

DECEMBER 30, 2018 — FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

# 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>December 31—Vigil for Mary, Mother of God</b>
4:00 p.m.	✠Cynthia Meinen
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 1—Mary, Mother of God</b>
9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 2—Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (M)</b>
8:30 a.m.	✠Hildegard Heckadon
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 3—Most Holy Name of Jesus (m)</b>
8:30 a.m.	✠Barbara Eckart
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (M)</b>
8:30 a.m.	✠Robert Douglas
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 5</b>
	<b>Vigil—The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
3:00 p.m.	✠Mary Rocha
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 6—The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
8:00 a.m.	✠Marion & Jeanette Wagner
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

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

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 31—New Years Eve</b>
	Office Closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 1—New Years Day</b>
	Office Closed
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 2</b>
9:00 am	Adoration
10:00 am	S.T. Planning Meeting
2:00 pm	Benediction
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 6</b>
5:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group

**ALL WEEKEND: CAC Food Drive/  
Catholic Key Subscription**

## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

The winter weather/snow closure policy for the parish follows the Hickman Mills School District policy. **If they are closed, we are closed** for 6:15am Mass and for all morning, afternoon, and evening meetings and events.

## ATTENTION PARENTS

There will be NO Little Saints PSR classes this Wednesday, January 2. Have a blessed New Year!

**Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon**

## 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!

**January 23—First Luncheon of 2019!** Mark your calendars for our next potluck! Join us on Wednesday, January 23 at 11:30! More details to come!

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.

## 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.

## 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.

**ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 AND TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 1 FOR THE NEW YEAR.**

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**GOD BLESS YOU & YOUR FAMILIES WITH A  
HEALTHY & BLESSED NEW YEAR!  
FR. ROCHA & THE PARISH STAFF**

## 2019 PARISH CALENDARS

There are still copies of our 2019 Parish Calendars available for you to pick up in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to take additional calendars if you would like. Share them with family, friends, and neighbors.

## 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. You can also call the Parish Office at 763-0208.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The readings for the Solemnity of the Epiphany are:  
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## CATHOLIC KEY SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Did you know our parish is required to purchase a set number of Catholic Key subscriptions every year? The weekend of January 5 & 6, we will ask you to renew your subscription to the Catholic Key by making a \$25 annual renewal fee to the parish. By doing so you can help the parish cover this expense and allow us to use it toward another area of ministry. Just mark your envelope "SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT: \$25" and put it in the collection basket. Thanks for your generosity!

### Mass Times for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God:

Monday, December 31:  
4:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 1:  
9:00 am



### HAVE A HOSPITAL VISIT SCHEDULED?

All those planning a hospital stay or scheduling a surgery are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick beforehand. Please call the Parish Office or speak to Fr. Rocha to schedule a convenient time during the week or after Mass. Also, please notify the parish if you or a family member is in the hospital. This is often the only way we know about a hospital stay and it allows us to attend to the spiritual needs of our parishioners. Please continue to pray for all those in our parish who are sick or hospitalized.

### THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for the support you have given for all the Diocesan Collections we have taken up throughout the year! Your response to these appeals is greatly appreciated by us, the Diocese, and those who benefit from your generosity. God bless you all.

### CAC FOOD DRIVE—JANUARY 5 & 6, 2019

Next weekend is our monthly weekend for collecting non-perishable food items for the CAC Food Pantry. Take this opportunity to share with those less fortunate by bringing non-perishable food items, laundry or household cleaning products, or personal care toiletry products to Mass next weekend. Your generosity helps to provide for those families in our community who need our help. As always, we will accept donations for the CAC Food Pantry anytime throughout the month, we just set aside the first weekend as a reminder that there are many in our community who need our help feeding their families.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

*"I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian."* — St. Ignatius of Antioch

**Who:** High School students or older that have not received the sacrament

**When:** Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00pm

January 9

February 13

Retreat TBD

Practice is usually the week of the actual Confirmation

Confirmation Date: Feb 20, 2019 at Holy Spirit Church

**Attendance at all sessions is mandatory**

**Where:** St. Matthew the Apostle Church

Meet the first night in the Gathering Space

**How:** Please contact Mary Seura with your contact information before the first class, if possible: email – mseura2@att.net, cell – 816-517-5431 (please text)

A copy of your baptismal certificate will be needed before receiving the sacrament.

## 2018 YEAR END TAX NOTICE

Sunday, December 30, 2018 will be the last collection for the current tax year. Anything received after this date will be credited to the tax year 2019. 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 15 & 16

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| Weekly Parish Contribution | \$3,296.90 |
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#### This month's Figures

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| Total Income Budgeted for this Month | \$22,291.67 |
| Total Contributed to Date            | \$13,038.60 |
| Needed To Meet Budget                | \$9,253.07  |

#### Year-to-Date Comparisons

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

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Total Budgeted Income | \$267,500.00   |
| Total Actual Income   | \$111,783.30   |
| Difference To Date    | – \$155,716.70 |

Thank you for your continued support to our parish. The gifts of your time, talents, and treasure are greatly appreciated.

*The financial figures for the weekend of December 22 & 23 were not available at printing time. They will be posted in next week's bulletin.*

## 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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