception of Holy Communion
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 pm	<b>April 20</b> Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	<b>April 21</b> Easter Mass Easter Egg Hunt Easter Mass Easter Egg Hunt

## 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!

**April 24—"Pot Luck" at Caleb's Restaurant!** On Wednesday, April 24, our "Pot Luck" will be off-site. Join us at Caleb's Restaurant in the Red Bridge Shopping Center (across from Mama Leone's.) We will carpool from SMA at 11:00. For more information, see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.

**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.

## WHY ARE THE STATUES COVERED?

It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

While it may appear counter intuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that we at St. Matthew Apostle can embrace, but it can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice.

The rubrics can guide us. In the Roman Missal we find the instruction, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the fifth Sunday of Lent may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Let's embrace this Holy Week, entering into the passion, suffering, and death of Our Lord, in order to rejoice with Him on His day of Resurrection.

Have a Blessed Holy Week!

Fr. Rocha

**DON'T FORGET . . .**

to bring your CRS Rice Bowls at any one of our Holy Week services: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday.

Thank you all for the sacrifices you made during Lent to help feed the hungry around the world.

# St. Catherine's GIANT



**4101 East 105 Terrace  
KCMO 64137**

**April 26 & 27**

**8 am – 5 pm**



**9 classrooms FULL of  
TREASURES!!**

**\$5 Bag Sale for MOST items  
(Includes clothing, toys,  
books, and most household  
items)**

**THE ANNUAL HOLY LAND APPEAL . . .**

Is this weekend, April 13 and 14. As a collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Holy Land Appeal offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect Holy Places. When you donate to this appeal you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Please give prayerful consideration to donating to this appeal. Thank you.

**"SHOEBOX" SHOWER**

Please bring your filled shoeboxes for the "Shoebox" Shower for Women's Shelters in the Kansas City area back to St. Matthew's no later than the weekend of April 27/28. God bless all of you who have contributed to this annual appeal.

We ask for your prayers for all victims of domestic violence and their perpetrators.

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE TRIDUUM!**

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

**FINANCIAL FIGURES**

**For the weekend of April 6 & 7**

Weekly Parish Contribution \$6,847.00

**This Month's Figures**

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$22,291.67
Total Contributed to Date	\$6,847.00
Needed To Meet Budget	\$15,444.67

**Year-to-Date Comparisons**

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

Total Budgeted Income	\$267,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$198,655.55
Difference To Date	-\$68,844.45

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.

INFORMATION SHEET

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