

FEBRUARY 18, 2018 — THE FIRST 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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 19</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 20</b> 6:15 a.m. ✘Etheldreda Hartman
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 21—St. Peter Damian (M)</b> 8:30 a.m. ✘Willie Shrewsbury
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 22—Chair of St. Peter (F)</b> 8:30 a.m. ✘Francis Lewis
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 23—St. Polycarp (M)</b> 8:30 a.m. ✘Kip & Desi Odion
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 24</b> <b>Vigil—2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 3:00 p.m. People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 25</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 8:00 a.m. ✘Jeanette Wagner 11:00 a.m. ✘Amelia Vallecillo Arano

**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.

### GET YOUR SHOEBOXES!

We are once again participating in the "Shoebox" Shower, the annual Lenten project sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) of 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.

**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon**



### 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!

### YOUTH NEWS

We accomplished much at the last meeting. We prepared for the upcoming youth Mass. The teens are so excited about their roles they would like to help with some of the ministries at the other Masses. Some students will be going through the Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training.

Our discussion about joining the other youth group at St. Catherine's went very well. We will invite them to some of our activities such as the Youth Mass and Sunday night meetings and we will attend some of their activities which will include Adoration Sunday. We did some final prep for Confirmation (we still need your prayers, some of us are getting a little nervous.) The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Parish in Lees Summit on February 21st at 7:00 pm. Some of our youth are going to attend to support our candidates and to listen to the Bishop's talk (he gives a great one!) We were also able to get in a trivia game and we have one youth who knows just about everything! One of our very young members celebrated a birthday last Sunday and brought cupcakes and we enjoyed ice cream with that. Next meeting will be February 18, after the Youth Mass (we will celebrate one of our members receiving the Eucharist for the first time.)

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

### REFLECTION ON LENT

"Lent is not about evening things out with God. Since our prayers and sacrifices add nothing to God's greatness or happiness, they are not primarily for His benefit, but rather for our own. Lent helps us recognize what we owe God, but even beyond that it is about preparing for the celebration of Christ's supreme act of charity in suffering His Passion and death for our salvation. The prayer and penances are a means to our growth in charity, which is achieved when obstacles between ourselves and God are removed. As Jesus notes in the Gospel of John, one of those obstacles often is a lack of peace with our brother. For, "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20). This Lent, may the charity of the Just Man fill us with longing for the kingdom of heaven and inspire us to imitate Him.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 19</b>
9:00 am	Rosary Makers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 20</b>
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
10:00 am	Quilters & Crafters
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 21</b>
9:00 am	Adoration
	Homeschool Co-op
2:00 pm	Benediction
7:00 pm	Little Saints
7:00 pm	Confirmation at Holy Spirit
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
9:00 am	Homeschool Co-op
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 23</b>
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 25</b>
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group
7:00 pm	Youth Group

**All Weekend: CAC Food Drive**

### 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 today. All donations are used to help local families break the cycle of poverty—permanently.

Just place your envelope marked for the "Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund" 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.

### 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!

## Pastor Al™



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"I like your enthusiasm, but if you tattoo ashes on your forehead it won't actually be a stronger statement."

### 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 and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

### FINANCIAL FIGURES

#### For the weekend of February 10 & 11

Weekly Parish Contribution	\$3,836.30
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#### This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month	\$24,125.00
Total Contributed to Date	\$11,857.12
Needed To Meet Budget	\$12,267.88

#### Year-to-Date Comparisons

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

Total Budgeted Income	\$289,500.00
Total Actual Income	\$174,208.75
Difference To Date	– \$115,291.25

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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