



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

September 16, 2018

Detroit, Michigan

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:33-34

Hospitality Sunday ~ September 23rd ~ Following the 10 am Mass
Church Auditorium ~ Join Fellow Parishioners and Celebrate St. Matthew's Feast Day!

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2018

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
[1 Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
[3]/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22
[12]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/
Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14
[14]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one

project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter.

First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging.

While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. "Whoever loses his life for my sake, will save it."



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves"), we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The Gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

St. Matthew, Apostle And Evangelist Feast Day, September 21st



Among the early followers and apostles of Jesus, Matthew is mentioned in the gospels as a publican who, while sitting at the "receipt of custom" in Capernaum, was called to follow Jesus. Matthew was a 1st Century Galilean (presumably born in Galilee), the son of Alpheus. As a tax collector, he would have been literate in Aramaic and Greek. His fellow Jews would have despised him for what was seen as collaborating with the Roman occupation force.

After his call, Matthew invited Jesus home for a feast. On seeing this, the Scribes and the Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Mark 2:17, Luke 5:32)

Through Matthew's Gospel, we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

It was many years following the death of Christ that Matthew wrote his Gospel account, around 41 and 50 AD. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. This was an important message at the time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.

It is believed that he departed for other lands (perhaps with St. Thomas) to escape persecution sometime after 41 AD, possibly Parthia, Persia, or Ethiopia. We do not know how died, whether a natural death or martyrdom.

St. Matthew is often depicted with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7 which reads, "The first living creature was a like lion, the second like a bull, the third living creature had a human face, and the fourth living creature was a flying eagle." St. Matthew's symbol is an angel (the human face). His relics were supposedly discovered in Salerno in 1080. As a tax collector, he is the patron of bankers.

*O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel
You portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah
who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant
and as the new Lawgiver who founded a
Church of the New Covenant.*

*Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church
and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth
so that we may live forever with him in heaven.*

Catechetical Sunday, September 16th



Catechesis is handing down
tradition to others, hoping they
can echo that back in their
own lives.



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St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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

Sunday, September 23, following the 10 am Mass - Hospitality Sunday, Celebrate our patron, St. Matthew!

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



St. Vincent de Paul Society Walk for the Poor

On Saturday, September 29th, at 10 am the Society of St. Vincent de Paul "Friends of the Poor Walk" will take place at Belle Isle. This event allows the entire metropolitan Detroit St. Vincent de Paul organization to proudly walk in support of our mission – hands on charitable work

for people in need.

Walkers from our own St. Matthew's parish will participate in this event. All from our parish are welcome to join our conference members for this day of friendship and solidarity.

A representative from our St. Matthew conference of SVdP will be in the back of church after Mass on the weekends of September 15th/16th and September 22nd/23th to answer your questions and accept pledges for our walkers. Your donation in a fixed amount will help our conference provide much needed assistance to individuals and families living in our community. Donations in any amount are welcomed and will help us serve the less fortunate who reach out to us on a regular basis for such things as food, clothing, furniture, appliances, rent and utility assistance. For your convenience, a pledge can be made after Mass today or later in the month with payment collected in a few weeks time.

Your financial support will directly impact in a positive way those in the surrounding area of our parish that are struggling. All donations raised by St. Matthew's will be kept and used for charitable work by our parish SVdP conference. Thank you in advance for your generosity. And please, come join us if you can on Saturday, September 29th for our "Friends of the Poor Walk". We would love for you to be a part of this inspiring event. All registered participants will receive a t-shirt and lunch immediately after the walk.

Come Celebrate

St. Vincent De Paul Feast Day

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

**National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 12 Mile Road, Royal Oak**

**RSVP: 313-393-3014 or djackson@svdpdetroit.org
Mass at 7:30 pm, light refreshments follow.**

**Commissioning of newly-elected District Presidents
and Conference Presidents**

Please join the Celebration!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Office of Evangelization and Catechesis -

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday, a day set aside to affirm and support the work of the many men, women, and young adults who teach our faith in parishes and Catholic schools throughout our Archdiocese.

This year's Catechetical Sunday theme is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." Through Baptism, we are called to hand on the faith and be a witness to the Gospel, Catechetical Sunday allows us all to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Your CSA gifts support religious education directors and their staffs through the work of the archdiocesan Office of Catechetics, which provides consultation concerning policy, curriculum guidelines, and text selection, as well as professional growth and formation opportunities and certification.

Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph

International Day of Prayer for Peace Service

Thursday, September 20, 7 pm

People of all faiths and cultures are invited to a prayer service to celebrate the *International Day of Prayer for Peace*. It will take place at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1491 Baldwin, Detroit. Security and lighted parking will be available. This year's theme, is "I Dream A World Free of Fear." Dr. Charles Gilchrist Adams, pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, Detroit, will be the keynote speaker.

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Saturday, September 29, 8 am

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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
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Saturday, September 22, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 23, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

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

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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, Ross Chinnici (11th Anniv), Phil Pfalhart

Monday, September 17th - St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, September 18th -

9:00 a.m. - For the Men and Women in Military Service

Wednesday, September 19th - St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday, September 20th - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Friday, September 21st - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 a.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Saturday, September 22nd - Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

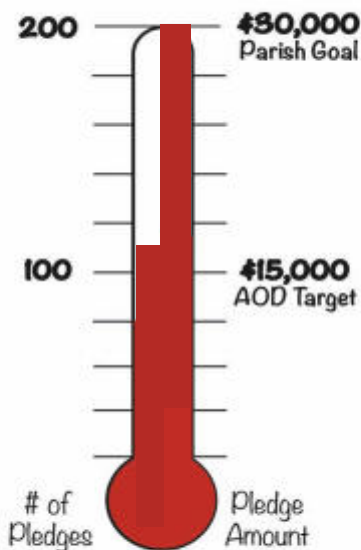
Time

4:30 p.m. - For an Increase in Vocations

Sunday, September 23rd - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Janan Schible

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