



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

June 17, 2018

Detroit, Michigan

11th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"To what shall we compare the kingdom of
God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown,
it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."
- Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

***"WHEN A MAN WALKS IN INTEGRITY AND JUSTICE,
HAPPY ARE HIS CHILDREN AFTER HIM!"***

PROVERBS 20:7

Readings for the Week of June 17, 2018

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
[cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16
[3a]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-
6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/
Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14,
17-18 [13]/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-
34 [29a]/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17
[6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15
[14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God." What is a kingdom? Is it the brick and mortar that build up the castle? Is it the expanse of land a king can reasonably defend?



Our notions of kingdoms may be romanticized in the modern era, but for the Israelites, a kingdom held deep historical meaning. Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, the Israelites had asked God for a king. After the reigns of David and Solomon, the united kingdom dissolved into factions, and the land was conquered by the Assyrians, Babylonians, and, finally, Romans. For the Israelites, a kingdom was something to build, both structurally and civilly. While this had ended in ruin for their ancestors, many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for the restoration of an earthly kingdom.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are a radical departure from this perspective. He compares the Kingdom of God to a field, but it appears that the farmer has little to do with its progress. "The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit." Jesus introduces his followers to a new sort of kingdom, a kingdom where God provides the growth.

There is work to be done, of course. "When the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." But for the Kingdom of God to flourish, there are certain things that are outside of our control. We sow seeds of kindness, justice, and integrity? and then we must be patient. As shoots of faith appear, we nurture the growth with encouragement. As Christians, our task is not to build the Kingdom of God under our power alone, but to trust in the life-giving movement of God.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

It is interesting we call the first person of the Trinity, Father. Our dads help us understand God as Father in the way they love, protect, teach, discipline, and spend time with us. What an awesome responsibility, to be the window through which children view God.



A father is a man who loves without cost to his children and tries to raise them to be fully human creatures with the abilities to make a difference in our world. Some fathers are successful, some are not. However, all try their best. This Father's Day, let your dad know that you appreciate all his efforts.

- *Strength -- Your strength in helping me to tell right from wrong was a great gift.*
- *Honor -- You taught me that to honor myself was a way to honor the God who made me.*
- *Faith -- Thanks Dad for having faith in me, when I was not sure I had faith in myself.*
- *Love -- You loved me even when I did not love myself.*

For all this, I am grateful.

Let us pray!

*Gracious God and Father, our first father,
You are the One who has brought us to life in this world
you created.*

*You created us and everything around us.
We turned away from you
and only after disappointing you did we return your love.*

*Look with favor on our earthly fathers.
They helped create us in your image.
We have disappointed them,
but have come to realize just how important they are to us.*

*Bless all our fathers, living and deceased,
with comfort and health.*

*We bring all their needs to you
and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.*

*We ask all this in the name of your Son,
our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.
In Christ's name. Amen.*

ST. THOMAS MORE, Feast Day, June 22, 2018

"I am the King's good servant, but God's first."

So said St. Thomas More, whose feast we celebrate on June 22. St. Thomas More was once Sir Thomas More, a lawyer and statesman in the court of King Henry VIII. When the king wished to dissolve his marriage to Catherine of Aragon -- who was infertile -- the pope held up the validity of the marriage. Desperate to generate an heir, King Henry declared himself the head of the Church of England and granted himself an annulment. Most leaders signed the "Oath of Supremacy," declaring the King's power over the English Church. Thomas More, then the Lord Chancellor, refused to sign. He was sentenced to death.

St. Thomas More reminds us of our call to integrity and to the defense of truth in the public square. Thomas More is the patron saint of lawyers, politicians, and civil servants.

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Sunday, June 17, following 10 am Mass -
CSA Committee Stand-up Meeting, Sacristy**

**Saturday, June 23, 4:30 pm Mass -
Elizabeth and James Kraus, 50th Wedding
Anniversary; Joe and Mary Zainea, 50th
Wedding Anniversary**

**Sunday, June 24, following 10 am Mass -
St. Vincent de Paul East District Meeting,
Church Auditorium; St. Matthew's Money Coun-
ters Meeting, Rectory Conference Room**

**SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, July 31st,
Parish Tiger Game Outing, Tigers vs. Red Sox,
7:10 pm**

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Catechesis - "Unleash the Gospel: Forming Joyful Missionary Disciples" is the theme of the June Catechist Topics and Enrichment 2018, offered at Sacred Heart Major Seminary this month.

Your CSA gifts help fund the 27 catechists' topics, which are open to anyone seeking catechist certification, as well as Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit seeking personal enrichment. Among the topics featured from June 18 to 22 and June 25 to 29 are Morality and Conscience, Catechesis in Multicultural World, and Mary: First Disciple.

Also included for 2018 is the Discernment of Spirits Enrichment on June 21 and the Heart of Mercy retreat on June 22 with Elizabeth Gengle.

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

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St. Matthew's Quarterly Reward Report
1/31/2018 to 4/30/2018**

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. Sixty-one (61) households shopped at Kroger during this period and contributed to the amount of **\$249.46** as Kroger's donation to St. Matthew Parish.

Thanks all of you who participated! Please go to www.stmatthewdetroit.com to see how easily you can participate in this fundraising effort. Every little bit (bite) helps!

Tiger Game Outing Tickets on Sale Now!

FYI ~ This year we have game seats with a better view of the game in a section where there will be less steps. This improvement will be more convenient. The prices are increased to accommodate a better experience. All will be to our benefit.

Go Tigers! Play ball!

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**St. Matthew Tiger Baseball Outing ~ Ticket Order Form
Detroit Tigers vs. Boston Red Sox ~ Tuesday, July 31st ~ Game Time 7:10 p.m.**

Name (s): _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Ticket (s) _____ X \$40 (\$33 for game; \$7 for bus) = \$ _____

of Persons for Bus Transportation _____ (Bus transportation is limited to 56 Persons!)

Submit completed form to Rectory with full payment (cash or check payable to St. Matthew).

Call the Rectory if you have any questions: 313-884-4470

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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	Eduardo Fajardo
Bienvenido Fajardo	Kathy Bush
Lolita Dorado	Peggy Bates
Rita Moroni	Glenda Johnson
Albert Fajardo	Daniel Adams
Virginia Fajardo	John Allman
Madeline O'Neill	Robert Stark
Regina Butler	Stephanie Smith
Kurt Beghuyn	Alice Mocerri
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MINISTERS

Janet Bielman
Janet Law
Marie Vorkamp

LECTORS

Saturday, June 23, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Mary Ann Pilette

SERVERS

Ian Campbell
Lauren Smith

Sunday, June 24, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Greg Redman
Jean Solomon
Kristen Stark

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Mary E. Dunstone
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 16th - Vigil: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For all Fathers, Living and Deceased, of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, June 17th - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - William H. Gracey, Sr., Annette Laige, Judy Stark, Clarence Merlo, Richard Goll, Bobby Hanshaw (18 Mos. Anniv), Frederick Allman, Raymond Novelty

Monday, June 18th -

Tuesday, June 19th - St. Romuald, Abbott

9:00 a.m. - For an Increase in Vocations to the Religious Life

Wednesday, June 20th -

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

Thursday, June 21st - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Friday, June 22nd - St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

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

Saturday, June 23rd - Vigil: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

4:30 p.m. - Elizabeth and James Kraus (50th Wedding Anniv), Joseph and Mary Zainea (50th Wedding Anniv)

Sunday, June 24th - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Angelo Calcuttera (19th Anniv), George Kaminski, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood



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