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Building the Kingdom of God
for 130 Years in "The Ville"**

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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, October 1, 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.

October 1, 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil (SMA)

Ushers: Lynn Woolfolk & Volunteers

Lector: Denise Thomas

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Margaret Ann McCabe

Acolyte: Michael Williams

Sunday Mass (OLHC)

Ushers: Rita Kemna,
Jackie Robinson,
Louis Coffman,
Mark Whealen

Lector: Marilyn Rusznak,
Dionne Flowers

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Sheila Johnson

Acolyte: Bill Collier,
Shirley Robinson

October 8, 2023
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil (SA)

Ushers: Lynn Woolfolk & Volunteers

Lector: Carmen Charleston

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Margaret Ann McCabe

Acolyte: Michael Williams

Sunday Mass (OLHC)

Ushers: Dionne Flowers,
Louis Coffman,
Shirley Carson,
Otis Holloway

Lector: JoAnn Ghirardi,
Judy Lydon

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Rita Kemna

Acolyte: Eddiemae Brown,
Gary Moellering,
Bill Collier

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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.

Scripture Readings
October 2nd - October 7th

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Memorial

Zech. 8:1-8, Psalm 102; Matt. 18:1-5
*World Peace

Tuesday: St. Francis Borgia, Priest
Zech. 8:20-23, Ps. 87; Luke 9:51-56
Mary & Joe Messerly

Wednesday, St. Francis of Assisi Memorial
Neh. 2:1-8, Ps. 137; Luke 9:57-62
*Special Intentions

Thursday: 26th Week in Ordinary Time
Neh. 8:1-12, Ps. 19; Luke 10:1-12
*Benefactors

Friday: 26th Week in Ordinary Time
Bar. 1:15-22, Ps. 79; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Memorial

Bar. 4:5-29, Ps. 69; Luke 10:17-24

October 8, 2023
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel.

Psalm 80

The vineyard is the house of Israel.

Reading II

Philippians 4:6-9

Keep on doing what you have learned and
received and heard and seen in me.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43
He will lease his vineyard
to other tenants.

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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace! Well, **the month of October is upon us, the month dedicated to the most Holy Rosary!** The Rosary is one of my favorite devotions... In my early twenties, I came back to faith after having been astray for most of high school and college, and the first devotion I developed in my return, by the grace of God, was the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary. Over time, I began to read Sacred Scripture as I prayed the Rosary. Whatever mystery I'd be praying (i.e. the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Carrying of the Cross, the Resurrection, etc.), I'd go to that passage in the Gospels or to a related Scripture and pray those verses along with my "Our Fathers" and "Hail Marys." Now, as I read and pray with the Bible, I often times will pray a decade of Rosary when I come across a passage that speaks to my heart. I like to say that I read and pray Scripture along with Mary that she may lead me closer to the Heart of her Son.

Perhaps, in the month of October, **consider (if you don't already) making some kind of commitment to pray the Rosary.** This can be done in many ways. You can pray a family Rosary, a Scriptural Rosary, or maybe you start easy by praying a decade of the Rosary a day. Whatever commitment you make, I'm confident that the Blessed Mother will guide you into a deeper understanding and love of her Son.

Well, the beginning of a new month means that **we are on the move again!** Thank you to St. Matthew, the Apostle for accommodating the Vigil Mass and St. Augustine for hosting the Sunday Mass in the month of September! **For the month of October, St. Augustine will have the Vigil Mass on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Our Lady of the Cross will have the Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m.** Also, there is an update on our parish merger! **Please see the letter we received from All Things New leadership on page 4.** Additionally, please note that the summary of the Transition Team meeting on September 20th will be published in next week's bulletin.

My prayers remain for you, for your loved ones, and for your intentions. Have a blessed week!

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

October Birthdays & Anniversary

Happy Birthday
&
Anniversary
to all who celebrate this month!

Remember in your prayers all the Homebound and Sick of our parish:

Harold Cole, Harriett White, Gus Hinton, Arsenia Kincade, Finley 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 24th

\$ 0.00 - General Fund
\$ 0.00 - Online Giving

St. Elizabeth, MOJB Offertory September 24th

\$ 2,567.00 - General Fund
\$ 0.00 - Online Giving

St. Augustine Offertory September 24th

\$ 2,250.77 - General Fund
\$ 385.00 - Online Giving

St. Matthew the Apostle Offertory September 24th

\$ 480.00 - General Fund
\$ 375.00 - Online Giving

Jesus make our hearts like yours.

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PARISH MERGER UPDATE

Dear OLHC, SA, SEMJB and SMA Parishioners,

As of August 1st, the parish communities of Our Lady of the Holy Cross, St. Augustine, St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, and St. Matthew the Apostle were decreed to merge into a newly erected parish. Although August 1st was the effective date of the decree, the canonical process allows for an “appeal window” in which any parishioner can request the Archbishop to revoke or amend his decree. During the “appeal window”, your parishes were obligated to maintain separate legal records for each parish. During this period, your financial and census records remained separate, however, your parish community was served pastorally as one community. Further, the intent of donors was honored during this period, that is, if a check was directed to Our Lady of the Holy Cross (made payable to), it was deposited into the appropriate bank account and recorded for Our Lady of the Holy Cross. Likewise, for St. Augustine, St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, and St. Matthew the Apostle.

The appeal window is now considered closed for two of your parish communities, Our Lady of the Holy Cross and St. Augustine, and there is approval to formally unite them as a parish family. Parishioners from Our Lady of the Holy Cross and St. Augustine will NOT need to re-register, as those census records will be transferred. We apologize for any confusing directives on this topic. Parishioners are welcome to check-in with their parish staff and confirm they have the most updated contact information for you and your family. At the end of the calendar year, parishioners may receive 2 contribution statements (one from each parish) for donations made during 2023. If you have chosen another parish for worship, it would be appreciated if you let the parish office know so your records can be updated. (St. Augustine, 314-385-1934 or staugustine.cc.stl@gmail.com or Our Lady of the Holy Cross, 314-381-0323 or lb9853@swbell.net.)

As you are aware, one or more parishioners of St. Matthew, the Apostle parish made recourse and out of respect for the canonical process, Archbishop Rozanski issued a decree suspending the effects of the merger of St. Matthew, the Apostle.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch article on August 11 reported that “The closures of at least seven other parishes known to have sent their appeals directly to the Vatican have not been suspended, including: St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist.”

The Dicastery of the Clergy has not yet notified Archbishop Rozanski with their receipt of the appeal from St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist. Validation of the appeal is not possible until the Dicastery for the Clergy shares the appeal with Archbishop Rozanski. Until the rumored appeal can be substantiated, the following directive is in place: the financials and parishioner registrations should not be merged for St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, and no decisions should be made that would be difficult to reverse.

The Archdiocese will be in contact when and if they receive notification from the Dicastery of the Clergy that the appeal for St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist was received, and the Metropolitan Tribunal completes the process of validation. You will be updated as new information is received.

You are invited to get involved by volunteering to help in one of the many ministries or in any way that you can. Each of you have spiritual gifts to offer that will enable your parish community to thrive as a family.

There are challenges and difficult decisions that will need to be made. Change is never easy for any one of us, but nothing in life stays the same. There is an opportunity to create and build a vibrant parish community that will serve God and others after the heart of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We look forward to working with you in building a faithful, loving, vibrant parish family. Let us keep each other in prayer and make a commitment to each other. God bless you.

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New Parish "Name Proposal": All Saints

Submitted by Sr. Carlene Welker, D.C. (Our Lady of the Holy Cross)

"All the churches are named for a saint, and in previous years some parishes already were merged with churches of saint names, e.g., St. Englebert, St. Adalbert, St. Rose of Lima, St. Philip, St. Barbara, St. Edward, St. Malachy... this honors the history of North City parishes."

A LITTLE HISTORY

"All Christians are called to be saints. Saints are persons in heaven (officially canonized or not), who lived heroically virtuous lives, offered their life for others, or were martyred for the faith, and who are worthy of imitation.

In official Church procedures there are three steps to sainthood: a candidate becomes 'Venerable,' then 'Blessed' and then 'Saint.' Venerable is the title given to a deceased person recognized formally by the pope as having lived a heroically virtuous life or offered their life. To be beatified and recognized as a Blessed, one miracle acquired through the candidate's intercession is required in addition to recognition of heroic virtue or offering of life. Canonization requires a second miracle after beatification."

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

EXAMPLES OF MIRACLES TO BE CANONIZED A SAINT

St. Rose of Lima

"According to the Catholic Church, many miracles followed her death, including a story that the city of Lima smelled of roses at the time of her death and that roses began falling from the sky. Many places in the New World are named Santa Rosa after her."

Source: strose.edu

St. Adalbert

"In the tenth century, Adalbert visited the nun Wilfsit three times in a dream and told her that his bones should be exhumed and translated to her nunnery in Hallem. Wilfsit contacted Count Dirk I of Holland, who had the church demolished and Adalbert's bones dug up. As they did so, water welled up along with the saintly bones and a well was established on the site. Ever since, this well has been a holy place and has been visited by various pilgrims, among whom the blind Anglo-Saxon Folmar, whose sight was restored by drinking water from the well of Adalbertus. A thousand years later, water can still be drunk from the well..."

Source: thijsporck.com

Interim Mass Schedule (October)

Mondays	9 a.m.	St. Louis Catholic Academy 4720 Carter Ave., 63115
Tuesdays	12 p.m.	St. Matthew the Apostle 2715 N. Sarah St., 63113
Wednesdays	12 p.m.	St. Augustine Catholic Church 1371 Hamilton Ave., 63112
Thursdays	12 p.m.	Our Lady of the Holy Cross 8115 Church Road, 63147
Fridays		No Public Masses
Saturdays	4 p.m.	St. Augustine Catholic Church 1371 Hamilton Ave., 63112
Sunday	10 a.m.	Our Lady of the Holy Cross 8115 Church Road, 63147

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**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.

Safe Environment - To report any suspicion of abuse by any Church personnel please contact local law enforcement, or call the **Missouri Department of Social Services Child Abuse Neglect Hotline Number: 1-800-392-3738**.

In addition, anyone who has knowledge of sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis is urged to call the **Office of Child and Youth Protection at 314-792-7704**. For more information on how the Archdiocese is responding to the current abuse crisis please visit:

<https://www.archstl.org/promise>.

“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.



Any parishioner that has moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please update your information by calling the parish office, visit the website or email:

St. Matthews: Yvonne at stmatthews@sbcglobal.net

St. Augustine: Michele at staugustine.cc.stl@gmail.com

St. Elizabeth: Lynda at lb9853@swbell.net

Our Lady of the Holy Cross: Lynda at lb9853@swbell.net



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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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