



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

February 11, 2018

Detroit, Michigan

6th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."
- Mk 1:40-41

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FEBRUARY 14, 2018
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9:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. MASSES

Readings for the Week of February 11, 2018

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

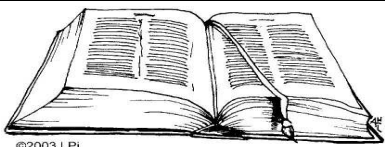
We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.



Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission.

When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

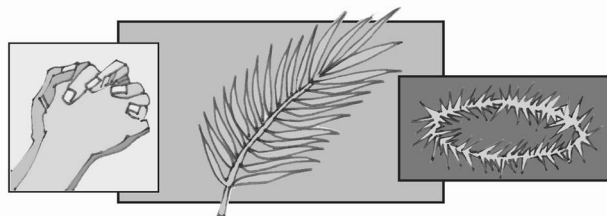
The apostles were "afraid" when Jesus was transfigured in front of them. Change is often frightening, especially in relationships but inevitable. The child grows up, a parent ages, and people mature. The only constant is our commitment to one another.

Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. What more is the connection between these events?

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern for the poor. What are you doing for the poor?

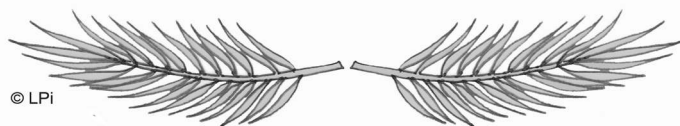


Penitential Disciplines of Lent

"The Christian faithful, during Lent, are clearly conscious of the need to turn the mind towards those realities which really count, which require Gospel commitment and integrity of life which, through self denial of those things which are superfluous, are translated into good works and solidarity with the poor and needy" (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, #125).

In addition to choosing their own penitential practices, Catholics are also asked to observe the practices of fast and abstinence during the 40 days of Lent. The Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations are as follows:

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.)
3. Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means eating only one full, meatless meal. Two other smaller, meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



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St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, February 11, following the 10 am Mass - Hospitality Sunday, Kickoff for 2018 Jazz Nite!

Wednesday, February 14 - 9 am and 7 pm Masses, Distribution of Ashes

Thursday, February 15, 4:30 to 6 pm - CYO Intermural Basketball Programs, St. Matthew School Gym

Sunday, February 18, 9:15 am - St. Matthew Choir Rehearsal with Rick Cucchi, Choir Loft

Saturday, February 17, and Sunday, February 18 - All Masses, Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Sunday, February 18 - Date Correction!
- **Deadline for Registration to the Monet Exhibit with Dinner at the Majestic Cafe**

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Christian Service - The Christian Service Coordinators Association's winter topic, focusing on "Anxiety and Depression: What to Know, How to Help," will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Wednesday, February 21, thanks to gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal.

Christian service coordinators are valuable members of parish staffs. They promote and coordinate action that seeks to eliminate the cause of human need in our society. They are also responsible for ensuring a full response to Catholic social teaching through opportunities for outreach and advocacy.

The winter topic will explore how the brain influences mood and behavior, signs and symptoms of anxiety and depression, how friends and families can help and when to seek professional services, and treatment options.

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

*Grab Your Passports and Prepare Yourself
for an "April in Paris" (ooh la la!)
Experience the Kick-Off
at our Hospitality Sunday, Today,
February 11, following the 10 am Mass!
Save the Date ~ April 14th!*



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

Attention: Deadline Date Correction! If you are interested in this exceptional opportunity, please fill out an order form (**due Sunday, February 18**) 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.

St. Matthew Parish is planning a group tour 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 buffet dinner of mixed greens salad, roasted chicken, roasted red skin potatoes, spaghetti with meatballs, vegetable medley, carrot cake w/ice cream, and beverages (cash bar) 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 enclosed flyer for details on this service.

The **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** will take place next week. Your generosity helps those living in countries formerly under communist rule when the Church faithful were forced to practice their faith in secret and church leaders were arrested and killed. Your help is now needed to ensure the rebuilding of these faith communities.



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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	Nanette Ferreria
Bienvenido Fajardo	Dorothy Kurrie
Lolita Dorado	Anthony Mastronardi
Rita Moroni	Eduardo Fajardo
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Virginia Fajardo	Peggy Bates
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Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Patti Adams

Marie Vortkamp

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bill Zuerblis

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Beverly Goll

Julia Zuerblis

Saturday, February 17, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday, February 18, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

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Lauren Gross

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Julia Zuerblis

Veronica Obianwu

Greg Redman

Jean Solomon

Kristen Stark

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 10th - Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, February 11th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark, The DeLisi Family,
Joan Angle, Pat and Vaughn Adams

Monday, February 12th -

Tuesday, February 13th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, For the Needy in our Community

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday

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

7:00 p.m. - Peppino Moroni

Thursday, February 15th -

Friday, February 16th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, For the Missionaries Serving
around the World

Saturday, February 17th - Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Emma Langan (1 month anniv)

Sunday, February 18th - First Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark, Annette Laige, The
Reyes Family

THERE ARE TWO WAYS
TO GET ENOUGH.
ONE IS TO CONTINUE
TO ACCUMULATE
MORE AND MORE.
THE OTHER IS
TO DESIRE LESS.

—G. K. Chesterton

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