



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

October 20, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



29th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

Readings for the week of October 20, 2019

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/
2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf.
68]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-
9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/
Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94
[68b]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
[7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Render a just decision
for me against my adversary.”*

Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *“Because the widow keeps bothering me.”* Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right?

We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *“secure the rights of his chosen ones.”* Sometimes, He may well seem *“slow to answer them.”*



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The widow in today’s Gospel is praised for her perseverance. In our homes, perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.

From the Archdiocese Department of Communications Re: *Fraternite Notre Dame*

Each of us in the Catholic faith community has a responsibility to reduce error, avoid schism, and promote ecclesiastical communion. To that end, the Archdiocese of Detroit shares the following information about a group operating in Detroit and elsewhere called “*Fraternite Notre Dame*,” which presents itself as a traditional Catholic religious order of priests, friars, and religious sisters.

Fraternite Notre Dame entered the Archdiocese of Detroit in 2018 without the permission of Archbishop Vigneron. As you may know, valid Catholic religious orders may not enter a diocese without the permission of the local bishop.

The group bought the former Most Holy Name of Jesus church building on Van Dyke Avenue on the eastside of Detroit. Most Holy Name of Jesus Church is no longer a church according to the Church’s law; it was closed in 1990 and de-consecrated, meaning it would no longer serve as a sacred space for Catholic worship. The building was sold to another religious group, which later sold the property to *Fraternite Notre Dame*.

Fraternite Notre Dame represents itself as being in full communion with the Catholic Church and asserts that it has a Cardinal-liaison assigned to the group by the Vatican. Despite the Archdiocese of Detroit’s multiple requests for confirmation or clarification, the group has not presented anything to support these claims.

In the interest of truth and to avoid confusion among the faithful, we must clarify that, as best we are able to tell, *Fraternite Notre Dame* is not an organization in ecclesiastical communion with the Catholic Church. Catholics are advised to avoid association with this group.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Let us pray that God will bring all Christian communities into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church so that we may all be one.

Saint John of Capistrano’s Story – October 23rd

Imagine being born in the 14th century. One-third of the population and nearly 40% of the clergy were wiped out by the bubonic plague. The Western Schism split the Church with two or three claimants to the Holy See at one time. England and France were at war. The city-states of Italy were constantly in conflict. Gloom dominated the spirit of the culture and the times.

John Capistrano was born in 1386. His education was thorough; his talents and success were great. When he was 26, he was made governor of Perugia. Imprisoned after a battle against the Malatestas, he resolved to change his way of life completely. At the age of 30, he entered the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later.

John’s preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and 12 Franciscan brethren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God. They were instrumental in reviving a dying faith and devotion.

The Franciscan Order itself was in turmoil over the interpretation and observance of the Rule of St. Francis. Through John’s tireless efforts and his expertise in law, the heretical Fraticelli were suppressed and the “Spirituals” were freed from interference in their stricter observance.

John of Capistrano helped bring about a brief reunion with the Greek and Armenian Churches. When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, John was commissioned to preach a crusade for the defense of Europe. Gaining little response in Bavaria and Austria, he decided to concentrate his efforts in Hungary. He led the army to Belgrade. Under the great General John Hunyadi, they gained an overwhelming victory, and the siege of Belgrade was lifted. Worn out by his superhuman efforts, Capistrano was an easy prey to an infection after the battle. He died on October 23, 1456. John of Capistrano is the patron saint of jurists!

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, October 19, 2:30 pm - Balistreri / Cox Nuptials

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

Sunday, October 20, 10 am Mass - Hosey/Collins Baby Baptism

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

Saturday, October 26, 10 am - Tracey Walker's Funeral Mass

Friday, November 1, 9 am and 7 pm Masses - Feast of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, November 2; Sunday, November 3; 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Mass of Anointing

TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

This year on World Mission Sunday, we listened to the account of St. Paul writing to St. Timothy with the charge, *"I charge you in the presence of God and of Jesus Christ to proclaim the word, be persistent and encourage the gospel through patience and teaching."*

That is what the Lord is asking us today as we reach out to those courageous servant-missionaries who are giving their lives for the spread of the gospel and the support of the "Young Churches" they have established.

We observe the annual day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions today. We unite ourselves also with our fellow Christians all over the world who with us attempt to share our faith with others, especially those who have not yet heard the name of Jesus and his Holy Church. Today offers us the opportunity to join our missionaries in the "holiest and greatest work of the Church."

Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Thank you!

2019 Gold'n Harvest Raffle



Last weekend, we formally introduced our 2019 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle with the expectation that we will have another successful year. This year we are of a set purpose in "taking the raffle sales to the streets." That purpose is to restore and secure our beautiful church complex in view of the recent vandalism to the church building.

The raffle also brings the community together working for a common goal to maintain the sustainability of the parish and the continuing presence we have in this eastside community.

Mark your calendars for the day of our drawing, Sunday, December 8, featuring a catered breakfast by the Majestic Cafe. Following the drawing of the Big Prize winners and the Seller's drawing, there will be consolation prizes for those attending. It is a fun time for all!

Returns can be made and additional tickets are available after the weekend Masses and at the rectory.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Catholic Services Appeal - The CSA Steering Committee is hosting a Fall Gathering Session next week to invite input from pastors, staff members, and volunteers who help conduct the Catholic Services Appeal in their parishes.

The gathering, to be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday, October 24, will include presentations and round table discussions on online giving, the CSA administration, marketing materials, and resources. The goal is to improve communication initiatives to increase participation in the annual appeal.

The CSA helps fund more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that meet the spiritual and physical needs of parishes and countless people throughout the Archdiocese and are an integral part of the spirit of the initiatives described in *Unleash the Gospel*.

Attendees **must RSVP** for the Fall Gathering Session at <http://rsvp.aodcsa.org> by Monday October 21.

Getting "Technical"

Notes from our Webmaster ~ PDL

Online Prayer Requests: Did you know that you can submit Prayer Requests online? It's very easy, and you can do this from your smartphone or tablet. Your Prayer Requests will be posted in the Prayer Request section of our website. Note that the Prayer Request section is **ONLY** viewable by registered parishioners. Other participants can send their support and "Pray for You," providing encouragement to the submitter. Here is how to participate

- 1) Go to www.stmatthewdetroit.com. Click on "Create Account" on the home page.
- 2) Complete the registration form. We will verify your account before it becomes active.
- 3) Once you receive the confirmation e-mail with your password, log in.
- 4) Click on Prayer Requests and view all submitted requests. If you click on "Pray for This," you'll let the prayer submitter know that someone is thinking of them. The number shows how many people have "Prayed for This."
- 5) To add a prayer request, click "Add Prayer Request."

Please note that all submitted Prayer Requests will be visible to all participating parishioners. There is no anonymity. Confidential prayer requests should be submitted directly to the Rectory.

~ GoFundMe ~

A **GoFundMe** page has been created by Patrick Lusch in an effort to work on restoring and securing the St. Matthew building complex. This is a result of the recent vandalism to the church building that resulted in approximately \$200K in damages to the roof and gutter system. This effort has been supported by former parishioners, current parishioners, alumni, and "strangers." So far, the money donated has exceeded \$11,000. To ensure its further success, here is how you can help.

Information has been posted to our website: www.stmatthewdetroit.com. Go to the website, click on the green "**GoFundMe**" link to read about this important effort. Even if you can't contribute, please share the effort with your friends and family.

The importance of "crowdfunding" cannot be overestimated. The **GoFundMe** page was started to ensure we can protect our assets, and establish proactive measures to deter future damage to the complex. God bless you for anything you can do!

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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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Pauline Williams
Bill Solomon
John Allman

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

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Saturday, October 26, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman

Julie Smith

Corry Fullilove
Lauren Smith

Sunday, October 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bryan Jones

Jermaine Donaldson

Dorothy Brooks

Lauren Gross

Beverly Goll

Julia Zuerblis

Linda Holster

Michael Holster

Debra Nieddu

Joseph Nieddu

All Saints Holy Day, Friday, November 1, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Patti Adams

Marie Vorkamp

All Saints Holy Day, Friday, November 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn

William Zuerblis

Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 19 - Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 20 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark

Monday, October 21 -

Tuesday, October 22 - St. John Paul II, Pope

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

Wednesday, October 23 - St. John of Capistrano, Priest

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

Thursday, October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Friday, October 25 -

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

Saturday, October 26 - Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan (6th Anniv)

Sunday, October 27 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Elizabeth Marie Hammond (1st Anniv),
For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood
and Consecrated Life

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I CAN DO ALL
THINGS THROUGH
CHRIST WHO
STRENGTHENS ME.

—PHIL 4:13

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