

MAY 20, 2018 — PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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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

Monday	May 21—St. Christopher Magallanes (m) <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 6:15 a.m.	May 22—St. Rita of Cascia (m) ✠Zella Muffett Merrell Triggs
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	May 23 ✠Willie Shrewsbury
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	May 24 ✠Francis Lewis
Friday 8:30 a.m.	May 25—St. Bede the Venerable (m) ✠Phyllis Bahner
Saturday 3:00 p.m.	May 26 Vigil—Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity People of the Parish
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 27 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity ✠Jeanette Wagner ✠Deceased Members of Rastorfer Family

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 9:00 am	May 21 Rosary Makers
Wednesday 9:00 am 11:30 am 2:00 pm	May 23 Adoration S.T. Luncheon at Olive Garden Benediction
Sunday 5:00 pm	May 27 Charismatic Prayer Group

VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

Individuals, couples, and families are encouraged to sign up for a week. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space for May and June. Sign up today!

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity are:
Dt: 4:32 –34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16–20

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

THOUGHTS ON PENTECOST

“Having just read in the Acts of the Apostles about Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit came down on the Lord's disciples, we are conscious of being present at the great display of God's power with which the Church's life began to spread among all nations. The victory Christ achieved through his obedience, his offering of himself on the cross and his resurrection — his triumph over death and sin — is revealed here in all its divine splendour.

The disciples, witnesses of the glory of the risen Christ, were filled with the strength of the Holy Spirit. Their minds and hearts were opened to a new light. They had followed Christ and accepted his teachings with faith, but they were not always able to fathom the full meaning of his words. The Spirit of truth, who was to teach them all things, had not yet come. They knew that Jesus alone could give them words of eternal life, and they were ready to follow him and to give their lives for him. But they were weak, and in the time of trial, they fled and left him alone.

On Pentecost all that is a thing of the past. The Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of strength, has made them firm, strong, daring. The word of the Apostles resounds forcefully through the streets of Jerusalem.

The men and women who have come to the city from all parts of the world listen with amazement...These wonders, which take place before their own eyes, lead them to listen to the preaching of the Apostles. The Holy Spirit himself, who is acting through our Lord's disciples, moves the hearts of their listeners and leads them to the faith...And on that day, the sacred text tells us, about 3,000 were added to the Church.

The solemn coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was not an isolated event. There is hardly a page in the Acts of the Apostles where we fail to read about him and the action by which he guides, directs and enlivens the life and work of the early Christian community. It is he who inspires the preaching of St Peter, who strengthens the faith of the disciples, who confirms with his presence the calling of the gentiles, who sends Saul and Barnabas to the distant lands where they will open new paths for the teaching of Jesus. In a word, his presence and doctrine are everywhere.

The profound reality which we see in the texts of holy Scripture is not a remembrance from the past, from some golden age of the Church which has since been buried in history. Despite the weaknesses and the sins of every one of us, it is the reality of today's Church and the Church of all time. "I will ask the Father," our Lord told his disciples, "and he will give you another Counsellor to dwell with you forever." Jesus has kept his promise. He has risen from the dead, and in union with the eternal Father, he sends us the Holy Spirit to sanctify us and to give us life..." - *from a homily by St. Josemaria Escriva*

Let us always remember to call upon the Holy Spirit—who is still very present—during our time of need.

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.

May 23—Lunch at Olive Garden in Lee's Summit! Join us for lunch at Olive Garden, home of the unlimited salad and breadsticks! Lunch is at 11:30, we will leave SMA at 11:00. If you need a ride, please call Thelma Smith.

June 6 — "Sister Act" at the New Dinner Theatre! We will be going to the New Dinner Theatre to see the classic performance of "Sister Act" on Wednesday, June 6. We will be carpooling from St. Matthew Apostle at 11:00 am. The cost is \$33. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. We only have 20 tickets, so sign up today!

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

NEED PRAYERS? WANT TO BE A PRAYER ANGEL?

If you have a prayer request or would like to join the Prayer Angels, contact Becky McNeal at prayerangels15@gmail.com or call her at 816-763-6899.

PLAY BALL!!!

Join us Friday evening, July 6 at the T-Bones Stadium at the Legends as the Priests of the Diocese of KC-SJ play the Priests of the Archdiocese of KC, KS for the 5th Annual Pitching for Priests baseball game. Player introduction, National Anthem, and 1st Pitch at 6:45 p.m. Game time 7:00 p.m. Adult tickets \$12.00, children \$5.00. You won't want to miss this fun-filled evening as we cheer our priests on to victory as they raise money to help support vocations. To order your tickets go to <https://catholicradionetwork.ticketspice.com/pitching-for-priests-2018>.

If you order your tickets online they will be available at the game (Will Call).

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS & RECEPTION

The annual Diocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception for all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year is being held on Sunday, June 10 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass begins at 2:00 pm, with a reception following.

If you were married anytime between January 1, 1968 and December 31, 1968 and would like to attend and/or be recognized at this celebration, please call Jess at the Parish Office this week so the reservations can be sent in on Monday, May 21. Thank you.

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES

Mass will be celebrated at each Diocesan cemetery on **Memorial Day, Monday May 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

- ▶ **Mount St. Mary's Cemetery**, 2201 Cleveland Avenue, KC
- ▶ **Mount Olivet Cemetery**, 7601 Blue Ridge Boulevard, KC
- ▶ **Resurrection Cemetery**, 5001 NE Cookingham Drive, KC
- ▶ **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**, 26th and Lovers Lane, St. Joseph, Celebrant: Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.

If you would like to attend any of these Masses, please bring a lawn chair or something to sit on!

TOTUS TUUS

We will be doing Totus Tuus with Regis this year. The dates will be July 14-20. 1st-6th Grade students will meet July 16-20 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Students 7th-12th grade will meet July 15-19, however, the time has changed. **Middle school and High school students will meet from 7:30 pm-9:40 pm.**

The program will be hosted at Regis this year (8941 James A Reed Rd, Kansas City, MO 64138) The cost is \$20 per student, with a family cost limit of \$50. If you register by July 1, you get \$5 off of your registration fee! Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space. Please turn them in to Jess in the office. If you have any questions, please call 816-763-0208. We hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL FIGURES

For the weekend of May 5 & 6

Weekly Parish Contribution \$7,053.50

For the weekend of May 12 & 13

Weekly Parish Contribution \$4,704.50

This Month's Figures

Total Income Budgeted for this Month \$24,125.00

Total Contributed to Date \$11,758.00

Needed To Meet Budget \$12,367.00

Year-to-Date Comparisons

July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018

Total Budgeted Income \$289,500.00

Total Actual Income \$238,281.58

Difference To Date - \$51,218.42

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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