



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

**February 18, 2018**

**Detroit, Michigan**



## **From Father Duane's Desk**



On this First Sunday of Lent, we acknowledge our catechumens, Keith Arcicovich and Cory Fullilove, who have been sent to the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament to participate in the Rite of Election. Now called **the elect**, and having been received by Archbishop Vigneron, they are in their final period of preparation and purification for the Easter sacraments. Their sponsors, Bill Zuerblis and Bryan Jones, respectively, have been walking with our catechumens and speak positively about their growth and development.

Catechumens are non-baptized persons, and at the Easter Vigil after these Lenten days of Scrutiny (examine) will be led by their sponsor to the font of Baptism. It is an exciting time in their spiritual lives and an exciting time for our community to welcome them in the faith of our Church. I ask that you greet them warmly, encourage them in the faith, and continue to pray for them throughout these Lenten days.

As part of our Lenten journey and our own examination of conscience, I would invite you to mark your calendars for a couple of dates. On Monday of Holy Week (March 26th), we will celebrate our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service (communal confession). The liturgy is always so beautiful, prayerful, and spiritually uplifting. Yet many people do not attend. Reflecting on this, Lent would be a good time to renew our understanding of the sacrament and its forms of celebration. To that end, we will be offering on Sunday, March 18th, in conjunction with our Hospitality Sunday a presentation on the Sacrament of Penance in the church auditorium. So plan on socializing a bit with your fellow parishioners, and then reflect with them on your Lenten journey of prayer and penance. Hope to see you there.

On another matter of importance to our parish is the ongoing development of our Parish Council. If you remember, we added three new members in the fall. With the passing of our prior president, Vaughn Adams, we needed to fill his seat (*sede vacante*). Today, I am happy to announce that the Council selected Mr. John Dunstone as our new president. John and his family have been active members in the parish for over 25 years. John being on the Parish Financial Council and co-chairing the CSA, while his wife, Liz Foley-Dunstone is a lector; and their children, Mary Elizabeth and Patrick, are current and former altar servers. We congratulate John on his new position which is, per the council, projected for two years.

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Next Sunday, St. Matthew Parish is going to the Detroit Institute of Art to experience the Monet Exhibit and many other works of art. Dinner follows at the Majestic Café. Today, February 18, is the deadline for registration to the exhibit and the dinner. Please see the committee member in the back vestibule of the church and join your fellow parishioners for this community event.

## Readings for the Week of February 18, 2018

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

### 1st Sunday of Lent

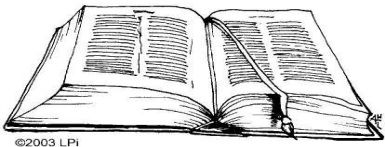
Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert?



Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" -- the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly.

As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose -- writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others. The Gospel tells us that "the Spirit drove him out into the desert." In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness -- these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?

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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. Take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to Mend and Forgive!

### From Father Duane's Desk (cont'd)

In addition to this, Mr. Mike Dulapa has also joined the Council as Representative of the Evangelization Committee. Mike, if you remember, was our representative to Synod 16 in the Archdiocese. As Mike moves forward, he plans to re-invigorate our Evangelization Committee and present their efforts to the Parish Council. We welcome Mike, and with a renewed energy our Parish Council looks forward to providing direction and guidance to parish life so that, as our Mission Statement says, we can be a Beacon of Light and a Sign of Hope.

In the weeks to come, we will formally install our new president, John Dunstone, and our Evangelization representative, Mike Dulapa, at a weekend liturgy.

May God give to each of you a Lenten journey filled with spiritual renewal and love of our Lord as we together move to the Easter sacraments.

God bless you, Father Duane

**As we look ahead to our Lenten journey**, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms an offering of peace, and our prayers a reflection of humble and grateful hearts. We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us as we spend these 40 days reflecting on what it means to be companions on the journey to encounter our global human family. How may this encounter with our neighbor transform our own lives? How may our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities?

#### Blessing of the Rice Bowls

*God of all people, You are the source of every blessing.  
May we be mindful of your presence now and as we use these  
Rice Bowls in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.  
May they be instruments of encounter,  
bringing us closer to you, our God, and to our neighbors,  
both near and far.  
May this time of reflection help us to see our role  
in caring for the most vulnerable —  
those experiencing hunger, lack of economic opportunity, and  
violence that force them to migrate.  
Through these 40 days, may we deepen our faith in you, and  
our love for one another, as we prepare for the*

#### God of the Journey, We Encounter You in the Migrant. Journey to Iraq

Eight year old Majd thought his family was going on a picnic. His mother, Lamya, said they would be back in a week. But when ISIS attacked their home in northern Iraq, the family fled for good. "What worried me the most were the kids," Lamya says. "Our life was stable, and we were doing well; we had a very big house. But when we fled, I was not able to bring anything for them, not even food."

Fortunately, the family found an apartment to rent with other displaced families. It is much smaller than the home they fled, but it's safer. The children now attend a CRS-sponsored school, and the routine provides hope, stability, and a sense of belonging. "Education is very important," says Lamya, who teaches at Majd's school, especially in Iraqi culture.

"Majd is so motivated to go to school. He just wants it to be morning so he can go," she says. "He is relaxed, having fun, and more confident." For Majd, school means a normal life, now and for the future.

*Safety and security are essential to living a dignified life, what migrant families are seeking.*

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, February 17, and Sunday, February 18, at all Masses - Rice Bowl Distribution**

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

**Thursday, February 22, 4:30 to 6 pm - CYO Intermural Basketball Programs, St. Matthew School Gym**

**Sunday, February 25, 9:15 am - St. Matthew Choir Rehearsal with Rick Cucchi, Choir Loft**

**Sunday, February 25 - Parish Outing to the Monet Exhibit with Dinner at the Majestic Café, Shuttle Service to the DIA from the Majestic Café starting at 1:15 p.m.**



**~ CONGRATULATIONS ~**

**John J. Dunstone**

**On Your Election to the Position of President of the Parish Council for St. Matthew Parish**

**May God bless you in your work and may He grant you the graces needed to fulfill the ministry for which you have been chosen. Amen.**



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

**Attention: This weekend is the deadline for making a registration for this exceptional opportunity. Order forms are available from Jeff Smith after the 4:30 Mass or Laurie Striebel after the 10 a.m. Mass.**

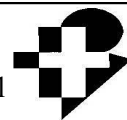
Include your payment in cash or payable to St. Matthew Parish. Jeff will need to notify the DIA on Monday, February 19, as to how many will be attending the exhibit, and also to Joe Zainea at the Majestic Café as to the number of dinners to prepare.

This group tour to the Detroit Institute of Art for the Monet Exhibit will feature the only art work of Monet that is in the DIA collection. However, around this painting, "Corbeille de Fleurs," (rounded flower beds) are also 11 other Impressionist works, all contemporaries of Monet including a Renoir.

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. We truly look forward to having a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon!

## **CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**Permanent Diaconate** - Men who feel called to serve the Lord and His Church as a permanent deacon are invited to learn more about this vocation and the requirements for ordination during an information night at the Detroit's Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Wednesday, February 28.

The ministry of a permanent deacon is three-fold: ministry of the Word, ministry of the liturgy, and ministry of charity and justice. Deacons are a familiar sight in our parishes, where they assist the priest at Mass by preaching the Gospel and delivering the homily. Some also serve as chaplains at hospitals and colleges.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal support the Office for Clergy and Consecrated Life, and the Permanent Diaconate Information Team, as well as provide assistance for men in formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

### **St. Anne Convalescent Center (Parkeast Healthcare Center)**

February 12, 2018

To: Father Duane R. Novelly  
and the Parishioners of St. Matthew Catholic Church

Re: Out of this World "Gift for the House"

Words cannot express the gratitude felt by each of the residents here at Parkeast Healthcare Center (St. Anne's Convalescent Center) for the generous \$520 "Gift for the House." The first things we purchased were two "wonder Bibles" which are talking bibles, one for each floor. When the weather clears, we are going to purchase a new picnic table and a large heavy-duty tarp to fit over a frame to keep the residents dry during the rainy season.

Once again, thank you all very much!

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Beauvais, Administrator  
Parkeast Healthcare Center

*This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity.*

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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  
Laura Bush-Terry  
Sebastiano Stellino  
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John Allman  
Robert Stark  
Stephanie Smith  
Alice Mocerri  
Keith Wilk  
Yvonne Smith

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC

### MINISTERS

### LECTORS

### SERVERS

Saturday, February 24, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman

Julie Smith

Ian Campbell

Janet Law

Marie Vortkamp

Sunday, February 25, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bryan Jones

Kiley Dulapa

Patti Adams

Lauren Gross

Dorothy Brooks

Mary Pocius

Beverly Goll

Debra Nieddu

Joseph Nieddu

Kristen Stark

## Mass Schedule

### 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

### Monday, February 19th -

### Tuesday, February 20th -

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

### Wednesday, February 21st - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Keyes (85th Birthday), William Redman (3rd Anniv)

### Thursday, February 22nd - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

### Friday, February 23rd - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

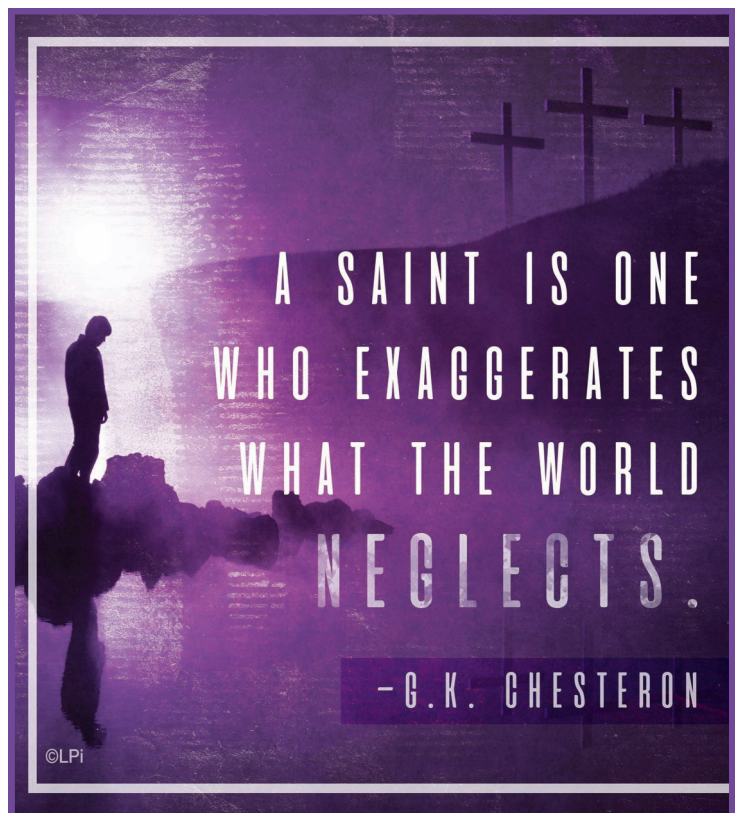
9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

### Saturday, February 24th - Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

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

### Sunday, February 25th - Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Frank Amara (18th Anniv), Judy Stark, William Pilette, Veronica Kaminski, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood



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