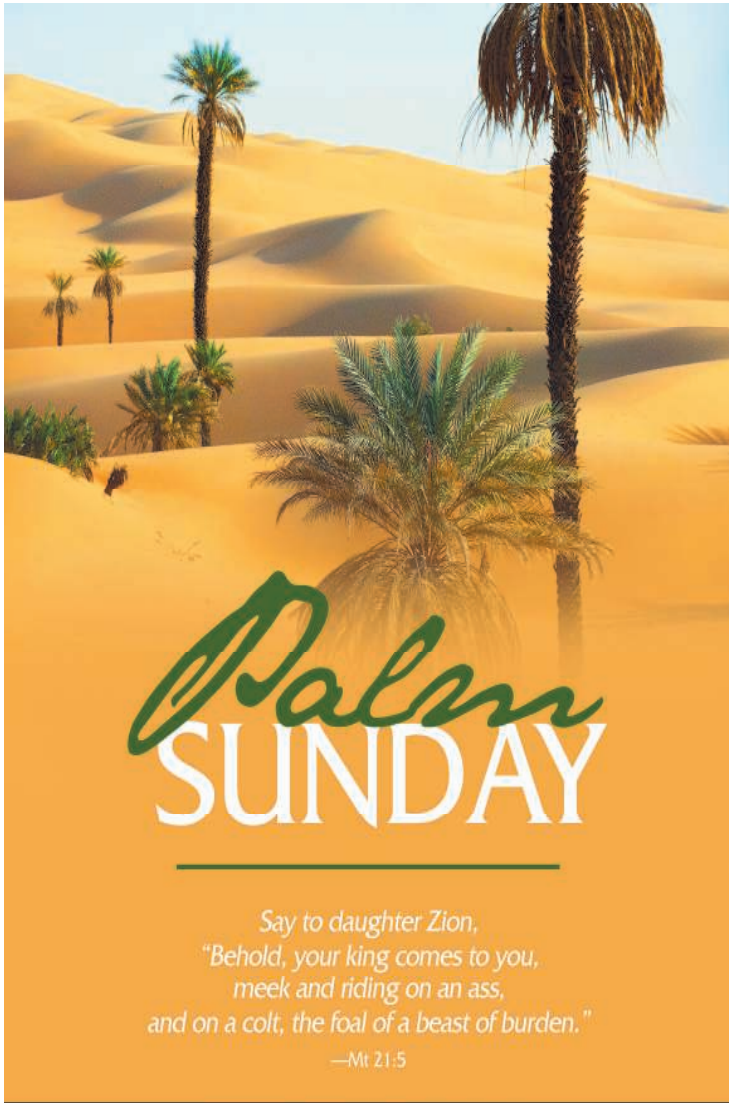




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Say to daughter Zion,  
"Behold, your king comes to you,  
meek and riding on an ass,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."  
—Mt 21:5

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## **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## **Sacraments**

Please contact the Parish Office regarding baptism, marriage, first communion and confirmation information.

## **Bulletin**

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

## **Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday - Wednesday - Friday** 8:00 am

**Thursday** - 9:30 am at Community of Saints School

**Saturday** - 4:00 pm

**Sunday** - 10:00 am

## **Reconciliation**

**Saturday** 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm

**Sunday** 9:00 am - 9:45 am

and by appointment

## **Prayer Line**

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## **Readings for the Week of April 9, 2017**

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

## SPIRIT OF GOD WITHIN YOU!



The Sacrament of Confirmation is often called a sacrament in search of a theology. The reason for this is that in the early church Confirmation was not a separate sacrament. It was part of the Rite of Initiation. Immediately after the water was poured, the words “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” were said, the person’s forehead was anointed with consecrated oil to seal what had just taken place.

When Baptism was done by a deacon or a priest, a bishop needed to come later and seal the Baptism. This is because the bishop represented the Apostles and the universal Church into which the new person had been initiated. Because the time between Baptism and the arrival of the bishop was often delayed several years, the Sacrament of Confirmation began to take on its own identity as a separate sacrament. People baptized as infants were confirmed sometimes as pre-teens, sometimes as teenagers, and sometimes as young adults. This made the Sacrament of Confirmation into a rite of passage from being a Christian adolescent into becoming a Christian adult. Some of us remember that being confirmed made us “soldiers of Christ” which was emphasized when the bishop tapped us on the cheek. Others of us remember that we were given a choice to prepare and receive the sacrament or to postpone it until we were ready. Today, the Sacrament of Confirmation is still done by the bishop or his delegate and brings to completion full initiation into the Catholic Church as it did in the early Church. During the Sacrament of Confirmation, the bishop extends his hands over those being confirmed and invokes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in these words:

*All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Through the direction of Janelle Rohr, Coordinator of Faith Formation, and Dave Sunday, Instructor of the Confirmation Class, who are both volunteers at the Church of St. Matthew, twenty-two students have been preparing for Confirmation. In addition to their classroom sessions, they have discovered and put into practice their gifts of the Holy Spirit through three service learning projects in the areas of church, community, home, and world.

Over the years in the parishes where I served, I have reflected on ways of giving meaning to the bishop’s extended hands and invocation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Recently, I believe it was the Holy Spirit who guided me to this ancient African folktale that describes in its own way how the Spirit of God works in us. My hope is that it has meaning not only for the Confirmation students, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 20 but for their sponsors, parents and all of us who received the sacrament long ago.

The view below made the sparrow sad. As she flew high above the withering landscape, her tiny shadow skimmed a parched African plain. If not for the constant sun, she thought, the air would cool. Plants could grow again. Animals could thrive. Children could play in the rain. But the sparrow was so small she was helpless against the unrelenting sun. Or was she?

Suddenly, she had a thought. She flew off and excitedly chirped her idea to a wise woodpecker who nodded in approval. Being a sociable fellow, the woodpecker informed a flock of pigeons, who scattered to tell others. Soon the skies were abuzz with the sparrow’s idea: darters and snipes, hornbills and hawks, osprey and pelicans. Even the crows were interested. Only the vultures turned a cold wing to the plan.

The day arrived—bright and hot like all the others. At the appointed hour, when the sun was at its height, the birds came. From east and west, from north and south, they flew shoulder to wing. They strained to fly as high as possible, circling in the mid-day heat. Plants and animals looked up in disbelief. The earth had suddenly cooled; the searing sun blocked by the great clouds of birds soaring overhead.

Each day the birds returned. Day after day, protected from the scorching sun, the earth soon sprouted. Animals frolicked and people found new hope. Then, for reasons that the birds did not understand, the sky began producing its own clouds. Soon, the rains came. The sparrow looked down and smiled. Her shadow was nowhere to be found.

Congratulations to all the Church of St. Matthew Confirmation students! God, whose circumference is nowhere and whose center is everywhere, is at work in all things, creating, redeeming, and sustaining, overcoming darkness with light through the Spirit. May the Spirit of God within you reach out and touch all things. Amen.

# News and Events

## ANNUAL FISH FRY - FINAL FRIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY

Come join us for our 28th Annual Fish Fry. Last Day is this Friday, April 14th, Serving time is 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. We have baked or fried fish, French Fries, veggie and coleslaw, beverage and dessert. **THIS IS A SINGLE SERVING MEAL, NOT ALL YOU CAN EAT, BUT A VERY GENEROUS SINGLE SERVING. ADDITIONAL SERVINGS ARE \$3.00.** A children's non-fish option is also available. \$11 Adults, \$10 Seniors (65+), \$6 children (under 12, under 5 years free). Treat mom to a night out, come visit with friends and neighbors and enjoy St. Matt's fabulous Fish Fry.



## HAPPY 75th BIRTHDAY FATHER STEVE

From the parishioners and staff of St. Matthew's.



## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME

St. Matthew Faith Formation classes for public school students in grades 1 to 10 resume on Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30 PM. Then our final regular class for the 2016-2017 school year is on April 19. Students should arrive at 6:30 and parents, guardians, and community members are welcome to join us that evening (4/19) at 7 PM for a service with light refreshments afterward.

## STEWARDSHIP - ANOTHER OPTION FOR GIVING

Electronic Giving might be the answer for Stewardship for your household. With some simple arrangements, your donation can be transferred from your bank account to the church bank account at BankCherokee. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in learning more.

## A MEN'S CLUB TRADITION

It has been a long standing tradition for the members of St. Matthew's Men's Club to join the St. Matthew choir and cantors for the Easter Sunday liturgy. Let's keep that tradition going! Men's Club members please arrive no later than 9am on Easter Sunday morning to warm up. Looking forward to seeing you and hearing you. A special thank you to the St. Matthew's Men's Club for the many things they do to support our parish and our outreach services.



## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The Rosary Society/CCW will meet on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. The next regular meeting of the Men's Club will be on Wednesday, April 12th at 8:00 p.m. The Rosary Society and Men's Club each welcome new members to their groups. If you are new to St Matthew's and would like to become a member, or just want to come see what we are about, please join us at our next monthly meeting. Perhaps you have been away for awhile and want to rejoin us, come on back!! We would be happy to have you join our membership.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (April 2)

Parish			
Plate	\$989	Food Shelf	\$50
Envelopes	\$2,838	COS School	\$336
Electronic Giving	\$187	Global Solidarity	\$25
Easter Envelope	\$5	Holy Land	\$2
Mass Intentions	\$30	Hall Rental	\$240
Vigil Lights	\$28		
Coffee Sunday	\$33		
Stole Fee	\$100		
Easter Flowers	\$250		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,941</b>		<b>Thank you!</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 8**  
 4:00 pm Joseph Karas Sr. †  
 Joseph Karas Jr. †

**Sunday, April 9**  
 10:00 am Our Parish  
 Art Fischer †

**Monday, April 10**  
 8:00 am James Santos †

**Wednesday, April 12**  
 8:00 am Arthur Geis †

**Saturday, April 15**  
 4:00 pm Paul Maslow. †

**Sunday, April 16**  
 10:00 am Our Parish  
 Claudette Borgan  
 Special Intention

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, April 8**  
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Emmanuel Comun.  
 4:00 pm Mass/Conf. Students Blessing  
 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner SH

**Sunday, April 9**  
 9:00 am Choir Practice  
 10:00 am Palm Sunday Mass  
 11:00 am Coffee Sunday Social Hall

**Monday April 10 – Thurs. April 13**  
 5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes Social Hall

**Monday, April 10**  
 No St. Mary's Clinic Today

**Tuesday, April 11**  
 6:30 p.m. Rosary/CCW Meeting SH

**Wednesday, April 12**  
 8:00 am – 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC  
 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation  
 8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting SH

**Thursday, April 13**  
 9:30 am COS Student Mass  
 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass

**Friday, April 14**  
 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
 4:30 - 7:30 Fish Fry  
 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

**Saturday, April 15**  
 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

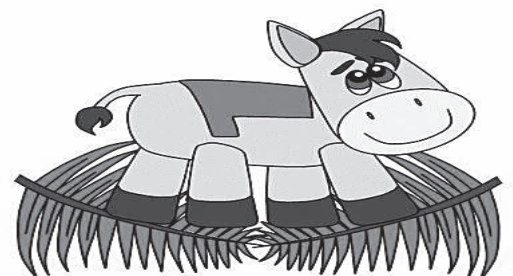
**Sunday, April 15**  
 10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass

## Children's Corner

## People Wave Palms to Jesus

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