



# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

October 6, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



## *27<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

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

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’” - Lk 17:10b

## Readings for the Week of October 6, 2019

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  
 Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/ Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/ Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/ Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/ Lk 11:27-28  
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



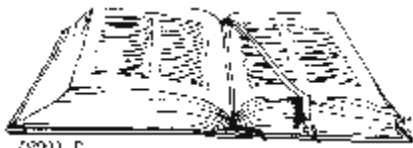
### 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“When you have done all you have been commanded, say ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’”* The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us

today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It’s important to remember that we do have a place at God’s table. But we don’t “earn” it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we’re imitating the Good Samaritan. We’re visiting Jesus! We’re growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we’re seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we’re meant to serve? That is, is this where we’re meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! *“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”* But, ultimately, we’re not the ones doing the deeds. We’re not the ones “earning” the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.



## A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Faith is one of those things we just can’t get enough of! In today’s Gospel, the apostles asked Jesus to “Increase our faith.” It is faith in ourselves, our spouse, our children, and our parents which equips us to overlook annoyances, helps us to forgive, and urges us to ask forgiveness. “Lord, increase our faith!”



St. Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus’ life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary’s giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as “the apostle of the rosary.” He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to its present form—with the 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

*Reflection: The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus’ Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Bes remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.*

*The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.*

### Six Little Stories with Lots of Meanings

- 1) *Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.*
- 2) *When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.*
- 3) *Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still, we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.*
- 4) *We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.*
- 5) *We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.*
- 6) *On an old man’s shirt was written a sentence, “I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.” That is attitude.*

*Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!*

*From Patrick Lusch  
Parishioner, Alexandria, VA*

**St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings**

**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**

**Saturday, October 19; Sunday, October 20; 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - World Mission Sunday Collection**

**Sunday, October 20, following 10 am Mass - East District St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting, Church Auditorium**

**CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**Young Adult Ministry -** October's Theology on Tap will feature special guest, Archbishop Allen Vigneron, who will give a personal witness of his faith journey, at Camp Ticonderoga in Troy from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8.

Gifts to the CSA help fund these fellowship evenings, which allow young adults in our Archdiocese to reflect on their faith in a relaxed setting. Each Theology on Tap gathering features a speaker on topics relating to religion and theology. Archbishop Vigneron will share how he discerned the call to the priesthood as well as the joys and struggles he has experienced in his vocation. He will also explore how we can best follow God's will in our lives.

Due to the anticipated demand for next week's Theology on Tap, attendees must reserve a free ticket on Eventbrite. See [aod.social/theology-on-tap](http://aod.social/theology-on-tap) for more information.

**Touching Hearts - Saving Lives**

Charity Reception  
Presented by the

*Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund*  
Special Guest Speaker - Gianna Jessen  
(Abortion Survivor)

Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

Strolling Supper - 6:30 pm ~ Program - 7:45 pm  
Business Attire ~ RSVP by October 11, 2019  
to Barbara Rotary @ 248-371-0466  
Ticket prices start at \$100 for Individuals  
Sponsorships available

**50 / 50  
GOLD'N HARVEST  
RAFFLE**



It's coming, and it's almost here. Make your plans and mark your calendars. The date of the 50/50 Gold'n Harvest Raffle Drawing is Sunday, December 8, at noon.

You will be receiving your tickets and your letter of instruction in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to another successful year.

This is such an important fundraiser for the parish and one in which participation is easy. In these last years, we have increased both sellers and buyers. We need to keep up the momentum!

The catered breakfast, provided by Majestic Café and our own Joe Zainea, is always a big hit for families and friends. We will have the sur"prizes" again to add to the fun. Watch the bulletin for further details.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**A Prayer for Our Common Home**

*God of all creation,  
you have given us the responsibility of a steward,  
one who cares for something.  
Our stewardship is to care for our common home, the earth.*

*We look to your goodness  
shown to us by all the good gifts the earth bestows upon us:  
The rain to water the ground.  
The crops that spring from the ground.  
The animals that roam the fields.  
The medicines that come from the plants.*

*We also look to you for the wisdom  
to care for this creation of yours:  
Give us wisdom to know how and when  
this good earth needs our special attention.  
Helps us not to be shortsighted*

*and assume that the earth can  
heal itself without our help.  
You created us from the earth  
and we depend upon it  
for our health.*

*We ask all from you,  
and give all back to you.  
This we do in Jesus' name who is  
our brother and savior. 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	Betty Leone
Lolita Dorado	Michelle Harter
Albert Fajardo	Jo Marie Nardi
Virginia Fajardo	Thomas Bingham
Madeline O'Neill	David Beaupre
Kurt Beghuyn	Kenneth Beaupre
Sebastiano Stellino	Anthony Crimardo
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Alice Mocerri	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, October 13, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bill Ridella

Cory Fullilove

Beverly Goll

Lauren Gross

Patti Hammond

Julia Zuerblis

Linda Holster

Michael Holster

Debra Nieddu

Joseph Nieddu

## Mass Schedule

**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, Frank Dulapa

**Monday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Tuesday, October 8 -**

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

**Wednesday, October 9 - St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions,  
Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest**

9:00 a.m. - Jaclyn Scott

**Thursday, October 10 -**

**Friday, October 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope**

9:00 a.m. - For all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

**Saturday, October 12 - Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Paul Coen, Raphael and Emma Marchi, Sylvia Law,  
Margaret Vernier

**Sunday, October 13 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Rowe Family



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DIFFERENT PATHS, WHICH  
LEAVE THEIR MARK ON US."

POPE FRANCIS

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