

St. Matthew Catholic Church - Annual Events 2024

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 M **New Year:** Mary, Mother of God, World Day of Peace
- 3 W Faith Formation Classes Resume [Wednesday classes]
- 5 F 1st Friday Adoration
- 6 Sa *Rosca de Reyes Grupo de Oracion (Parish Hall)*
- 6-10 *Retiro de Aplogetica (New Evangelization)*
- 7 S **The Epiphany of Our Lord**
Faith Formation Classes Resume [Sunday classes]
- 8 M The Baptism of the Lord
- 13-27 Sa-Sa Cemetery of the Innocents: Done by Pro Life Ministry and Our Youth
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 21 Su Word of God Sunday / Ecumenical Sunday
- 22 M National Sanctity of Human Life Day
- 27 Sa *Seminario de Vida en el Espíritu (Grupo de Oración) [SJP Center]*
- 28 Su Youth Ministry – Feast of St. John Bosco (Praise & Worship) SJP
- 28 Su National Bible Sunday
- 28th – Feb 3rd National Catholic Schools Week

February

- 1 Th Faith Formation Advisory Meeting
- 2 F First Friday Adoration and Benediction / The Presentation of the Lord.
- 3 S First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
Class for ALL parents whose children are preparing for sacraments at SJP 8:30 AM
- 3 & 4 Sa & S: Blessing of Throats (at all weekend Masses) St. Blasé Feast Day [3rd Feb]
- 3 & 4 Sa-Su Presentation of Babies & Blessing of Nino Jesus
- 6 Tu *Día de la Candelaria (Grupo de Oración) [Parish Hall]*
- 10 Sa Dinner / Dance SJP Center**
Anointing of the sick at Mass
- 11 Su Our Lady of Lourdes: **World Day of the Sick**
Anointing of hands of healthcare workers at 10:30 a.m. Mass
World Marriage Day [Special blessings for the married couples]
[Super Bowl Sunday]
- 13 Tu Altar Society Set-up for Ash Wednesday
- 14 W Ash Wednesday – NO Faith formation Class / No Adoration**
- 15-18 *Cursillos Mujeres*
- 16 F First Lenten Friday - Way of the Cross / Fish Fry
- 16-18 *Marriage Enrichment Retreat / Retiro Matrimonial [New Evangelization] (Spanish)*
- 18 Su 1st Sunday of Lent **[Rite of Election – 10:30 a.m.]**
- 23 F 2nd Lenten Friday - Way of the Cross / Fish Fry
- 24 Sa *Pre-Matrimonial Retreat / retiro prematrimonial (Spanish) 8 am – 4 pm*
- 24/25 S&Su 2nd Sunday of Lent **Ministry Fair & All Masses in SJP Center**
- 29 Th Liturgy Committee Meeting

March **[Spiritual Wellness Month]**

- 1 F First Friday – Adoration and Benediction
- 1 F 3rd Friday of Lent - Way of the Cross / Fish Fry

- 3 Su 3rd Sunday of Lent [**1st Scrutiny 6 PM**]
 8 F 4th Friday of Lent - Way of the Cross / Fish Fry
 10 Su 4th Sunday of Lent [**2nd Scrutiny 10:30 AM**]
 10 Su Daylight Savings Time begins
 10-16 **Spring Break – NO classes**
14-17 Women’s ACTS Retreat
 14-17 *Cursillos Hombres*
 15 F 5th Friday in Lent – Way of the Cross / Fish Fry
 17 Su 5th Sunday of Lent [**3rd Scrutiny 6 PM**]
 17 Su Women’s Retreat Return Reception (SJP)
 19 T St. Joseph’s Day
 20 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*
 21 Th Chrism Mass in Tyler
 22 F 6th Friday of Lent: Way of the Cross / Fish Fry
23 Sa Parish Work Day
 Diocesan Women's Retreat – [St. Philip’s Institute, Tyler]
23/24 Sa/Su Palm Sunday
 25/26 M & Tu Lenten Confessions 5 PM – 7 PM
 27 W No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 No Faith Formation Class
 28 Th **Parish 25th Anniversary (1999)**
Holy Thursday
29 F Good Friday
31 Su Easter Sunday - No Faith Formation Class

April

- 6 Sa **Celebrate Life Banquet – Right to Life of East Texas**
Class for ALL Confirmation / First Communion sponsors 8:30 AM – SJP
 7 Su **Divine Mercy Sunday / Benediction at 3 PM.**
 8 M The Annunciation of the Lord – Solemnity.
 20 Sa Children’s Retreat – Grade 2nd to 8th [8AM – 4PM] **SJP**
 21 Su Good Shepherd Sunday / World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 28 Su Children’s Day / *Día del Niño* [SJP] Siervos de Cristo 2 pm- 6pm- **Spanish Mass in SJP**

MAY Month of Mother Mary

- 1 W St. Joseph, the Worker.
 3 F First Friday / Adoration and Benediction
 4 Sa **Rehearsal for Confirmands** / First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick;
 5 Su *Liturgical Ministries Commissioning (at all weekend Spanish Masses)*
 11 Sa **Confirmation Day**
 12 Su The Ascension of the Lord
Mother’s Day (Siervos de Cristo) in (SJP) 2pm - 6pm
 13 M Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
 15 W Last Day of the FF Class / Crowning of Mary
 18 Sa *Vigilia de Pentecostés (Grupo de Oración) – church 8 pm -10 pm*
19 Su Pentecost Sunday
 19 Su Last day of the FF class / Crowning of Mary
Graduation Mass at the 1:00 & 6:00 p.m. Masses / Senior Celebration SJP (TBA)
 22 W **Catechist Appreciation Dinner – St. John Paul Center**
 25 Sa **First Holy Communion 10 AM (One Mass at 10 AM)**

- 26 Su **Trinity Sunday**
 27 M Memorial Day: Mass at 9 am
 30 Th Liturgy Committee Meeting

June (Month Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Enrollment begins for Faith Formation for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

- 1 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
 1 Sa Eucharistic Procession after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
 2 Su **Corpus Christi** / Benediction after all Masses
Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
 7 F First Friday / Adoration and Benediction
 7 F Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus
 7-9 Retiro de Sanación [Grupo de Oración y New Evangelización] SJP Center
 8 Sa Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary
 9 Su Sell Raffle Tickets for Father's Day Basket (Catholic Daughters)
 16 Su **Father's Day** (Celebration 2-5 p.m. in SJP Center)
 Present Father's Day Basket to Winner (Catholic Daughters)
 21-23 **Steubenville Lone Star** - Irving Convention Center (High School Youth)
Diocesan Charismatic Convention – Maud Cobb Center
 26 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*
 29 Sa *Pre-Matrimonial Retreat. (Spanish) 8 am – 4 pm*

July

- 4 Th Independence Day (Mass at 9:00 a.m.)
 5 F First Friday
 6 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
11-14 Teen ACTS Retreat
15-19 M-F: Altar Servers Camp – SJP (9 AM to 1 PM)
 20 Sa *Noche de Alabanza 8:00 pm- 10:00 pm*
 28 S World Day of Grandparents & Elderly

August

- 2 F First Friday
 3 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
 4 Su St. John Marie Vianney (Patron of Priests)
 6 Tu The Transfiguration of the Lord
 7 W Faith Formation Advisory Meeting 6:30 PM
 10 Sa St. Lawrence / Deacons Day
 14 W Catechists Meeting: 7:00 PM
 15 Th Solemnity of the Assumption Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
 17 Sa Catechists' Retreat [half day] 8AM – 1 PM **SJP**
 21 W Faith Formation **Parents Meeting [Parish Hall] 6:30 PM**
 25 Su Faith Formation **Parents Meeting [Parish Hall] 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM**
 28 W High School youth – Kick-off party [SJP]
 New Catechists / aides Orientation – 6:30 PM

September

- 2 M Labor Day (Mass at 9:00 a.m.)
 4 W Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Wednesdays) resumes
First day of the FF Classes [Wednesday]

- 6 F First Friday / Adoration
 7 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick at 5 pm Mass.
 8 S Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary
First day of the FF Classes (Sunday)
11 W Prayer Service for First Responders 12:00 noon in SJP Center
 15 Su **Catechetical Sunday** – Commissioning of Catechists
Mexican Independence Day Celebration (Hispanic Ministries – SJP)
 21 S Feast of St. Matthew, the Apostle
 21 S *Pre-Matrimonial Retreat (Spanish) 8 am – 4 pm.*
 22 Su **Outdoor Mass & Parish Picnic** / Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle (Parish Patron Saint)
 24-26 T-Th Clergy Convocation
 25 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*
 26 Th Liturgy Committee Meeting
 27 F Feast of St. Vincent de Paul
 27-29 F-Su *Retiro Familiar (Grupo de Oración) [SJP Center]*

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

- 4 F First Friday / Adoration
 6 Su Respect Life Sunday: Life-Chain Longview
 7 M Diocesan Sanctity of Life Banquet ???
 12 Sa **America Needs Fatima - Rosary Rally**
 14 M Clergy Appreciation Dinner
 19 Sa **Class for ALL parents / Clases para los padres [SJP] 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM.**
 20 Su World Mission Sunday
 Blood Drive Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
 21 M Ministry Head Appreciation Dinner
 24-27 Th-Su **MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**
 27 Su Men's ACTS Return Reception

November All Souls Month

- 1 F All Saints Day [Day of Obligation]
 No Adoration
 2 S All Souls Day – Mass in the Columbarium @ 12 pm.
 2 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick;
 3 Su Day Light Saving Time ends
 5-11 National Vocations Awareness Week
 7 W Faith Formation advisory meeting 6:30 PM
 8 F Altar Society Autumn Decorations
 9 Sa **Taste of St. Matthew 6 – 8:00 pm SJP**
 9 Sa *Noche de Alabanza y Concierto (Grupo de Oración) Church;*
 10 Su **Stewardship Sunday**
 11 M Veterans Day
 13 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*
 16 Sa **Altar Servers Party - SJP Center**
 18 M **Choir Appreciation Dinner**
 24 Su Christ, The King
 27 W NO Adoration
 28 Th Thanksgiving Day
 29 F Altar Society Advent Preparation
 30 Sa Angel Tree Set up in foyer

December

- 1 Su 1st Sunday in Advent
- 2 M Advent Confessions
- 3 Tu Advent Confessions; Feast of St. Francis Xavier
- 5 Th Longview Christmas Parade
- 6 F First Friday / Adoration;
- 7 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
- 7 Sa **Parish Work Day**
- 8 Su Second Sunday of Advent
- 9 M Solemnity of Immaculate Conception – Not a Day of Obligation**
- 12 Th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Actual day
- 14 Su **Our Lady of Guadalupe** [*Hispanic Ministries*] SJP & Church
- 15 Su Third Sunday of Advent /
Last Sunday class before Christmas - Children's Christmas Party
- 16-24 M-Tu: *Posadas (all Spanish Ministries)*
Setting-up the Nativity in the church
- 18 W **Last day of class before Christmas** [Wednesday] - Children's Christmas Party
- 20 F Altar Society Poinsettia placement / decorate church for Christmas
- 22 Su Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 24 Tu Christmas Eve Masses
- 25 W Christmas Day Masses
- 28 S Holy Innocents Day: Special blessing for Infants & babies
- 29 Su The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Special recognition for families.