



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

August 11, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



19th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~ MASSES AT 9 AM AND 7 PM

Readings for the Week of August 11, 2019

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

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
[12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 [9a]/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a
and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,
13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28.
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12,
16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
[cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tickets booked, packing list double-checked, itinerary set - how do you know you're prepared for a trip? Being ready requires plenty of practical preparation. Do we give the same care to our spiritual preparedness?

"Your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom," Jesus tells us. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to have the right attitude for the gifts and callings he wants to give us!

Clear out your clutter! "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Jesus reminds the disciples that earthly standards of security and success will wear out in time. If our lives are structured around values that don't align with the kingdom of God, we'll miss opportunities to receive God. If we're so concerned with our child's success in sports that we miss Sunday Mass for their tournaments, we're missing out receiving the sacraments and building a consistent community of faith. If our quest for the promotion takes us away from family commitments, we won't be able to fully receive the love intended in our closest relationships.

Set faith-based priorities. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." Our conflicting commitments can cause any routine to slip from time to time. All the more reason to make sure faith is a priority. Pray as a family before meals. Bring your children regularly to the sacrament of confession. Make room in the schedule for faith enrichment activities offered by your parish. Volunteer once a month. "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." When will the call come to care for an ailing parent? To take on a new leadership position? God speaks to us through the circumstances of our lives. He calls each of us to greater love, sometimes in very concrete ways. This week, take some time to consider: Will you be ready?



A Family Perspective

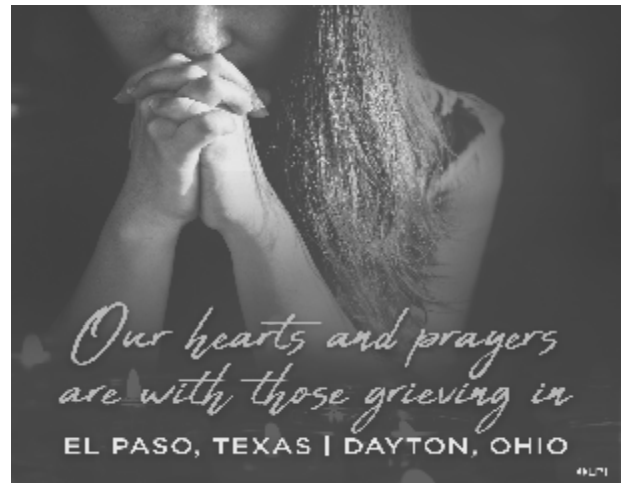
by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, a servant waited for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later, we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally, we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting, we are connected

ASSUMPTION of the blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2019

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the 4th century in the East and the 7th century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.



For Peace in our Country

Lord Jesus, our country needs your help today.

We are searching for tranquility and peace
and an end to discord.

Give us strength and compassion
to understand each other,
wisdom and love to help each other,
and the trust and patience we need
to live peacefully together.

Bless our nation and keep it true to the ideals
of freedom and justice and brotherhood
for all that makes our nation great.

Guard us from war, from compromise,
fear, and confusion.

Make this great land and all its people know clearly your
will, so we may fulfill the destiny assigned
to us for the salvation of the nation
and the restoring of all things in Christ Jesus. Amen.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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

CUCCHI'S CORNER Rick's Notes from the Loft POSITIONS AVAILABLE (for a few good voices!)

Choir Members Wanted: Positions open to soprano, alto, tenor and bass. No others need apply.

Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director.

Experience: No application will be accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the bathtub or shower at some or any time.

Beginning Wage: Increased satisfaction and joy in the service to God.

Fringe Benefits: Social Security. We promise you the security of social fellowship with other choir members. Bonus: Year-end Choir Member Picnic!

Hours: Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15. There are occasional opportunities for overtime.

Retirement: Generally determined by printed notes getting too small; the hymnal too heavy; notes too high; sanctuary too hot or too cold; or the organist is unable to play the notes you sing!

Interested?: Contact Rick Cucchi at cucchi@umich.edu or come to the **first rehearsal in the choir loft balcony on September 8th at 9:15 a.m.** or call the rectory to sign up.

St. Vincent De Paul School Supplies Drive

St. Vincent de Paul is asking for your help again this year with donations of school supplies for elementary and middle-school age students. Any items you can purchase such as pens, pencils, rulers, notebooks, folders, backpacks, crayons, highlighters, erasers, age appropriate scissors, construction paper, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Many of our SVdP families have school age children and simply can't afford to buy these items themselves so they turn to us for help. Please place your donations in the basket in front of the St. Matthew statue from now to August 25th.

Thank you again and again for all you do each and every time we ask ... Please know that many families and many children were assisted by your generous donations in the past.

26th Annual Benefit on the Bay

Join the Capuchin friars to enjoy a beautiful evening on Friday, August 23, (? pm) at MacRay Harbor on Lake St. Clair. Event MC is Jay Towers from FOX Detroit and WNIC. Dave Santia, speed artist, will create portraits. \$75 admission includes appetizers, dinner, beer, wine, live music, dancing, a complimentary valet, and bids on live and silent auctions. Tickets: CSKDetroit.org.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



National Collections - Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal fund our local Church's annual contributions to six national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The bishops in the United States created national collections so dioceses could combine resources and more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics. Each collection represents our community of faith at work in our country and around the world.

CSA gifts are given to the collections for the Catholic University of America, Catholic Communication Campaign, Holy Land, Church in Latin America, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, and Black and Indian Missions.

To learn more about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to aod.org.

~ The 2019 SOCK Drive ~

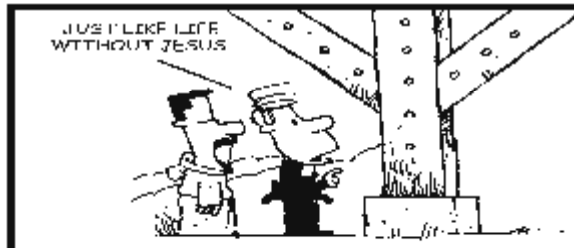
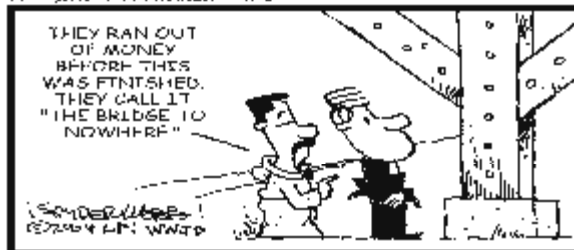
Many people in our community are hungry. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen strives to satisfy not only physical hunger, but spiritual, social and intellectual hungers as well. They are asking St. Matthew Parish to participate in their annual Parish Signature Drive in support of their programs and services.

On this weekend, volunteers will collect signatures and donations to help the Capuchin Soup Kitchen provide the following :

- An average of 1,700 meals per day served from two locations
- Emergency food pantry services to 150 families and individuals per day
- Hundreds of articles of clothing distributed per day
- Appliances and furniture to families burned out of their homes or re-establishing households after spending time in a shelter
- Showers and a change of clothing for individuals who have no bathing facilities available elsewhere
- Tutoring and art therapy services for up to 45 children per day
- Instruction and practical experience in urban agriculture provided on a two-and-a-half acre farm.

For a tax-deductible donation of \$20, you can join parishioners throughout the Archdiocese in having your signature printed in the 2019 Capuchin Soup Kitchen 2019 SOCK program book.

IT'S SUMMER IN ORDER-TIME



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Rev. Duane R. Novelly ~ *Pastor*
Rick Cucchi ~ *Music Minister / Choir Director*
Joe Balistreri ~ *Saturday Organist*
David Troiano ~ *Weekday Organist*

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Gloria Bermudez ~ *Bookkeeper*

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Bill Zuerblis ~ *Financial Council Chair*
Michael Dulapa ~ *Evangelization Chair*
Patricia Camazzola-Godoshian &
Bryan Jones ~ *Members at Large*
Sharon & Jerry Mielke ~ *VPC Representatives*

PARISH ORGANIZATION

Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*
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	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
Sebastiano Stellino	David Beaupre
Teresita Covacha	Kenneth Beaupre
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Joe Petrylka	Thomas Giles
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Anthony Mastronardi	Rosemary Schoolcraft
Eduardo Fajardo	Betty Wilk
Kathy Bush	
Glenda Johnson	
Robert Stark	
Stephanie Smith	
Alice Mocerì	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

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MINISTERS

LECTORS

SERVERS

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
Beverly Goll

Saturday, August 17, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
Janet Bielman Bryan Jones Ian Campbell
Janet Law

Sunday, August 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Marilyn Lynn Liz Foley-Dunstone Cory Fullilove
Patti Adams Mary Pocius
Beverly Goll Julia Zuerblis
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu

Mass Schedule

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

Monday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious

Tuesday, August 13 - Sts. Pontain, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Wednesday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

9:00 a.m. - For the Marginalized and Homeless in our City

Thursday, August 15 - Feast of the Assumption of Mary

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

7:00 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Friday, August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary

9:00 a.m. - For Refugee and Migrant Families

Saturday, August 17 - Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

Sunday, August 18 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, William H. Gracey, Sr., Michelle
DeLeauw, Sheila Pocius (1st Anniv)



**DO NOT FORGET
THAT HOLINESS
CONSISTS NOT IN
EXTRAORDINARY
ACTIONS, BUT IN
PERFORMING
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WELL.**

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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