

JANUARY 7, 2018 — SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY 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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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	January 8—The Baptism of the Lord <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	January 9 ✠Pinky Lantsberger
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	January 10 Aaron Jansens
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	January 11 Brandon Clark
Friday 8:30 a.m.	January 12 ✠Bonnie Davis
Saturday 3:00 p.m.	January 13 Vigil—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	January 14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠Myron Garth ✠Teodoro Aguirre

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

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 list of activities below and make plans to join us. You'll be glad you did.

January 24 — Our Next Potluck! There is no special theme for the January potluck, but we will have a guest presenter! Julie Lane from Health and Wellness Group will be giving a presentation on health issues. Join us for this delicious food and what is sure to be an interesting presentation!

For more information about our group or attending any of our away activities, check the Gathering Space for sign-up sheets or call Thelma at 816-388-3257.

CATHOLIC KEY SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

January 6 and 7 is Catholic Key Subscription weekend. The Catholic Key is our official Diocesan publication. It is filled with news concerning the Catholic Church on the local level, as well as on the national and international level. Each parish in our Diocese is required to share in the support of the newspaper through subscription fees. You can help us offset this expense by ordering your own subscription for \$25 per year. Just mark your envelope "SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT: \$25" and put it in the collection basket next weekend, or any time during the month of January. Thanks for your generosity!

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

FR. GIACOPELLI'S 90TH BIRTHDAY!

Fr. Giacopelli will be turning 90 on January 23rd! Anyone interested in sending him a birthday card with well wishes is invited to do so! Please send cards to this address:

Rev. John Giacopelli
5B Birchwood Ct
Whiting, NJ 08759

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our next meeting will be January 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Group Room. There will be much to discuss: the Youth Mass which will be January 13 at the 3:00 Mass, Confirmation candidates will discuss the upcoming Confirmation Mass and the requirements for that event; snacks will be consumed and prayers said; maybe a game played if time.

High School Students are welcome to join the Youth Group. We meet Sunday nights at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Any questions, call Vince at 913-575-9496.

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.

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.

St. Regis Trivia Night

January 20th, 2018

7 to 10 PM in the Parish Hall

\$15.00 per person

Tickets available at the door

Cash Prize for First Place Team

Door Prizes to be Ruffled

Bring your own appetizers

Beer/Wine/Soda available for donation

Decorate your table with your favorite trivia theme

(Snacks Provided)

Hosted by St. Regis—Knights of Columbus Council 13671

For the Benefit of St. Regis Parish

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time are:
1 Sm 3:3b-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	January 8
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
4:15 pm	Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	January 9
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
Wednesday	January 10
9:00 am	Adoration Homeschool Co-op
2:00 pm	Benediction
7:00 pm	Little Saints
Thursday	January 11
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
6:00 pm	Manos Amigas
6:30 pm	Parish Council
Saturday	January 13
3:00 pm	Youth Mass
Sunday	January 14
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group

BISHOP JOHNSTON WILL BE VISITING!

Bishop Johnston will be making a Pastoral Visit to St. Matthew Apostle on Saturday, January 20. He will be celebrating the 3:00 Mass with us.

This is a potluck pastry weekend, so please bring a small snack or dessert to share after Mass. And please plan on staying for a little while after Mass to personally welcome the Bishop to our parish! We are excited to have him visit!

MAY THEY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Please remember to keep the sick, hospitalized, and homebound members of our parish family in your daily prayers.

And, please notify the parish office when a loved one is hospitalized. Most hospitals have policies that prevent them from notifying the parish if a parishioner is hospitalized. They need direct permission to pass that information along.

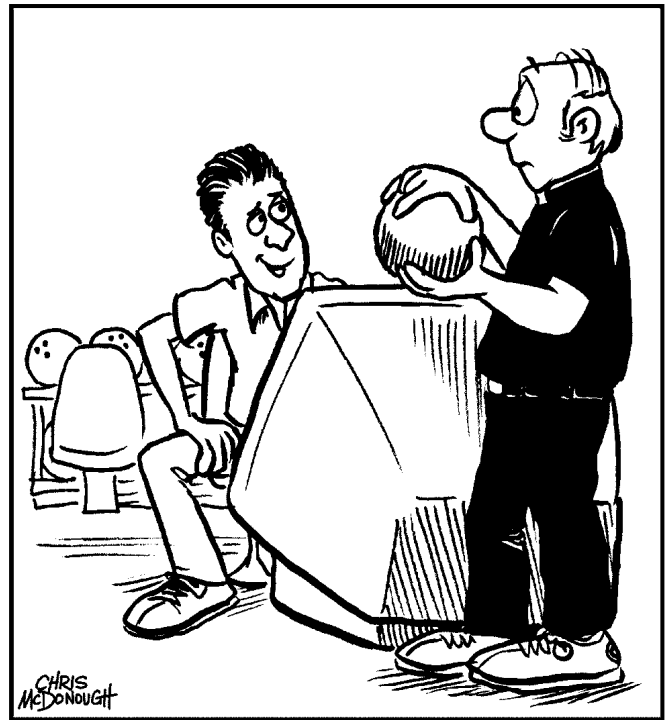
VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

Raymond Cisneros will have the Vocation Crucifix in his home this week. Please join him in praying for vocations. Both individuals and families are invited to sign up!

This one week program is a great opportunity for you and your family to pray together for all vocations. It comes with a book of suggested prayers for each weekday that are focused on different vocations, ranging from married life to religious life to single life.

Individuals, couples, and families are encouraged to sign up for a week. This is a great way to nurture prayer in your home. Sign up today!

Pastor Al™



"And no praying for a strike, Pastor Al. You have a hotline and that's an unfair advantage."

2017 YEAR END TAX NOTICE

Sunday, December 31, 2017 will be the last collection for the current tax year. Anything received after this date will be credited to the tax year 2018. Our Parish relies on your generous and consistent giving, so thank you all for the gifts of your time, talent and treasure to St. Matthew Apostle!

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of December 30 & 31

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$6,896.00
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This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$24,125.00
Total Contributed to Date	\$34,567.60
Needed To Meet Budget	+\$10,442.60

Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Total Budgeted Income	\$289,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$141,388.25
Difference To Date	-\$148,111.75

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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