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Dedicated July 30, 1893
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OCTOBER MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday: 10:00 AM, Our Lady of the Holy Cross
Monday: 09:00 AM, St. Louis Catholic Academy
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. Augustine Church**

RECONCILIATION

One (1) hour before Mass and by Appointment

Parish Staff

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COMMUNITY HELP ORGANIZATIONS

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| 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 8, 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 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

October 15, 2023
28th 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: Jackie Robinson,
Mark Whealen,
Shirley Carson,
Otis Holloway

Lector: Jan Quinn,
Shirley Robinson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Judy Lydon

Acolyte: Eddiemae Brown,
Gary Moellering,
Bill Collier

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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 of the Lord
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.

Scripture Readings
October 9th - October 14th

Monday: 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Jon. 1:1 - 2:2, Jon. 2; Luke 10:25-37
*World Peace

Tuesday: 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Jon. 3:1-10, Ps. 130; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday: 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Jon. 4:1-11, Ps. 86; Luke 11:1-4
*Special Intentions

Thursday: 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Mal. 3:13-20, Ps. 1; Luke 11:5-13
Patricia (Thomasson) & Joe Bottini

Friday: 27th Week in Ordinary Time
Joel 1:13-2:1-2, Ps. 9; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday: St. Callistus 1, Pope & Martyr
Joel 4:12-21, Ps. 97; Luke 11:27-28

October 15, 2023
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast
and will wipe away the tears
from every face.

Psalm 23

I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

Reading II

Philippians 4:12-20

I can do all things in him
who strengthens me.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14
Invite to the wedding feast
whomever you find.

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, October 8, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace! I hope these words find you well in the Lord!

Wow! What words we hear from St. Paul in our 2nd Reading this weekend: "Have no anxiety at all" (Philippians 4:6). I don't know about you, but when I hear those words I ask, "Is such a thing even possible?" Well, my friends, "do not be unbelieving, but believe" (John 20:27). As St. Paul mentions a few verses later in his *Letter to the Philippians*, through Christ, we "have the strength for everything" (Philippians 4:13). I don't think it's a coincidence that those words follow shortly after this bold exhortation of St. Paul. Consider too that Christ Himself, in His Sermon on the Mount, repeatedly tells His disciples, "Do not be anxious" (6:25-34). And Jesus' words are not empty words, but words that have the power to effect what they signify. Thus, the ability is there, we just need to exercise it, and we do this through prayer.

Notice the words that follow St. Paul urging: "...by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God" (4:6). It is "in relationship with the Lord" that we are delivered from our anxieties, but this takes significant work on our part. We need to continually relate to God throughout our day our thoughts, feelings, and desires, and then, take the time to let Him speak into our interior experience. If we are diligent in this practice, God's peace will surely increase in our lives. "Cast all your worries upon Him because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

My prayers remain for you all! May the peace of Christ, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ!

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 October 1st

\$ 744.00 - General Fund
\$ 40.00 - Online Giving

St. Elizabeth, MOJB

Offertory October 1st

\$ 2,938.00 - General Fund
\$ 105.00 - Online Giving

St. Augustine

Offertory October 1st

\$ NA - General Fund
\$ NA - Online Giving

St. Matthew the Apostle

Offertory October 1st

\$ 1,823.00 - General Fund
\$ 1,243.00 - Online Giving

Jesus make our hearts like yours.

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Transition Team Update

On Wednesday, 9/20, the Transition Team met at St. Augustine for our bi-monthly meeting. One of the first topics of discussion was to address **the Mass schedule post-October**. After some deliberations, it was decided that before we come to a final decision as to how we proceed with the Mass schedule, we need to experience how the Sunday Mass goes at Our Lady of the Holy Cross (OLHC). After a couple weekends of Mass at OLHC, we will have a better idea as to what parishes can best accommodate the fall/winter months and the Advent/Christmas seasons. We expect to have a post-October Mass schedule finalized around the middle of October.

Discussions were then had regarding the **production of a more unified bulletin**. Currently, the weekend bulletin is produced by the parish hosting the Mass for the month. While the information provided within the bulletin is largely the same for all parishes, there are some differences specific to each that we would like to begin to unify (i.e. "Have the front cover represent all four parishes"). A prototype of a new bulletin will be reviewed mid-October. Please note, changes to the bulletin will not affect those who paid for advertisement or memorial space. **Advertisements and memorials will continue unchanged** for each individual parish.

I am excited to announce that a number of **faith formation opportunities** are beginning to develop in our parishes. **The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** will begin its inquiry sessions this weekend (10/8) **for all those desiring to be Catholic or those in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation**. If you know someone who is interested in joining these classes or if you would like to be a part of this process, please notify me or call one of our parish offices. In other faith formation news, a **Young Adult/Youth Group/Children's Religious Education leadership team** has been assembled to begin helping form our younger generations in the faith. As for ongoing adult faith formation, there was discussion about having a faith formation series on the Mass. The St. Charles Lwanga Center is offering a Bible Study on the *Book of Sirach*, so the Transition Team suggested offering a series on the Eucharist or perhaps, the Sacraments "in general."

Liturgical minister formation will continue in the coming months. I was able to have two trainings in the month of September: an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) training and an Altar Server training. I apologize for the short notice on these trainings, but the pressing need for these trainings prompted me to schedule them sooner rather than later. There will be additional trainings in the coming months for EMHCs, altar servers, lectors, and ushers. Stay tuned for those upcoming dates.

I am pleased to report that **all our personnel needs have been met!** We now have in place a business manager as well as a maintenance supervisor and additional maintenance help. As mentioned previously, the secretarial duties will be shared amongst the current staff.

In other "Good News," I'm happy to report that a **"phone tree" system is being set-up for our four parishes**. This will enable us to make important announcements and updates via a phone message that will go out to all our registered parishioners. Communication is of the utmost importance, and the Transition Team and I want to make sure parishioners stay connected in these times of transition.

There was also discussions regarding the need to bring parishioners together for **social events and fellowship**. This will be an ongoing discussion. A Social Committee is formed and they have begun deliberating about hosting a "Trivia Night" in the spring. If you have any suggestions or ideas regarding parish social events or activities, please reach out to one of the Transitional Team members or to me.

My prayers continue for you and your loved ones! **If you need to reach out to me for any reason, please don't hesitate to contact me:** 314.531.6443 (office); 303.579.1266 (cell); scottscheiderer@archstl.org. Thank you!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Scott Scheiderer

Parochial Administrator of OLHC, SA, SEMJB, and SMA

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New Parish "Name Proposal": St. Benedict the Moor

Submitted by Lynn Woolfolk
(St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist)

"A Sicilian Franciscan friar known for his charity work and as the saint of African Missions."

-Lynn Woolfolk



ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
A Little History

"Benedict was born to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who were taken as slaves in the early 16th century to San Fratello, a small town near Messina, Sicily. They were given Italian names and later converted to Christianity. The Italian "il Moro" for "the dark-skinned" has been interpreted as referring to Moorish heritage.

Benedict's parents were granted freedom for their son before his birth because of their "loyal service". Like most peasants, Benedict did not attend any school and was illiterate. During his youth, he worked as a shepherd and was quick to give what he had earned to the poor. When he was 21 years old, he was publicly insulted for his color. His forbearance at this time was noted by the leader of an independent group of hermits on nearby Monte Pellegrino, who followed the Rule for hermit life written by Francis of Assisi. Benedict was quickly invited to join that community, and shortly thereafter he gave up all his earthly possessions and joined them. He served as the cook for the community and at the age of twenty-eight succeeded Jerome Lanze as leader of the group.

In 1564 Pope Pius IV disbanded independent communities of hermits, ordering them to attach themselves to an established religious Order, in this case, the Order of Friars Minor. Once a friar of the Order, Benedict was assigned to Palermo to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. He started at the friary as a cook, but, showing the degree of his advancement in the spiritual life, he was soon appointed as the master of novices, and later as Guardian of the community, although he was a lay brother rather than a priest, and was illiterate.

Benedict accepted the promotion, and successfully helped the order adopt a stricter version of the Franciscan Rule of life. He was widely respected for his deep, intuitive understanding of theology and Scripture, and was often sought for counseling. He also had a reputation as a healer of the sick. Combined, these characteristics continued to draw many visitors to him. As he enjoyed cooking, he returned to kitchen duty in his later years.

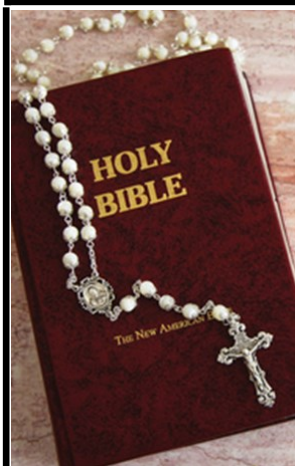


Benedict died at the age of 65 and, it is claimed, on the very day and hour which he had predicted. At the entrance of his cell in the Franciscan friary of St. Mary of Jesus, there is a plaque with the inscription: "This is the cell where Saint Benedict lived", and the dates of his birth and death – 1524 and 1589. Other sources list the year of his birth as 1526. In a *New York Times* review of the 2012 exhibit, *Revealing the African Presence in Renaissance Europe*, at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore, Maryland, his birth date is given as 1526.

Upon his death, King Philip III of Spain ordered the construction of a magnificent tomb to house his remains in the friary church."

Source: Wikipedia

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



TIPS TO PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

1. Carry a rosary in your pocket.
2. Say it while you wait (for example at a bus stop).
3. Recite the rosary while doing chores or while you work out.
4. Use images and music. The rosary is a contemplative prayer.
5. If you are upset, pray for the situation that worries you.
6. Pray while you walk and think of the people in your life.
7. Use each mystery to ask for a specific intention.
8. If you can't pray the whole Rosary at once, break it into parts.
9. Say it in moments of sadness or spiritual drought.
10. Fall asleep praying the Rosary.

Source: Archdiocese of New Orleans

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – Do you know someone that is interested in joining the Catholic Church? Or, someone baptized who is not confirmed or who has never received communion? **Classes are starting today after mass at Our Lady of the Holy Cross Church!**

Whether or not we have a clear view of where God is leading us, we trust that the destination is good; and it is exactly where we need to be at this time. Blessed assurance, God has a time for every purpose under heaven.

Safe Environment Program - All volunteers and employees who work with children at **St. Matthew's Church must be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program.** This includes attending Protecting God's Children workshop, undergoing a background check updated in even-numbered years, having an FBI fingerprint check if you have lived outside of Missouri within the past five years, and signing the Code of Ethical Conduct. If you have any questions about your compliance, please contact our parish child safety coordinator, Yvonne Ward, at 531-6443.



“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.

GARAGE SALE AND PICNIC

The Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver Court 213 are hosting a Garage Sale and Picnic on Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 4330 Shreve Ave (former St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Church grounds). There will be vendor tables (\$30), food, music and FUN!!!

For more information contact Grand Lady Anita Williams, anitacrater@gmail.com, 636-485-0130 or Grand Knight Gerron Houston, gerronhouston@gmail.com, 314-397-3509.

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



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

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| 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><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> |
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| <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 align="center"><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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