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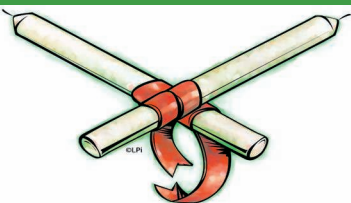
January 28, 2018

Detroit, Michigan

## *4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*A*ll were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

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*In Honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, February 3,  
Throats will be blessed next weekend at all Masses.*

*Remember the faith of this saint each year and pray for blessings on those who suffer throat ailments. Always remember this blessing is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick, and for those who need our prayers.*



## Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34  
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Those gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never heard anything like this before.

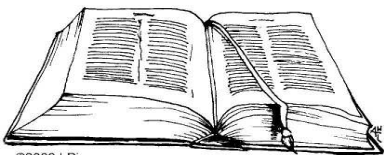


They were used to the preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his listeners.

We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures that the Church has preserved and through the sacred tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way, Christ's authority continues to inspire and guide us through the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priesthood that Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth.

As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church. Although this structure is often misunderstood or misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service and modeled after Christ who told his apostles, "The greatest among you must be your servant" (Mt 23:11).

This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be astonished at what they see.



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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience, and abruptness. Today, Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.



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### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

There is something about children that makes people smile. Their innocence, hopefulness, and amazing and amusing things they say and do bring out good qualities in people. Bring a child into a nursing home and watch people light up. Or walk into a store with a 2 year old and see people smile. Or watch when a dad carries a toddler on his shoulders and even people driving by smile.

Simeon must have smiled at Jesus. He saw more than just an infant smiling and proud parents. He knew he looked upon the hope and promise of Israel. He saw his "heir apparent," the priest, prophet and king who would bring the message of salvation to the world. Simeon no doubt smiled as he gazed upon the infant so many had longed to see.

Joy is a very important part of faith. Knowing the Lord and sharing in His life should bring us a sense of joyfulness and peace, if we really believe in the promises of Jesus. Too often people leave Church the same way they leave root canal!! We know and have seen for ourselves the great work of love and hope that God has done. We are His heirs!



## Rest in Peace

### In Loving Memory of

Joe Escorial, Husband of Emmie

Emma Langan, Mother of  
Ann Marie, Mary Beth, and Therese Marie

Eileen Hatty, Mother of Five and  
Active Volunteer for 30 Years in the  
St. Matthew's Meals on Wheels Program

"The pain of loss is hard to heal,  
The loving memories no one can steal."

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord,  
and Let Perpetual Light Shine upon them. Amen.

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Tuesday, January 30, 6 pm** - Jazz Nite Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

**Wednesday, January 31, 7 pm** - RCIA Candidates Meeting, Father Duane, Instructor, St. Clare of Montefalco Assembly Room

**Thursday, February 1, 4:30 to 6 pm** - CYO Intermural Basketball Programs, St. Matthew School Gym

**Sunday, February 4, 9:15 am** - St. Matthew Choir Rehearsal with Rick Cucchi, Choir Loft

**Saturday, February 3, Sunday, February 4** - All Masses, Blessing of Throats

**Sunday, February 4, 10 am Mass** - Garry

### St. Matthew's DIA Monet Exhibit Outing and Dinner at The Majestic Café

Check out the enclosed flyer for information on the next best thing St. Matthew Parish is planning. We are going to the Detroit Institute of Art for the Monet Exhibit, which features the only art work of Monet that is in the DIA 's collection. However, around this painting, "Corbeille de Fleurs," (rounded flower beds) are 11 other Impressionist works all contemporaries of Monet including a Renoir.

This period, during the 1870's, was a decade when Monet and other artists of that time formed an art movement called "Impressionism." This movement rejected the convention of painting in grandiose styles and was revolutionary in its methods.

Along with the exhibit, a dinner is being offered to those attending at The Majestic Café following the tour. Shuttle service to and from the DIA will be available from The Majestic starting at 1:15 pm. Please see the flyer for details on this service.

If you are interested in this exceptional opportunity, please fill out the order form (which is due Sunday, February 17) along with your payment in cash or payable to St. Matthew Parish and turn it in to Jeff Smith after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday or to Laurie Striebel after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Of course, you can always turn in your order form any time during regular rectory office hours.

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**National Catholic Schools Week** - National Catholic Schools Week 2018, the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States, begins this Sunday, January 28. Many schools in the Archdiocese will hold open houses this Sunday and throughout the week for families interested in Catholic education for their children.

This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.", encompasses the core products and values found in our Catholic schools. Not only do they teach students to become future servant leaders, faith filled disciples, and enriched citizens, educators grow along with their students. In Catholic schools, all are learners, servants, and leaders, and these shared qualities make Catholic schools work and succeed.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow the archdiocesan Office for Catholic Schools to help our Catholic schools provide their students with exceptional academic training while continuing the teaching mission of Jesus Christ. The office, which is part of the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools, offers resources for teachers and principals, parents and students, and alumni.

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon,  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy!

O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled  
as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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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  
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# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman  
Mary Bielman  
Marie Vortkamp

Patrick Lusch

Ian Campbell

Sunday, February 4, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

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

Liz Smith

Kiley Dulapa  
Mary Pocius  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

**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

**Monday, January 29th -**

**Tuesday, January 30th -**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

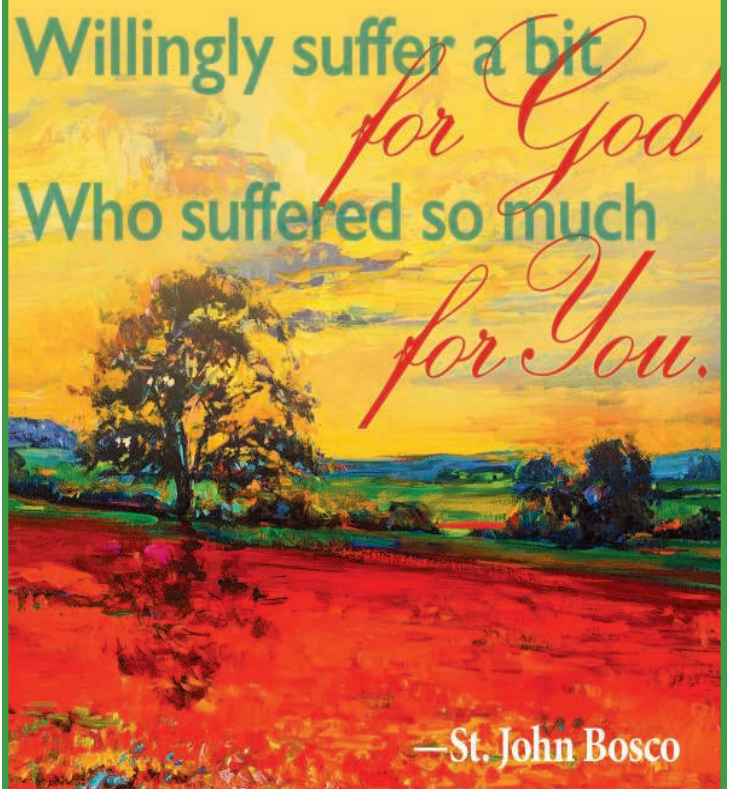
**Wednesday, January 31st - St. John Bosco, Priest**  
9:00 a.m. - For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood

**Thursday, February 1st -**

**Friday, February 2nd - The Presentation of the Lord**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Saturday, February 3rd - Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

**Sunday, February 4th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Winnifred Tobin (49th Anniv), Helen Rice (26th Anniv)





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