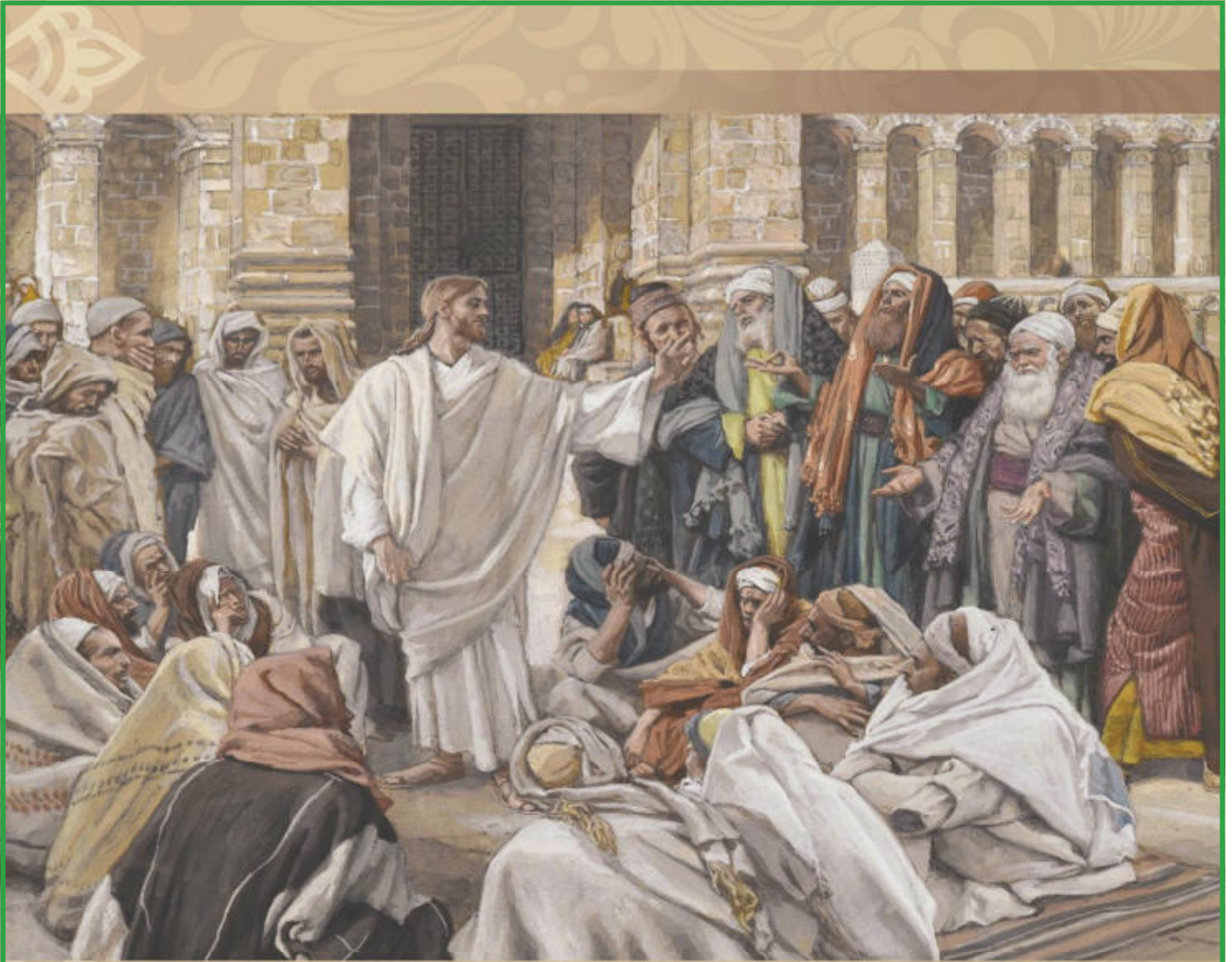




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

August 4, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

Readings for the Week of August 4, 2019

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement, it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai

encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the 4th Century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the 8th Century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

Reflection: *One of the Transfiguration accounts is read on the second Sunday of Lent each year, proclaiming Christ's divinity to the Elect and baptized alike. The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, by contrast, is the story of the temptation in the desert—affirmation of Jesus' humanity. The two distinct but inseparable natures of the Lord were a subject of much theological argument at the beginning of the Church's history; it remains hard for believers to grasp.*

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

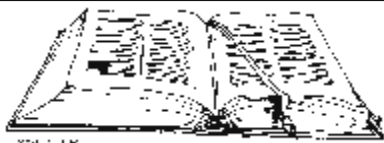


The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a

key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "stor[ing] up treasure for [our]selves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool," meant for us?

**Our Lord
prefers to wait
Himself
for the sinner
for years
rather than keep
Him waiting
one instant.**

St. Peter Julian Eymard

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, August 3; Sunday, August 4,
4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively -
SOCK CAMPAIGN

Saturday, August 10; Sunday, August
11, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively
- SOCK CAMPAIGN ~ Last weekend

Thursday, August 15, 9 am and 7 pm
Masses - Feast of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Holy Day of Obligation

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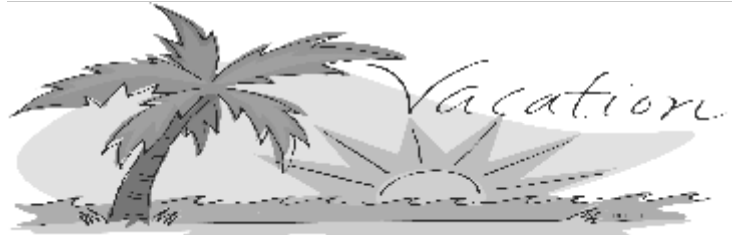
CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Sacred Heart Major Seminary / Institute for Ministry— Many students registering for classes at Sacred Heart Major Seminary this month have received scholarships through the Parish Empowerment Fund, thanks to gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal.

Our major seminary prepares men for ordination to the priesthood and the permanent diaconate, as well as offers degree and certificate programs for lay women and men seeking to be “new evangelists for the new millennium” at the Institute for Ministry. Through discernment and theological reflection, the institute guides and challenges commuter students to deepen their commitment to spiritual growth, attend to their call, and identify their gifts for service in the church.

For more information about Sacred Heart Major Seminary of the Institute for Ministry, please go to shms.edu. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.



Prayer before Departing on a Trip

O God, You called Abraham your servant out of Ur and kept him safe and sound in all his wanderings.

If it is Your will, protect Your servants.

Be for us a support when setting out, friendship along the way, a little shade from the sun, a mantle against cold and rain, a crutch on slippery paths, and a haven in shipwreck.

Bear us up in fatigue, and protect us from harm.

Under Your loving care, let us fulfill the purpose for our trip and return safe and sound to our home. Amen.

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a Witness of Charity

“A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just.” ~ Pope Francis

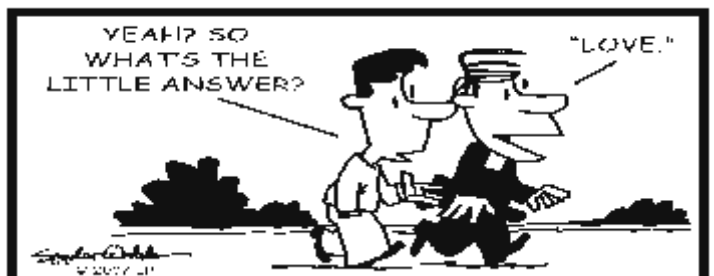
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Propagation of the Faith Mission Co-op Sunday

On the weekend of July 13/14, the parish of St. Matthew's hosted Fr. Steven Huber, CSB, representative of the Basilian Mission Fathers, who told us of the work these missionaries are doing in Mexico and Colombia. Their ongoing mission is to provide education for the students of Cali, Colombia with tuition assistance for those attending school. It also is their mission work to feed, clothe, and evangelize in order to improve the lives of thousands living in San Lorenzo and Mexico City. The collection for the Basilian Mission Fathers totaled **\$1,229.89**.

These outreach efforts to those less fortunate are truly Acts of Charity, a Corporal Work of Mercy!

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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	Janet Law
Lolita Dorado	Jesse Ocampo
Rita Moroni	Laura Alix
Albert Fajardo	Betty Leone
Virginia Fajardo	Michelle Harter
Madeline O'Neill	Jo Marie Nardi
Kurt Beghuyn	Thomas Bingham
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Alice Mocerì	

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Saturday, August 10, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

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

Bill Ridella

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Thursday, August 15, 2019, Assumption Feast Day, 9:00 a.m.
Patti Adams Marie Vortkamp

Thursday, August 15, 2019, Assumption Feast Day, 7:00 p.m.
Marilyn Lynn Bill Zuerblis Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 3 - Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Daniel Lusch, Patrick and Kimberly Lusch (10th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, August 4 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Reyes Family

Monday, August 5 - Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary
Major

Tuesday, August 6 - Feast of the Transfiguration
9:00 a.m. - Raymond and Sylvia Novelly (9th Anniv)

Wednesday, August 7 - St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions.
Martyrs: St. Cajtan, Priest

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

Thursday, August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest

Friday, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

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

Saturday, August 10 - Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Encarnacion Fajardo, Nenita Sanchez

Sunday, August 11 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Sophie Bush, Judy Stark, Betty Amara (22nd Anniv), Clarence Merlo (33rd Anniv), Robert Lynn



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