

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

January 21, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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## Readings for the Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/  
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/  
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/  
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/  
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2  
[Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-  
8a, 10 [3]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-  
17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41

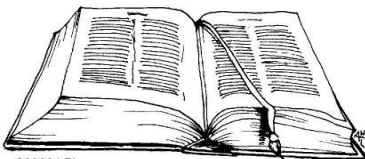
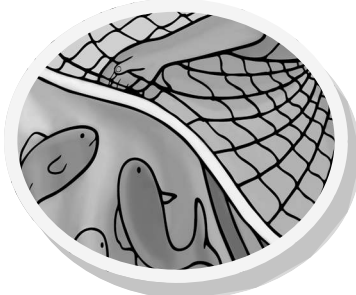
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/  
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything-or anyone-else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives.

We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.



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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of "Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc." Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.



January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. What does one have to do with the other?

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18, at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter, and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among 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.*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1 Cor 7:29-31

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Wednesday, January 24, 7 pm - RCIA**  
Candidates Meeting, Father Duane, Instructor,  
St. Clare of Montefalco Assembly Room

**Sunday, January 28, 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, Dinner at The Majestic  
Café, and More!



### St. Matthew Parish Report July 2 to December 31, 2017

Budget / 26 Weeks:	\$62,738.00
Actual / 26 Weeks:	\$60,462.03
Online Giving / 26 Weeks:	<u>\$6,455.00</u>
Total Actual / 26 Weeks:	\$66,917.03

**Overage / (Shortfall): \$4,179.03**

Average Collection / Sunday:	\$2,573.73
Average % of Budget / Sunday:	106.66%
Average % <b>over</b> (under) / Sunday:	<b>6.66%</b>
Debt Reduction Envelope / 26 Weeks:	\$1,638.00
Online Debt Reduction Giving:	<u>\$240.00</u>
Total Debt Reduction Giving:	\$1,878.00

**NET OVERAGE FOR 26 WEEKS: \$6,057.03**

### For Black History Month

Archbishop Vigneron recently commissioned renowned Gospel musician and longtime Detroit music minister, Kier Ward, to compose a Gospel-style setting of the Mass as a gift of the Black Catholic Community to the entire Church. To conclude our New Year celebrations and launch Black History Month, all are invited to a special Mass to pray for an end to violence in the City of Detroit.

**Mass for Peace in Detroit**  
Sunday, January 28, 4:00 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament  
9844 Woodward Avenue  
Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, Celebrant  
Premiere of Mass of the Sacred Heart  
Keir Ward, Composer  
Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir  
and the Archdiocesan Chorus of Detroit

### Prayer for the Protection of Life

Good and gracious God,  
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.  
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.  
Give us the courage to take that unpopular position  
of protecting those who have no voice,  
the unborn child in the womb  
to the person taking his or her last breath.  
The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.  
Embolden us to speak the truth  
about protecting the child, the elderly,  
and the one without a voice in the public square.  
With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**Priestly Vocations** - Please pray for the men discerning a call to the priesthood during this weekend's discernment weekend at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

Thanks to your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, the archdiocesan Office of Priestly Vocations offers these firsthand, up close, and stress-free looks at seminary life several times a year. They include presentations on the four pillars of formation (Spiritual, Human, Intellectual, and Pastoral fellowship), which are the foundation of the seminary formation program, as well as time for fellowship and prayer.

The next discernment weekend, for men who are high school seniors to 55 years old, will be held March 22-25. Details about discernment weekends and discernment overnights, for high school freshmen to juniors, can be found at [detroitpriest.com](http://detroitpriest.com).

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



## Catholic Schools Week

### Celebrating Catholic Schools January 28 to February 4

**St. Clare of Montefalco School**  
16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park  
313-647-5100 ~ [stclareschool.net](http://stclareschool.net)

Open House, January 28, from 2 to 4 p.m.  
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Mentoring Program, CYO Athletics Program,  
Extra-curricular Activities, Scholarships and Tuition  
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**St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School**  
21100 Madison St., St. Clair Shores

Open House, January 28 from 1 to 3 p.m.  
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Open House, January 28, from 12 to 3 p.m.  
Featuring STREAM projects:  
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### PARISH ORGANIZATION

Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*  
Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

### 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  
Allen McKee  
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Janet Law  
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Peggy Bates  
Glenda Johnson  
Daniel Adams  
John Allman  
Robert Stark  
Stephanie Smith  
Alice Mocerri  
Emma Langan  
Keith Wilk  
Eileen Hatty

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC

### MINISTERS

Janet Bielman  
Marie Vortkamp

### LECTORS

Liz Foley Dunstone

### SERVERS

Mary E. Dunstone

**Saturday, January 27, 2018, 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m.**

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

Bill Ridella

Kiley Dulapa  
Lauren Gross  
Mary Pocius

## Mass Schedule

**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, Connie Schuster  
(3rd Anniv)

**Monday, January 22nd - Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children**

**Tuesday, January 23rd - St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; St.  
Vincent, Deacon and Martyr**

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry

**Wednesday, January 24th - St. Frances de Sales, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church**

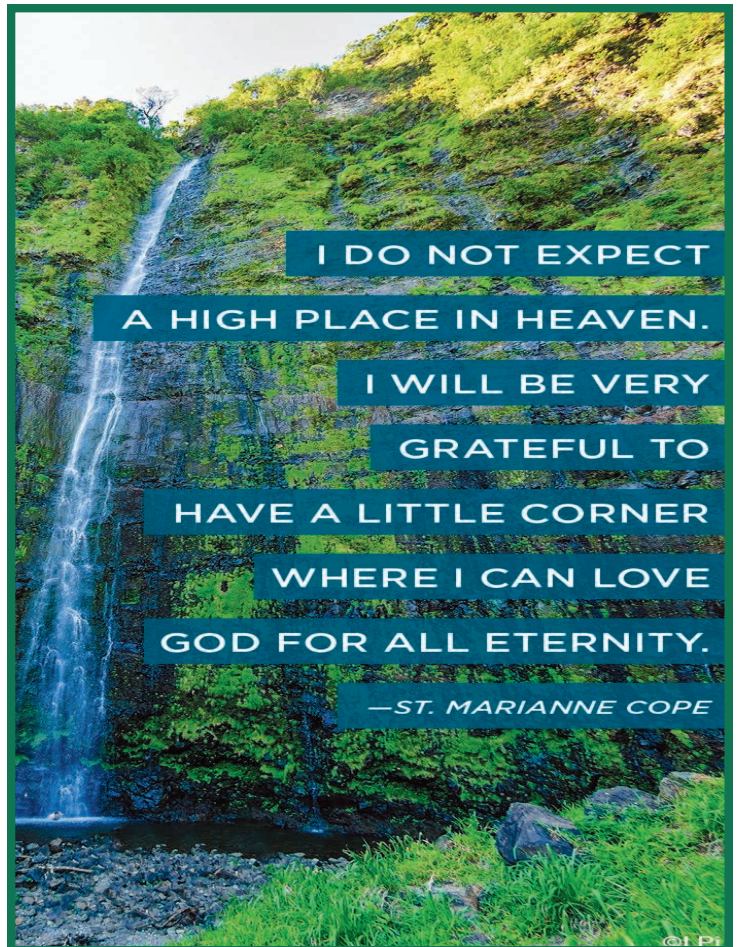
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

**Thursday, January 25th - The Conversion of St. Paul**

**Friday, January 26th - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

**Saturday, January 27th - Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Ronald and Theresa Twardy

**Sunday, January 28th - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Rosemary Ambrozy



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