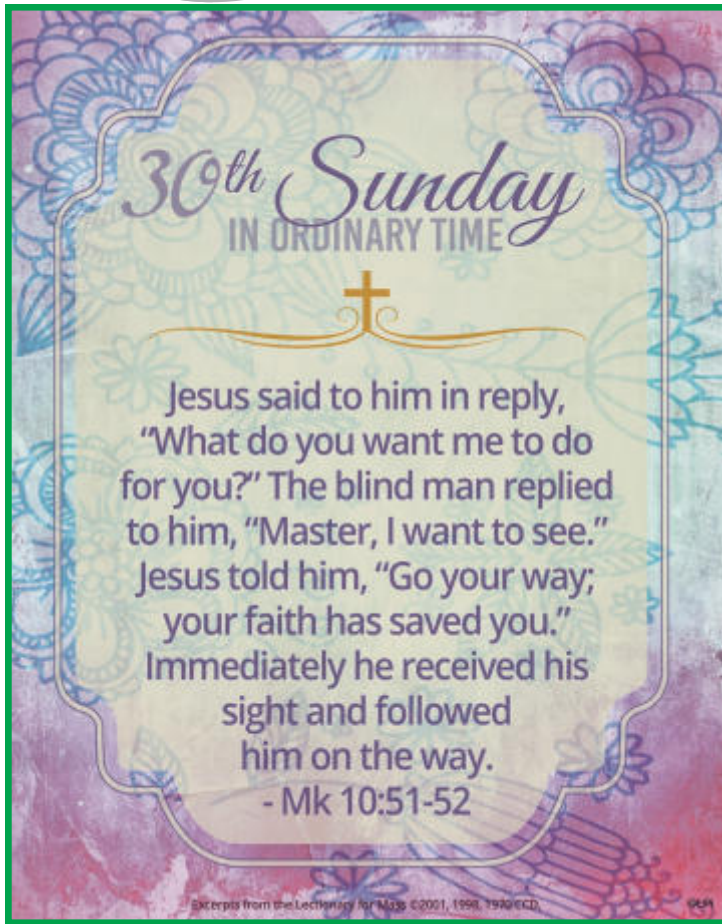




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

October 28, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



From Father Duane's Desk

In recent months, there has been a great deal of news regarding the Catholic church, sexual abuse, and the mishandling of incidents by bishops. I, too, have spoken about it during the announcements at Mass having read open letters from Archbishop Vigneron, the Holy Father, Judge Talbot of the Review Board of the AoD, and a verbal history of how diocesan policy developed over the years from 1987 through the present, especially touching on the years of the crisis and the formation of the Dallas Charter (protocols set in place to deal with child sexual abuse by clergy) in 2002. Although much has been accomplished to eradicate this sin from the Church, there was still the question of its proper reporting in some dioceses of the United States, particularly in Pennsylvania.

As this story broke in the news, Attorneys General throughout the country began to look at their own states. In Michigan, Attorney General Bill Schuette acted upon this concern and issued an investigation of all seven dioceses in the Province of Michigan. In 2002, the Archdiocese of Detroit in particular gave full cooperation and transparency to prosecutors to the six counties of our diocese turning over all creditable allegations to civil law enforcement and promising that, if in the future an incident should be reported, they would turn it over to civil authorities.

Nonetheless, on October 3, 2018, investigators from the department of the Attorney General and the Michigan State Police executed a search warrant on the seven dioceses obtaining relevant documents for this investigation going back to January of 1950. All seven diocese pledged their cooperation.

To this end, the Attorney General has asked all parishes in the state to publish the contact phone number and e-mail address to his department. We are publishing this weekend the contact information to the Attorney General's office and the AoD, if you feel there is reason to report an incident of sexual abuse past or present. Please see the inset in The Pulse today.

I also ask you to join me in prayer for victim survivors in our diocese, throughout our state and country. Pray for their healing and well-being and pray for the Church that this sin will soon pass us by.

On another issue, the Archdiocese is conducting an Unleash the Gospel weekend, November 3 and 4. I want to invite you to bring your **SmartPhone** (flip phones will not work) to Mass next weekend. This almost sounds counter-intuitive even as I ask you to do this. However, there is an app that the diocese wants us to connect to. It will be explained by AoD volunteers who will walk us through the process. **But** I want to make it quite clear, phones are only used in church after the homily that weekend and not at other times or other weekends. In this day of "social media," the AoD wishes to communicate the essence of Unleashing the Gospel through the use of social media.



We, St. Matthew Parishioners, are grateful to God for the gift of his priest, Father Duane Novelly. We celebrate his priesthood on this day and each day of the year. Ever glad that we have his guidance and affection, that he celebrates the sacraments with us and brings us closer to God, that he prays with us and for us, and that he understands our pain and suffering and offers comfort.

For these things and more, we thank God for Father Duane!

Readings for the Week of October 28, 2018

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Son of David, have pity on me!" Has the cry of Bartimaeus ever escaped your lips? Today's Gospel tells the story of a blind man with a difficult lot in life. He made a living by begging coins off passing travelers.

When word reaches him that Jesus will be passing by, this is when he begins to shout for mercy. Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cry and beckons him forward.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Last week, Jesus asked a similar question to James and John. Their response was a clutch for fame. Bartimaeus' response is much humbler. "Lord, I want to see." How strange this interaction must have seemed to the onlookers. The man is blind! Of course he wants to see! But Jesus is always teaching us. By asking us what we want, Jesus reveals the dispositions of our hearts. God already knows them, but do we? By asking James and John to name their ambition, their selfishness is exposed to them and to the other disciples. By asking Bartimaeus to name his longing, his faith is exposed to the entire crowd. Jesus invites participation in our own redemption. He doesn't save us without us!

Take some time in silent prayer today. Place yourself in this story of Bartimaeus. Imagine yourself there on the dusty, crowded roadside. Jesus is calling you! When you stand before him, his focus is on you and you alone. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asks. Search your heart. How would you respond? What part of your heart is Jesus asking you to expose? He has come to heal and to restore. May we, too, be sent! "Go ... your faith has saved you."



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

When Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer.

~ Respect Life Month ~ Killing the Pain, Not the Patient Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide

Assisted suicide is in the news and on lawmakers' agendas. Supporters call it "aid in Dying" and claim it's just another option for end-of-life care. But it's radically different from the practice of palliative care, the healing art of relieving pain and other distressing symptoms for patients who are seriously ill.

Palliative care intends to comfort a patient, addressing physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs. Assisted suicide, by contract, directly intends the patient's death. It ignores any underlying problems, and instead abandons and eliminates the patient with the problems.

As a society and as individuals, we must dedicate ourselves to providing genuinely compassionate care that protects God's gift of love.

Did you know?

Medical organizations like the American Medical Association oppose assisted suicide.



**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, NOVEMBER 1ST
MASSES AT 9 A.M. AND 7 P.M.
THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!
COME CELEBRATE HEAVEN AND EARTH!**

All Saints Day

A commentator said, after hearing the story of a very holy man, "We shouldn't call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don't have to imitate him." This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church's history, we have honored saints, but not to set them apart. We honor saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits. The list goes on!

On the Solemnity of All Saints, we remember a garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favorite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God?"

Dear Father,

*You have given the saints in heaven eternal happiness
and they now live in the fullness of your glory.
Because of their holy love for you, they also care about me
and my family, my friends, my church, and my neighbors.
Thank you for the gift of their friendship
and the witness of their holy lives.*

*I ask our patron, St. Matthew, and every saint to intercede for us.
I ask them to help us on our journey leading to heaven.*

O Lord, give us their protection.

*Grant us their assistance in overcoming temptation
and gaining the fullness of life with you. Amen.*

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Thursday, November 1, Masses at 9 am and 7 pm - Feast of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, November 3, Sunday, November 4, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Archdiocesan Volunteers Visit to "Unleash the Gospel"

Sunday, November 4, following 10 am Mass - St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Matthew Conference Meeting, Church Auditorium

Tuesday, November 6, 7 am to 8 pm - General Election Day, Don't Forget to Vote!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Marriage - Engaged couples will gather next weekend to reflect upon the keys for a fulfilling and life-giving sacramental marriage at an Archdiocese of Detroit-sponsored pre-marriage workshop.

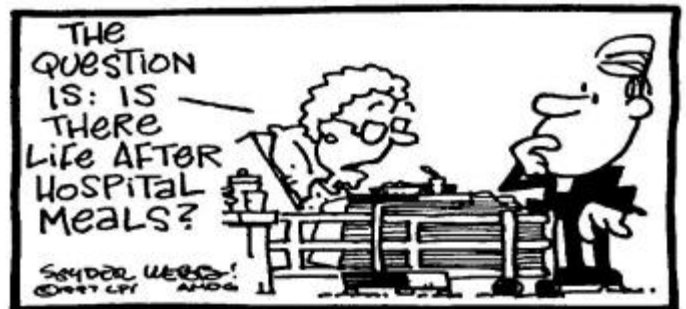
Catholic marriage is a-calling from God to a shared vocation of life and love. This retreat will equip couples with the tools they need for a successful lifelong marriage through sessions covering communication, finances, family planning, and prayer.

The Office of Marriage, Family, and Pro-Life, which is funded by your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, is hosting the workshop over two days at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, on Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3, for a fee of \$110

Good and faithful God,
you have given us so many people in our lives
that have given us joy and solace.
On this day we ask you to remember our dearly departed.
Keep them close to you as we all wait for that day
when we all will come and worship in your presence.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ALL SOULS



BULLETIN ITEM FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others—no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 866-343-8055 or by e-mailing vac@aod.org.

Additionally, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at 844-324-3374, Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, or by e-mail at aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

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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	Peggy Bates
Bienvenido Fajardo	Glenda Johnson
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All Saints Day, Thursday, November 1, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

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All Saints Day, Thursday, November 1, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bill Zuerblis

Cory Fullilove

Beverly Goll

Julia Zuerblis

Saturday, November 3, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman

Julie Smith

John Smith

Marie Vortkamp

Lauren Smith

Sunday, November 4, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bill Zuerblis

Lauren Gross

Beverly Goll

Julia Zuerblis

Linda Holster

Michael Holster

Debra Nieddu

Joseph Nieddu

Kristen Stark

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 27 - Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan (5th Anniv)

Sunday, October 28 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Frances Stankowski, William Hendrick,
For an Increase in Vocations

Monday, October 29 -

Tuesday, October 30 -

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

Wednesday, October 31 - All Hallowed's Eve

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

Thursday, November 1 - All Saints Feast Day

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

7:00 p.m. - Josephine Kahle

Friday, November 2 - All Souls Day

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, November 3 - Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Frank and Adele Martinelli

Sunday, November 4 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Walter and Esther Wilk, All Deceased
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