



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

February 10, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

Readings for the week of February 10, 2019

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24
and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-
30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/
Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor
15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later, he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to go further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes Vision - In 1858, Bernadette Soubirous reported a vision of Our Lady. A simple 14-year-old peasant girl of no significant educational experience, Bernadette claimed she saw "uo petito damizelo", "a petite damsel," in white with a golden rosary and blue belt fastened around her waist and two golden roses at her feet.

In subsequent visitations, she heard the lady speak to her, saying "*Que soy Immaculada Concepcion*" (I am the Immaculate Conception) and asking that a chapel be built there. At first ridiculed, questioned, and belittled by Church officials and other contemporaries, Bernadette insisted on her vision. Eventually the Church believed her. Bernadette was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1933. After church investigations confirmed her visions, a large church was built at the site. Lourdes is now a major Marian pilgrimage site within France.

Our Lady of Lourdes Statue - The statue that currently stands in the niche within the grotto of Massabielle was created by the Lyonnais sculptor Joseph-Hugues Fabisch in 1864. Although it has become an iconographic symbol of Our Lady of Lourdes, it depicts a figure which is not only older and taller than Bernadette's description, but also more in keeping with traditional representations of the Virgin Mary. On seeing the statue, Bernadette was profoundly disappointed with this representation of her vision.

The Lourdes Water - The location of the spring was described to Bernadette by an apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 25, 1858. Since that time, many thousands of pilgrims to Lourdes have followed the instruction of Our Lady of Lourdes to "drink at the spring and wash in it". Although never formally encouraged by the Church, Lourdes water has become a focus of devotion to the Virgin Mary at Lourdes. Since the apparitions, many people have claimed to have been cured by drinking or bathing in it, and the Lourdes authorities provide it free of charge to any one who asks for it.

An analysis of the water was commissioned by Mayor Anselme Lacadé of Lourdes in 1858. It was conducted by a professor in Toulouse, who determined that the water was potable and that it contained the following: oxygen, nitrogen, carbonic acid, carbonates of lime and magnesia, a trace of carbonate of iron, an alkaline carbonate or silicate, chlorides of potassium and sodium, traces of sulphates of potassium and soda, traces of ammonia, and traces of iodine. Essentially, the water is quite pure and inert.

Mayor Lacadé had hoped that Lourdes water might have special mineral properties which would allow him to develop Lourdes into a spa town, to compete with neighboring towns of Cauterets and Bagnères-de-Bigorre.

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY



To all the
Sweet Hearts
of
St. Matthew
Parish!

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, February 10 - Hospitality Sunday, following the 10 am Mass, Celebrate Valentine's Day and meet our new parish members!

Tuesday, February 12, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Thursday, February 14 - St. Valentine's Day, "Give someone a hug."

Saturday, February 16, and Sunday, February 17, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe



Rest in Peace

Stephen (Steve) Czapski
1944 to 2019

Long time St. Matthew Parishioner
May Steve, who ate the Body of Christ, the bread of Life, rest in peace and find life everlasting. Amen.



Support the Church in Central & Eastern Europe
"Restore the Church ~ Build the Future"

The **Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe** will take place next week. Your generosity helps those living in countries formerly under communist rule when the Church faithful were forced to practice their faith in secret and church leaders were arrested and killed. Your help is now needed to ensure the rebuilding of these faith communities.



Welcome

NEW MEMBERS FROM ST. PHILOMENA PARISH

*PETER BAILEY AND WIFE,
JUDY ANN ARMALY, OF GROSSE POINTE PARK*

*WE WELCOME YOU, PETER AND JUDY, AND
PRAY THAT YOU WILL FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL
HOME AT ST. MATTHEW PARISH.
MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY BLESSINGS
IN THE NEW YEAR OF 2019!*

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Evangelization - Mercy Nights throughout the Archdiocese are helping our faithful and friends they invite who may not attend Mass regularly to experience Christ in a less formal setting. Like the "Come, Encounter Christ!" events, Mercy Nights feature scripture and the presence of Jesus through adoration, reconciliation, and music.

This program of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization began last month, on various Friday evenings throughout the Archdiocese. Two Mercy Nights remain: at St. Thecla Parish in Clinton Township on February 15, and a Spanish version at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit on February 22. Each begins at 7 p.m.

Your CSA gifts support the Evangelization Office's work of helping people encounter God in a new way, such as through Mercy Nights and Kerygma Nights.

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A Valentine Prayer

*I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
with the precious gift of love.
I asked Him for sincere love
the kind that's meant to stay*

*Just like the generous love
You give to those You touch each day.
I prayed for love from family
and from every cherished friend
then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.*



A Reflection ~ EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord.

Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit? Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living really amounts to much at all? Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall.

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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
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Saturday, February 16, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Mary Bielman
Marie Vortkamp

Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, February 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu
Veronica Obianwu

Bill Ridella

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 9 - Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, February 10 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - The Delisi Family, Rose Colombo (1st Anniv), Judy Stark

Monday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday, February 12 -

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

Wednesday, February 13 -

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

**Thursday, February 14 - Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,
Bishop; St. Valentine, Bishop**

Friday, February 15 -

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

Saturday, February 16 - Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, February 17 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - William H. Gracey, Sr., Judy Stark

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