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SEPTEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday: 10:00 AM, St. Augustine Church
Monday: 09:00 AM, Catholic Academy (begin 9/11)
Tuesday: 12:00 PM, St. Matthew Church
Wednesday: 12:00 PM, St. Augustine Church
Thursday: 12:00 PM, Our Lady of the Holy Cross
Saturday: 04:00 PM, St. Matthew Church**

RECONCILIATION

One (1) hour before Mass and by Appointment

Parish Staff

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COMMUNITY HELP ORGANIZATIONS

St. Vincent DePaul Society	2715 North Sarah Street	289-6101, mailbox 1169
Northside Youth & Senior Service Center	4120 Maffitt Ave.	531-4161 or 531-1937
St. Louis Catholic Academy	4720 Carter Ave.	389-0401
Northside Community Housing	4067 Lincoln Ave.	534-5400
Child & Family Empowerment Center, Inc.	4145 Kennerly Ave.	449-1333
Unfailing Love Christian Church-Food Pantry	4068 Maffitt Ave.	371-1057

- ◇ **For instructions** in the Catholic Faith, or in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Communion, call the Office.
- ◇ **For marriages**, call the Office 6 months in advance.

Sunday, September 24, 2023



ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

A Parish Totally Committed and Dedicated to its Parishioners and Community.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

The very heart of St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church is Jesus Christ present on the altar. Our mission, born at that altar, is to be sent forth into our neighborhood in order to build up the Kingdom of God. The labor of this effort must address in deed more than in word the needs of our people.

Sunday Mass is live-streamed.

Please go to the parish website and click on the link to view.

September 24, 2023
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil (SMA)

Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Jane Brown

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Margaret Ann McCabe

Acolyte: Michael Williams

Sunday Mass (SA)

Ushers: Demicoe Taylor,
Demetria Taylor, Roger Echols,
Deanna Hannon

Lector: Lotanna Ezepue,
Carl Summers, Jr.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Terry Grotpeter

Acolyte: Samuel Wade,
Brennan Anderson,
Rogerdreka Davis

October 1, 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil (SMA)

Ushers: Lynn Woollfolk & Volunteers

Lector: Shirley Robinson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Margaret Ann McCabe

Acolyte: Michael Williams

Sunday Mass (OLHC)

Ushers: Rita Kemna,
Jackie Robinson,
Louis Coffman

Lector: Marilyn Rusznak,
Judy Lydon

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Sheila Johnson

Acolyte: Bill Collier,
Gary Moellering

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Psalm 145

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Reading II

Philippians 1:20-27

For me to live is Christ;

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Are you envious because I am generous?

Scripture Readings
September 25th - September 30th

Monday: 25th Week in Ordinary Time

Ezra 1:1-6; Psalm 126; Luke 8:16-18

*World Peace

Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 126;

Matthew 10:28-33

*Deceased of the Parish

Wednesday, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13; Luke 9:1-6

*Special Intentions

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

1 Peter 3:14-17; Psalm 126;

Matthew 10:34-39

*Benefactors

Friday: St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,
Archangels

Daniel 7:9-14; Psalm 138; John 1:47-51

Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of
the Church

Zechariah 2:5-15; Jeremiah 31;

Luke 9:43b-45

October 1, 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Ezekiel 18:25-28

By turning from wickedness,
a wicked person shall preserve his life;

Psalm 25

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reading II

Philippians 2:1-11

Have in you the same attitude that is
also in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

He changed his mind and went. Tax
collectors and prostitutes are entering the
kingdom of heaven before you.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds, hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the wicked enemy defend me.

At the hour of my death call me,

bid me come to your side,

that with your saints I may praise you
forever and ever. Amen

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace! **This Saturday at the Vigil Mass (4:00 p.m.) we will be celebrating the patronal feast of St. Matthew, the Apostle Church!** September 21st marks the Feast of St. Matthew, and with a special permission from the Archdiocese, we will honor this great Evangelist at the weekend celebration at St. Matthew. Happy feast day to all!

The call of St. Matthew is a powerful Gospel of which to pray (Matthew 9:9-13).

Matthew, a tax collector, is sitting at the customs post when Jesus passes by and calls him forth into discipleship. The Pharisees, standing nearby, scoff at this summons because they see Matthew as a sinner, a betrayer of Israel in league with the Roman government, the sworn enemy of his people. Jesus knows Matthew's shortcomings, but He sees so much more: His future Apostle, a writer of His Gospel, a future saint! For Jesus, Matthew's identity is not rooted in his mistakes and poor decisions; rather, his identity flows directly from his relationship with Jesus. And the same is true for us! Our sins, our shortcomings don't define who we are... Who we are in Christ defines us. We are beloved sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father before we are anything else. The question remains, though, do we live from that truth? That is a query we ought to continually take to prayer.

Have a blessed week! Know that you all remain in my daily prayers... God bless and keep you always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Scott Scheiderer
Parochial Administrator of OLHC, SA,
SEMJB, and SMA

September Birthdays & Anniversary

Happy Birthday
&
Anniversary
to all who celebrate this month!

HOMEBOUND AND SICK

Harold Cole, Harriett White, Gus Hinton,
Arsenia Kincade, Finely Martin, Ethel Franklin,
William Bonnett, Violet Blackmon,
Carrie Brown, Grace Brown, Mariah Casey,
Roger Casey, Senola Collier, George Cross,
Rhonda Dorsey, Naomi Gardner, Leodia Gooch,
Barbara Ingram, Stanley King, Janie Kirkland,
Elizabeth McFarland, Wendell Scales,
Shirley Shelton, Sandra Simmons, Doris Smith,
Laverna Spinks, Veronica Whalum,
Lillian Whitley, Mattie Williams,
Eugenia Young, Tina Golden,
Kenneth Herndon,

PARISHES NEWS

Our Lady of the Holy Cross Offertory September 17th

\$ 1,977.00 - General Fund
\$ 0.00 - Online Giving

St. Elizabeth, MOJB Offertory September 17th

\$ 1,877.00 - General Fund
\$ 0.00 - Online Giving

**St. Augustine
Offertory September 17th**
\$ 1,402.18 - General Fund
\$ 342.00 - Online Giving

**St. Matthew the Apostle
Offertory September 17th**
\$ 932.00 - General Fund
\$ 723.00 - Online Giving

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New Parish "Name Proposal": Most Holy Rosary

Submitted by Matthew Stuhlman

"I am huge fan of the Rosary and the Blessed Virgin. After I completed the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and learned about praying a colloquy, she became even more important to me. To endure what she witnessed her only son going through for us is minute to our current situation. I think that all four parishes could easily relate to all four mysteries of the Rosary in one way or another. So... four parishes, four mysteries, how about Most Holy Rosary. Thanks for listening."

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROSARY

"The beginnings of the Rosary are found in the early Christian practice of reciting the 150 psalms from the Bible as a way of prayer. Those unable to recite the psalms began to recite the Our Father 150 times, often using beads, Pater Noster cords, to count the prayers.

By medieval times, the custom of saying 'Paternoster' (Our Father) beads was common in many countries in Europe. While saying the prayers, it was customary to meditate on the mysteries of the life of Jesus.

The Rosary in its present form arose in late medieval Christianity when the Hail Mary began to evolve as a prayer from the devotion of Christians who saw her as the great witness to the life of Christ. By the end of the 16th century, the practice of saying 150 Hail Marys in decades was popular among many ordinary Christian people. The stories of the New Testament, contained in the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries were remembered during these prayers.

In 2002, Pope John Paul II called on Catholics and all Christians to pray the Rosary and enter 'the school of Mary'. The saintly pope also suggested that five mysteries be added to the traditional fifteen. He called them Luminous Mysteries, or the Mysteries of Light, which include the mysteries of Christ's public ministry from His Baptism to the Institution of the Eucharist.

Through the centuries, saints like St. Dominic, St Catherine of Siena and Pope St. John Paul II, as well as countless ordinary Christians have found the Rosary to be a school of prayer and a source of spiritual blessing. It is both simple and profound: the rhythmic repetition of the words brings peace to the soul, and uplifts the mind to God."



Pater Noster Cord

Source: *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception*

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries

(Mondays and Saturdays)

The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesdays and Fridays)

The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesdays and Sundays)

The Luminous Mysteries

(Thursdays)



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“St. Matthew, also called St. Matthew the Evangelist, St. Matthew the Apostle, or Levi, (Western feast day September 21, Eastern feast day November 16), one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ and the traditional author of the first Synoptic Gospel (the Gospel According to Matthew).

According to Matthew 9:9 and Mark 2:14, Matthew was sitting by the customs house in Capernaum (on the Sea of Galilee) when Jesus called him into his company. Assuming that the identification of Matthew with Levi is correct, Matthew (probably meaning ‘Yahweh’s Gift’) would appear to be the Christian name of Levi (called by Mark ‘Levi the son of Alphaeus’), who had been employed as a tax collector in the service of Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee. Because Levi’s occupation was one that earned distrust and contempt everywhere, the scribes of the Pharisees criticized Jesus on seeing him eat with tax collectors and sinners, whereupon Jesus answered, ‘I came not to call the righteous, but Sinners’ (Mark 2:15–17). According to Luke 5:29, the aforementioned dinner was given by Levi in his house after his call.

Other than naming Matthew in the list of Apostles, usually pairing him with St. Thomas, the New Testament offers scant and uncertain information about him. Outside the New Testament, a statement of importance about him is the passage from the Apostolic Father Papias of Hierapolis preserved by Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea: ‘So then Matthew composed the Oracles in the Hebrew language, and each one interpreted them as he could.’ The Gospel According to Matthew was certainly written for a Jewish-Christian church in a strongly Jewish environment, but that this Matthew is definitely the Synoptic author is seriously doubted. Tradition notes his ministry in Judaea, after which he supposedly missioned to the East, suggesting Ethiopia and Persia. Legend differs as to the scene of his missions and as to whether he died a natural death or a martyr’s. Matthew’s relics were reputedly discovered in Salerno (Italy) in 1080. His symbol is an angel, and he is a patron saint of tax collectors and accountants.”



Source: *Britannica*

ARE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF RECEIVING ANY SACRAMENT(S)?

If anyone has sacramental needs (Baptism, First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)), please contact the parish office.

† First Reconciliation (Confession)/First Eucharist (Communion):

Any child or youth in the second grade or older who has been baptized: There will be a **mandatory orientation meeting** for parents (only) of children preparing to receive First Holy Communion (Eucharist) this year.

† Confirmation:

Any youth who has been baptized and must be in grades 7th-12th and at least 12 years of age at the time of the administration of the Sacrament. All candidates and their families must attend an information session prior to enrollment.

† All other sacramental needs: Contact the parish office.

Sacramental Preparation: If you or anyone you know is in need of **any** sacrament, please contact the parish office immediately. It will soon be too late to enroll in many of these sessions this school year. If you have any questions contact the parish office at 314-531-6443.

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ALL THINGS NEW CONTEXT - BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

As we continue our transition through the *All Things New* process, the Center lifts each of you and our parishes in prayer. As part of our adaptation, the Center's Bible Study resumes with our exploration of and prayer with "The Book of Sirach" (Ecclesiasticus-Wisdom of Ben Sira), Chapter 33, on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., St. Nicholas Church Site, located at 701 N. 18th St., St. Louis 63103. Noon Mass precedes the session. You are welcome to join us for the liturgy. Please bring a Bible, New American Edition preferred. There is no charge for the sessions. Free will offerings are welcome. If additional information is needed, please call the St. Nicholas phone line at 314-231-2860, ex. 24.

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC ACADEMY LOOKING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS

St. Louis Catholic Academy, proudly located in the Penrose neighborhood of North City, is excited to expand our team of educators for the 23-24 school year. We're a Catholic school devoted to faith-based education and partnering with our families to help students grow. We're seeking instructional aids, who love Jesus and want to share the gospel with our scholars. Instructional aids support classroom teachers in meeting the needs of all students, through small group interventions and individual student support. Our instructional aids help with cafeteria/recess duties and also occasionally serve as substitutes. We welcome candidates who might want to work part-time. Benefits are available for full-time candidates. Please reach out to Christy Toben with a resume and cover letter at toben@scla-stl.org.

"SOCK ANGEL CAMPAIGN"

The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver are requesting donations of much needed *new socks* to be given to our homeless community. Participating is easy. Just drop new socks in the box for the needy. Look for our sock box located in the church. Please help those in need.



THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

Thank you to everyone who celebrated our Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross last Sunday afternoon with us. Your presence in body or spirit truly made this celebration a **JOY**.

We wanted to let everyone know the winners of our raffle drawings: They are:

Wine Basket - Arnetta Rutherford
Gift Card Bonanza - Shirley Carson
50-50 Raffle - The Will Family
The Teddy Bears - Louis Coffman

Thank you everyone!



Habitat for Neighborhood Business

We support existing and aspiring entrepreneurs and others who share our mission to increase commercial investment in under-served neighborhoods.

Contact Gladys Smith, Program Administrator, at 314-977-3625.

"Strengthening Neighborhood Businesses"

IN REMEMBRANCE

Patrick W. Rush
Patricia Rush
Barrington Gates
Patricia Crawford
Katherine Brewster
Lena Brewster Kennon
Inez Brewster McClinton


IN LOVING MEMORY

Mabel Hall	Gregory Hall
Leo Hall	Jarvis Hall
Gail Hall	Mattie Hall
Susie Brewster	Velma Brewster

In Memory of

Clifton and Erna Martin
Alladin & Rezia Martin
William & Augusta Theriot
& All Family Members
Who Have Passed

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<p>In Loving Memory of Leroy & Maudesta Gougisha Jerone "Ronnie" Gougisha Janet Gougisha Joshua Johnson</p>	<p> In Loving Memory of James & Margaret Bland Theresa Frisch-Gordon <hr/>Beloved Father & Mother and Grandmother</p>	<p><i>In Memory of Mrs. Angela Akunmo (née Ezepue)</i> <i>May her soul Rest in Peace. Amen</i></p>
<p><i>In Loving Memory of Stanley & Clayton Rice Ernest & Lucinda Rice John & Mary Briggs Clayton & Althlee Williams Harrison York Smith, II</i></p>	<p> Be a member of The Holy Name Society <hr/>Try to attend Daily Mass</p>	<p>In Beloved Memory of Carl Jacob Westfall Carl Lewis Westfall Sophia Alexander Westfall Ann A. Parker William "Beanie" Westfall</p>
<p>In Memory of Beulah & Walter McPherson Mildred & Barney Simms And Other Family Members</p>	<p><i>Memorialize a loved one In this space</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Choi S. Handley (wife, mother, daughter, sister)</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of Ida Collins Lindell Collins Sr. Lindell Collins Jr. Ernest Collins Albert Mason Jr. William Collins Sr. Doris Mason</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Jannia Fields Vivian Kirksey Henry Frank Clay, Jr. Henrietta Clay</p>	<p>Is Stephens Ministry for you? Contact Teresa Scurlock 314.397.2748 Margaret Ann McCabe 314.609-9285</p>
<p> In Memory of Helena C. Anthony Shawn C. Anthony Lloyd Tilghman Francis Tilghman Theresa Tilghman John O. Tilghman Lloyd (chick) Tilghman</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Burton & Ruby Woods, Paul & Victoria Powell, George Powell, Willie Paul Powell, Charles "Bobby" Powell, Elenora Ross, Mattie Toney, Elijah "Joe" Turnage, Equellia Woods , lola Abney</p>	<p><i>Memorialize a loved one In this space</i></p>
<p>In Memoriam Oliver McCullum Raymond Prisby, Sr. Gretchen McCullum Mary Prisby Holliday Levester McCullum Gladys Prisby-Ross Ruby Williams Raymond Prisby, Jr. Willa Mae McFarley Russell E. Prisby Virginia Ann Saunders Vivian Prisby</p>	<p><i>In loving memory of Thad Hollie, Jr., Esq.</i> <i>"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abiding in the word of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:58</i></p>	
<p><u>IN MEMORIAM</u> Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society @ St. Matthew</p>		
<p>Liz Bell Beatrice Blackshear Henry Brown Dorothy Cain</p>	<p>Leo Glaze Flora Hailey Cloteal Harris Gwendolyn Harris</p>	<p>Mary Hoskins Lillie Johnson Al & Felecia Leake Ruth Mitchell Jean Short</p>
<p> Knights of Peter Claver Father Zimmerman Council 150  Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Matthew Court 150 SPREADING EVANGELIZATION SINCE 1909 For information contact: Isom Williams, Jr. (Knights) Patricia Hughes (Ladies)</p>	<p>In Memory of Earl Franklin Johnson, Sr. Earl Franklin Johnson, Jr. Marian Fleming John E. Ford, Jr. Ella & Willie Butler Samuel Sheppard Marquez Oliver</p>	<p> Be a member of St. Ann Sodality <hr/>Attend Mass regularly Meetings every 3rd Sunday</p>

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