



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

November 10, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



32nd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels;
and they are the children of God because they
are the ones who will rise." - Lk 20:36

Readings for the Week of November 10, 2019

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/
2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/
Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/
Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-
43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus ...” In this Sunday’s Gospel, the Sadducees avoid their real question. Is there a resurrection from the dead or not? Rather than ask this question point blank, the Sadducees try to prove their point through a roundabout, unrealistic scenario. Jesus cuts straight to the question behind the question, citing Scripture passages relating to the resurrection.

The Sadducees are trying to trick Jesus. While we may not intend to stump God, our doubts and questions may have more in common with the Sadducees than we care to admit. Doubts are part and parcel of life in a fallen world. Still, there are different ways we can word our doubts to ourselves, God, and others. When we’re struggling, truly struggling, about some article of faith, do we admit it? Or do we cloak it with other, obtuse questions to hide the nature of our concern?

Have you considered leaving the Church over the hypocrisy of some of her members and leaders? Perhaps the real question is: “How can a place blessed by God and instituted by Christ have this evil in it? Can I reconcile with the concept that an institution has an admixture of good and bad? What do I expect from others, from myself? What responsibility do I have to try and remedy evil in an institution I’m part of?”

Perhaps you’ve wondered about the nature of romantic love, and if God is love, does He really care so much about the details of this particular scenario? Perhaps the real question is: “Can my mind wrap around the concept of a God whose law seems — on the surface, in this situation — to make people unhappy? What is the relationship between the moral law and human flourishing?” These aren’t easy questions, but they are more honest ones. This week, don’t be afraid of your deeper questions! Bring them to God, to someone you trust, and to yourself.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The question of the Sadducees to Jesus is framed in a story about a family with seven brothers and their sister-in-law. Through story telling, families remember their shared past and expose the companionship of God in your family from generation to generation.

Known Facts about Little Known Saints St. Fiacre Feast: September 1st

Although he achieved fame in France, Fiacre was originally from Ireland. One of the most popular saints of medieval France, Fiacre (*Fiacra* in Irish) was actually born in Ireland about the end of the 6th century. Soon after being ordained, he departed for France, remaining there until his death, c. 670.

Faro, the Bishop of Meaux, granted him land in a wooded area near the Marne River. Fiacre built a hut near a well and grew a bountiful garden of vegetables, herbs, fruit, and flowers.

Fiacre’s reputation as a healer of both body and soul spread rapidly, and soon so many pilgrims came to him that he couldn’t accommodate them all.

According to legend, Fiacre asked the Bishop for additional ground for his garden. Faro told him he could have as much land as he could till in one day. So, for 24 hours, Fiacre dragged his spade across the soil, miraculously causing trees to topple, rocks to be routed, and furrows to be plowed.

Word of this miracle spread; and multitudes flocked to him for food, healing, and spiritual guidance. Thus was established St. Fiacre’s famous hospice which developed into the village of *Saint-Fiacre en Seine-et-Marne*.

Many churches have been dedicated to him throughout France. His shrine at Breuil is still a respite for pilgrims with illnesses. He remains the patron saint of gardeners, florists, potters, and needle makers. He is invoked for the healing of illness and disease.

He is also the patron saint of Parisian cab drivers. French cabs are called *fiacres* because the first coaches for hire parked near the Hotel Saint-Fiacre. Fiacre’s shield bears the word, *Humilitas*, meaning humility.

*"No occupation
is so delightful to me
As the culture of the earth.
And no culture comparable
to that of the garden."*

Thomas Jefferson

VETERANS' DAY ~ November 11, 2019

A Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father, King and Lord,
You instill in all of Your creation an order and value.
You call Your children "very good."
We surrender to You the conflicts that tear your family apart.
We pray for an end to blindness that places pride, greed,
power, and selfishness above human dignity
and brotherly love.
We pray in gratitude for all of those who have defended
peace, virtue, and justice with honor.
We pray especially for those who have suffered in mind
and body from the ravages of war.
Let Your Kingdom come!
May Your peace that surpasses all understanding
reign in our hearts and in our world. Amen.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Tuesday, November 12, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Sunday, November 17, following 10 am Mass- St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Matthew Conference, Meeting, Church Auditorium

Saturday, November 22, and Sunday, November 23, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Catholic Charities of SE Michigan Collection

Congratulations!
~ Marella Piazza ~

The National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) held their Michigan Chapter Auditions at Hope College on November 2, 2019. Marella was awarded "1st Place" in the Upper High School Classical Music category. Marella also received a "Special Award" in honor of her performance of "Liebst du um Schoenheit" by Clara Schumann.

Marella, your parish family is proud of your accomplishments and wishes every good thing for you in your future. God bless you!

NPM St. Cecilia Sing

Sunday, November 17, 3 pm
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Hear the Cathedral resound with glorious singing! Ten choirs and ensembles from across the Archdiocese come together to present beautiful sacred music of varied styles and cultures. Together with the choirs, the audience is invited to join in singing hymns and antiphons for the feast of St. Cecilia, the patron of music. Free will offering.

Welcome

To St. Matthew's Parish Family
John Baumgart of Chesterfield
We hope you find a spiritual home here
where you can grow in faith and be inspired!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Campus Ministry - Globally recognized speaker and bestselling author, Matt Fradd, will speak to college students about pornography, a prevalent issue in today's culture, at Wayne State University's Newman Catholic Center in Detroit on Wednesday, November 20.

The presentation will expose what the author of *The Porn Myth* believes are seven of the most common myths about porn. He will back up his arguments with statistics, real life stories, and the solid wisdom of the Church's teachings on human sexuality.

Through CSA funding of the office of Young Adults and Campus Ministry, the Archdiocese of Detroit is able to sponsor activities and programs on area college campuses. While this talk is designed for college students, it is open to everyone

Thank You!



Last month on Saturday, September 28, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Friends Walk was held at Belle Isle Park. Hundreds of walkers in support of the SVdP organization enjoyed a beautiful cool crisp fall day on the island. Everyone that participated in the walk, including a handful of St. Matthew parishioners engaged in good conversation and camaraderie with like mind Vincentians from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

The Society's Executive Director, Dan Malone was on hand to begin the walk with opening remarks and a prayer. Dan was also there to greet everyone at the 3-1/2 mile finish before a picnic style lunch was served. Many thanks to all our generous parishioners who supported walkers with your pledge donations. Our conference here at St. Matthew's was able to raise over \$ 1,000 which will immediately be put to good use in providing various forms of assistance to the less fortunate in our community during their time of need. Thank you again so much for all your support!

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Saturday, November 23, 4:30 pm,
Mass of Remembrance for our
Deceased Loved Ones!
Remember them with prayer and song!

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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
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Kurt Beghuyn
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Saturday, November 16, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Janet Law

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, November 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Keith Arcicovich
Beverly Goll
Patti Hammond
Veronica Obianwu
Greg Redman
Kristen Stark

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 9 - Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Frank and Adele Martinelli

Sunday, November 10 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Polonis Family, Jaclyn Scott,
Tracey Lynn Walker

Monday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Tuesday, November 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
9:00 a.m. - For all our Veterans, Both Living and Deceased

**Wednesday, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin**

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

Thursday, November 14 -

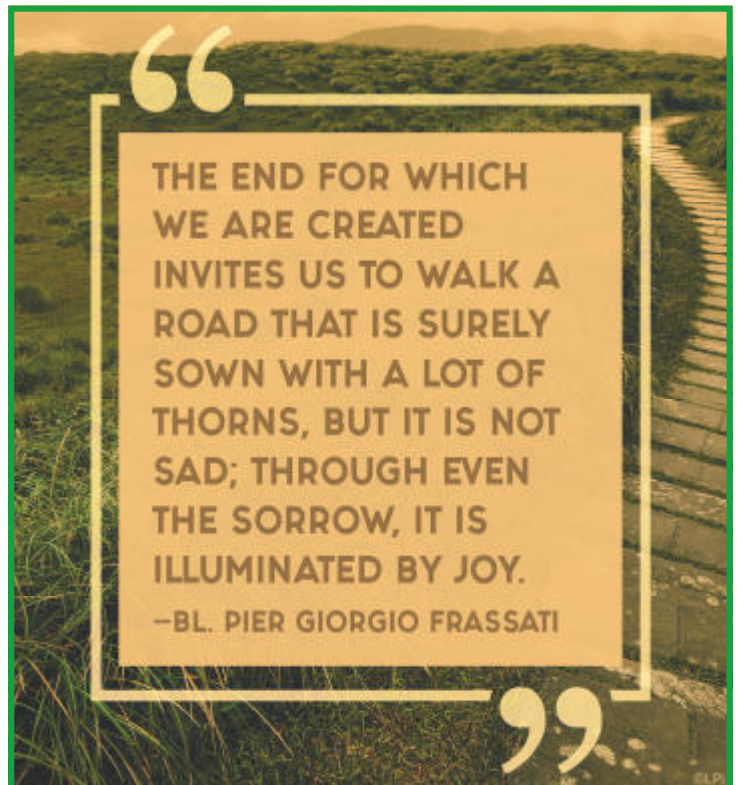
**Friday, November 15 - St. Albert the Great, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

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

**Saturday, November 16 - Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

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

Sunday, November 17 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark



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