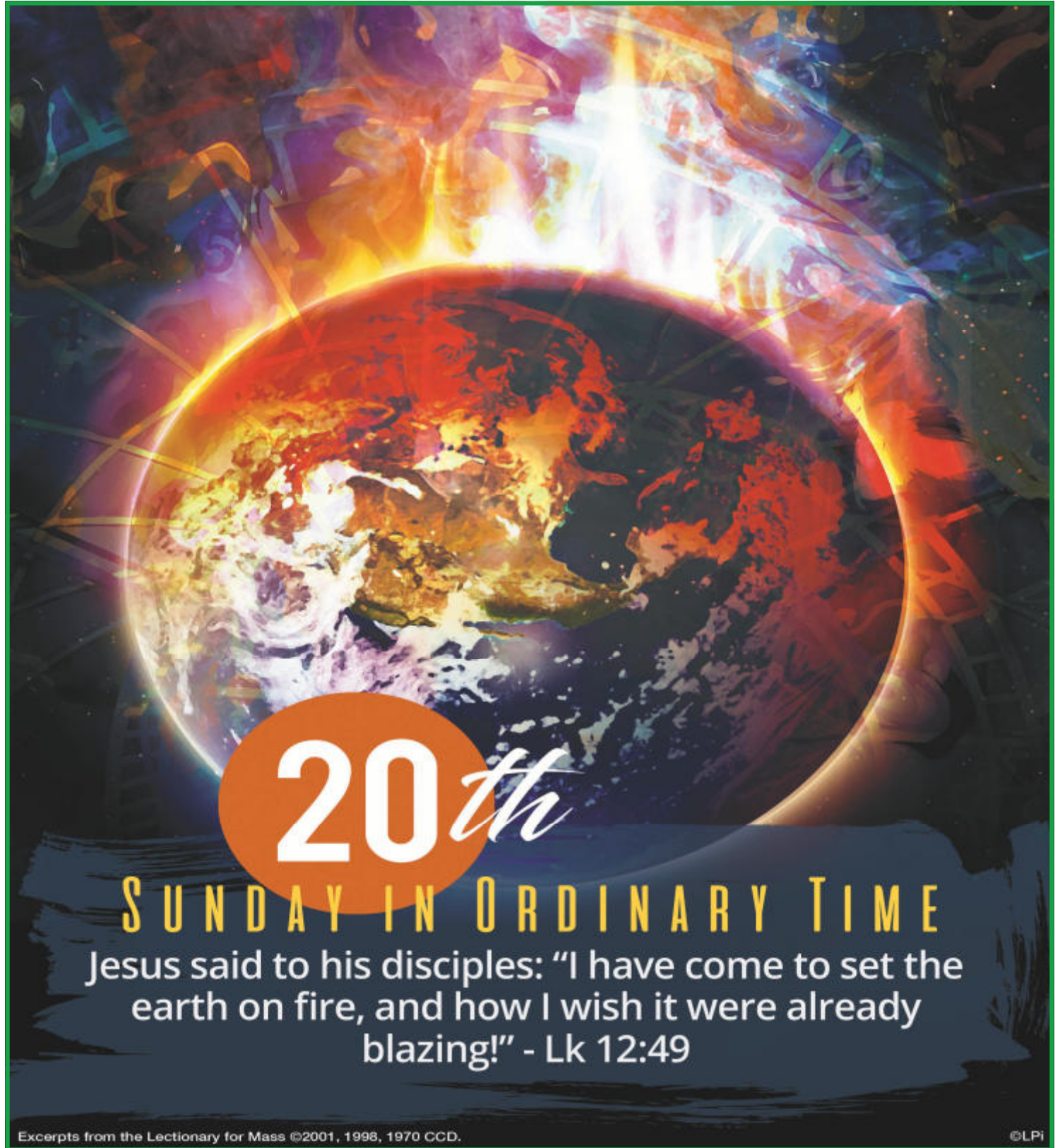




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

August 18, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



20th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

Readings for the week of August 18, 2019

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab
and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/
Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and
9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-
9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/
Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



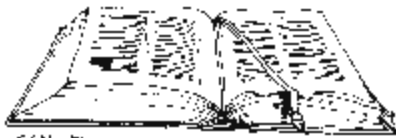
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly

prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today, Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society, which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the Gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion. A Christian family is a counter-cultural family.



World Humanitarian Day

Throughout its history, the Church has paid special attention to the needs of the vulnerable and the transformation of society according to the plan of God. In the midst of the industrialization and interconnection of recent centuries, popes have spoken out more boldly in defense of the human person and developed Catholic Social Teaching.

On World Humanitarian Day, we remember our Church's robust tradition of care for the poor, defense of justice, and advocacy for peace. This week, consider how you, too, can contribute and be Jesus' hands and feet to the world. Will you serve at a soup kitchen or donate to clean water projects across the globe? How is God inviting you to make a life-changing impact for His children today?

The Word of God

How can we know the Word of God? Is it by reading the Gospel and the Holy Scriptures - yes, but more. Is it by reading the lives of the Holy Saints and their writings - yes, but more. Is it by fasting, prayer, and doing generous almsgiving - yes, but still more. For the Word of God is not just writings, practice, actions, or thinking, but Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. We need to get to know by all means this Son of God and begin a constant loving relationship with Him starting today.

God is not a principle. He does not just have attributes that we need to learn and rules that we need to practice. He is a living Person, closer to us than any human relationship that is possible here or in the next life.

Let us open our hearts and minds today to invite Him in, to ask quietly but intently that He come very near, to ask humbly and tenderly that He becomes nearer and dearer to us than anything we can have known or imagined before. And that He shows us all of His love, His goodness, His truth, and His life in our hearts that we may learn to love Him with all of our heart, and with all of our soul, and with all of our mind, and through this to also love our neighbor as ourselves.

Thursday, August 22, 2019

THE
Queenship
OF THE
Blessed
VIRGIN MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, pray for us!

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Have blessed week and enjoy the summer!

Welcome

As Father Duane mentioned, we have a new bookkeeper, Gloria Bermudez, who follows on the footsteps of Denise Balogh. Denise needed to resign due to recent health issues. She is doing fine and recuperating at home.

Gloria comes to us from Melvindale and volunteers at the Melvindale Crisis Pregnancy Center and the All Saints Soup Kitchen. She has a great deal of experience as a bookkeeper and is easily adjusting to life as our parish bookkeeper. We wish her well in her new position and hope she enjoys her work here.

2019 SOCK Signature Campaign

The SOCK Campaign is the annual primary fundraiser for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Signature cards are collected with a \$20 donation for each signature. These donations help the Capuchins provide not only meals for the hungry, but also abuse counseling services, showers and clean clothing, and training in life's skills to foster independent living.

These past two weekends, St. Matthew participated in the SOCK Campaign which resulted in the collection of **24** signatures in the amount of **\$660**. These names will appear in the Program Book distributed at the Capuchin Annual Fundraising Dinner to be held in September this year.

Thanks to all of you for your support and assistance in this important ministry.

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.**

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Youth Ministry - In the spirit of Psalm 139:2, *You understand my thoughts from afar*, the Office of Youth Ministry will hold a Youth Ministry Spiritual Enrichment Day at the St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit on Tuesday, August 27.

The day will offer youth ministers and their adult volunteers tips for navigating a ministry that never rests. A winter Spiritual Enrichment Day has already been scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow the archdiocese of Detroit to minister to those who foster the spiritual and personal growth of our youth and empower them to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to actively witness their faith.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to www.aod.org.

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.

Queen of Heaven

Hail, O Queen of Heaven enthroned
hail, by angels mistress owned.
Root of Jesse, Gate of Morn
wherein the world's true light was born;

Glorious Virgin, joy to you
loveliest whom in heaven they see;
fairest you where all are fair,
plead with Christ our souls to spare
I honor and praise you, O sacred Virgin
that I may have strength against temptation.

*Lord, mercifully we ask you to assist us in our weakness
that as we commemorate the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God, so we may, by her intercession,
die to our sins and rise again to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



DEAR LORD!
HELP ME TO BE THE
KIND OF PERSON
MY DOG THINKS I AM.

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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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Kathy Bush	John Borota
Glenda Johnson	
Robert Stark	
Stephanie Smith	
Alice Mocerì	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, August 24, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
Janet Bielman Dan McBride Ian Campbell
Janet Law

Sunday, August 25, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Marilyn Lynn Mary Ann Pilette Cory Fullilove
Keith Arcicovich Lauren Gross
Dorothy Brooks Julia Zuerblis
Beverly Goll
Veronica Obianwu
Greg Redman
Jean Solomon

Mass Schedule

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)

Monday, August 19th - St. John Euclis, Priest

Tuesday, August 20th - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday, August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope
9:00 a.m. - For Refugee and Migrant Families

Thursday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Saturday, August 24 - Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Anna Martinelli

Sunday, August 25 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

“From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.”

— Lk 1:48b-49, 52



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