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NOVEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 08:00 AM, St. Matthew, the Apostle Church
10:00 AM, St. Matthew, the Apostle Church
Monday: 09:00 AM, St. Louis Catholic Academy
Tuesday: 12:00 PM, Our Lady of the Holy Cross
Wednesday: 12:00 PM, Our Lady of the Holy Cross
Thursday: 12:00 PM, Our Lady of the Holy Cross
Saturday: 04:00 PM, St. Matthew, the Apostle Church

RECONCILIATION

One (1) hour before Mass and by Appointment

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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 29, 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 29, 2023
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Vigil (SA)

Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Michele Brown

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Acolyte: Michael Williams

Sunday Mass (OLHC)

Ushers: Barbara Johnson,
Richard Burgdorf,
Dionne Flowers,
Judy Lydon

Lector: Sheila Johnson,
Rochelle Love

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Jackie Robinson

Acolyte: Shirley Robinson,
Eddiemae Brown,
Gary Moellering

**November 5, 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Vigil (SMA)

Ushers: Barb Morrow,
Claire Hay

Lector: Kim Reid

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Acolyte: Michael Williams

10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass (SMA)

Ushers: Rochelle Love,
Judy Lydon,
Corliss Carothers,
Bernard Anthony

Lector: Marie Graham

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Acolyte: Pam Mason,
Venus Spain-Walker,
Shirley Robinson



**REMINDER: SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
NEXT SATURDAY EVENING.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NEXT SATURDAY EVENING.**

Sunday, October 29, 2023

October 29, 2023
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Exodus 22:20-26

If you wrong the widow and the orphan,
my wrath will flare up against you;

Psalm 18

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reading II

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

You turned from idols to serve
the living and true God
and to await his Son from heaven.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God
and your neighbor as yourself.

Scripture Readings
October 30th - November 4th

Monday: 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Rom. 8:12-17; Ps. 68; Luke 13:10-17
*World Peace

Tuesday: 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Rom. 8:18-25; Ps. 126;
Luke 13:18-21
*Deceased of the Parish

Wednesday: 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps. 24; 1 John 3:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12a
*Special Intentions

Thursday: 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Wis. 3:1-9; Ps. 23; Rom. 5:5-11;
John 6:37-40
Rita Collier

Friday: 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Rom. 9:1-5; Ps. 147; Luke 14:1-6
Annie & William Liszewski

Saturday: 30th Week in Ordinary Time
Rom. 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps. 94;
Luke 14:1, 7-11

November 5, 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

Why then do we break faith
with one another, violating the
covenant of our fathers?

Psalm 131

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Reading II

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

... the word of God which is now
at work in you who believe.

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
but whoever humbles himself
will be exalted.

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 29, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace! As the month of October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary and to Respect Life, comes to a close, **I'd like to thank our St. Augustine (SA) and Our Lady of the Holy Cross (OLHC) locations for hosting our weekend liturgies!** As mentioned at the end of Mass last weekend, **for the next three months, November through January, all weekend Masses will be celebrated at St. Matthew, the Apostle (SMA).**

This includes a new Sunday Mass time at 8:00 a.m. After much deliberation and consultation with the Transition Team, I decided that SMA would be best suited to host the coming fall and winter months as well as the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our weekday Masses in the month of November will also be at one location: OLHC. For more information on these decisions, please **see the Transition Team Notes** located on the following page of the bulletin.

This Wednesday marks the beginning of the month of November and **All Saints' Day, a holy day of obligation.** This glorious feast day celebrates all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown. **We will have extra Masses available on this holy day in order for the faithful to fulfill their sacred duty to attend Mass.** Options for Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints include: 9:00 a.m. all-school Mass at the St. Louis Catholic Academy school gym located on the campus of St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist (SEMJB); 12:00 p.m. at OLHC and 6:00 p.m. at OLHC.

The start of the month of November also marks the beginning of **Black Catholic History Month.** On Sunday, 11/19, the St. Charles Lwanga Center is hosting "A Black Catholic Community's Perspective, Part III: The Black Church – This Is Our Story. This Is Our Song." I hope you can attend! See the bulletin for more details. Also, in the month of November, we remember in our prayers in a special way all the **faithful departed (All Souls).** Eternal rest grant unto them, O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them! May they rest in peace!

God bless and keep you all! My prayers remain for you and your loved ones!

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:

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

PARISHES NEWS

Our Lady of the Holy Cross

Offertory October 22nd

\$ 1,104.00 - General Fund

\$ 0.00 - Online Giving

St. Elizabeth, MOJB

Offertory October 22nd

\$ 1,454.55 - General Fund

\$ 0.00 - Online Giving

St. Augustine

Offertory October 22nd

\$ 1,225.00 - General Fund

\$ 888.00 - Online Giving

St. Matthew the Apostle

Offertory October 22nd

\$ 1,250.00 - General Fund

\$ 275.00 - Online Giving

Jesus make our hearts like yours.

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Transition Team Update

On Wednesday, 10/18, the Transition Team met at St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, for our bi-monthly meeting. As mentioned previously, **the main thrust of this meeting was to have the Mass schedule for the months of November through January finalized.** At our previous meeting on October 4th, I asked the members of the Transition Team to start weighing the benefits and limitations of each worship site (OLHC/SA/SMA) now that each site has hosted both a Saturday Vigil Mass and a Sunday Morning Mass. St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, for the time being, was not included in these deliberations due to the church being in disrepair. As I talk more with the Archdiocesan leadership regarding the state of the SEMJB church building, we will know the extent of its future use as a worship site for our parish family.

So, the first part of our meeting consisted of discussing the worship experience of each parish. **We analyzed each worship site according to various factors:** accessibility (especially for those with disabilities/limited mobility), accommodations (bathrooms, choir space, social gathering capabilities, etc.), audio/visual capabilities, HVAC reliability, parking, seating capacity, security, etc. We also took into account some of the various challenges that lie ahead in the coming months (i.e., preparing/maintaining decorations throughout Advent/Christmas season; fall/winter weather [ice/snow]).

After weighing these factors, **we discussed which site would work best as the primary weekend worship space** for the months of November through January. I wanted one location for our week-

end liturgies because there seems to be a growing need for stability with our merger. After receiving input from each member of the Transition Team, I decided that **St. Matthew, the Apostle** would be the best option for the coming months. **Remember, this decision holds only for the coming months.** Until we get through the appeal process and know more fully the status of St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist as a possible worship site, we can't make a final decision regarding the primary place of worship in our merger. In addition to the above decision, I decided to add an additional Sunday Mass option at 8:00 a.m.

As for the **location of weekday Mass**, again, there seemed to be a need for stability. For the month of November, Tuesday through Thursday Mass will be at the Our Lady of the Holy Cross location. Monday Mass will remain an all-school Mass (St. Louis Catholic Academy) celebrated in the school gym of St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist. **I'd like to further discuss with the Transition Team how St. Augustine can be incorporated into the daily Mass schedule.** If you have input, please reach out to me or to a member of the Transition Team.

After deciding upon our Mass schedule, the Transition Team reviewed a rough draft of a **unified parish bulletin.** Look forward to seeing the new look of our bulletin in the coming weeks! In other news, our **Liturgy Committee** is beginning to meet to discuss the new liturgical year beginning with the Advent season in December. Also, plans are underway with the **Social Committee** for a large-scale, spring social event as well as other smaller community-building gatherings in the coming months. These will be announced at Mass and in the weekend bulletin as well as through other social communications so please pay attention to those sources. As a reminder, **take advantage of the opportunity to meet with your fellow parishioners and me at our open-forum Monday meetings.** Sign-up with one of our parish secretaries or with me for any Monday evening (10/30-11/20). Our final Monday meeting for the month of October (10/30) will be located at Our Lady of the Holy Cross at 5:00 p.m. The remaining Monday meetings in the month of November (11/6, 11/13, 11/20) will be located at St. Matthew, the Apostle at 5:00 p.m. We are limiting the number of participants to 15 so please call in advance to sign-up.

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. Thank you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Scott Scheiderer

Parochial Administrator of OLHC, SA, SEMJB, and SMA

Sunday, October 29, 2023

New Parish “Name Proposal”: Father Augustus Tolton

Submitted by: Lynn Squires

HISTORY OF FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON

“Father Augustus Tolton was the first freed black slave from the United States to become a Catholic priest. Born in Missouri on April 1, 1854, Augustus was born into slavery. There are indications that their owners freed his family at the outbreak of the Civil War.

Although Augustus and his siblings attended Catholic schools, they were subjected to situations of cruelty and racism because they were black. At the age of 16, through teachings on the Eucharist and the Sacrifice of the Mass, Augustus heard his call to priesthood.

Due to the fact that U.S. seminaries wouldn’t receive African-Americans, it was not until 1880 that Augustus was accepted into a seminary in Rome. He believed that once ordained he would serve as a missionary and be sent to Africa, however, Cardinal Giovanni Simeoni insisted that the United States had to see the first black priest. He then obediently returned to work with the black community in the U.S., the place where he was most persecuted. He was assigned to serve as a missionary in Quincy, Illinois.

Father Augustus soon became well-known for his beautiful homilies, his voice and his talent when playing the accordion. His effectiveness as a preacher and spiritual leadership began to attract large numbers of white people who attended his Masses to hear his sermons at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Chicago, something that his fellow white priests didn’t like. Despite all the challenges he had to face during his apostolate, Father Augustus never gave up and accepted the cross he had to carry for being the only black priest in the country.

Father Augustus never spoke in public about the racism he suffered from his fellow Catholics. Instead, he taught that Catholicism has always welcomed the different races, since one of the wise men, who Father Augustus called “a negro king,” was one of the first ones to greet the newborn Savior. He also preached that the Catholic Church was the only true liberator of blacks in America. He died on July 9, 1897, at the age of 43, of a stroke during a heat wave in Chicago.

He was named Venerable by Pope Francis on June 12, 2019. (By Denver Catholic Staff November 14, 2022)”



Picture courtesy of the
National Black Catholic Congress

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- ◆ Missouri Born
- ◆ Former Slave
- ◆ Venerable, Cause for Sainthood in Rome
- ◆ Exemplifies the strength and fortitude that we must possess when facing our life challenges. “Despite all the challenges he had to face during his apostolate, Father Augustus never gave up and accepted the cross he had to carry for being the only black priest in the country.”
- ◆ To learn more about Fr. Tolton and his cause for Sainthood please visit <https://tolton.archchicago.org/>

OTHER CHURCHES WITH THE SAME NAME

“A brief search did not return results indicating that there is a church with the same name. Ours would be one of the first, if not the first, and most fitting given his current path to Sainthood and local connections. Legacies that do honor Fr. Tolton include:

- ⇒ The Father Tolton Regional Catholic High School that opened in 2011 in Columbia, Missouri. <https://vimeo.com/736174313>
- ⇒ Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy opened in the fall of 2015 in Chicago, Illinois.
- ⇒ Holy Name of Jesus in North St. Louis County dedicated a shrine in Fr. Tolton’s honor in 2021. Some of the other churches that commemorate Father Tolton include Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Church in Ferguson, which has a large portrait of him, and St. Alphonsus Liguori (Rock) Church in St. Louis, which has a statue of Father Tolton. In 1887, Father Tolton met the Redemptorist community at St. Alphonsus Church and celebrated Mass for the School Sisters of Notre Dame in the convent chapel. The St. Charles Lwanga Center has the icon framed on a table with prayer cards. (Joseph Kenny, St. Louis Review)”

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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 have just begun. We meet after mass at Our Lady of the Holy Cross Church! It's not too late to join us.**

MINGLING MONDAY OPEN FORUM

Our next open forum with Fr. Scheiderer is set for **Monday, October 30, at 5:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Center at Our Lady of the Holy Cross site.** There are still opportunities to join us on Monday evening. Please call one of the parish offices to sign up. Hope to see you Monday evening.

ALL SAINTS MASSES

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, November 1

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Louis Catholic Academy

12:00 noon Mass at Our Lady of the Holy Cross

6:00 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Holy Cross



FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS

Beginning **Sunday, November 5th**, there will be coffee and donuts the **first Sunday of every month** following the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. Please come to fellowship and meet parishioners.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the month of November please send all bulletin announcements to: **st.augustine.cc.stl@gmail.com.** Announcements must be emailed no later than **close of business Tuesday.**

A CONCERT OF NEGRO SPIRITUALS

"I Hear Music in the Air" - The North Deanery Choir will be performing with the CRCP Choraleers, Legend Singers and several other community choirs. **Sunday, November 5, 3:00 p.m.** at St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Church, 1118 N. Grand Blvd.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Pallottine Renewal Center

15270 Old Halls Ferry Road

Guest speaker, Cheryl Archibald and presentation panel from the Archdiocesan NBCC Implementation Team. Fellowship and light dinner from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please RSVP.



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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