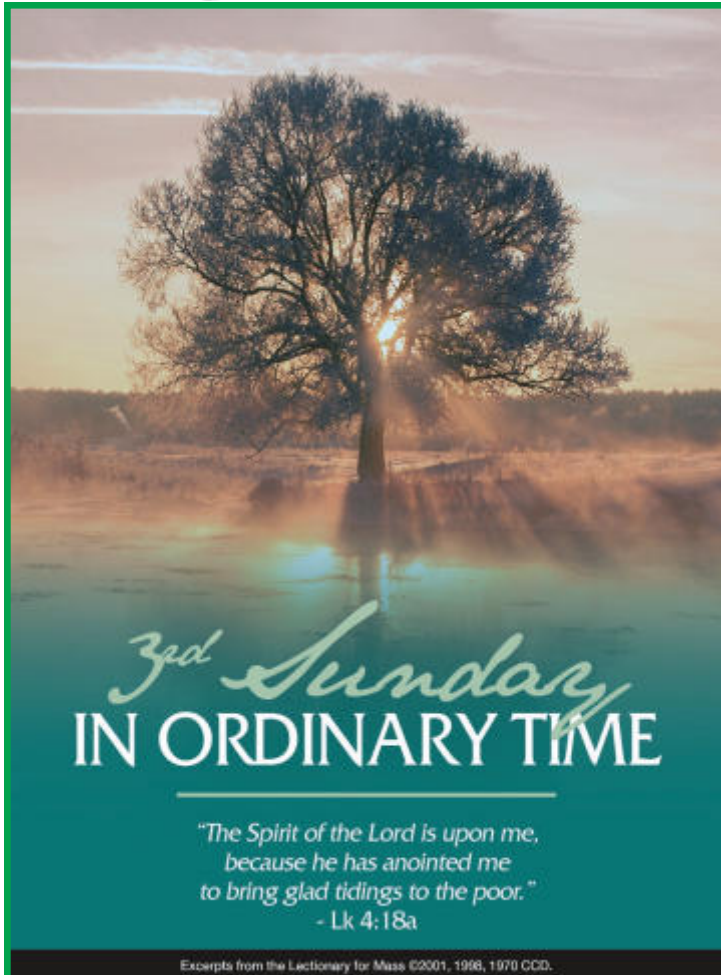




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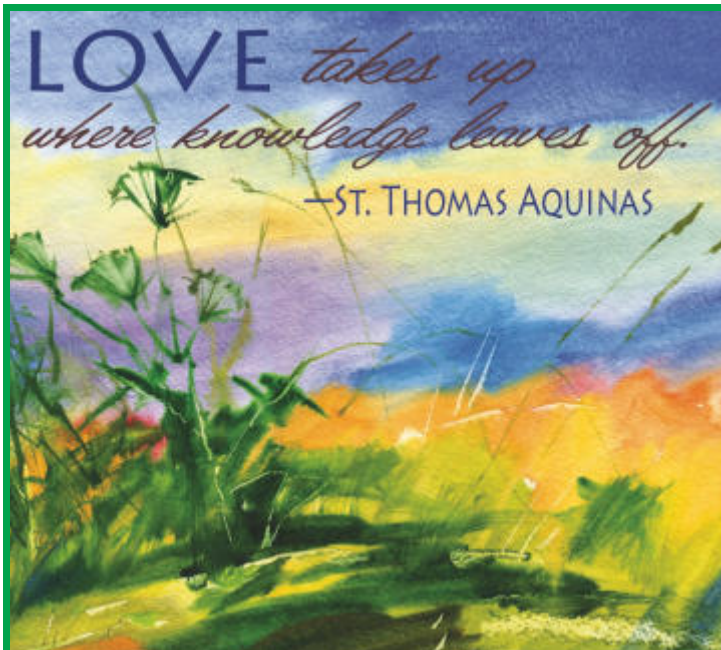
Detroit, Michigan



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



LOVE takes up
where knowledge leaves off.

—ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



From Father Duane's Desk

I feel as if I am still basking in the joy of the Christmas season. Even though Ordinary Time is upon us, the feeling and joy of the Christmas liturgies seem to carry forth. What a blessing from God! I am reminded of the generosity of so many people that helped to make the season bright, as they say. From the volunteers who helped with the Christmas set-up and take-down (see the list of volunteers included), to those who fulfilled their liturgical ministries, to the choir and musicians, to all those good people who made our Christmas Gift to the Parish successful (\$17,450 for the collection), to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference volunteers who made a better Christmas for the needy in our area, and to all the visitors and guests that swelled our attendance.

I am most edified, too, by the families that have joined us in these past few weeks from St. Philomena Parish. Having had their parish close in November, they were most welcome to join us at St. Matthew's for Christmas and beyond. It was a pleasure to greet as many as I could identify and hope that they will join us making for a stronger St. Matthew community and a spiritual home for them as well.

At the time St. Philomena Parish closed and the public announcement was being disseminated, I was undergoing my shoulder surgery and immediate recovery. Hence the announcement to our parish regarding the distribution of the parish territory is a couple of weeks behind. But I do want to share this information with you. St. Philomena Parish's territory, with its cessation as of November 26, 2018, will be divided among St. Clare of Montefalco, receiving 45%, St. Paul on the Lake receiving 30%, and St. Matthew receiving 25% of the territory. Therefore, our new boundaries have extended on the northeastern side of St. Matthew Parish. The new boundaries are as follows:

N: Outer Drive East at Chalmers Street east southeast to Nottingham Road, Nottingham Road northeast to Moross Road, Moross Road southeast to Mack Avenue.

E: Mack Avenue south to Warren Avenue east

S: Warren Avenue East west southwest to Cadieux Road, Cadieux Road southeast to Waveney Street, Waveney Street southwest to Chalmers Street

W: Chalmers Street northwest to Outer Drive East

If anyone is interested in reviewing the Decrees of Suppression of the parish of St. Philomena or the Decree of Closure of the church, please call the rectory to make arrangements.

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Readings for the week of January 27, 2019

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/ Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 19 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22-32

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up." Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody and that's very difficult to change.



If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it's strange for them if you do not. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving "in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all." His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity must have proceeded him to Nazareth.

Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." For the first few moments, he is what they expect - their hometown boy returning to pay his respects. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture. It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally. "He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." After reading about holy anointings, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we're content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. But Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter what other people expect, will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal expectations. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our expectations.

From Father Duane's Desk (cont'd)

At this time, we are grateful to God for all the good work, ministry, and community development the late Msgr. Pete Lentine gave to the community of St. Philomena. As we experienced before with the closing of Guardian Angels and St. Brendan, that I was involved with as administrator in 2016 and we as a parish were affected by, new life can certainly spring forth. As with the parishioners of Guardian Angels and St. Brendan that came to us and continue to thrive in their new spiritual home, it is my hope that the good people of St. Philomena will join us as well. Please be welcoming to them. Know that they grieve the loss of their parish as well as the loss of their beloved pastor, Msgr. Lentine, and that it takes time to set new anchors and have a new vision on the practice of their faith.

I reach out to any former St. Philomena parishioners to discuss your thoughts or feelings; and, we as a community of St. Matthew will certainly, in the near future when you are ready, welcome you home, recognize you, and incorporate you into the life of St. Matthew Parish. I pray for your spiritual growth, your happiness, and your healing.

On another matter, remember to save the date for our spring Jazz Night, Saturday, April 6th. This year will provide an exciting look at "20th Century Detroit." Plans are emerging, and it looks to be a very interesting and a lot of fun. It also is a big part of our fundraising efforts, so whatever you can do would be helpful. More on this in the weeks to come. Again, know that I pray for you and our community daily. We have so much to offer and so much to receive from the Lord.

God bless all of you, Father Duane



We appreciate and bless our Christmas volunteers!

Set-up:

Patti Adams	Mary Adams
Mary Jo / Keith Arcicovich	Beverly / Dick Goll
Theresa / Bill / Julia Zuerblis	Aurora Guinto
Jeff / Julie Smith *	Bob Lavoy
Jerry Mielke	Debbie / Joe Nieddu
Mary Ann Bolone	Dan Veryser
Ed Comiskey	Dennis Hermann
Laurie Striebel	Liz / John Dunstone
Derek Smith (tree lights)	Fr. Duane Novelly
* Special thanks to the Smiths who provided pizza for all.	

Take-down:

Angie Jones	Brian Scott
Theresa Zuerblis	Bob Lavoy
Debbie Nieddu	Don Veryser
Dan Veryser	Ed Comiskey
Laurie Striebel	Dennis Herman
Marie Vorkamp	Fr. Duane Novelly

Mary Ann Bolone **
** A special appreciation to Mary Ann Bolone for her coordination of the set-up and take-down efforts.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Wednesday, January 30, 6 pm -
Father Duane, RCIA Sacramental Class, St. Clare of Montefalco Education Room

Saturday, February 2, and Sunday, February 3, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Blessing of Throats in Honor of St. Blaise

SAVE THE DATE! - Saturday, April 6, 2019, St. Matthew's 2019 Jazz Nite Event

A Sneak Peak at Jazz Nite 2019

Soon our Jazz Nite dinner dance will be upon us. Plans are in the making for a fun and interesting evening as we celebrate "City Rhythms" in 20th Century Detroit.

A program booklet will be developed which will provide opportunities for businesses to take out advertisements that will not only help us in this fundraising effort but will allow them an exposure to their services and goods to our attending guests.

The Committee is asking, even at this early date, that if you know of a business that would be interested in an ad, please contact them. We have the paperwork, and prices will match those of last year. Please contact the rectory for further information.

There will also be sponsorship opportunities with the donation structure identical to last year. These sponsorships will highlight the iconic architecture of the city of Detroit.

There will be fun for all --- we promise!

Contribution Statements are now available! If you want your contribution statement for the Year 2018, please call the rectory office.

How to Pull Your Online Giving Statement

1. Log in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on "View My Giving History & Tax Information."
3. On the right side, click the "Print" button
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017.
5. Change the report type to "Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)."
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click "Print."
8. Your report will open a new window.
9. You will need to export the report to a PDF to print the full report.

To print, click on the PDF link at the top of the screen. This will open the report as a PDT and will let you print the report. Make sure you have your pop-up blocker is disabled.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Catholic Schools - National Catholic Schools Week 2019 begins this Sunday, January 27. Many Catholic schools in our Archdiocese will host open houses throughout the week for families interested in a Catholic education for their children.

The theme of this annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States is "Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed." Our Catholic schools teach students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens.

Your CSA gifts allow the archdiocesan Office for Catholic Schools to help our Catholic schools provide their students with exceptional academic training while continuing the teaching mission of Jesus Christ. The office offers resources for teachers and principals, parents and students, and alumni.

Prayer for Christian Unity

*God, who are unity in three holy persons
--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--*

*you have called us to live in peace
with all people.*

*You have also called us to work toward unity
in purpose to spread the Gospel to all nations.
Graciously give us the courage and strength to work toward
unity, and act toward each other
as brothers and sisters.*

*We ask this in the unity of
God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*



Catholic Education Still Lives

St. Clare of Montefalco School is holding their School Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. St. Clare School prides itself on small class sizes, scholarships and other tuition assistance programs, challenging core curriculum, extracurricular activities including Forensics, Choir, Band, Drama, Latin, and more, as well as CYO Athletics. Come meet the teachers at 16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park. Call 313-647-5100 for further information.

Our Lady Star of the School - OPEN HOUSE

467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods
Sunday, January 27, noon to 3 pm
Tour the school, meet the faculty and staff,
talk with students and parents.

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Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

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
Lolita Dorado	Daniel Adams
Rita Moroni	Robert Stark
Albert Fajardo	Stephanie Smith
Virginia Fajardo	Alice Mocerri
Madeline O'Neill	Janice Lafferty
Kurt Beghuyn	Janet Law
Laura Bush-Terry	Dan Lusch
Sebastiano Stellino	Jesse Ocampo
Allen McKee	Mike Holster
Teresita Covacha	Larry Hamel
Richard Gargulinski	Jerry Legge
Joe Petrylka	
Roger Sharpe	
Nenette Ferreria	
Dorothy Kurrie	
Anthony Mastronardi	
Eduardo Fajardo	
Kathy Bush	

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Saturday, February 2, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Mary Bielman
Marie Vortkamp

Bryan Jones

Ian Campbell

Sunday, February 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Keith Arcicovich
Dorothy Brooks
Linda Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu
Kristen Stark

William Zuerblis

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 26 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush Terry, The People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, January 27 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry, Judy Stark, For an Increase in
Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

**Monday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and
Doctor of the Church**

Tuesday, January 29 -
9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry

Wednesday, January 30 -
9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry

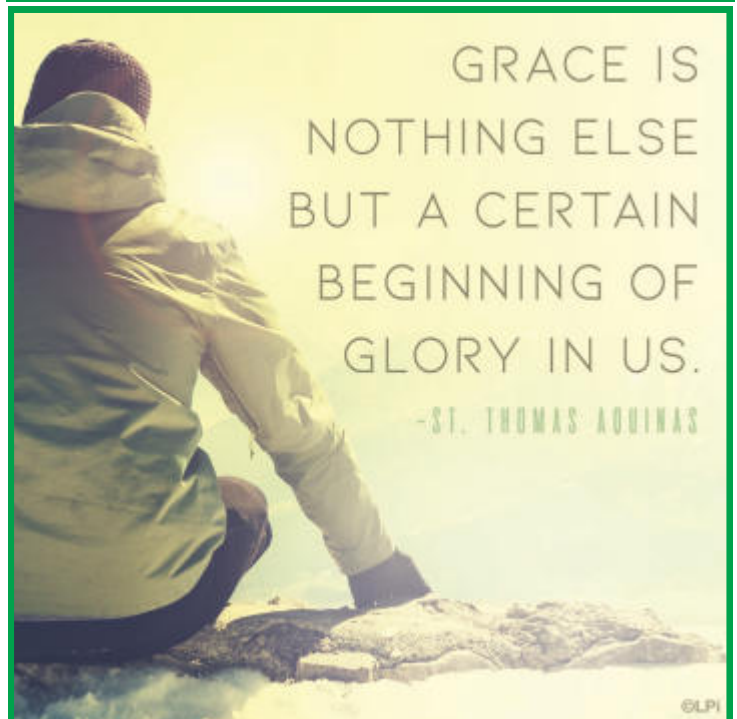
Thursday, January 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest

Friday, February 1 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Saturday, February 2 - Funeral Liturgy
10:00 a.m. - Marguerite (Peggy) Bourgeois Martin (Mother of
Michele Rabe)

Saturday, February 2 - Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Sunday, February 3 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Winnifred Tobin (50th Anniv), Helen Rice (28th
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