

FEBRUARY 11, 2018 — SIXTH 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

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 2:00 pm Wednesday-Friday: 7:45 am

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## PARISH OFFICE

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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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 12</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 13</b> 6:15 a.m. ✕Karen Duffin
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 14—Ash Wednesday</b> 8:30 a.m. ✕A 7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 15</b> 8:30 a.m. ✕R
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 16</b> 8:30 a.m. ✕Don Smith
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 17</b> <b>Vigil—1st Sunday of Lent</b> 3:00 p.m. ✕Don Black
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 18</b> <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> 8:00 a.m. ✕All Departed Members of WST Families 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**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.

**February 28 — Potluck at the Grandview Chinese Buffet!**  
Join us at the Grandview Chinese Buffet for February's Potluck! They have quite the spread, and you will be glad you did! We will meet at the Buffet at 11:30 am. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space for those who are interested in attending and those who may need a ride.

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

### 2017 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

The year-end tax statements are available for you to pick up in the Parish Office anytime during regular office hours.

Thank you for your past and continued support to our parish.

### 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](mailto:prayerangels15@gmail.com) or call her at 816-763-6899.

**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon**

## ATTENTION LECTORS!

Fr. Rocha would like to have a brief meeting with all the lectors after all the Masses this weekend, February 10 & 11. Please just plan on staying a little late after whichever Mass you attend this weekend. Thank you for your dedication to St. Matthew Apostle!

## YOUTH NEWS

The last meeting was cancelled due to weather. Our next meeting will be February 11 at 7:00 pm. All Confirmation candidates are required to attend.

Now to the exciting news: six members of St. Matthew Apostle Youth Group will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 21st of February at Holy Spirit Church in Lees Summit at 7:00 pm. And one of our teens will receive the Eucharist for the first time at the Youth Mass on February 18th at 11:00 am!

More: St. Catherine's Parish has started up a youth group and there is interest in combining our two groups. We will have much to discuss at our next meeting; hopefully we can squeeze in a game!

Questions: call Vince Torrez 913-575-9496 or contact the church office.

## 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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There will be two Masses offered on Wednesday, February 14. The morning Mass will be at 8:30 am, and the evening Mass will be at 7:00 pm. Both Masses will take place in the main worship space.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent:  
Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 12</b>
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
4:15 pm	Soup Kitchen
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 13</b>
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 14</b>
8:30 am	Mass
9:00 am	Adoration Homeschool Co-op
2:00 pm	Benediction
7:00 pm	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 15</b>
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 17</b>
9:00 am	EMHC and Lector Training
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 18</b>
11:00 am	Youth Mass
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group

**ALL WEEKEND: Potluck Pastry and  
Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal**

### HOPE AFRICA COLLECTION

Francis and Eunice John and their sons are collecting pencils, pens, erasers, chalk, etc. for rural African students. As volunteers in the federally recognized tax exempt charity "Hope Africa," they will have collection boxes in the Gathering Space. Thank you for any materials you may provide!

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Join our parish community—and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the Gathering Space on Ash Wednesday and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

### SHARE THE GIFT OF MUSIC!

We are looking to increase the number of cantors we have here at St. Matthew Apostle. If you would like to help lead the congregation in song, please contact Lori Radosevic, 816-896-0143 or radosevicL@hotmail.com. Thank you!

### BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS!

If you would like to bring in your palms from last year's Palm Sunday Masses, please do so and we will dispose of them in the proper way for you. There are baskets in the Gathering Space for the palms, so just place them there!

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERGENCY FUND

Every day, thousands of families in our diocese struggle to afford food, utilities and rent. They come to Catholic Charities of Kansas City–St. Joseph in their times of greatest need. Together, with God's help, we work to transform their lives.

Your support helps us serve our neighbors in need. Please give prayerful consideration to how you can help "those in need" by supporting the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund Appeal next weekend. All donations are used to help local families break the cycle of poverty—permanently.

Just bring your envelope marked for the "Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund" with you next weekend and put it in the collection basket with your weekly contribution envelope. If you do not receive contribution envelopes any plain envelope marked the same will work. Thank you.

### LITURGICAL WORKSHOP AT SMA!!!

If you are interested in being trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or as a Lector, please come to this training! The workshop will take place on Saturday, February 17 from 9:00 am until around 11:30 am at St. Matthew Apostle. The morning will begin with the EMHC training and the training for lectors will follow. This training is completely FREE. If you would like to be an EMHC, please show up by 9:00 am. If you want to be a Lector, please arrive by 10:00 am. And if you would like to be trained as both, please arrive by 9:00 am and plan on staying until 11:30. Please consider this! Sign up in the Gathering Space, or show up early on the 17th to do so!

### 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.

### *FINANCIAL FIGURES*

#### For the weekend of February 3 & 4

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$8,020.82
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#### This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$24,125.00
Total Contributed to Date	\$8,020.82
Needed To Meet Budget	\$16,104.18

#### Year-to-Date Comparisons

##### **July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018**

Total Budgeted Income	\$289,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$170,372.45
Difference To Date	– \$119,127.55

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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