

Dear St. Matthew Parish Family and Friends:

What a wonderful parish community we have here at St. Matthew! This is largely due to the welcoming and generous spirit of so many who are committed to St. Matthew and support us in volunteering their time and talent, making their financial contributions, and offering their prayers. Thank you to all who enable the many ministries, programs, and services that are provided through and at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish.

Next year, 2018, we will be blessed to celebrate our diamond anniversary of 60 years as a parish. As we approach this milestone, we have the opportunity to reflect more deeply on our mission and ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ. Consider for a moment the countless number of people who have worshipped and celebrated the sacraments with us over the years. Countless hours have been offered by members of our parish family to welcome newcomers, proclaim the scriptures in word and song, assist with the distribution of Holy Communion both to those worshipping with us and to those unable to be with us because of illness. Indeed, new family registrations and Baptisms are on the upswing. Also, consider the tremendous amount of time and energy spent reaching out to those in need through our St. Vincent de Paul Society, our Harvest for the Hungry Garden, our Haiti and Cameroon projects, and other ministries. Since its beginning, St. Matthew has tirelessly supported the formation of our youth in the Catholic faith through our parish school, our religious education programs, and our youth ministry. Adult faith formation is strong at St. Matthew with our RCIA program, which has welcomed many people into the faith over the years, and our always-popular Bible study program. And then there are the behind-the-scenes folks who spruce up our campus inside and out, help with the day-to-day office chores, and never say “no” to any request or need that arises.

As you can see, St. Matthew is a very vibrant parish, and the engine behind it all is your prayers and you, the parishioners of St. Matthew. For nearly 60 years, St. Matthew Parish has answered “the call to love and serve by walking with Christ.” This is our mission as disciples of Jesus, and **Answering the Call** is the theme of our Parish Stewardship Appeal.

With this in mind, I invite you in **Answering the Call**. Please review this report of your parish leadership’s stewardship for the funds you entrust to our parish. Please consider how you and your family can help St. Matthew continue the work of Christ. While we have accomplished much over these nearly 60 years, there is still much for us to do to ensure that the proclamation and the living of the Gospel continue. We desire to strengthen our ministries to meet the faith needs of all our parishioners: families, our youth, young singles, seniors, and to reach out to inactive members. Also, we need to keep in mind that our buildings are aging and in need of repairs and updating. We already know that the older section of our school needs a new roof, and our parking lot will soon need attention.

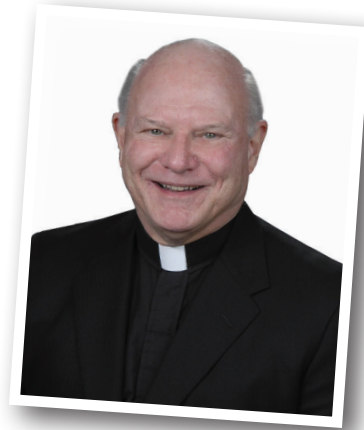
Upon reviewing this special brochure, please consider as your means allow, an increase in your Sunday offering. Sept. 16 and 17 will be Commitment Weekend. This special Commitment Weekend will allow parishioners to connect with one another and to make a prayerful sacrifice. Please commit to **Answering the Call** by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

Finally, please know how extremely grateful I am for your past generosity and support that have enabled St. Matthew Parish to be the special parish it is. I thank you in advance for all you are able to do to keep the flame of faith burning for many years to come.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Nick Dant



St. Matthew Parish offers Online Giving, an additional option for giving to the church.

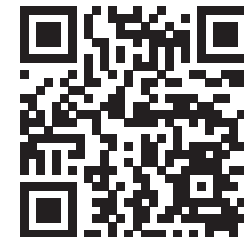
Benefits to You

- Set up your own contributions
- Change your contributions at any time
- No need to write checks
- Contributions are scheduled; no need to make up missed contributions
- If you prefer, a credit or debit card can be used as well

Many parishioners would rather have the option of giving without writing a check or remembering to bring the check and envelope to church each week. It also gives you the opportunity to contribute to first and/or second collections even if you are out of town, etc.

Please consider this option or continue to use the offertory envelopes you currently receive. If you do not get envelopes but wish to, contact the parish office at (317) 257-4297.

For more information or to sign up for Online Giving, visit Faith Direct at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/IN187>. You may also scan the QR code below with your smart phone to be directed to Faith Direct.



You may think your **LIGHT** is **SMALL**, but it can make a **BIG** difference in other people’s **LIVES**.



ST. MATTHEW PARISH
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WE ARE CHANGING LIVES BECAUSE OF YOU

Educate and Spread the Gospel

- St. Matthew Catholic School
- RCIA/RCIC
- Family Faith Formation
- Youth Ministry
- Scripture Study
- Parish Missions
- Men's and Women's Retreats
- Vacation Bible School

Celebrate Sacraments

- Baptisms
- First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
- Confirmation Preparation
- Weddings
- Reconciliation
- Liturgical and Music Ministries
- Anointing of the Sick

Exercise Charity

- Haiti Twinning Program
- Dr. Ellen Einterz's Cameroon Mission
- Christmas Giving Tree
- Blood Drives
- Easter Basket Project for the Needy

Works of Mercy

- Harvest for the Hungry Garden
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Peace Meals After Funerals
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Pro-Life Ministry
- Communion to the Homebound



St. Matthew School



Harvest for the Hungry Garden



Eucharistic Ministry



Haiti School Friendship Program

Saint Matthew Parish Financial Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

	Actual	Budget
Revenue		
Church Collections	\$1,085,390	\$1,221,000
Other Church Donations/Fees	\$6,535	\$9,250
School Tuition/Fees	\$1,774,808	\$1,772,040
Extracurricular Program Fees	\$387,517	\$355,270
Gala/Fish Fry Income	\$57,454	\$0
Total Revenue	\$3,311,704	\$3,357,560
Expenses		
General Parish	\$202,892	\$190,640
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$331,412	\$342,300
Property & Facility	\$458,600	\$436,090
Spiritual Life	\$109,343	\$149,250
Faith Formation	\$64,921	\$71,530
Christian Life	\$7,137	\$8,800
Youth Ministry	\$64,054	\$69,240
Gala/Fish Fry	\$17,297	\$0
School K-8	\$1,687,232	\$1,753,340
Extracurricular Programs	\$367,436	\$336,270
Total Expenses	\$3,310,324	\$3,357,460
Net Income (Loss)	\$1,380	\$100

How & When Will We Make Our Commitment?

Commitment Weekend will be held on September 16th and 17th. **Enclosed is a Commitment Card to complete. We will have a special collection during Mass to collect your Commitment Card.** The act of making a commitment is a covenant between you and God to support our parish mission to the best of your abilities for all that you have been blessed. Your new commitment should begin with the next Sunday's offertory. If you are out of town or unable to attend Mass on Commitment Weekend, please complete the enclosed Commitment Card and return it to the parish office or in the collection when you return. Your Commitment, no matter the increase, will be kept completely confidential and will not be disclosed in any way. Thank you for your generous support of our parish!

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