




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

November 12, 2017

Detroit, Michigan

32nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



"The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'"

- Mt 25:10b-12

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From Father Duane's Desk



As fall settles upon us, I can hardly believe it is almost Thanksgiving. These past weeks have been busy with the upcoming 50/50 Gold'n Harvest Raffle, the beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey, work continuing on trying to sell the school buildings, and, of course, our **Big**

Garage Sale.

I want to personally thank the Committee members and all the workers whose names were listed in last week's Pulse. I especially want to thank Mary Ann Bolone, the Committee chair for organizing and spearheading the event. As we reported last week, we made over \$5,000. The weeks leading up to the event were busy collecting, sorting, and pricing items. But with many hands, the work was accomplished efficiently.

In the course of sorting items, a statue of St. Joseph was found, and so Mary Ann along with Mary Jo Arcicovich invoked St. Joseph's intercession for the sale of our school buildings. With tradition in hand, they buried the statue upside down and facing the building. The tradition which is often employed to successfully sell one's house was applied to our school building. With the prayer said (see the following prayer), the hope is that the property will be successfully sold within a month! I'm not sure if that will happen in a month, but considering our efforts, the intercession of St. Joseph could not hurt. If we sell the school, we will have a prayer of thanksgiving to St. Joseph for all he did. Thanks Mary Ann and Mary Jo, I hope your prayer works (see picture above).

On another matter, I want to encourage your participation in the Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) Collection.

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~ SAVE THE DATE ~
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
AT THE 4:30 P.M. MASS
WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE
BEFORE US AND ARE NOW IN THE
PRESENCE OF THE LORD!

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2017

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Saturday:
Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

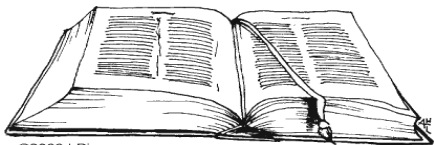
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." The foolish versus the wise. Today's parable sets these two groups in stark contrast to one another. Two crowds of young women wait for a wedding feast. One group comes prepared for the unexpected, the other just assumes everything will go according to schedule. But it doesn't! The Bridegroom is late, and the foolish virgins are left out in the dark--literally--while the wise ones enjoy the feast inside.



The lesson here is not just about having foresight and gathering the corresponding equipment. It's about being ready for the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself is the "Bridegroom." Traditionally we refer to the Church as the "Bride of Christ" and we, as the people of God who constitute the Church, are even now awaiting the real feast, the culmination of time when Jesus returns. But are we standing among the wise or the foolish as we wait?

Jesus tells us today, "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Are we spiritually awake? Do we have extra oil to see us through, or are we hitting the bottom of the barrel and running on spiritual fumes so to speak? Do we think it's enough to do the bare minimum as we wait for Christ--stepping into church without really being present, or calling ourselves Christian without really taking up the challenge of the cross? In order to avoid standing outside the feast with the foolish, we will want to make sure we fill our flasks with oil or, in other words, fill our hearts with the love of God, fill our minds with his word and his teachings, and fill our souls with the virtues that unite us to his will. If we stock up on these important supplies, we can count ourselves among the wise!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The bridesmaids in today's Gospel were considered "foolish" because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.



From Father Duane's Desk (cont'd)

This collection in November replaces the Campaign for Human Development. The beauty of this collection is that it is local. The funds go directly to Catholic Charities which supports

- Adopt-a-Family for Christmas (of which St. Matthew benefits)
- Adoption and foster care services
- Adult day health care and senior care
- All Saints Soup Kitchen and food pantry
- Health counseling
- And many more services

The problem is in the last few years, donations have been decreasing, and the amount of services and outreach CCSEM can cover may be reduced as a result. In short, Catholic Charities is asking for your help, and, indeed, all parishes will respond. Whatever we can do will be a good thing.

I also want to remind everyone that our Memorial Mass for the Dead will be on Saturday, November 25, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. If you have never attended, I encourage you to do so. Complete with a candlelight entrance procession, we honor those whom we have buried this past year from the parish.

The date for this Mass is later than in years' past due to the beatification of Solanus Casey. That event will be at Ford Field with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Remember our own 4:30 p.m. Mass will be cancelled that day to accommodate the beatification. I will be concelebrating the Mass, and 75 parishioners will be attending.

Since the entire month of November is dedicated to the dead, remember to place the names of loved ones, relatives, friends, neighbors, in our Book of Remembrance. We will pray for them each week.

May God be with you this week and may we continue to call others to FAITH.

Prayer to Sell a House (or School Buildings!)

O, Saint Joseph, you who taught our Lord the carpenter's trade, and saw to it that he was always properly housed, hear our earnest plea. We want you to help us now as you helped your foster-child Jesus, and as you have helped many others in the matter of selling property.

We wish to sell our school buildings quickly, easily, and profitably; and we implore you to grant our wish by bringing St. Matthew Parish a good buyer, one who is eager, compliant, and honest, and by letting nothing impede the rapid conclusion of the sale.

Dear Saint Joseph, we know you would do this for us out of the goodness of your heart and in your own good time, but our need is very great now, and so we must make you hurry on our behalf.

Saint Joseph, we am going to place you in a difficult position with your head in darkness, and you will suffer as our Lord suffered, until our school buildings are sold.

Then, Saint Joseph, we swear before the cross and God Almighty, that we will redeem you, and you will receive our gratitude and a place of honor in our parish.

**Directives for Solanus Casey Beatification Mass
Saturday, November 18 at 4 p.m.**

There will be 75 parishioners attending the beatification. Seventy (70) have signed up for bus transportation, and five (5) will be driving on their own. We have secured two buses. One from Global Bus Systems which seats 56 passengers, and Mr. Joe Zainea's shuttle bus from the Majestic Café which seats 20. Between the two buses, we will have adequate seating for all who signed up for bus transportation. A few important particulars are listed below for a smooth day to and from the event.

Private Vehicle Parking

- Attendees arriving in private vehicles may choose from a variety of city- and privately-owned surface lots, garages, or metered street parking. It is estimated that costs for parking will range from \$10-\$50. Street/metered parking is enforced by the Detroit Municipal Parking Department. The rates and hours vary, so attendees are encouraged to follow all posted signs and notices. Go to <http://www.parkdetroit.us> for more information.
- Those attending by car must pick up their tickets at the rectory by Friday, November 17, no later than 5:00 pm. Your ticket is required to enter the stadium.

Bus Transportation from St. Matthew's Parking Lot

- All attendees riding the buses must arrive at the church parking lot no later than **1:00 pm.**
- Begin parking closest to the Activities Building, as we will need room for the buses to maneuver near the island.
- Bus riders will receive their tickets prior to boarding the bus. Tickets will be identified by family name and are assigned on a first-come basis.
- The bus will leave promptly at 1:30 pm in order to arrive at Ford Field by 2:00 pm.
- All buses from the parishes will be assigned an official parking location. No drop-off or pick-up will be near the stadium for security reasons.
- From remote bus parking locations, attendees can choose to walk to the stadium (it should not be far) or choose to take a shuttle which will be provided from the parking lot to the stadium should the lot be a distance away.
- Please note the company and number of the bus and the lot you are in so that you can locate it after the Mass. Remember it will be dark by then.
- Concessions will be open in the stadium til 3:00 pm for your convenience and will close by 3:15 pm so you can ready yourself for Mass. We must remember why we are here. No eating/drinking should occur during the beatification liturgy.
- Choirs and musical groups will be performing prior to the beginning of Mass to help you ready yourself for the sacred liturgy.
- Communion distribution will be directed by AoD ushers and will be distributed by priests and deacons. Please follow directions at the appropriate time.
- At the end of the liturgy, please proceed to the buses as quickly as you can so that we can return to the parish leaving no one behind. There will be no time to go to restaurants or to stop for food after the Mass. On the return trip, board the same bus you boarded from St. Matthew's parking lot.

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**Directives for Solanus Casey Beatification Mass
Saturday, November 18 at 4 p.m. (cont'd)**

- Dress comfortably and appropriately for Mass. We will be representing St. Matthew Parish.
- Note:** Our tickets are in Section 120, Rows 37 to 39. You may enter any gate. However, Gate F and Gate G are near our section. Both are off St. Antoine and Gate F is indicated as Not Handicap Accessible.

There will be much walking and stair climbing that day, and it will be a long day—but one truly filled with faith and grace. We ask everyone to pack their patience and remember why we are there.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, November 12, following 10 am Mass - Parish Council Mini-meeting, Rectory Conference Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, PARISH PARKING LOT AT 1 PM - Bus Boarding for the Beatification Mass of Fr. Solanus Casey at Ford Field

Monday, November 20, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room



Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

Each day, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) serves families from all walks of life at 13 locations throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. Through the All Saints Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry in southwest Detroit, services for newcomers to the United States, Project Hope for expectant mothers and mothers with young children, and other ministries, CCSEM brings the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters most in need.

Next weekend, our parish will take up a special collection for CCSEM. Please prayerfully consider contributing to help CCSEM care for the most vulnerable among us.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Metropolitan Tribunal - Each year, millions of Catholics suffer the pain and hurt of divorce. Many feel separated and alienated from both the Church and their parish community. The annulment process brings these Catholics back into the sacramental life of the church.

The Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Detroit receives more than a thousand formal annulment requests a year. While processing these requests accounts for a major part of its duties, the Tribunal also reaches out to those in need through presentations by its judges at parishes throughout the year.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help the staff of the Metropolitan Tribunal offer guidance, hope, and spiritual healing to divorced Catholics

For more information about other CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster	Bob Spansky
Bienvenido Fajardo	Sr. Judy Seefeld, OP
Lolita Dorado	Rev. Robert Allman
Rita Moroni	Nanette Ferreria
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Joe Petrylka	
Roger Sharpe	

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Saturday, November 18, 2017, 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday, November 19, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Beverly Goll
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu
Greg Redman
Jean Solomon

Mary Anne Pilette

Ian Campbell
Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius

Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Beverly Goll

Marie Vortkamp

Mary Pocius

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 11th - Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Barbara Novak, Ann Capanda

Sunday, November 12th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark, Lincoln Chrysler,
The Babasz Family, John "Moose" Strehler

Monday, November 13th - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Tuesday, November 14th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Wednesday, November 15th - St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, November 16th - St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Friday, November 17th - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Saturday, November 18th - Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Emily Christina, Wanda Paruch, Dick Pint

Sunday, November 19th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Denise Barlage, Anthony Kaminski,
Veronica Kaminski



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