

## St. Matthew Catholic Church - Annual Events 2023

*The building / rooms will not be reserved for any event until a "Facility Request Form" is filled out, turned into the church office as soon as possible, and approved by the Pastor.*

### January

- 1 Su New Year: Mary, Mother of God, World Day of Peace / World Day of Peace
- 3 Tu *Rosca de Reyes Grupo de Oracion (Parish Hall)*
- 4 W Faith Formation Classes Resumes
- 6 F 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration
- 8 S The Epiphany of Our Lord - Faith Formation Classes Resumes
- 9 M The Baptism of the Lord
- 16-23 M-M Cemetery of the Innocents: Done by Pro Life Ministry and Our Youth
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 21 Seminario de Vida en el Espíritu (Grupo de Oración) [SJP Center]
- 22 Su Word of God Sunday/ Ecumenical Sunday
- 22 Su National Sanctity of Human Life Day
- 29 Su Together In Holiness Marriage Formation 2:00 p.m. SJP Center
- 29 Su Youth Ministry – Feast of St. John Bosco (Praise & Worship) SJP
- 29th – Feb 5<sup>th</sup> National Catholic Schools Week

### February

- 2 Th Faith Formation Advisory Meeting
- 3 F First Friday Adoration and Benediction
- 4 S First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
- 4 & 5 Sa & S: Blessing of Throats (at all weekend Masses) St. Blasé Feast Day [3<sup>rd</sup> Feb]
- 4 & 5 Sa-Su Presentation of Babies & Blessing of Nino Jesus
- 7 Tu *Día de la Candelaria (Grupo de Oración) [Parish Hall]*
- 11 S Our Lady of Lourdes: **World Day of the Sick**
- 12 Su **World Marriage Day** [Special blessings for the married couples]
- 10-12 *Marriage Enrichment Retreat [New Evangelization] (Spanish)*  
[Super Bowl Sunday]
- 13-17 M-F Clergy Annual Retreat
- 18 Sa **Parish Dinner and Dance**
- 22 W **Ash Wednesday – NO Faith formation Class / No Adoration**
- 23 Th Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 24 F First Lenten Friday - Fish Fry / Way of the Cross
- 25 Sa *Pre-Matrimonial Retreat. (Spanish) 8 am – 4 pm*  
**Class for ALL parents at SJP 8:30 AM**
- 26 Su 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent [**Ministries fair**] All Masses in SJP Center

### March [Spiritual Wellness Month]

- 3 F 2nd Lenten Friday - Fish Fry / Way of the Cross  
First Friday – Adoration and Benediction
- 5 Su 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent [**Rite of Election – 10:30 AM**]
- 9-12 Th- Su **Women's ACTS retreat.**
- 10 F 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Lent - Fish Fry / Way of the Cross
- 11 Sa Right to Life of East Texas – ***Celebrate Life Banquet***
- 12 Su 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent [**1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny 6 PM**]  
Women's Retreat Return Reception. [SJP]
- 12-18 **Spring Break – NO classes**

17 F 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of Lent - Fish Fry / Way of the Cross  
 19 Su 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent [**2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny 10:30 AM**]  
 20 M St. Joseph's Day  
 22 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*  
 24 F 5<sup>th</sup> Friday in Lent – Fish Fry / Way of the Cross  
 25 Sa The Annunciation – Solemnity.  
**Class for ALL sponsors 8:30 AM – SJP.**  
**Women's Retreat** – [St. Philip's Institute, Tyler]  
 26 Su 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent [**3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny 6 PM**]  
 28 Tu **Parish 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary (1999)**  
 31 F 6<sup>th</sup> Friday of Lent: Way of the Cross / Fish Fry

## April

**1 Sa Parish Work Day**  
**1/2 Sa/Su Palm Sunday**  
 3/4 M & Tu Lenten Confessions 5 PM – 7 PM  
 4 Tu **Chrism Mass in Tyler**  
 5 W No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 No Faith Formation Class  
 6 Th Holy Thursday  
**7 F Good Friday**  
 8 Sa Holy Saturday – RCIA Rehearsal  
**9 Su Easter Sunday** - No Faith Formation Class  
 16 Su **Divine Mercy Sunday / Benediction at 3 PM.**  
 23 Su Children's Day [SJP] *Siervos de Cristo 2 pm- 6pm- Spanish Mass in SJP*  
 30 Su World Day of Prayer for Vocations

## MAY Month of Mother Mary

1 M St. Joseph, the Worker.  
 Sell Raffle Tickets for Mother's Day Basket (Catholic Daughters)  
 5 F First Friday / Adoration and Benediction  
 6 Sa **Rehearsal for Confirmands** / First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick;  
 7 Su Good Shepherd Sunday / World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
*Liturgical Ministries Commissioning (at all weekend Spanish Masses)*  
 13 Sa **Confirmation Day**  
 Feast of Our Lady of Fatima  
 14 Su **Mother's Day** (*Siervos de Cristo*) in (SJP) 2pm - 6pm  
 CDA presents Mother's Day Basket to the winner  
 17 W Last Day of the FF Class / Crowning of Mary  
 21 Su – Last day of the class / Crowning of Mary  
**Graduation Mass** at the 1:00 & 6:00 p.m. Masses / Senior Celebration SJP (TBA)  
 The Ascension Day  
 24 W **Catechist Appreciation Dinner** – St. John Paul Center  
 27 & 28 **First Holy Communion Weekend**; at the Mass of their preference  
 27 Sa Vigilia de Pentecostés (Grupo de Oración) – church 8 pm -10 pm  
**28 Su The Pentecost Sunday**  
 29 M Memorial Day: Mass @ 9 am / Mary, Mother of the Church  
 31 Th Liturgy Committee Meeting

**June (Month Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)****Enrollment begins for Faith Formation for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**

2 F First Friday / Adoration and Benediction

3 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick

4 Su **Trinity Sunday**9-11 Retiro de Sanación [Grupo de Oración y New Evangelización] SJP Center

10 Sa Eucharistic Procession after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

11 Su **Corpus Christi** / Benediction after all Masses**Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus****Father's Day** – [SJP] 2pm - 5pm (TBA)

16 F Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus

17 Sa Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary

24 *Pre-Matrimonial Retreat (Spanish) 8 am – 4 pm*23-25 **Steubenville Lone Star**- Irving Convention Center**Diocesan Charismatic Convention** – Maud Cobb Center28 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting***July**

1 Sa First Saturday / Anointing

4 Tu Independence Day (Mass @ 9:00 a.m.)

7 F First Friday

10-11 Altar Boys Camp - SJP

12-13 Altar Girls Camp – SJP

14 F All Altar servers - SJP

15 Sa Noche de Alabanza 8:00 pm- 10:00 pm

**20-23 Teen ACTS Retreat**22 Sa Noche de Alabanza [Guerreros]

23 M World Day of Grandparents &amp; Elderly

**August**

4 F First Friday/ St. John Marie Vianney (Patron of Priests)

5 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick

6 Su The Transfiguration of the Lord

10 Th St. Lawrence / Deacons Day

12 Sa High School youth back to school Kick-off party [SJP – or Lake Party] TBA

15 Tu Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

16 W High School youth back to school party

Faith Formation Advisory Meeting: 6:30 pm

19 Sa Guerreros de San Miguel Retreat (SJP Center)

23 W Catechists Meeting 6:00 pm

27 Su **Parents Meeting [Parish Hall] 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM**30 W **Parents Meeting [Parish Hall] 6:30 PM****September**

1 F First Friday / Adoration

2 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick at 5 pm Mass.

4 Su Ultrella Diocesana de Tyler [Misa y Convivo] Cusillos (Casa Betania) ¿?

4 M Labor Day (Mass at 9:00 a.m.)

6 W Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Wednesdays) resumes

**First day of the FF Classes**

- 8 F Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary  
 10 Su **First day of the FF Classes**  
 13 W Prayer Service for First Responders 12:00 noon in SJP Center  
 17 Su **Catechetical Sunday** – Commissioning of Catechists  
*Mexican Independence Day Celebration (Hispanic Ministries – SJP)*  
 21 Th Feast of St. Matthew, the Apostle  
 23 S *Pre-Matrimonial Retreat (Spanish) 8 am – 4 pm.*  
 24 Su **Outdoor Mass & Parish Picnic** / Feast of St. Matthew the Apostles (Parish Patron Saint)  
 27 W Feast of St. Vincent de Paul  
*Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*  
 28 Th Liturgy Committee Meeting  
 29-Oct 1 F-Su *Retiro Familiar (Grupo de Oración) [SJP Center] (Set-up on 28th)*

### **October (Month of Rosary) Family Rosary / Clergy Appreciation Month**

- 1 Su Respect Life Sunday: Life-Chain Longview  
 6 F First Friday / Adoration  
 7 Sa **[Parish RAFFLE]**  
 9 M 6th Annual Diocesan Sanctity of Life Banquet  
 11-13 W-F Clergy Convocation  
 13-16 Th-Su Cursillos de Mujeres  
 14 Sa **Class for ALL parents / Clases para los padres [SJP] 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM.**  
**America Needs Fatima - Rosary Rally**  
 16 M Clergy Appreciation Dinner  
 22 Su World Mission Sunday  
 Blood Drive Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
 23 M Ministry Head Appreciation Dinner  
 26-29 Th-Su **MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**  
 29 Su Men's ACTS Return Reception

### **November All Souls Month**

- 1 W All Saints Day [Day of Obligation]  
 No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 2 Th All Souls Day – Mass in the Columbarium @ 12 pm.  
 Faith Formation Advisory  
 3 F First Friday/ Adoration  
 4 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick;  
 5 Su Day Light Saving time ends  
 5-12 National Vocations Awareness Week  
 10 F Altar Society Autumn Decorations  
 11 Sa Veterans Day  
 11 Sa *Noche de Alabanza y Concierto (Grupo de Oración) Church;*  
**Taste of St. Matthew 6 – 8:30 pm SJP**  
 12 Su **Stewardship Sunday**  
 15 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*  
 16-19 Th-Su *Cusillo de Hombres*  
 18 Sa **Altar Servers Party** - SJP Center  
 19 Su Bible Sunday  
 20 M **Choir Appreciation Dinner**  
 22 W NO Adoration  
 23 Th Thanksgiving Day

25 Sa *Pre-Matrimonial retreat (Spanish)*

26 Su Christ, The King  
Angel Tree set-up in foyer

## December

1 F First Friday / Adoration;  
Altar Society Advent Preparation

2 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick

3 Su 1st Sunday in Advent / Christmas Family Friends (pick names during the Weekend Masses)  
Feast of St. Francis Xavier

4 M Advent Confessions

5 Tu Advent Confessions

7 Th Longview Christmas Parade

**8 F Solemnity of Immaculate Conception – Day of Obligation**

9 Sa ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** [*Hispanic Ministries*] SJP & Church

10 Su Second Sunday of Advent

12 Tu Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Actual day

13 W Last day of class before Christmas [Wednesday] - Children's Christmas Party

16-24 Sa-Su: *Posadas (all Spanish Ministries)*

16 Sa **Parish Work Day**

Setting-up the Nativity in the church

17 Su Third Sunday of Advent /

FF - **Last Sunday class** before Christmas - Children's Christmas Party

22 F Altar Society Poinsettia placement

23 Sa Altar Society decorates church for Christmas

24 Su Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve Masses

25 M Christmas Day Masses

28 Th Holy Innocents Day: Mass for Infants and babies. Special blessing for Infants & babies

31 Su The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Special recognition for families.