

Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

January 14, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

Readings for the Week of January 14, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

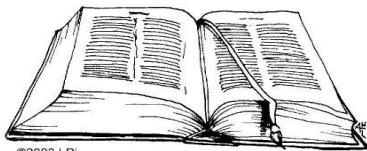
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ!



Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner?

Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven. None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

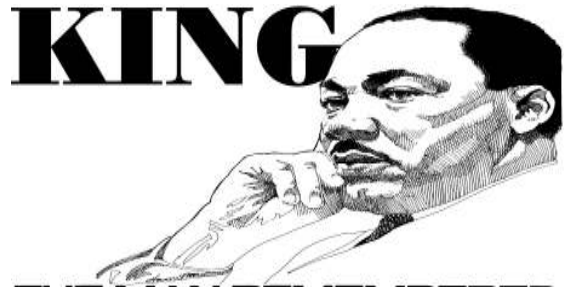
Jesus' question in today's Gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children, or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

A Reflection for "After Christmas"

Since Christ is born into this world, now is the time that all things are ready to come to Him humbly but with determination and attention, without excuses, and with love and reverence, for His Kingdom is always right before us and in the present tense, and we are directly invited to enter.

This invitation does require that we make an effort to leave our other activities of life as our first priority, and yet we don't have to abandon all that which is in our life, but simply make our journey to "live, move, and have our being" in Him as the very first and most important activity of our life. He will certainly and actively help us to do so, for He desires our hearts as He constantly gives us of His own.

Only two things are needed to really start this journey to Christ and His Heavenly Kingdom even now and also at each moment: first, to recall our hearts from its focus on the world to now really focus on Christ through interior prayer, and then secondly, to ardently ask Him for help like a small child calls to his mother with love.



THE MAN REMEMBERED

**STE. ANNE de DETROIT CHURCH
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 10 A.M. MASS
BISHOP GERARD BATERSBY, CELEBRANT
JOHN THORNE LEADS
THE BLACK CATHOLIC
MINISTRY GOSPEL CHOIR**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Unity. What does "unity" mean? For those of us who claim Christ as our model of living and savior of humanity, it means we are one. This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has as its theme from the Scripture, 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. The first line contains our mission statement... "For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore all have died." If that is not a mandate for unity, then there is none. We are one in the death of Christ and therefore live in unity with all other Christians.

*God, who are unity in three holy persons
-- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit --
you have called us to live in peace with all people.
You have also called us to work toward unity
in purpose to spread the Gospel to all nations.
Graciously give us the courage and strength
to work toward unity,
and act toward each other as brothers and sisters.
We ask this in the unity of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Wednesday, January 17, 7 pm - RCIA
Candidates Meeting, Father Duane, Instructor,
St. Clare of Montefalco Assembly Room

Sunday, January 21, 9:15 am - St. Mat-
thew Choir Rehearsal with Rick Cucchi, Choir
Loft

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, February 25 -
Parish Outing to the Detroit Institute of
Arts, Monet Exhibit, and More! Details to
Follow!



Thank You St. Matthew Parishioners!

Our St. Matthew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all parishioners who so generously gave gifts in response to our Giving Tree appeal last month. A total of 73 boys and girls living with their struggling families in our eastside neighborhood were delighted at Christmas time to receive all the toys and clothing purchased and given as gifts by St. Matthew parishioners.

Along with additional food and clothing and donations from others to our SVdP Conference, we were able to help a total of 27 families in our service area. Over 100 warm sweatshirts and numerous toys were given to us by St. Rene' Goupil Parish in Sterling Heights. And St. Matthew parishioner, Bill Zuerblis, and his colleagues at Visteon Corporation donated 25 delicious turkeys and boxes brimming with healthy and nutritious food all of which was given to families in our area who face challenges to meet their individual and family basic needs.

We're very grateful for the abundance of gifts that you, as parishioners, gave to the many, many children whose Christmas was made that much brighter because of your care and compassion. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference with your tremendous help has been able to make a very positive impact on the lives of many in our eastside Detroit community in their time of need. Thank you so much!

And a much deserved thank you to the following parishioners and conference members that helped to handle, sort, package, and deliver all the gifts and food boxes; Mike and Dana Dulapa and friends, Mike and Linda Holster, Bryan Jones, Bob Lavoy, Joan Nardi, Judy Redman, Bill Ridella, Charlie Mueller, and Lee Rice. We couldn't have done it without you!

Your time and effort was very much appreciated!

Your Generosity Shows in Many Ways Thanks to You these Collections Exceeded Expectations !



St. Anne's Convalescent Center Christmas Donations	\$520.00
Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan	\$855.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$1,515.00

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Black Catholic Ministry - The Archdiocese of Detroit will honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with a Mass at Ste. Anne de Detroit Church this Monday, January 15.

Auxiliary Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate the 10 a.m. Mass, and John Thorne will lead the Black Catholic Ministry Gospel Choir. Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow our local Church to minister to African-American Catholics and predominantly African-American parishes through the archdiocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministry. The office's mission is to highlight, enhance, and celebrate the contributions of those in the black Catholic community as they share their gifts with the Church and society. The office also focuses on evangelization and the certification of lay ministers, as well as serves as a resource for other archdiocesan offices.

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Congratulations ~ East English Village

East English Village Wins Curbed Cup - Second Year

The Board and residents of East English Village would like to thank the parishioners and friends of St. Matthew Parish for their recent support in EEV's winning "Curbed Detroit's Best Neighborhood of the Year" award. We truly appreciate posting information on the St. Matthew website and Facebook pages in an effort to encourage voting for our little neighborhood. It definitely helped! EEV beat out Southwest, the Villages, Grandmont Rosedale and, in the final round, New Center to capture the title for the second consecutive year. We derived so much positive press and interest in our EEV community as a direct result of last year's publicity. It actually encouraged new buyers (who'd never heard of EEV prior) to visit, meet the residents, come to a meeting and ~ in many instances ~ actually purchase a home. We've had transplants from West Village, Eastern Market, Hamtramck, the Grosse Pointes as well as some of the Metro Detroit suburbs, out of state and even out of the country! Our little corner of the "D" is truly a great place to live, work, play and pray! We are confident that this recognition will have a positive impact on our neighboring eastside communities as well. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and God bless the parishioners of St. Matthew.

Maureen Dritsan

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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
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Regina Butler
Kurt Beghuyn
Rose Colombo
Laura Bush-Terry
Sebastiano Stellino
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Daniel Adams
John Allman
Robert Stark
Stephanie Smith
Alice Mocerri
Emma Langan
Keith Wilk
Eileen Hatty

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, January 20, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Janet Law

Marie Vortkamp

Ian Campbell

Michelle VandenBrooks

Sunday, January 21, 2018; 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Beverly Goll
Veronica Obianwu
Greg Redman
Jean Solomon
Kristen Stark

Mary Anne Pilette

Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 13th - Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Sunday, January 14th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Peppino Moroni, Judy Stark, Annette Laige,
Gaetano and Lucia Cottone, Ginger Cottone,
Pasqual and Stella Urso, Lucy Zelenak, Mary
Lou and Gerry Malinowski, Anthony and
Florence Manfre

Monday, January 15th -

Tuesday, January 16th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark (1st Anniv)

Wednesday, January 17th - St. Anthony, Abbot

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

Thursday, January 18th -

Friday, January 19th -

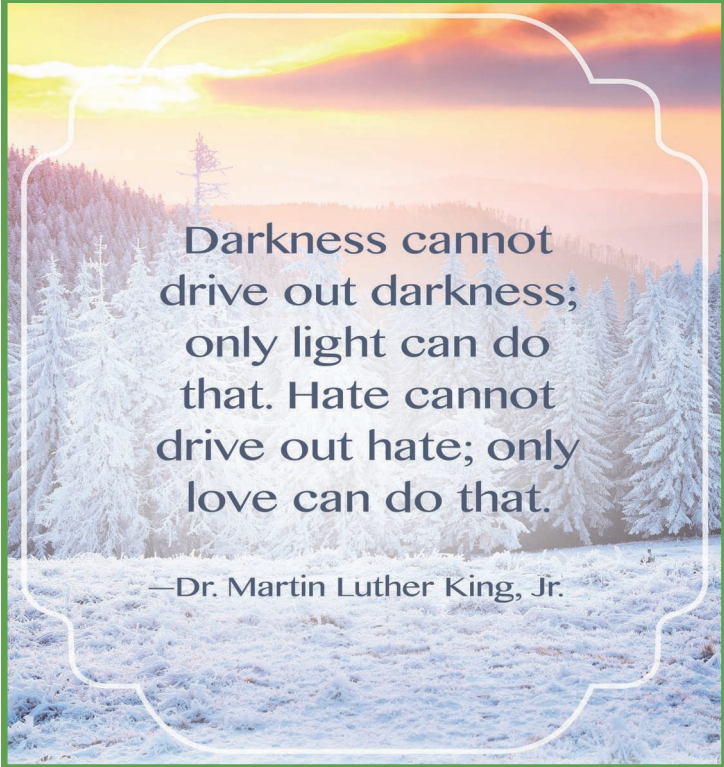
9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Saturday, January 20th - Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Sunday, January 21st - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark



Darkness cannot
drive out darkness;
only light can do
that. Hate cannot
drive out hate; only
love can do that.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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