

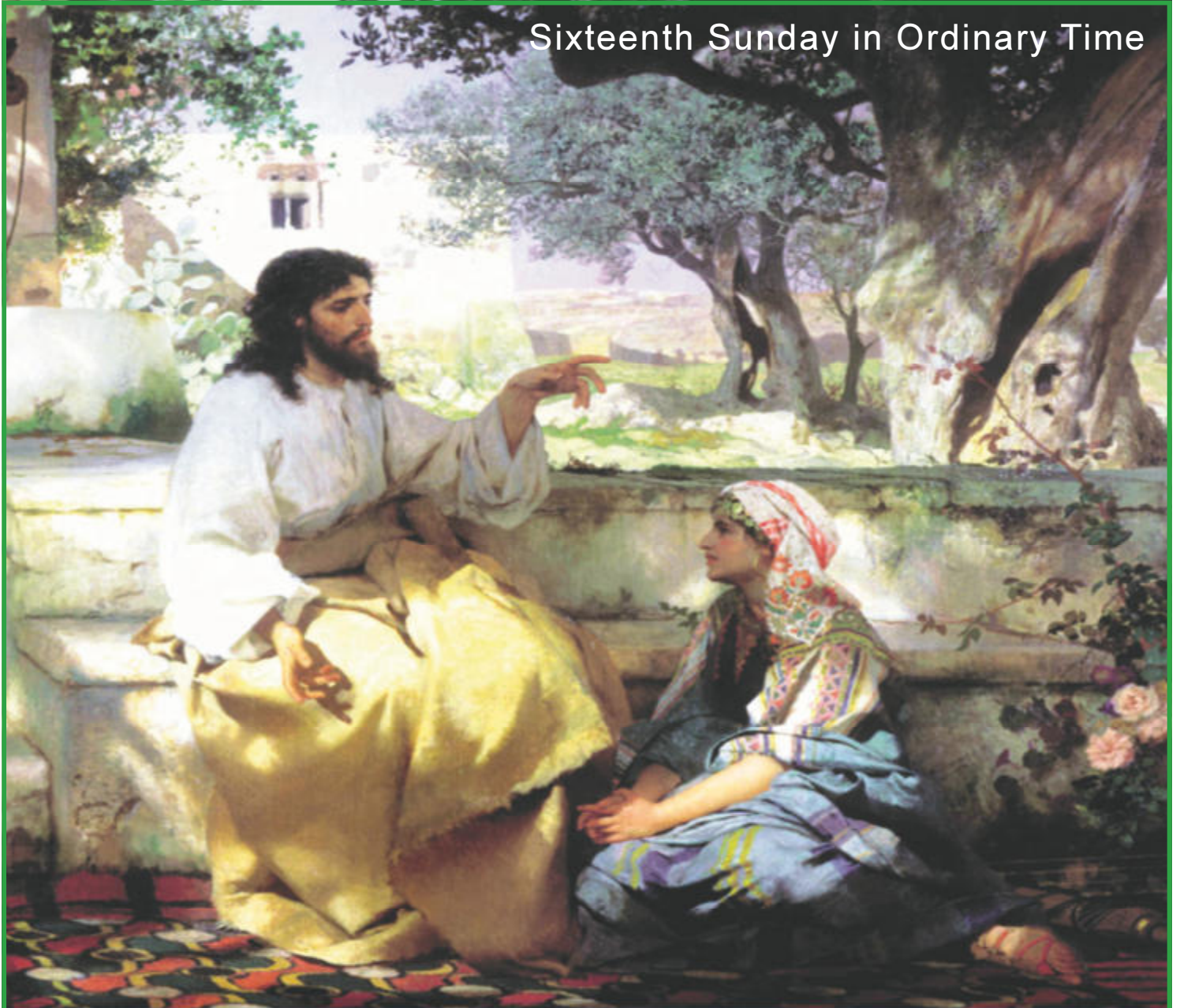


Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

July 21, 2019

Detroit, Michigan

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” - Lk 10:41-42

Readings for the week of July 21, 2019

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
 Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
 Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

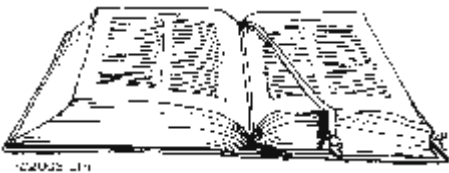


16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Cell phones, e-mails, faxes, texts, and voice mails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's Gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is *quantity* time.



St. Sharbel Makhluf's Story

Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka-Kafra where he was born, his influence has spread widely.

Joseph Zaroum Makhluf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a 2nd Century martyr. He professed his final vows in 1853 and was ordained six years later.

Following the example of the 5th Century Saint Maron, Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875, until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament.

When his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel did so gladly.

He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified Sharbel in 1965, and canonized him 12 years later.

Reflection - John Paul II often said that the Church has two lungs—East and West—and it must learn to breathe using both of them. Remembering saints like Sharbel helps the Church to appreciate both the diversity and unity present in the Catholic Church. Like all the saints, Sharbel points us to God and invites us to cooperate generously with God's grace, no matter what our situation in life may be. As our prayer life becomes deeper and more honest, we become more ready to make that generous response.

The Spiritual Aspect of Sustainable Living

Everywhere is sacred. The Universe is God's revelation of the interrelatedness and kinship of all creation. Our oneness is the primary essence of the spirituality of sustainability.

- *We are Earthlings, part of a whole Earth community, seeking a transformative vision for this planet.*
- *We focus our personal and communal growth on the common good; i.e., not only concern that "I" may survive, but that all may thrive.*
- *We value contemplative time in nature as silent communion with Holy Mystery.*
- *We seek to cultivate a meditative spirit that honors a gentleness in life; i.e., walking lightly upon Earth and with compassion toward all.*
- *We live with ambiguity, with change emerging out of chaos, and with faith-filled surrender and trust in a loving, relational God.*
- *We set priorities that give hope, kindness, and positive support to others.*

As a human family, we are now awakening to Divine Presence everywhere.

I have given them the glory you gave me that they may be one - I living in them, you living in me - that their unity may be complete. (John 17:22-23)

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

LAST CALL - Tuesday, July 23rd
Tiger Game Outing
Bus Boarding at 5:15 pm
Game Time, 7:10 pm
Ticket order form below
Don't miss out on this fun parish outing!

Congrats

**TO JACOB PIAZZA ON HIS
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JACOB WILL BE PURSUING HIS STUDIES IN CYBER SECURITY AT ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY, ALLEGANY, NEW YORK. JACOB, YOUR ST. MATTHEW PARISH FAMILY WISHES YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

*LORD OUR GOD, IN YOUR WISDOM AND LOVE
YOU SURROUND US*

WITH THE MYSTERIES OF THE UNIVERSE.

*SEND YOUR SPIRIT UPON OUR GRADUATES AND
FILL THEM WITH YOUR WISDOM AND BLESSINGS.
GRANT THAT THEY MAY DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO
THEIR STUDIES AND DRAW EVER CLOSER TO YOU,
THE SOURCE OF ALL KNOWLEDGE.*

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Last Chance ~ Tiger Game Tickets on Sale!

This year Laura Ridella was able to secure the same game seats as what we had last year. These seats afford a better view of the game, and where there are less steps. This improvement is more convenient and adds to a better enjoyment of the game. The game tickets are \$32 each with an additional \$8 per ticket to offset the cost of the bus transportation. This is always a fun night for the parish, plan on coming. **Go Tigers! Play ball!**

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Natural Family Planning - "Love, Naturally! Natural Family Planning: Cooperating with God's design for married love" is the theme of National NFP Awareness Week, July 21 to 27. This United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual educational campaign celebrates God's design for married love and the gift of life while raising awareness of NFP methods.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow the archdiocesan Office for Natural Family Planning to offer presentations to couples in our Archdiocese who are using or are curious about NFP, as well as classes in NFP methods for married couples seeking families. Endorsed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, NFP is a way of life by which couples recognize natural, biological signs of fertility and infertility.



Blessed Solanus Casey Feast Day & Novena

Blessed Solanus Casey, Detroit's beloved Capuchin priest on the road to sainthood in the Catholic Church, will be remembered at the Solanus Casey Center with a nine-day novena beginning on July 22, 2019, culminating with the Feast of Solanus Casey on July 30, 2019. Each day of the novena prayer focuses on a particular area of Blessed Solanus Casey's life and ministry. All events are free and open to all. Go to SolanusCenter.org/Feast for more information.



St. Matthew Tiger Baseball Outing ~ Ticket Order Form Detroit Tigers vs. the Phillies ~ Tuesday, July 23rd ~ 7:10 p.m.

Name (s): _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Ticket (s) _____ X \$40 (\$32 for game; \$8 for bus) = \$ _____

of Persons for Bus Transportation _____ (Bus transportation is limited to 56 Persons!)

Submit completed form to Rectory with full payment (cash or check payable to St. Matthew).

Call the Rectory if you have any questions: 313-884-4470

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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	Alice Mocerì
Bienvenido Fajardo	Janet Law
Lolita Dorado	Jesse Ocampo
Rita Moroni	Mike Holster
Albert Fajardo	Laura Alix
Virginia Fajardo	Betty Leone
Madeline O'Neill	Michelle Harter
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Nenette Ferreria	William Zuerblis, Sr.
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Eduardo Fajardo	Rosemary Schoolcraft
Kathy Bush	Betty Wilk
Glenda Johnson	
Robert Stark	
Stephanie Smith	

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Janet Bielman
Janet Law

LECTORS

Saturday, July 27, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Bruce Campbell

SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Sunday, July 28, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Keith Arcicovich
Beverly Goll
Patti Hammond
Veronica Obianwu
Greg Redman

Mary Anne Pilette

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 20 - Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, July 21 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, James Kevin Brus

Monday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

Tuesday, July 23 - St. Bridget, Religious

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

Wednesday, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

9:00 a.m. - Bobby Hanshaw, Ruth and Paul Matyn (Bobby's Grandparents), Mary Flood (1st Anniv)

Thursday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle

Friday, July 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

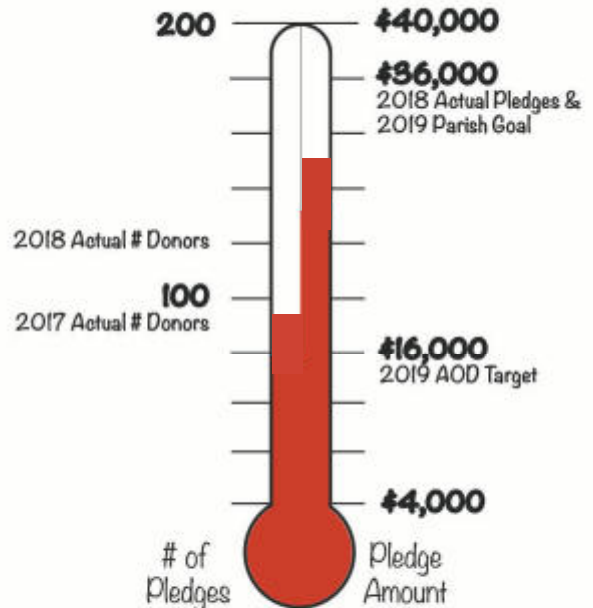
Saturday, July 27 - Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - John Bielman(7th Anniv)

Sunday, July 28 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Rita Allman, For an Increase in Vocations to the Religious Life

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