



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

...a community of faith and love

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Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: See Page 3 for Weekday Mass Schedule

Confession: Saturday 4 - 4:45 p.m., Wednesday 6 - 7:00 p.m.
 or by appointment



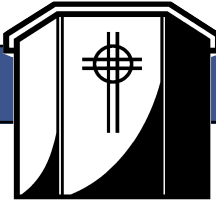
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“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We at St. Matthew Catholic Church are a community of faith and love dedicated to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are committed to spiritual growth through active worship, education and ministry. We provide an environment to support a Christ-centered way of life. Through our actions others will be drawn to Christ.



MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am - 12 noon

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday noon, in writing.

Who is a parishioner?

One who is registered and regularly participates in the liturgical life of the parish and demonstrates support of the parish mission by completing and fulfilling an annual commitment of time, treasure and talent.

To register in the Parish:

We welcome anyone interested in being an active member of our parish. Please call the Parish Office (232-5012) and plan to attend a Welcome Sunday to pick up registration materials.

Baptisms:

First time parents (or those who have not attended a class within the last three years) must meet with Fr. John prior to the scheduling of the baptism for your child(ren). Please call the Parish Office for information. Baptisms are celebrated monthly.

Marriages:

Couples are required to contact Fr. John at least 6 months prior to the anticipated wedding date and **BEFORE** making any other arrangements or reserving a reception hall.

Anointing of the Sick:

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please see Fr. John after Mass. The sacrament is available to all those who are ailing physically, mentally or spiritually.

Hospital Reminder:

If you are in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion, please have a family member contact the Parish Office (232-5012).

Please join our Holy Father as he prays for the following in the month of May:

Evangelization – The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Sunday at 2:00 PM, our first communicants will be receiving our Lord. This is such a special occasion and I am asking that as a parish we keep them and their families in our prayers as they receive the Bread of Angels.

Congratulations to them and their families. I am so proud of our children!

MRS. STESSMAN

Last week, Mrs. Heather Stessman announced her resignation as the principal of the grade school. After serving the community in this ministry for nine years, she has discerned that this is the right time for her to do something new; namely, an instructional facilitator for Washburn Rural High School. We wish her the best and thank her for her service and leadership at St. Matthew Catholic School. May God bless her in her future endeavors.

THANK YOU!

A warm thank you to everyone who helped with making this Lenten Season and Easter Triduum a wonderful experience of prayer and worship. Your time and talent in the various ministries are truly a blessing for our parish.

I personally want to thank those who through their gifts and cards shared with me their gratitude and appreciation for the vocation God has called me to to serve His Church. Blessings upon you for your love and kind support.

ARCHDIOCESAN STATEMENT

The Archdiocese has been named as a defendant in a lawsuit alleging sexual abuse of a minor by Martin Juarez, a former diocesan priest, at St. Matthew Parish, Topeka, in the early 1980s. Juarez served at St. Matthew during that timeframe; he left priestly ministry in the Archdiocese in 1994 and was laicized in 2005.

We encourage all individuals who have any information concerning misconduct by any person in authority within the church to make a report to the Confidential Report Line at [913-647-3051](tel:913-647-3051) and/or to local law enforcement.

Please continue to keep all those involved in your prayers.

Peace be with you!