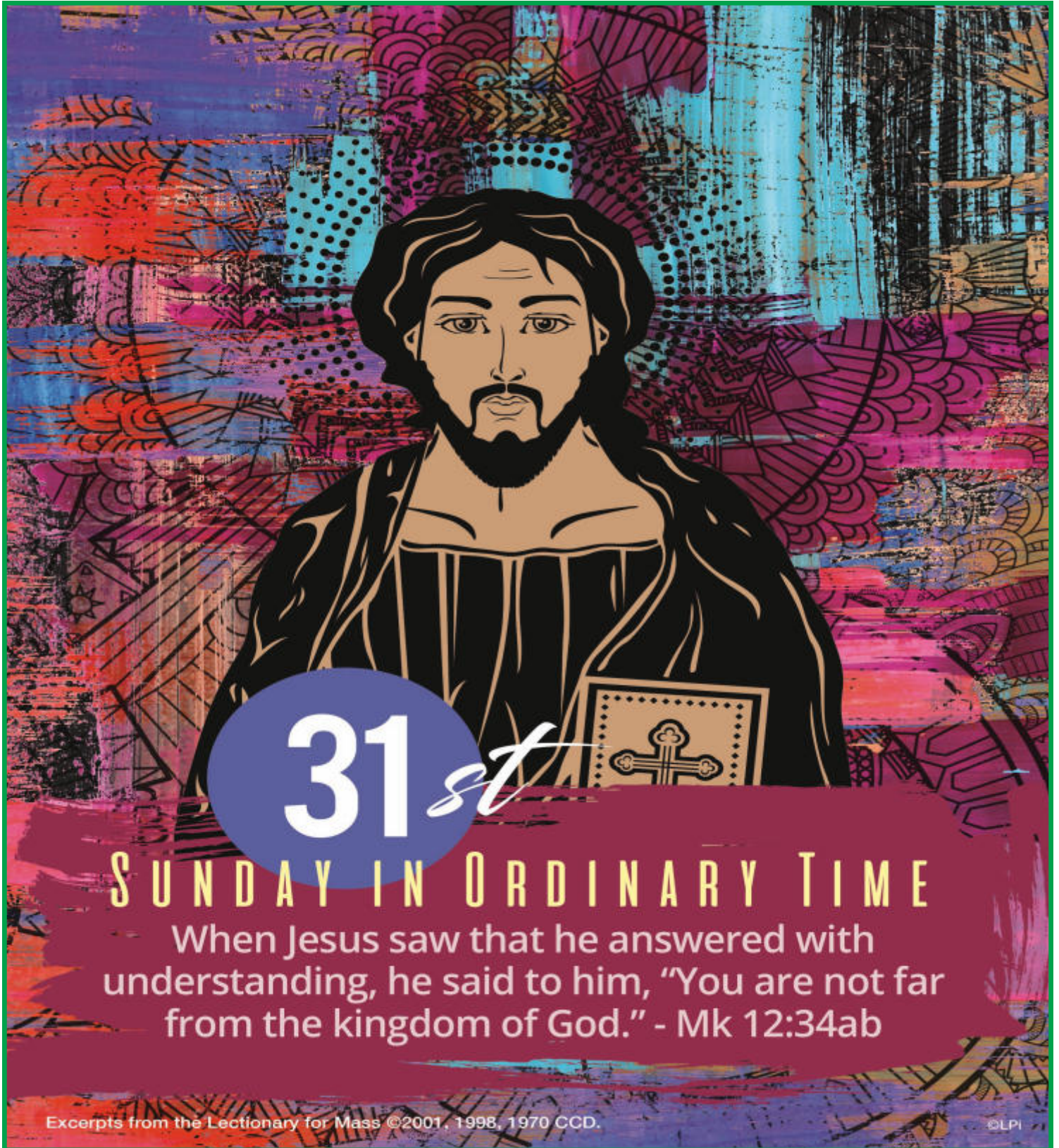




# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

**November 4, 2018**

**Detroit, Michigan**



**31<sup>st</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

## Readings for the Week of November 4, 2018

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34  
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are not far from the kingdom of God." What does it mean to be close to God's kingdom? In today's Gospel, Jesus is in a dialogue with teachers of the law. They know well the Law of Moses,

with its complex codes, expectations, and punishments. What will Jesus say?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus effortlessly distills all the books of law into two commands. The simplicity of the Gospel message doesn't mean it's easy to follow. Far from it! The simplicity of the Gospel indicates its totality. Anything that requires the passions of our heart, the choice of our soul, the reason in our mind, or the strength of our body - all of this ought to be animated by love. As you can imagine, that means pretty much everything! The love of God and love of neighbor is meant to flow into our entire lives.

The Gospel can appear complicated because life is complicated. Not every outcast is easy to love. We lack the knowledge or compassion to heal everyone who suffers. Personal sacrifice is not always noticed or valued. In the face of the unknown, fear can be easier than faith. Life's circumstances can seem like obstacles to God's love, not opportunities. And yet Jesus' command still stands. As you reflect this week, examine those areas where it's easy to love. Thank God for them! But take some time to consider the people and circumstances that challenge you. Ask God to show you what it means to love there. How is He inviting you to enlarge your heart, strengthen your soul, open your mind, and persevere in your strength? How is He inviting you to love?



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share, and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

## Right to Life of Michigan

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Dear St. Matthew Parish,

Thank you for taking out a half page ad in the 2018 "Bid for Life!" Auction Program Booklet at a cost of \$75.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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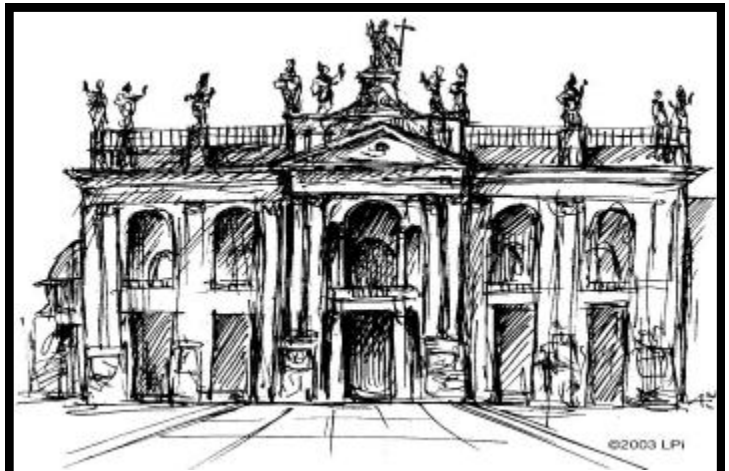
Thank you again and may God bless you abundantly for caring about the most innocent of His children, the preborn.

Sincerely yours,  
Cathy Saulis  
Auction Chairperson

### Prayer for Life

*Loving Father, giver of all life,  
we praise you for the mystery and beauty of all creation,  
especially the way you have created us in your own image.  
Deepen our respect for your presence in every human person  
from the first moment of conception until last natural breath.*

*According to your will, O Lord,  
use us as your instruments to bring about the conversion  
of all who do not yet share our vision or commitment  
to the dignity of life of the unborn and the dying,  
the chronically ill, the disabled, and migrants.  
Make us instruments of your peace and keep us all  
from the evils of war and violence.  
We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome  
Feast Day, Friday, November 9*

Did you know there are churches in Rome older than St. Peter's? St. John Lateran is one of four major basilicas in the Eternal City, and it is by far the oldest. The land was donated by an ancient Roman family to the Emperor Constantine, who in turn gave it to the Church. For hundreds of years, St. John Lateran was the "mother church." Popes lived on the grounds through the 14th century. The church itself suffered from pillaging by invaders, fires, and earthquakes. It has been restored and rebuilt five times since the 300s. On this feast, we remember more than a building. We celebrate the resiliency of our faith. Though trials may come in our parishes, personal lives, and the world, the Church endures through the grace of Jesus Christ.



***St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings***

**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!**

**Thursday, November 15, 7 pm - St. Matthew Parish hosts the Renaissance Vicariate Meeting, Church Auditorium**

**SAVE THE DATE - November 17, 4:30 pm Mass - Memorial Mass for the Deceased of the Parish**

**Our 2018 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle**

*Our raffle is underway, and returns are slowly coming in. There is lots to do to get all 2,000 tickets sold this year. Follow this year's motto: "Take it to the streets." Selling opportunities exist with family, friends, co-workers, and even local businesses. We have reached outside our parish boundaries to sell tickets ~ have you?*

*This year again we will have a Seller's Drawing as an incentive for you to sell more tickets. This drawing will follow the drawing for the main three winners. The amount of the Seller's Drawing winning ticket is \$200, and the name of the Seller must be on the winning ticket in order to qualify.*

*A catered breakfast will be provided by Majestic Café' with breakfast goodies to good to miss.*

**See you there and Good Luck!**

**An Announcement Concerning the U.S. Bishops' Week of Prayer**

This announcement comes from the Department of Communications on behalf of Archbishop Vigneron.

Archbishop Vigneron and bishops nationwide are joining in seven days of prayer and fasting prior to their general assembly in November, where they will make critical decisions regarding the tragedy of clergy abuse. A letter with more details from the Archbishop is available as an insert in this weekend's bulletin. Please read it and join your prayers with those of our bishops.

**CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**Priestly Vocations** - "Cultivating the Call," a regional vocation gathering, will be held at the Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn on Thursday, November 8.

This night of prayer, testimony, and inspiration is for those who work closest with the Church's future vocations as well as those who encounter potential vocations in their personal or ministerial lives.

National Vocation Awareness Week begins this Sunday. Thanks to your CSA gifts, the archdiocesan Office of Priestly Vocations is able to promote vocations through opportunities for understanding and discerning the Lord's call. The office hosts discernment days for junior high and high school students and these regional gatherings. It also provides outreach to parishes and schools and vocations literature, brochures, and prayer cards.



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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.<br>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  
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Saturday, November 10, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn  
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Beverly Goll  
Veronica Obianwu  
Greg Redman  
Jean Solomon  
Kristen Stark

Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell  
Cory Fullilove  
Lauren Gross

## Mass Schedule

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

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush Terry, Barbara and Robert Gannon,  
Karen Nutting and Family, Frank and Adele  
Martinelli

### Sunday, November 4 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry, Juliana and Anton Keifer, Judy  
Stark, Walter and Esther Wilk, All Deceased  
Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

### Monday, November 5 -

### Tuesday, November 6 -

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

### Wednesday, November 7 -

9:00 a.m. - Father Duane Novelty

### Thursday, November 8 -

### Friday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

### Saturday, November 10 - Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Jane Handloser, Santiago Castro

### Sunday, November 11 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Polonis Family, Judy Stark, Alfred and Janet  
Condino

## Prayer for FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Gracious and loving God,  
let your Spirit be with us today.  
Hear our prayers,  
and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus.

Help us to draw on the resources of our faith  
as we use the opportunities of our democracy  
to shape a society more respectful  
of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person,  
especially the poor and vulnerable.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.  
Amen.



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