



St. Matthew Parish

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Dear Parents,

Greetings to you in the name of St. Matthew Parish!

I am Fr. Ramachamkudy, the Pastor of St. Matthew Catholic Church (13131-86 Street NW) and I am writing to you because your child attends a school that falls within the parish boundaries of St. Matthew's. I want to share important information regarding Sacramental programs available through St. Matthew Church. Students who live outside the parish boundaries of St. Matthew Church, will be affiliated with a different parish and may want to contact that parish to learn about their sacramental programs. Other parishes that may have students in this school are:

St. Edmund:	-	780-455-8592
St. Charles:	-	780-456-5399
Santa Maria Goretti:	-	780-422-8304

Within Catholic education, ***FAITH PERMEATES*** the total learning experience. The heart and soul of Catholic education is **Jesus Christ** who came that we might have life to the full. Catholic education strives to provide a learning environment that supports the full flourishing and development of the spiritual, moral, physical, social and intellectual dimensions of children. The collaborative partnership forged between your school, the church and your family forms a powerful alliance meant to support the integrated growth of our children. The tripod of mutual support that runs between school-church-family helps to accomplish this desirable outcome for our young people at every step of the way.

As the Pastor of the local parish - St. Matthew, I want to thank and congratulate you for deciding to send your child to one of our schools. If there is any way St. Matthew Church can support your family, please do not hesitate to ask. If you are seeking specific information about Sacramental Preparation (Baptism, 1st Confession, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, Sacramental Marriage, etc.), we would be happy to help you with that. Please call the parish directly at 780-475-2888 with your concerns. Eileen Lloyd is our Administrative Assistant and she is ready to help you with any concerns you may have.

In conclusion, let us keep each other, our teachers, administrators, trustees, support staff, and our precious children always in our prayers.

God Bless!

Fr. Paul Ramachamkudy
Pastor, St. Matthew Catholic Church

St. Matthew Parish – Sacramental Preparation 2024-2025

Sacrament of Baptism (Birth to Age 7):

- Baptism Preparation: Last Saturday of Every Month (10-11 am)
- Celebration of Baptism: 1st Saturday of Every Month 10 am & 3rd Sunday of Every Month 12:30 pm

***Registration for First Reconciliation & Communion closes on Sep 28, 2024.**

***Parent Information Meeting on Thursday, Oct 3, 2024, at 7 pm**

Preparatory Classes for First Reconciliation (Grade 2 or Older):

- Oct 19 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- Oct 26 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- Nov 2 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- Nov 16 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- Celebration Nov 23 (Saturday: 10 am – 12 noon)

Preparatory Classes for First Holy Communion (Grade 2 or Older):

- Jan 11 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- Jan 18 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- Jan 25 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- Feb 1 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- Celebrations Weekend Masses Feb 8/9, 15/16, 22/23 or Mar 1/2
(Parents will each select the Mass Date and Time that works for them.)

***Registration for Confirmation closes on Feb 1, 2025.**

***Parent Information Meeting on Thursday, Feb 6, 2025 at 7 pm**

Preparatory Classes for Confirmation (Grade 6 or Older):

- Apr 26 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- May 3 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- May 10 – Saturday – 10 am to 12 noon
- May 24 – Saturday – 10 am to 2:30 pm (Retreat & Rehearsal)
- Celebration May 31 – 6 pm (Mass *Confirmation Candidates & Invited Guests*)

RCIA (Adults)/ RCIC (Age 7 or older):

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for non-baptized people or people baptized in another Christian tradition to be welcomed into the Catholic Church. It is also available for baptized people who have not celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist, or for any Catholic church member who wants to learn more about their faith.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is an adaptation of the RCIA for children and youth. ***Registration for RCIA & RCIC closes on Sep 28, 2024.**