



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

November 18, 2018

Detroit, Michigan

November 1, 2017 to November 1, 2018

*We thank you, Heavenly Father,
for our relatives and friends
who were so near and dear to us.*

*We thank you for their friendship
and for the peace that they brought to us.*

*We thank you that they became people others
could love while they were with us here on earth.*

~ We Remember ~

Annette Laige

Robert A. Spansky

Elizabeth Reyes

Joe (Jose) Escorial

Emma Langan

Rose Colombo

James Spencer

Francis Matellic

Regina Butler

Sheila Pocius

Sebastian P. Maceri

Virginia Ciaramitaro



Readings for the Week of November 18, 2018

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
 Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rv 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rv 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rv 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37



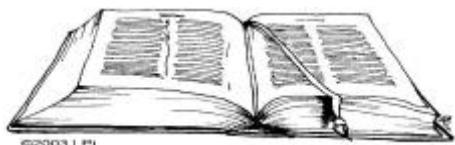
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we edge closer to the closing of the liturgical year, the Church selects readings that remind us of the final close: the second coming of Christ. It's easy, perhaps, to forget that this is a dogma of

our Catholic faith. We see this dramatic end times language in today's Gospel. "The sun will be darkened ... and the stars will be falling from the sky."

As Christians and as human beings, we know all things will come to an end. "But of that day or hour, no one knows." The "end of the world" and end of time at Jesus' coming is in a future unknown. But God has given us beautiful reminders of this truth. We see the signs and symbols of ending all around us -- nightfall at the end of each day; the life cycle of crops coming alive, bearing fruit, and being harvested; our own death. That, too, will come at an unknown day and hour. But that is the way of things. Even as God created in Genesis, He gave us a sense of time -- the sun rising and setting, a beginning and an end -- to mark our days.

So how do we welcome these built-in forms of measurement? Do we take time to quietly recollect at the end of each day? Do we see every morning as a fresh start for mercies new? Do we observe the seasons and reflect on what they might be speaking to us of God and His glory? "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my works will not pass away." The little beginnings and little ends are opportunities to renew our faith in Jesus, if only we have the eyes to see!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows...only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty; for like the fig tree in the Gospel, the people we love grow and change.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection to support Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM), which is the social justice arm of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

As you may know, CCSEM provides valuable services and programs that bring help and hope to our brothers and sisters most in need. CCSEM's many ministries touch the lives of more than 20,000 people each year as they provide behavioral health, adoption and foster care services; outreach to the Hispanic community; or services for senior citizens and caregivers. Thank you for your generosity!

~ Thanksgiving ~

Our Eucharistic Vocation

Although thanksgiving is a national holiday, its celebration can certainly be enhanced because it echoes the basic orientation of our Christian faith. As St. Paul reminded the bickering Corinthian community, What do you have that you did not receive?



And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift? (1Cor 4:7). We might say then that this attitude of gratitude is deeply rooted in our Christian DNA, and, consequently is naturally expressed in our central defining ritual as Christians, the Eucharist, which is the Greek word for Thanksgiving.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we remind ourselves that all we have and all we are comes from God. As the priest prays at Mass, "It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ...." So as we celebrate this Thanksgiving day, we not only thank God for the abundance of goods and freedoms we share as citizens, but also for the gift of God's abiding presence in our lives through the risen Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit to sanctify our world.

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, November 17, 4:30 pm, and Sunday, November 18, 10 am Masses, respectively - Catholic Charities of SE Michigan Collection

Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day - 9 am Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED



St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Day Collection

As you have seen often online, on television and in the daily news, thousands of Detroit residents continue to struggle every single day to provide for themselves and their families. Though the reasons are many why this is, our St. Vincent de Paul conference here at St. Matthew's tries to respond to the hundreds of calls that we get annually asking for help.

One of the ways to build up our available resources to assist those that ask for help in our community is through our annual St. Vincent de Paul collection. The collection will be held this year on Thanksgiving Day at the 9 A.M. Mass. We're very grateful for whatever you're able to give. Please be sure to use your Thanksgiving Day envelope for St. Vincent de Paul that you'll find with your offertory packet. If you're unable to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day, please just drop the SVdP envelope in the weekly offertory collection that will be taken up the following Sunday, November 25th.

Our St. Matthew conference for St. Vincent de Paul has had a busy year. We've personally visited over 150 families in their homes who've requested assistance from our conference. Assistance provided to those families in need have included the purchase of beds, refrigerators, stoves, tables, chairs, other household furnishings, small appliances and clothing. Additionally, we've provided help with electric, gas, and water bills and back rent delinquencies due to emergency causes.

The need in our services area which encompasses almost all of the 48224 zip code is huge. We hope to raise significant funds at this time to continue our service to those that have little and whose life can be difficult. As we all take time to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings during our national holiday, we hope you'll remember those families in our own community that are hurting. Thank you so very much for your generosity.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Metropolitan Tribunal - Each year, millions of Catholics suffer the pain and hurt of divorce and end up feeling separated and alienated from their faith. The annulment process brings these Catholics back into the sacramental life of the church.

The Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Detroit receives more than a thousand formal annulment requests a year. While processing these requests accounts for a major part of its duties, the Tribunal also reaches out to those in need through presentations by its judges at parishes throughout the year.

Thanks to your CSA gifts, the staff of the Metropolitan Tribunal is able to offer guidance, hope, and spiritual healing to divorced Catholics.

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



As we gather around the table at Thanksgiving, let us thank God, who is the giver of all good gifts.

Let us pray...

*Generous and merciful God,
we thank you for your abundant gifts to us.
As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast,
we ask you to send your Spirit,
to open our hearts to you and our neighbor,
that we may share the gifts you have given us
as your Son Jesus taught us to.
Thank you for the many blessings of our lives:
our family and friends,
our home and the food we eat,
our health and employment.
We ask your blessing on all gathered here today,
and all your people throughout the world,
through Christ your Son. Amen.*

As we remember the historic beatification of Blessed Solanus Casey one year ago on November 18, let us remember his words: "Blessed be God in all His designs!"

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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
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Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 24, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Mary Bielman
Marie Vorkamp

Dan McBride

John Smith
Lauren Smith

Sunday, November 25, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Jean Solomon
Kristen Stark

Mary Ann Pilette

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 17 - Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Robert Hanshaw

Sunday, November 18 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, November 19 -

Tuesday, November 20 -

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

Wednesday, November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Day, St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

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

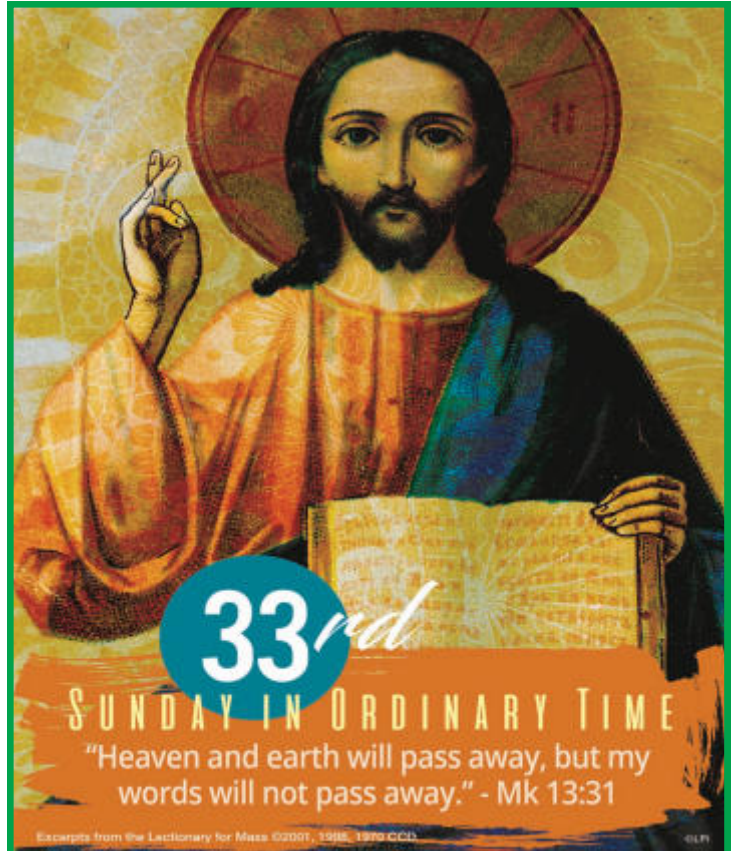
Friday, November 23 - St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot

Saturday, November 24 - Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30 p.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Sunday, November 25 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:00 a.m. - The Reyes Family, Judy Stark, Robert Spansky



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