



# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

**November 26, 2017**

**Detroit, Michigan**

November 1, 2016 to November 1, 2017

We thank you, Heavenly Father,  
for our relatives and friends  
who were so near and dear to us.  
We thank you for their friendship  
and for the peace that they brought to us.  
We thank you that they became people others could love  
while they were with us here on earth.

~ We Remember ~

Lisa Leszczynski  
Robert Hanshaw  
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Denise Barlage



## Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46  
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/  
Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22  
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36  
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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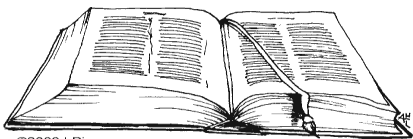
### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Today we celebrate the feast of an unusual kind of king. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, does not run his kingdom in the standard fashion. Instead of insisting upon the pomp and circumstance that usually surrounds earthly royalty, Jesus has a different focus. He thinks not of himself, but of those he loves. And in today's Gospel, his interest is especially focused on the poor and suffering in our midst.



Our King asks us to care for those in need--the hungry, the homeless, the foreigner, the sick and suffering. But then, he goes farther; he tells us that in caring for these least brethren, we will be ministering to HIM! What an incredible promise. Not only do we carry out the command to love our neighbor when we protect those in need, but we also show our love for Jesus in a direct and concrete way. This love for Christ through others is so real that Jesus actually tells us that our place on Judgment Day will depend on it: "What you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." And these will go off to eternal punishment." On the other hand, the "righteous" who ministered to the weak and poor will enjoy eternal life. Our King has spoken loud and clear. Now comes the question of whether or not we are obeying his orders?

Each of us is called to examine how well we are caring for the least among us. Sometimes, this means giving our time and energy for special ministries or missions, but often it means caring for those right in front of us--the sick or suffering in our own homes, families, neighborhoods, or parishes. Whatever our situation, may we have the eyes to see Christ in our midst and serve him.



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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers, and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.

## Preparing for Advent

### A Meditation: Finding Deep Conversion

When we think about how to conform to Heavenly life here and now so we can live a Heavenly life in all of eternity, we often think of prayer, fasting, mercy towards others, and all the blessed virtues that the Christian life holds dear. These are indeed honorable and needful, but there is an underlying basis that every virtue depends upon and must be the focus for us to be Heaven bound. This is simple and profound: it is humility. It is the lowering of ourselves in our speech, action, and thought in all things.

It does not require great deeds, heroic efforts, intense concentration, or constant restraint in the way that we think of improving or refining our will, mind, and body. It is more basic, more basic indeed. It means that we are willing to see our self as less, smaller, compliant, and so, dependent on God, and then seeing others as more worthy. It is the deflation of our proud view of who we mistakenly see as ourselves. The key is to realize that we have lost looking at the beauty that God made in our creation into His Image and Likeness and substituted a false mask of vanity and pride instead. All we have to do is lower the mask and live.

Jesus said, "Except that you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven." What does He mean by being converted? It is more than just reciting a creed or even following all of the outward parts of Christianity. This conversion means we are changed into the state of those who live in Heaven, to become like the Saints and Angels that live there. Yet for us, this is something practical, something that we can do every day, every hour, and every minute if we are aware enough to choose it. Jesus continues to explain how to do so when He say, "Whoever humbles himself as little child, the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." Great powers, great deeds, great thoughts and feelings, all these we can leave behind in our imagination.

Let us take up instead the small and humble way, and so shine like all those that are so richly endowed with child-like humility in the Heavenly kingdom.



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### A Daily Prayer

*Again I thank You, Father in heaven, for the blessings and graces You have given me this day.*

*Once more I entreat Your continuing protection.*

*Conscious of my own weakness and frailty, of my many faults, I entrust myself to Your loving care.*

*I entrust to Your protection, loving Father,*

*those dear to me, my relatives, friends, and all those living and dead, who have done good for me by Your holy inspiration. Be pleased, Eternal Father, to keep in Your care Your Church, the Holy Father, and all who serve You.*

*Please assist also all civil officials to exercise authority justly, and to direct all your people according to Your will.*

*In Your loving and tender mercy, Lord and Father, assist especially those who are poor and deprived,*

*those who suffer, and all who are without hope in this life unless You come to their aid.*

*It is You alone who can bring great good out of the worst evils by Your unbounded power.*

*We trust You to curb the malice of the wicked, to convert sinners, and to bring us to a knowledge of Your love.*

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Sunday, December 3, following 10 am Mass - 50/50 Gold'n Harvest Raffle Drawing and Parish Breakfast**

**Friday, December 8, 9 am and 7 pm Masses - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Monday, December 18, 2 pm - Mass at St. Anne's Convalescent Center**

**Monday, December 18, 7 pm - Parish Communal Penance Service**



Pope Pius XI wanted to communicate the belief that Jesus is lord of all, the king of creation.



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**St. Matthew Catholic Church  
Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Drawing  
Sunday, December 3, Noon**

Thanks in advance to all who have bought and sold the Gold'n Harvest raffle tickets. Returns (as of this writing) are coming in very slowly.

One more week remains before the Gold'n Harvest Raffle Drawing so we are hoping you get those returns in asap.

Plan on joining your fellow parishioners, family, and friends for the drawing along with a wonderful breakfast provided by Majestic Café. The prices for the breakfast are reasonable: Adults - \$7, Young Adults - \$4, under 12 - Free!

You can look forward to consolation prizes awarded for those who stay for the fun!

**CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**Thanksgiving** - In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving weekend because of your generous gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal.

The CSA makes possible more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout our Archdiocese each day. No one parish could provide all of these blessings, that benefit so many. Truly, the CSA allows us to *open doors to encounter Christ*.

If you have yet to donate to this year's Catholic Services Appeal, please prayerfully consider your blessings and make the most generous gift possible.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org).

**The Giving Tree**

*The Giving Tree for children's toys will be up in the church next Sunday ready for Christmas. Please take a tag and make Christmas a little more special for a child in need. These gifts benefit the families that St. Vincent de Paul has helped during this past year. The individual tags include whether the child is a boy or girl and their age. Please donate toys appropriate for the age level stated on the tag. Suggestions: pull toys, plush toys, games, coloring books and crayons, puzzles, balls, sports equipment, dolls, trucks, and cars. (non-violent toys only, please!). Return all toys by December 16th, the 3rd Sunday of Advent.*



*Put toys in bags, boxes, or some type of covering (no wrapping paper). If you would like to purchase a gift card for a child ages from 13 to 16, that would be much appreciated. PLEASE ATTACH TAGS TO GIFTS.*

*Your generosity in the past has always been an inspiration as you remember those that are less fortunate among us!*



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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	Sr. Judy Seefeld, OP
Bienvenido Fajardo	Rev. Robert Allman
Lolita Dorado	Nanette Ferreria
Rita Moroni	Dorothy Kurrie
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# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Janet Bielman  
Janet Law

## LECTORS

Saturday, December 2, 2017, 4:30 p.m.

Marie Vortkamp

## SERVERS

Ian Campbell  
Kiley Dulapa

Sunday, December 3, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn  
Dorothy Brooks  
Beverly Goll  
Linda Holster  
Michael Holster  
Debra Nieddu  
Joseph Nieddu

Bill Ridella

Lauren Gross  
Mary Pocius  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, November 25th - Vigil: Christ the King

4:30 p.m. - Betty Cummings, All the Deceased Members of St. Matthew Parish

### Sunday, November 26th - Christ the King

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, George Kaminski, Mary Noreen Kaminski, Lois Jones

### Monday, November 27th -

### Tuesday, November 28th -

9:00 a.m. - For the Missionaries Serving around the World

### Wednesday, November 29th -

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

### Thursday, November 30th - St. Andrew, Apostle

### Friday, December 1st -

9:00 a.m. - Vaughn Adams

### Saturday, December 2nd - Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

### Sunday, December 3rd - First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. - The Reyes Family, Ofelia Vivo, Judy Stark, Casimir Kleinsmith

*Our Lord, Jesus Christ,*  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE



"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36

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