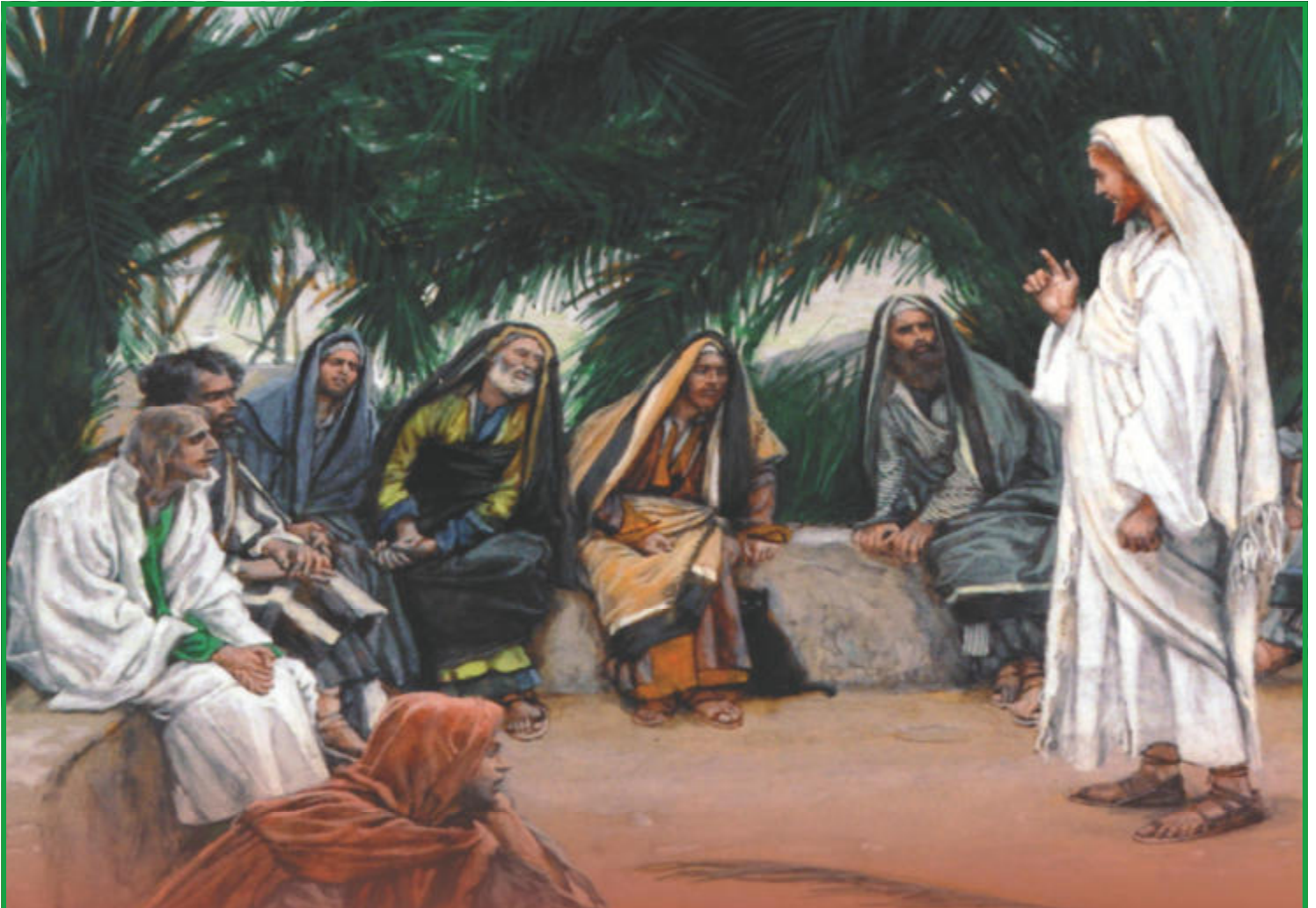




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

August 25, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30

Readings for the week of August 25, 2019

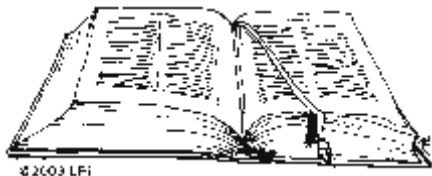
Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The phrase in today's Gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid, one generation has little in common with another. We depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.



Saint Monica's Story

The circumstances of Saint Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immortal life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, Saint Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, Saint Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death. Monica is the patron of alcoholics, those who seek conversion, married women, and mothers.

Reflection: Today, with Google searches, online shopping, text messages, tweets, and instant credit, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law, and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine.

**YOU HAVE MADE US FOR YOURSELF, O LORD,
AND OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS
UNTIL THEY REST IN YOU.**

ST. AUGUSTINE

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, August 31, 11 am - Parasu/
Costello Nuptials**

**Monday, September 2, Labor Day - No
Mass Scheduled**

**Sunday, September 8, following 10 am
Mass - St. Matthew Conference, St. Vincent de
Paul Society Meeting, Church Auditorium**

A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT AND A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

As you may already know, next month our Parish will gather to celebrate two beautiful milestones with our Pastor, Fr. Duane Novelly. This year is the 40th Anniversary of Father's Ordination to the Priesthood and the 30th Anniversary of Father serving as Pastor of St. Matthew Parish! Fittingly, a Mass of Thanksgiving with a reception to follow will take place on the weekend of the Feast of St. Matthew, September 22, 2019.

Recently, a committee was formed to help with the celebration. On behalf of the committee members, I would like to formally invite you to play a role in the Mass of Thanksgiving and the Courtyard Reception that will follow. Again, the date is **Sunday, September 22nd**, on which day the St. Matthew Sunday Mass will be held at a special afternoon time, **1 p.m.** Following that Mass and weather permitting, there will be an outdoor reception in the Courtyard located between the Church building and the Rectory building

Through all the years as a parish, thousands of people have worshipped, served, received Sacraments, and loved God here in this church building as a part of St. Matthew Parish. We thank God for Father Duane who has been serving the community and people of St. Matthew Parish for 30 years, through different seasons of his life and our lives.

He has seen to the needs of parishioners, living and deceased. As a priest, he has served stranger and friend, following in the footsteps of Jesus. So in the spirit of Thanksgiving and in service, please, consider signing up today after Mass, in the back of the church, where there will be a volunteer with sign-up sheets, asking for your name and contact information. Please consider serving in a role on Sunday, September 22nd, or serving on the Church Clean-up Crew that will work on the weekend prior to the event, on Saturday, September 14th.

Thank you in advance to those of you are able to sign up today to volunteer to help with the Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception on September 22nd. *Liz Foley-Dunstone*

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.

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

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



Campus Ministry - Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help foster the spiritual growth of young adults attending area colleges and universities.

The Office of Young Adults and Campus Ministry helps form communities of faith on campuses, either by incorporating and strengthening the faith of those who live on campus or by building community, forming leadership, and collaborating with area parishes on commuter campuses. The office sponsors activities and programs for students, such as one-on-one pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, social justice projects, and retreats.

For more information on CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please 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

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.

Saint Augustine and the Trinity

The mystery of the Trinity has always been an important matter of discussion among theologians. Saint Augustine's contributions to the Church's understanding of the Trinity are considered to be among the greatest.

In his book, "On the Trinity," Augustine described the Trinity within the context of relationship, combining the identity of the Trinity as "one" with the distinction of the three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Augustine also explained the whole of Christian life as a communion with each of the divine persons.

Holy Spirit Prayer of Saint Augustine

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.*

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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	Pauline Williams
Glenda Johnson	
Robert Stark	
Stephanie Smith	
Alice Mocerì	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, August 31, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
Janet Bielman Bruce Campbell Ian Campbell
Janet Law

Sunday, September 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Marilyn Lynn Bryan Jones Cory Fullilove
Keith Arcicovich Mary Pocius
Beverly Goll Julia Zuerblis
Patti Hammond
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Kristen Stark

Mass Schedule

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

Monday, August 26 -

Tuesday, August 27 - St. Monica
9:00 a.m. - John LoVasco

**Wednesday, August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church**

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

Thursday, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Friday, August 30 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Saturday, August 31 - Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, September 1 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark



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