

St. Matthew's Catholic Church Annual Event List 2026

The building / room 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.

NO GUM ALLOWED IN ANY OF THE FACILITIES.

FOOD AND DRINK ALLOWED ONLY IN THE PARISH HALL AND THE ST. JOHN PAUL CENTER

January

- 1 Th New Year: Mary, Mother of God and World Day of Peace (Holy Day)
- 2 F **First Friday – Adoration and Benediction**
- 3 S First Saturday - Anointing the sick (Vigil Masses)
- 4 Su Epiphany of Our Lord / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Daughters of Mother Seton day)
1st Day of Faith Formation Class
- 6 Tu ***Rosca de Reyes (Grupo de Oracion)***
- 7 W 1st Day of Faith Formation Class
- 10 Sa ***Workshop (Grupo de Oracion) Parish Hall 8 AM – 2 PM.***
- 11 Su Baptism of the Lord
- 11-17 National Vocations Awareness Week
- 18 Su **National Sanctity of Human Life Day**
- 17-25 Cemetery of the Innocents: Done by Pro Life Ministry and Youth
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 18 Su Ecumenical Sunday
- 22 Th Day of Penance: Anniversary of Roe Vs Wade
- 24 Sa ***Seminario de Vida en el Espiritu (Grupo de Oracion)***
- 30 Fr CDA Bunco Fundraiser SJP
- 31 Sa Feast of St. John Bosco (Patron of Youth) / Blessing of Throats after each Mass
Presentation of Babies & Blessing of Nino Jesus

February

- 1 Su Blessing of Throats after each Mass
Presentation of Babies & Blessing of Nino Jesus
World Day of Consecrated Life
- 3 Tu St. Blasé Feast Day
Dia de la Candelaria (Grupo de Oracion)
- 5 Th FF Advisory committee meeting 6:30 pm
- 6 F First Friday Adoration and Benediction
- 7 Sa First Saturday and Anointing of the sick (at Vigil Masses)
Parents Class - 8:30 AM SJP
- 8 Su World Marriage Day (Special Blessing for Married Couples)
- 9-13 M-F Clergy Retreat**
- 11 W Our Lady of Lourdes: World Day of the Sick
- 14-15 *Marriage Enrichment Retreat [New Evangelization] (Spanish)***
- 16 M Appreciation Dinner for Ministry Heads;
President's Day
- Tu 17 Prepare for Lent & Ash Wednesday *[Altar Society]*
- 18 W Ash Wednesday**
- 19 -22 *Cursillo de Mujeres***
- 20 F 1st Friday of Lent – Fish fry & Stations of the Cross
- 21 & 22 S & M.: **Mass & Ministry Fair (SJP)**
- 27 F 2nd Friday of Lent – Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross.
- 28 Sa ***Pre-Matrimonial class. (Spanish) 8am – 4 pm***

March

- 1 S** **2nd Sunday of Lent**
- 6 F 3rd Friday of Lent – Fish fry & stations of the Cross
1st Friday Adoration and Benediction
- 7Sa** **First Saturday / Anointing of Sick at Vigil Masses**
Workshop (taller) for couples (20 -30 years old) Spanish (TBA)
- 8 Su **3rd Sunday of Lent; [spring break begins] NO FF Class / 1st Scrutiny**
Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 11 W **NO FF class [spring break]**
- 12 -15 Th-Su ACTS women's retreat**
- 13 F 4th Friday in Lent: Way of the Cross / Fish Fry
- 14 Sa **CDA Spiritual Retreat SJP**
- 15 Su FF Classes after Spring break
4th Sunday of Lent; 2nd Scrutiny
- 17 Tu St. Patrick's Day
- 19-22 *Cursillo de Hombres*
- 20 F 5th Friday in Lent: Way of the Cross/ Fish Fry
- 21 Sa** **Sponsors Class – 8:30 am SJP** (The set-up for ACTS Return reception)
- 22 Su** **5th Sunday of Lent / 3rd Scrutiny**
- 23 M** **Lenten Confessions: 5-7 pm**
- 24 Tu** **Lenten Confessions: 5-7 pm**
- 25 W The Annunciation of Our Lord
- 26 Th Lenten Confessions 5-7 pm
- 27 F 6th Friday of Lent: Way of the Cross / Fish Fry
Prepare for Palm Sunday [Altar Society]
- 28 Sa Parish 27th Anniversary (2026)
Parish Clean-up Day 8:30 am – 11 am.
- 29 Su** **Palm Sunday**
No Faith Formation Class
- 30 M Lenten Confessions (by Appointment)
- 31 T** **Chrism Mass in Tyler at 10:00 a.m.**

April

- 1 W Lenten Confessions (by appointment) No Faith Formation Class
- 2 Th** **Holy Thursday – Adoration - 8 pm to midnight.**
Prepare for Holy Thursday services [Washing of the feet] & Adoration.
- 3 F** **Good Friday** (NO First Friday Adoration)
Prepare for Veneration of the Cross (Good Friday Services) - Altar Society.
- 4 Sa** **Holy Saturday**
Prepare for Holy Saturday Vigil Services /Mass - Altar Society
RCIA Holy Saturday Retreat 9-11am (Parish Hall)
- 5 Su** **Easter Sunday – No FF Class**
- 11 Sa **Dinner/Dance SJP 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.**
- 12 Su Divine Mercy Sunday
- 18 Sa **Discernment of Spirit – SJP** (by Ernie Herterich) 8 AM - 4 PM.
- 26 Su World Day of Prayer for Vocations / Good Shepherd Sunday
Dia del Nino (Siervos de Cristo) Misa 1 PM; SJP

May

- 1 F St. Joseph the Worker / **First Friday / Adoration**
- 2 Sa First Saturday/ Anointing of the Sick (at Vigil Masses)**
- 8 F Rehearsal for First Communicants 6 pm
- 9 Sa First Communion Celebration; 10 am Mass
- 10 Su Mother's Day (***Siervos de Cristo***) in (SJP) 2pm - 6pm
- 13 W Crowning of Mary
- 14-17 ***Cursillo de Mujeres***
- 15 F Rehearsal for 1st Confirmands 6 pm
- 16 S Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 10 am.
- 17 S The Ascension of Our Lord / Crowning of Mary**
World Communication Sunday
Graduation Celebration at the 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Mass
Senior Celebration 7 p.m. SJP
- 23 Sa ***Vigil of Pentecost: Adoration (8-9:30 p.m. organized by Grupo de Oracion)***
Dad & Daughter / Mother & Son Dance (SJP) 2 Pm - 4 PM
- 24 Su Pentecost Sunday
- 25 M Memorial Day: Mass @ 9 am
- 27 W **Catechists Appreciation dinner**
- 29-31 Th –Sa ***Retiro de Servidores (Grupo de Oración)***
- 31 Su The Most Holy Trinity / The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

June**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION BEGINS****(Month Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)**

- 6 Sa First Saturday / **Anointing of the sick (at the Vigil masses)**
Corpus Christi Procession
Parking Lot Sale – 8 AM – 2 PM [South Parking lot]
- 7 Su The Corpus Christi
- 12 F The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 12-14 F-Su ***New Evangelization Retreat***
- 13 Sa Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 21 Su Father's Day / [*Servidoras de Guadalupe Father's Day Celebration SJP*] 2pm - 6pm
- 24 W Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 26-28 ***Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Conference (Spanish)***
- 27 Sa ***Pre-Matrimonial Class (Spanish) 9am – 4 pm***
- 29 M Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

July

- 3 F St. Thomas, the Apostle / First Friday
- 4 Sa **Independence Day (250th celebration) SJP @ 6:15 PM** (Activity Committee & K of C)
First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick at Vigil Masses
- 6-8 M-W Altar Servers Camp – SJP 8 am – 3 pm**
- 16 Th Our Lady of Mount Carmel / blessing of scapulars
- 16-19 Th-Su **TEEN ACTS**
- 25 Sa ***Noche de Albanza (Grupo de Oración)***
- 26 Su Sts. Joachim & Ann: Parents of Jesus (Parent's Day)
TEENACTS Reunion / Reception

August

- 1 Sa **First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick**
 4 T St. John Marie Vianney (Patron of Priests)
 6 Th Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
 Faith Formation Advisory meeting
 7 F **1st Friday Adoration and Benediction**
 12 W Catechists meeting
 13-16 ***Cursillo de Hombres***
 15 Sa Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary/ Youth Ministry- kick-off; (SJP)
 19 W Parents Meeting
 22 Sa **Back-to-school/ Ice-cream Social - 2 Pm – 4 PM (SJP)**
 23 Su Parents Meeting
 26 W New Catechists Training

September

- 4 F **First Friday Adoration and Benediction**
5 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
 7 M Labor Day (Mass a 7:00 a.m.)
 8 T Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary
 9 W First Day of Faith Formation Classes
 12 Sa Catechists' Orientation 9-11 am @ Parish Hall?
 13 Su First Day of Faith Formation Classes
Mexico Independence Day Celebration (Hispanic Ministries – SJP)
 14 M The Exaltation of the Cross
 16 W **Honoring the First Responders -SJP Noon.**
20 Su Parish Picnic / Outdoor Mass (organized by Pastoral Council/ Activity Committee)
 21 M Feast of St. Matthew the Apostles (Parish Patron Saint)
 23 W First Day of Fall
 26 Sa Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Meeting – *in the Conference Room*
Pre-Matrimonial Class (Spanish) 9 am – 4 pm.
 27 Su **Catechetical Commissioning Sunday**
 Feast of St. Vincent de Paul [Parish Fund-raiser]
 29 T Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

October (Month of Rosary) Family Rosary

- 2 F **First Friday / Adoration / benediction**
3 & 4 S & Su Retiro Sanación Familiar (Grupo de Oracion)
 First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
 4 Su St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of pets.
 Respect for Life Sunday (Life Chain Sunday) – Organized by Pro-life
 Vocation Awareness Sunday
 15 Th St. Theresa of Jesus
 15-18 ***Cursillo de Mujeres***
 17 S Parents Class SJP; 8:30 AM
Noche de alabanza (Grupo de Oración)
 18 Su Laity Sunday/ World Mission Sunday
 22-25 Th-Su **ACTS MEN'S RETREAT**

25 Su	Men's ACTS Retreat Reception @ JPPII
31 Sa	Halloween
November	All Souls Month
1 Su	All Saints Day / Daylight Saving Time Ends
2 M	All Souls Day – Mass in the Prayer Garden
5 Th	Faith Formation Advisory
6 F	First Friday / Adoration / benediction
7 Sa	First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick Taste of St. Matthew [SJP] – (6 PM – 8:30 PM)
8 Su	Stewardship Sunday
11 W	Veteran's Day
19-22	Cursillo de Hombres
21 Sa	Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Servers Appreciation OCIA – Advent retreat – Parish hall (9 am – 12:30pm)
22 Su	NO Faith Formation Classes (Thanksgiving Holidays) Feast of Christ the King
23 M	Choirs Appreciation Dinner
25 W	Thanksgiving holidays. NO FF Class
26 Th	Thanksgiving Day
29 Su	First Sunday of Advent
30 M	Advent Confessions 5 – 7 pm
December	
1 Tu	Advent Confessions 5 – 7 pm
3 Th	Feast of St. Francis Xavier Daughters of Mother Seton (Christmas Party)
4 F	First Friday Adoration and Benediction
5 Sa	Parish Clean-up Day/ First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick Altar Servers Day - Diocese of Tyler Pasta Dinner – St. Vincent de Paul - 6 PM -8 PM (SJP)
6 Su	2nd Sunday of Advent
7 M	Advent Confessions
8 Tu	Immaculate Conception –Day of Obligation
10 Th	Joy Ministry - Christmas Party
12 Sa	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe [Hispanic Ministries] SJP & Church
13 Su	Third Sunday of Advent FF - Last Sunday class before Christmas - Children's Christmas Party
16-24 W-Th	Posadas (all Spanish Ministries)
16 W	FF - Last Wed. classes before Christmas - Children's Christmas Party
18 F	Altar Society decorates church for Christmas
20 Su	4th Sunday of Advent
21 M	Decorate the church & sanctuary with Poinsettias
24/25 Th-F	Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses
27	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Special recognition for families.
28	Holy Innocents Day: Mass for Infants and babies. Special blessing for Infants and babies
31 Th	New Year's Eve