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# **St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church**

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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, the Apostle Church  
Wednesday: 12:00 PM, St. Augustine Catholic Church  
Thursday: 12:00 PM, Our Lady of the Holy Cross  
Saturday: 04:00 PM, St. Augustine Catholic Church**

## **RECONCILIATION**

**One (1) hour before Mass and by Appointment**

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<b>St. Vincent DePaul Society</b>	<b>2715 North Sarah Street</b>	<b>289-6101, mailbox 1169</b>
<b>Northside Youth &amp; Senior Service Center</b>	<b>4120 Maffitt Ave.</b>	<b>531-4161 or 531-1937</b>
<b>St. Louis Catholic Academy</b>	<b>4720 Carter Ave.</b>	<b>389-0401</b>
<b>Northside Community Housing</b>	<b>4067 Lincoln Ave.</b>	<b>534-5400</b>
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- ◇ **For marriages**, call the Office 6 months in advance.

**Sunday, October 15, 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 15, 2023**  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Saturday Vigil (SA)**

**Ushers:** Lynn Woolfolk, Claire Hay,  
Luci Rucker

**Lector:** Michelle Simmons

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy  
Communion:**

**Acolyte:** Michael Williams

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**Sunday Mass (OLHC)**

**Ushers:** Jackie Robinson,  
Otis Holloway,  
Mark Whealen,  
Shirley Carson

**Lector:** Jan Quinn,  
Shirley Robinson

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy  
Communion:**  
Judy Lydon

**Acolyte:** Eddiemae Brown,  
Gary Moellering,  
Bill Collier

**October 22, 2023**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Saturday Vigil (SA)**

**Ushers:** Volunteers

**Lector:** Myles McCabe

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy  
Communion:**

**Acolyte:** Michael Williams

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**Sunday Mass (OLHC)**

**Ushers:** Sheila Johnson,  
Ralph Klocker,  
Rita Kemna,  
Judy Lydon

**Lector:** Stephen Byes,  
Richard Burgdorf

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy  
Communion:**  
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**Acolyte:** Shirley Robinson,  
Bill Collier,  
Gary Moellering

# Sunday, October 15, 2023

**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.

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**Scripture Readings**  
**October 16th - October 21st**

**Monday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time**  
Rom, 1:1-7, Ps. 98, Luke 11:29-32  
\*World Peace

**Tuesday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time**  
Rom, 1:16-25, Ps. 19, Luke 11:37-41  
\*Deceased of the Parish

**Wednesday: St. Luke, Evangelist**  
2 Tim. 4:10-17, Ps. 145, Luke 10:1-9  
\*Special Intentions

**Thursday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time**  
2 Cor. 4:7-15, Ps. 126, Matt. 28:16-20  
Malcolm J. Woodman

**Friday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time**  
Rom. 4:1-8, Ps. 32, Luke 12:1-7  
Veronica Condon

**Saturday: 28th Week in Ordinary Time**  
Rom. 4:13-18, Ps. 105, Luke 12:8-12

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**October 22, 2023**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading I**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
I have grasped the right hand of  
Cyrus to subdue the nations  
before him.

**Psalm 96**

Give the Lord glory and honor.

**Reading II**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b  
Calling to mind faith, love and hope.

**Gospel**

Matthew 22:15-21  
Give to Caesar what belongs  
to Caesar and to God what  
belongs to God.

*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 15, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace! Today in our Gospel we hear the "Parable of the Marriage Feast" (Matthew 22:1-14). Similar to the last two weekends, we are prompted to reflect on how we are responding to God's call to union with Himself, hence the "invitation to the marriage feast."

Recently, I was reading a great commentary on the Gospel of Matthew: *Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture: The Gospel of Matthew* (Mitch and Sri). The authors noted that, in this parable, we are warned as to some of the common snares we face in responding to God's exalted call. I found this very enlightening and wanted to share these thoughts with you today.

The first snare, the authors tell us, cautions us against indifference. The king prepares a banquet for the marriage of his son (In other words, God, the Father, calls us into relationship with His Son) and many just go about their regular business, ignoring the invitation to the feast.

The second snare warns against indignation towards God's call. We have a tendency, at times, to war against God's call because it can seem like a threat to our pursuit of happiness. God invites us to a radically new way of life, and this can provoke in us strong feelings of resentment and make us defensive or even hostile towards His call.

Finally, the third snare steers us away from incomplete conversion. Mitch and Sri note, "The man without the wedding garment had neither ignored nor refused the invitation to the feast. But his yes to the call of God was not carried through in his life. He wanted the good things of the kingdom, but not enough to break with his sinful ways and live as a committed disciple."

Good stuff! I don't know about you, but this really gives me a lot to think about and pray with in my own personal response to God's call. I hope it can aid you in your journey too! God bless you, my friends! My prayers remain for you always!

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!

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### 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,  
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George Cross, Rhonda Dorsey,  
Naomi Gardner, Leodia Gooch,  
Barbara Ingram, Stanley King, Janie Kirkland,  
Elizabeth McFarland, Wendell Scales,  
Shirley Shelton, Sandra Simmons,  
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## PARISHES NEWS

### **Our Lady of the Holy Cross Offertory October 8th**

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*Jesus make our hearts like yours.*

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**Transition Team Update**

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On Wednesday, 10/4, the Transition Team met at St. Matthew, the Apostle, for our bi-monthly meeting. As mentioned in last week's bulletin, **the Transition Team and I have set the goal to have the "post-October" Mass schedule finalized by our mid-October meeting (10/18).** We specifically chose this date because we wanted to experience several Sunday Masses at Our Lady of the Holy Cross before the final plans for November through January were decided.

In our meeting, we began to discuss a number of the benefits offered and challenges faced by each parish in accommodating our parish family in the coming months. **I asked the Transition Team to continue to weigh the "pros" and "cons" of each parish setting** (i.e., accessibility, accommodations, parking, security, etc.) so we can make the most well-informed decision regarding our worship space for the remaining months of fall and the beginning of winter. **If you have input in this regard, please reach out to our Transition Team members or to me to have your voice heard.**

Many on the Transition Team agree that being able to talk openly with their fellow parishioners and with their pastor at our meetings has been helpful in adjusting to the ongoing changes we are experiencing with All Things New. Realizing the benefit of these meetings, there was a suggestion that we make this opportunity available to the parish family as a whole. In order to meet this need, **we will begin having "open forum" meetings on Monday evenings (beginning 10/16)** where parishioners can meet with each other and with me to discuss various topics of their choosing. **Our first meeting (10/16) will be in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of the Holy Cross at 6:00 p.m.** Locations for subsequent meetings will be finalized in the coming weeks so be on the lookout for that announcement. We are limiting the number of participants to 15, so please sign-up in advance by calling one of our parish secretaries or by contacting me (see contact information below). There will be several opportunities for these meetings, so please sign-up on a Monday you are available.

**The need to build parish unity was also stressed at our meeting.** Though we are several distinct parishes coming together to worship, we remain one body in Christ. As Mr. Kenneth Bell emphasized at our meeting, we are "one Church... several locations." How we continue to foster unity among our parishes will be an ongoing discussion, and **we want and need your input and suggestions.** Please bring these forward to a Transition Team member or bring them to me directly. I encourage you, **take advantage of the opportunities already in place and those being planned (gatherings after Mass, bulletin events, "open forum" Mondays, etc.) to build fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.**

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Scott Scheiderer  
Parochial Administrator of OLHC, SA, SEMJB, and SMA



# Sunday, October 15, 2023

## **New Parish “Name Proposal”: Saint Moses the Black Submitted by Jerry Nichols (St. Matthew, the Apostle)**



“When I look out over our crowds at mass, I am inspired by the number of strong black men in our parish family. This is not always a strength in our communities, but it is here. It brings to mind St. Moses the Black, which I believe would be good name for our new parish in North St Louis.

Like most of us, he was not a saint in his early years. Captured and put into slavery in Ethiopia, Moses was a large, powerful, violent man whose young life, like many of us, was ruled by passion and violence. His owner freed him do to fear and Moses became a leader of criminals and murderers. Happenstance caused him to spend time in a monastery and his life was changed for the better. He became the patron saint of non violence and, I believe, a model for us all.”

### **LIFE OF ST. MOSES THE BLACK**

“Saint Moses the Black lived during the fourth century in Egypt. He was an Ethiopian, and he was black of skin and therefore called ‘Murin’ (meaning ‘like an Ethiopian’). In his youth he was the slave of an important man, but after he committed a murder, his master banished him, and he joined a band of robbers.

Because of his bad character and great physical strength they chose him as their leader. Moses and his band of brigands did many evil deeds, both murders and robberies. People were afraid at the mere mention of his name.

Moses the brigand spent several years leading a sinful life, but through the great mercy of God he repented, left his band of robbers and went to one of the desert monasteries. Here he wept for a long time, begging to be admitted as one of the brethren. The monks were not convinced of the sincerity of his repentance, but the former robber would not be driven away nor silenced. He continued to ask that they accept him.

St. Moses was completely obedient to the igumen and the brethren, and he poured forth many tears of sorrow for his sinful life. After a certain while St. Moses withdrew to a solitary cell, where he spent the time in prayer and the strictest fasting in a very austere lifestyle.

Once, four of the robbers of his former band descended upon the cell of St. Moses. He had lost none of his great physical strength, so he tied them all up. Throwing them over his shoulder, he brought them to the monastery, where he asked the Elders what to do with them. The Elders ordered that they be set free. The robbers, learning that they had chanced upon their former ringleader, and that he had dealt kindly with them, followed his example: they repented and became monks. Later, when the rest of the band of robbers heard about the repentance of St. Moses, then they also gave up their thievery and became fervent monks.

St. Moses was not quickly freed from the passions. He went often to the igumen, Abba Isidore, seeking advice on how to be delivered from the passions of profligacy. Being experienced in the spiritual struggle, the Elder taught him never to eat too much food, to remain partly hungry while observing the strictest moderation. But the passions did not cease to trouble St. Moses in his dreams.

Then Abba Isidore taught him the all-night vigil. The monk stood the whole night at prayer, so he would not fall asleep. From his prolonged struggles St. Moses fell into despondency, and when there arose thoughts about leaving his solitary cell, Abba Isidore instead strengthened the resolve of his disciple.

In a vision he showed him many demons in the west, prepared for battle, and in the east a still greater quantity of holy angels, also ready for fighting. Abba Isidore explained to St. Moses that the power of the angels would prevail over the power of the demons, and in the long struggle with the passions it was necessary for him to become completely cleansed of his former sins.

St. Moses undertook a new effort. Making the rounds by night of the wilderness cells, he carried water from the well to each brother. He did this especially for the Elders, who lived far from the well and who were not easily able to carry their own water. Once, kneeling over the well, St. Moses felt a powerful blow upon his back and he fell down at the well like one dead, laying there in that position until dawn. Thus did the devils take revenge upon the monk for his victory over them. In the morning the brethren carried him to his cell, and he lay there a whole year crippled. Having recovered, the monk with firm resolve confessed to the igumen, that he would continue to live in asceticism. But the Lord Himself put limits to this struggle of many years: Abba Isidore blessed his disciple and said to him that the passions had already gone from him. The Elder commanded him to receive the Holy Mysteries, and to go to his own cell in peace. From that time, St. Moses received from the Lord power over demons.

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Accounts about his exploits spread among the monks and even beyond the bounds of the wilderness. The governor of the land wanted to see the saint. When he heard of this, St. Moses decided to hide from any visitors, and he departed his own cell. Along the way he met servants of the governor, who asked him how to get to the cell of the desert-dweller Moses. The monk answered them: 'Go no farther to see this false and unworthy monk.' The servants returned to the monastery where the governor was waiting, and they told him the words of the Elder they had chanced to meet. The brethren, hearing a description of the Elder's appearance, told them that they had encountered St. Moses himself.

After many years of monastic exploits, St. Moses was ordained deacon. The bishop clothed him in white vestments and said, 'Now Abba Moses is entirely white!' The saint replied, 'Only outwardly, for God knows that I am still dark within.'

Through humility, the saint believed himself unworthy of the office of deacon. Once, the bishop decided to test him and he bade the clergy to drive him out of the altar, reviling him as an unworthy Ethiopian. In all humility, the monk accepted the abuse. Having put him to the test, the bishop then ordained St. Moses to be presbyter. St. Moses labored for fifteen years in this rank, and gathered around himself 75 disciples.

When the saint reached age 75, he warned his monks that soon brigands would descend upon the skete and murder all that were there. The saint blessed his monks to leave, in order to avoid violent death. His disciples began to beseech the monk to leave with them, but he replied: 'For many years already I have awaited the time when the words which my Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, should be fulfilled: 'All who take up the sword, shall perish by the sword" (Mt. 26: 52). After this, seven of the brethren remained with the monk, and one of them hid nearby during the attack of the robbers. The robbers killed St. Moses and the six monks who remained with him. Their death occurred in about the year 400."

Source: **OCA.org**.



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*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.*

**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:**

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