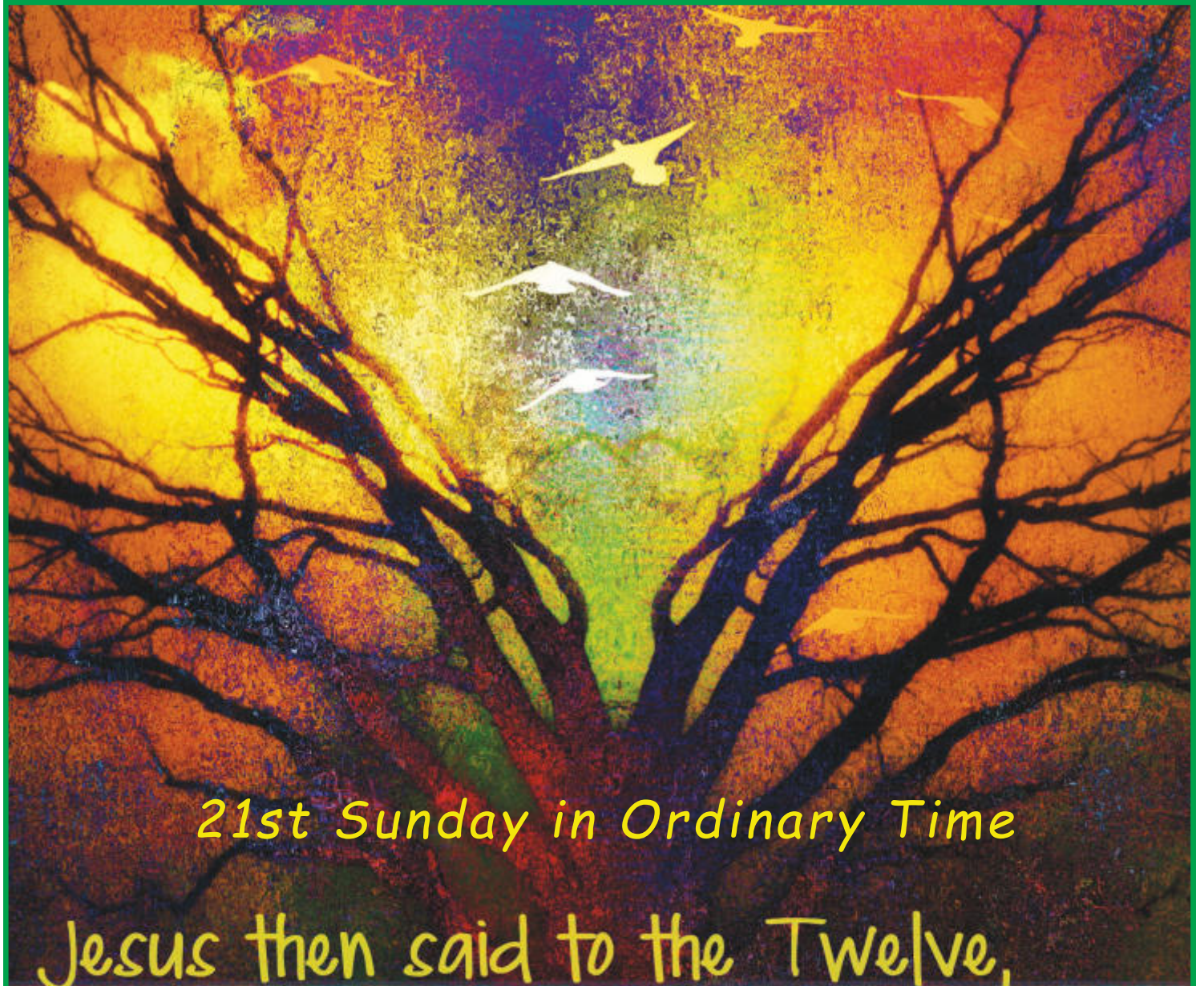




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

August 26, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus then said to the Twelve,

"Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2018

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 [3]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 [12]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes

firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much.

Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult," he did not back down. In our families, it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

REST IN PEACE

SHEILA POCIUS
1974 TO 2018

DAUGHTER OF
JOHN AND GLORIA

PASSED FROM THIS LIFE
TO ETERNAL LIFE
ON AUGUST 18TH



*"MAY ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER."*

*REST IN PEACE, SHEILA,
FOR THE LORD HAS CALLED YOU HOME!*

*John Pocius has written to the parish,
"Thank you to everyone for prayers and support
and assistance."*

It was on the evening of our parish Tiger Game outing that we all learned Sheila had returned home from the hospital. It was Laura Ridella who suggested a list of volunteers be created to provide meals for the Pocius family as they spent their energies on Sheila's recovery.

The response was overwhelming, and now there are volunteers providing dinners for the Pocius family Tuesdays and Thursdays through the end of September. The family is most grateful for this generosity, and we are grateful for the foresight of Laura who saw the need and acted upon it. Appreciation goes to those parishioners who stepped up without hesitation to lend a hand. God bless all of you!



Prayer for Our Common Home

God of all creation, you have given us the responsibility of a steward, one who cares for something.
Our stewardship is to care for our common home, the earth.

We look to your goodness shown to us by all the good gifts the earth bestows upon us:
The rain to water the ground.
The crops that spring from the ground.
The animals that roam the fields.
The medicines that come from the plants.

We also look to you for the wisdom to care for this creation of yours:
Give us wisdom to know how and when this good earth needs our special attention.
Helps us not to be shortsighted and assume that the earth can heal itself without our help.

You created us from the earth and we depend upon it for our health.
We ask all from you, and give all back to you.
This we do in Jesus' name who is our brother and savior.
Amen.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, September 1, and Sunday, September 2, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Blessing of Students and Teachers

Sunday, September 9, 9:15 am - Choir rehearsal begins in the Choir Loft (Interested? See Rick's article below)

In October - SOCK Campaign, and our Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Kick-off

CUCCHI'S CORNER Rick's Notes from the Loft POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Choir Members Wanted: Positions open to soprano, alto, tenor and bass. No others need apply.

Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director.

Experience: No application will be accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the bathtub or shower at some or any time.

Beginning Wage: Increased satisfaction and joy in the service to God.

Fringe Benefits: Social Security. We promise you the security of social fellowship with other choir members. Bonus: Year-end Choir Member Picnic!

Hours: Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15. There are occasional opportunities for overtime.

Retirement: Generally determined by printed notes getting too small; the hymnal too heavy; notes too high; sanctuary too hot or too cold; or the organist is unable to play the notes you sing!

Interested?: Contact Rick Cucchi at cucchi@umich.edu or come to the first rehearsal in the choir loft balcony on September 9th at 9:15 a.m. or call the rectory to sign up.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Campus Ministry - Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help foster the spiritual growth of young adults attending area colleges and universities.

The Office of Young Adults and Campus Ministry helps form communities of faith on campuses, either by incorporating and strengthening the faith of those who live on campus or by building community, forming leadership, and collaborating with area parishes on commuter campuses. The office sponsors activities and programs for students, such as one-on-one pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, social justice projects, and retreats.

News from the Neighborhood (EEV)

Detroit Free Press, Sunday, August 12

East English Village gets an A in property report ~

East English Village in Detroit was one of 136 neighborhoods with median home prices under \$100,000 to garner an A rating from property database curator ATTOM Data Solutions in its 2018 Neighborhood Housing Index, released August 2.

ATTOM ranked 10,950 neighborhood housing markets nationwide based on six factors: affordability, home price appreciation, school scores, crime rates, unemployment rates, and property taxes

"While home prices are typically higher in higher-ranked neighborhoods with better schools and lower crime, there are still many top-notch neighborhoods with more reasonably priced homes," Daren Blomquist, senior vice president at ATTOM Data Solutions, based in Irvine, CA, said in a news release. More information at www.attomdata.com.

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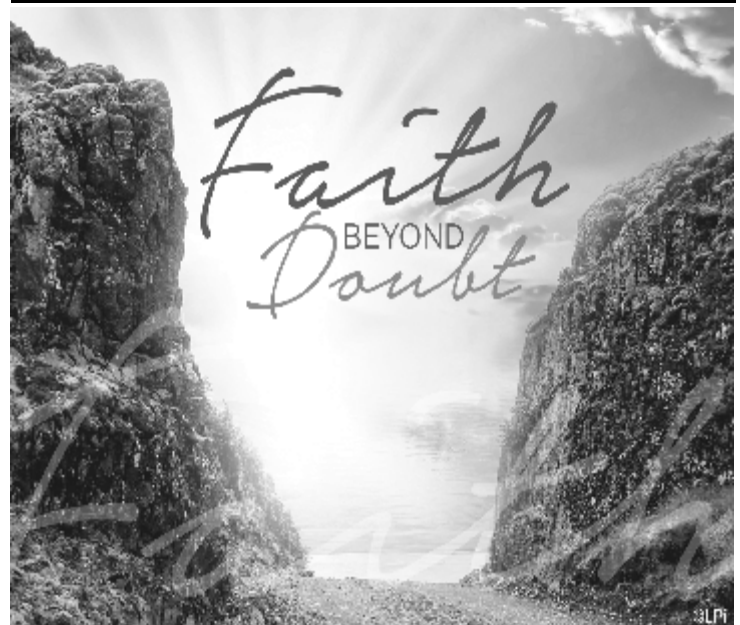


School Supplies Drive Ends Today

Sean O'Connell, a junior at Grosse Pointe South and a Boy Scout from Troop 96 out of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, is currently working on his Eagle Scout project. Part of the requirements for achieving this highest rank in Scouting is completing a project benefiting the community. Sean has teamed with St. Vincent de Paul Society Eastern Conference to organize collecting school supplies. These include **backpacks, calculators, Trapper keepers, 3-ring binders, 2-pocket folders, spiral notebooks, age appropriate scissors, rulers, crayons, construction paper, glue sticks, pens, highlighters, markers, erasers, and age appropriate books.**

One hundred Detroit school children in need of school supplies for the 2018-2019 school year will benefit with your help and donations. There are collection boxes placed on both sides of the church continuing until Sunday, August 26, for your generous donations. *(The rectory will accept donations for a short time next week.)*

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact Sean at eaglescoutproject18@gmail.com. Thank you very much for your contributions.



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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
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Kurt Beghuyn
Laura Bush-Terry
Sebastiano Stellino
Allen McKee
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Saturday, September 1, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 2, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

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

Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 25th - Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon, Anna Martinelli,
Phil Smith

Sunday, August 26th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon, Elizabeth Angle,
Judy Stark, Mary Noreen Kaminski, For an
Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood

Monday, August 27th - St. Monica

Tuesday, August 28th - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

Wednesday, August 29th - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

Thursday, August 30th -

Friday, August 31st -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

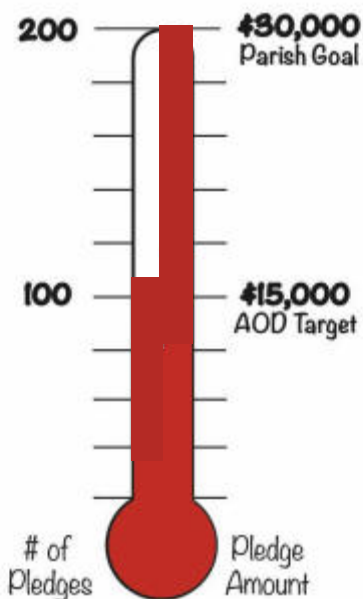
Saturday, September 1st - Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

Sunday, September 2nd - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon, Judy Stark

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