



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

September 9, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



23rd Sunday **IN ORDINARY TIME**

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

Readings for the Week of September 9, 2018

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5, 5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
[cf. 4]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/
Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23
-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
[cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus went by way of Sidon into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well."

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "Be opened! Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, "He has done all things well."



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Because the deaf man in today's Gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children ("Oh dad, not that again!"), in parents ("It's just a stage!"), and in spouses ("Are you listening?"). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.



WE REMEMBER THEM

In the rising of the sun
and in its going down,
we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind
and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.
In the opening of buds and
in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.

When we are weary,
and in need of strength,
We remember them.
When we are lost,
and sick of heart,
we remember them.

When we have joys
we yearn to share,
we remember them.
So long as we live,
they too shall live,
for they are now
a part of us,
As we remember them.

Prayer for Peace

We all remember where we were on 9/11. We saw the tower fall, and we saw the selfless first responders run toward the falling towers and debris without concern for their well-being. For that of the fallen men and women, they are the models of patriotism, and why we now celebrate Patriot Day. Let us pray

*O God of selfless love,
we are a blest people to have a God like you.
You instill your love for us
into the hearts of your human creatures.
Even if those human creatures do not acknowledge you,
your love for us still shines through.
We ask your blessing upon all first responders today
and ask you to protect them and their families.
Help us love people of all nations, races, and creeds,
which will bring about the end to wars and terrorism.
We ask all this in your peace. Amen.*



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, September 9, 9:15 am - Choir rehearsal begins in the Choir Loft

Sunday, September 16, 10 am Mass - Don and Debra Veryser, 40th Wedding Anniversary Blessing

Tuesday, September 18, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Saturday, September 29, and Sunday, September 30, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses - SOCK Campaign Kickoff!



Thank You Everyone!

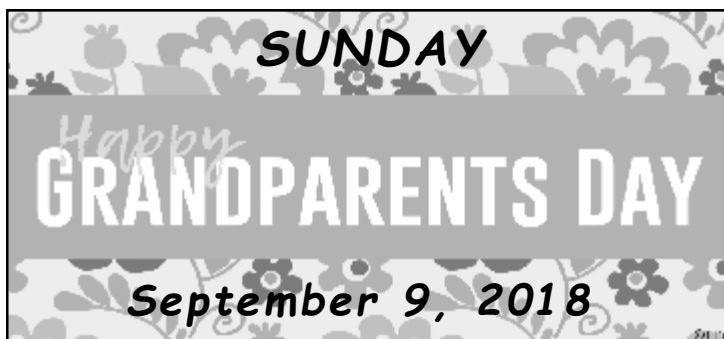
Our St. Matthew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express our deep gratitude to everyone that contributed to the success of our school supply collection last month. Many parishioners very generously gave of their time by purchasing and donating much needed school supplies for families that have been served in the recent past by our SVdP conference members.

For financially challenged families living in our community that may not have adequate furniture for their homes and working appliances in their kitchens, the expense of providing sufficient school supplies for their children who are returning to school after the summer break can be difficult. With a huge effort lead by Sean O'Connell as part of his Eagle Scout project along with our own parish family, 130 students were given this past week a brand new backpack full of school supplies that included notebooks, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, folders, glue, rulers, calculators, and age appropriate books to help them get a good start on the school year.

It's always very gratifying to see the looks on the faces of the students when they're handed these backpacks with an assortment of much needed school supplies graciously donated by St. Matthew parishioners and others living in neighborhoods not far from our church that have the ability and desire to contribute to this annual initiative of ours. The families we see are very thankful for what we're able to provide.

Thank you again to all in our parish for answering the call and making life a little brighter for those we serve. Your generosity and kindness are very much appreciated!

St. Matthew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Youth and Young Adult Ministry - "Enabled by the Spirit: Equipping the Evangelizers" is the theme of the upcoming Engaging the Young Church Conference for those who minister to youth and young adults in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Your CSA gifts help fund this two-day conference, which will focus on helping attendees recognize where they are in their faith as well as how to grow in faith as leaders and to help youth and young adults encounter and experience Jesus. Ten workshops will cover a wide range of topics, including prayer, social media, and anxiety and depression.

The Engaging the Young Church Conference will be held September 21 and 22 at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy.

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

ST. CLARE OF MONTEFALCO 34th Annual Used Book Sale September 12 to 16, 2018

PRESALE: Wednesday, September 12
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm (Book prices marked up 50%)

Thursday & Friday, September 13 and 14
9 am to 8 pm

1/2 PRICE SALE; Saturday, September 25
9 am to 8 pm (Most items are 1/2 price)

BAG DAY: Sunday, September 16
9 am to 6 pm



Kroger Community Rewards

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores recently **upgraded their** Community Rewards system; and, as a result, St. Matthew Parish **has a new account number: AW497.**

There were **59** households this period from May 1 to July 31 that allowed Kroger to donate back to St. Matthew the amount of **\$232.49**. If you are not participating as a member of this Community Awards Program, please seriously consider joining. We are trying to boost our membership; here is how you can join.

- Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click "create an account"
- Put in your e-mail address and a password; confirm your password
- Enter your Kroger card number or alternate ID number
- Go to Community Rewards section
- Follow the steps (name, address, etc.)
- Put in the NPO number for St. Matthew Parish - **AW497** or part of the church's name
- Choose St. Matthew Church
- Click "enroll"

You can also enroll at stmatthewdetroit.com by selecting **Giving under Our Parish** information. You must have a computer to enroll. Unfortunately, Kroger Customer Service no longer enrolls members at their stores.

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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
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Phil Smith

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Janet Law

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Lauren Smith

Saturday, September 15, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Keith Arcicovich
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu

William Zuerblis

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 8th—Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 9th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Anna Sasinowski, Lucy Zenewak,
Ginger Cotone, Virgilio Sanchez, Joseph Aluia
(30th Anniv)

Monday, September 10th -

Tuesday, September 11th - Patriots Day

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

Wednesday, September 12th - The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

Thursday, September 13th - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, September 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

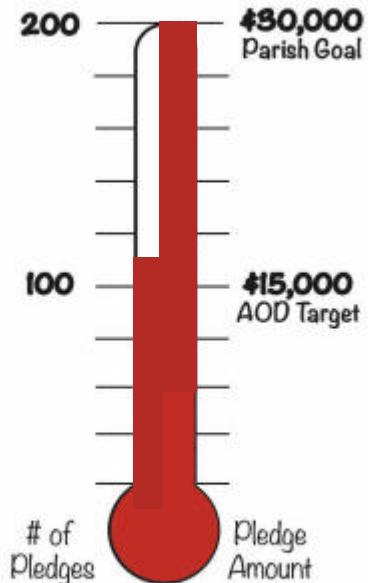
Saturday, September 15th - Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - The People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, September 16th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Annette Laige, Judy Stark, Phil Pfallert

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