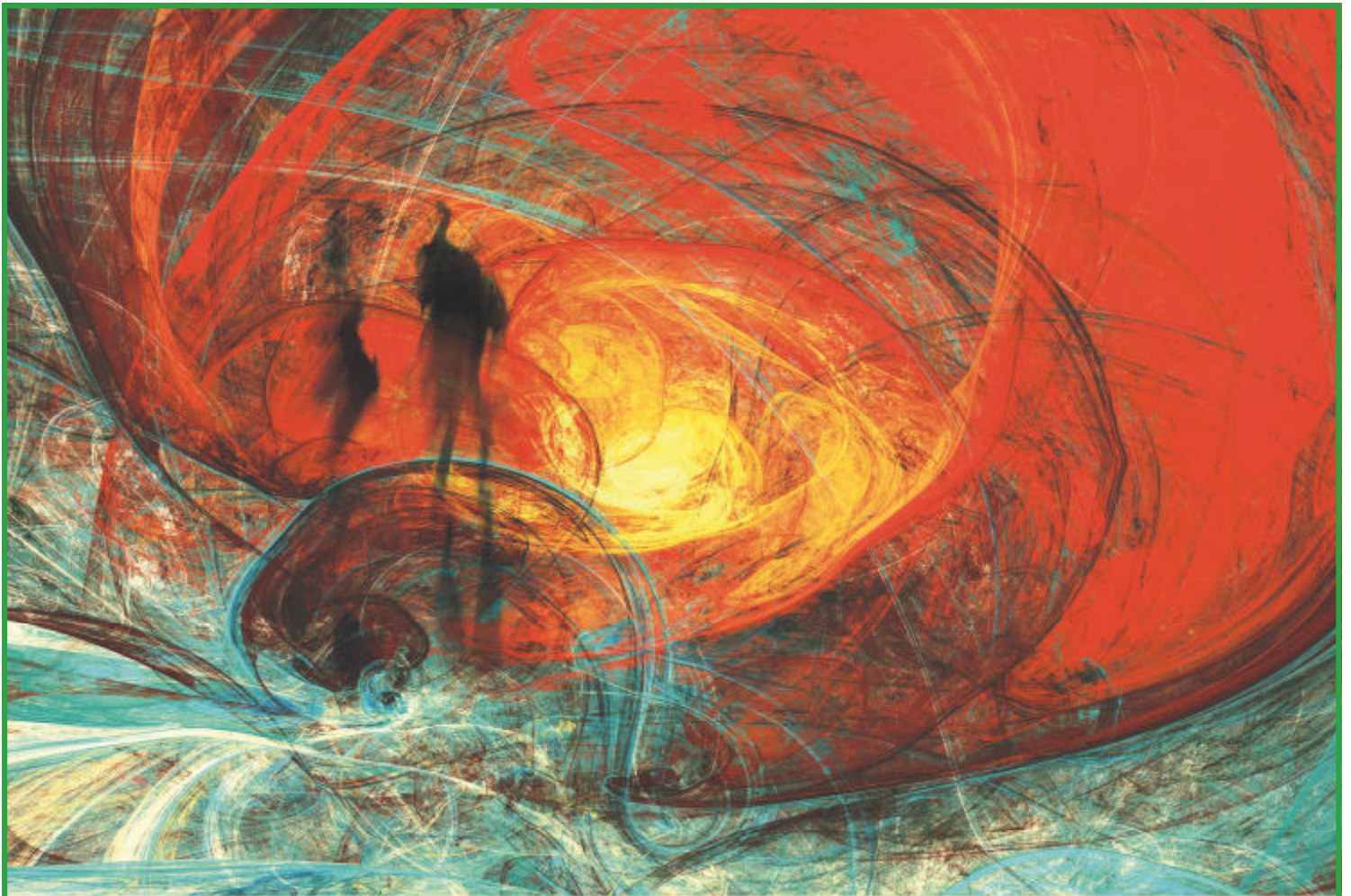




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

September 29, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

Readings for the Week of September 29, 2019

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23
[17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/
Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 18:1-
5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
[9ab]/ Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/
Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



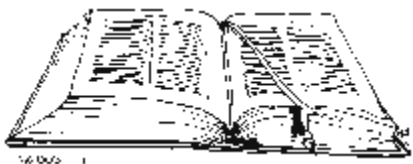
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you saw someone dead come to life tomorrow, what would you change about your life? Would you say “nothing”? That’s what Jesus seems to hope. After all, we already know what to do. In this Sunday’s

Gospel, a rich man and a poor man pass away, the former to damnation and the latter to peaceful rest alongside the Jewish patriarchs. The rich man asks if the poor man can appear to his brothers and advise them to live a more virtuous life. The parable offers a strong rebuke: “*They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.*” In other words, they should already know what to do.

We, too, know what to do. More than Moses, Jesus Christ himself has spoken, and continues to speak through his Church. The rich man did not heed the wise words, despite knowing them. If we are convicted against certain Christian teachings in our heart, how much good will miraculous “proofs” do? We know more than the law and the prophets — we know the prophetic law of love proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Are we living like we believe it?

Where in our lives are we like the rich man? Do we know how to treat the poor but still we ignore them in our excess? Do we know the third commandment, but the Sunday liturgy feels “optional” when other weekend commitments arise? Have we heard Christ’s teachings on sexuality, but consider them out of reach for us? We have received a great many truths as Christian people. We are blessed by God with the sacraments and the abundance of His graces. We have what we need — in Him — to begin to live a virtuous life *now*.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today’s Gospel, the rich man died and was condemned to a “place of torment” because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?

The Gift of Our Guardian Angels

It’s good to know we’re not alone. This October 2nd we celebrate the feast of our guardian angels. This ancient belief has roots in Scripture.

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus implies the special guiding care of the angels. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10).

Our guardian angels are given to us by God to protect and watch over us from the moment of our conception until the hour of death. Let’s pray to our own heavenly help:

*Angel of God,
My guardian dear,
To whom God’s love
Commits me here,
Ever this day,
Be at my side,
To light and guard,
To rule and guide. Amen.*

Our Guardian Angels



“Miss No Single Opportunity of Making Some Small Sacrifice.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

Called to Compassion

What does a homeless person need? That may seem like an odd question since being homeless would indicate they certainly need a home. Beyond that though, what does a homeless person need? Most would guess the person needs food, money, clothing, medical care, and toiletries. Many parishes put together drives for those items. Is that all the person needs? It is easy to get caught up in all the things that easily come to mind so that we miss a key thing needed by someone homeless as well as all human beings: to be seen.

How many of us pass by homeless people and pretend they are not even there. We don’t have money in our pocket, we don’t have food to give, and we don’t have material items that they need, so we offer them nothing. We don’t even offer ourselves.

Welcoming someone with a kind word is free. Amazingly, we act like it costs us more than anything else. It is easier to hand someone \$5 than it is to engage in a 15-second exchange of words. We talk about being generous, but we need to remember that sometimes the greatest gift we have to give is simply ourselves. The Jesus in me meets the Jesus in you. One day, you or I may find ourselves in a tough spot, and we will be looking for compassion. Let’s hope that all those who profess to know Jesus don’t simply pass on by pretending not to see us.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, September 28, 10 am Mass - Funeral Liturgy, Nathan Harrington

Saturday, October 5 - 4:30 pm - Warren Woods High School Class of 1969 Reunion Mass

Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Saturday, October 12; Sunday, October 13, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Kickoff for Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

Sunday, October 13, following 10 am Mass - Hospitality Sunday, Flu Shots Available courtesy of Rite Aid Pharmacy

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"I am about my Father's work" Anniversary Committee Appreciation

The Planning Committee for Father Duane's 40th/30th celebrations is expressing heartfelt appreciation to the following persons who without their help the celebration would not have been as organized, as beautiful, or as grace-filled.

To those who labored on Saturday, September 15, to clean all around the Church building, we are truly grateful for the time you sacrificed, the elbow grease, and the spirit of camaraderie and purpose that you each brought to that day.

John and Liz Foley-Dunstone

John and Julie Piazza

Peter Bailey and July Armaly

Jennifer Khalifah, Emily and Hannah Pryzbylski

Jeff, John, and Lauren Smith

John Toth, Andrew Petrylka

Don and Debbie Veryser

Keith and Mary Jo Arcicovich

Debbie Nieddu, Beverly Goll, Geri LaPratt

Ed Comiskey, Dennis Hermann

To those who were the greeters, ushers, and parking lot assistants on Sunday, September 22, many thanks for your time and patience.

Greeters ~ *Beverly Goll, Kendall Donaldson*

Joe Zainea, Laura Ridella,

Yvonne Smith, Geri LaPratt, Mary Jo Arcicovich

Parking Assistants ~ *Marty O'Neill, David Gross*

Keith Arcicovich, Mark Pryzbylski

Ushers ~ *Jeff Smith, John Smith, John Piazza*

Joe Nieddu, Dick Goll, Dennis Costello

In no less way, many thanks to any and all parishioners who contributed in large or small measure and to the Committee who contributed their time and efforts toward this anniversary celebration.

Liz Foley-Dunstone

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Jennifer Khalifah

Marilyn Lynn

Debra Nieddu

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Prayer - "Discovering Your Personal Prayer Style," a day designed to deepen your spiritual life by exploring the prayer tradition of the saints, will be held at St. John Neumann Parish in Canton on Saturday, October 12.

The day will feature breakout sessions on Augustinian, Franciscan, Ignatian, Thomistic styles of prayer. Msgr. John Zenz, pastor of Holy Name Parish in Birmingham, will give the keynote address, and Auxiliary Bishop Arturo Cepeda will celebrate Mass.

Your CSA gifts allow the Archdiocese to host spiritually enriching events like these for a low cost to participants. The registration fee for "Discovering Your Personal Prayer Style," held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is only \$10.

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



Capuchin Soup Kitchen

September 10, 2019

Dear Fr. Duane Novelty and Parishioners of St. Matthew Parish:

Thank you for your gift of \$300 in support of our 47th annual SOCK celebration memorial/signature drive.

SOCK is our signature fundraiser. Your support helps to ensure the success of this event, and therefore the success of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. As you probably know, the Soup Kitchen, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, tends to people's basic needs, especially the need for food. We also stimulate minds, nourish spirits, and attempt to address root causes of social injustice.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen receives no government subsidies; the ability to carry out our mission depends nearly totally on the generosity of benefactors like you. Your support will help us continue to provide services which have benefited the people of our community for over 90 years. We are grateful to have you as a partner in this very special mission, feeding bodies, nourishing spirits, and strengthening communities.

The Capuchin friars, staff, volunteers, guests of the Soup Kitchen; and our 2019 SOCK Chairpersons, Ray and Maria Scott of Lear Corporation, send you our greetings and gratitude.

Parishioner Checks: \$380

Parishioners Cash: \$300

Total: \$680

Sincerely,

Br. Jerry Johnson, OFM Cap.

Let us Pray

Lord our God, in every time and place
You nourish us with living bread
Come down from heaven.
In the fullness of time,
Your eternal Word took on human flesh.
As bread broken and cup poured out,
He gave His life for our salvation.
By our reverence for Christ's presence
In the Eucharist and in every person,
Make us worthy to take our place
At the eternal banquet You have prepared,
Where You live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

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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
Lolita Dorado
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Kurt Beghuyn
Sebastiano Stellino
Teresita Covacha
Richard Gargulinski
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John Borota
Pauline Williams
Bill Solomon

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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SERVERS

Saturday, October 5, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
Janet Bielman Daniel McBride Lauren Smith
Janet Law

Sunday, October 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Marilyn Lynn Mary Ann Pilette Jermaine Donaldson
Keith Arcicovich Cory Fullilove
Dorothy Brooks Julia Zuerblis
Beverly Goll
Patti Hammond
Jean Solomon
Kristen Stark

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 28 - Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 29 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Matthew Lynn, For an Increase in
Vocations to the Priesthood

Monday, September 30 - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 a.m. - For Military Personnel and their Families

Thursday, October 3 -

Friday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

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

Saturday, October 5 - Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 6 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark



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