



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

November 24, 2019

Detroit, Michigan

November 1, 2018 to November 1, 2019

We thank you, Heavenly Father,
for our relatives and friends
who were so near and dear to us.

We thank you for their friendship
and for the peace that they brought to us.

We thank you that they became people others could love
while they were with us here on earth.

~ We Remember ~

Jaclyn Scott
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Marguerite Martin
Stephen Czapski
Daniel Lusch
Janice Lafferty
Robert Beshara
David Dunlap

George Zainea
Brent Jacob
Dorothy Kurrie
Brian A. Henk
Raymond Oswald
Ann Rita Moroni
Nathan Harrington
Tracey Lynn Walker
Mark Baumgart



Readings for the Week of November 24, 2019

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/
Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/
Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,
64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74
[59b]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/
Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or
Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

"The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus."

Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, *"they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin."* In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us. Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity *"make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least."* Christ's kingship, and our own participation in it, is requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. *"The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity."* Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together *"be with [him] in Paradise!"*



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor, and love of one's enemy.



A Gratitude Examen

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of its power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What Gifts have You given me?
How have I Received love from others?
How is grace at work in Aspects of my life story?
Do I Trust You to continue to bless me?
Where have I Missed Your movements?
Have I used my Talents at the service of others?
Do I see a purpose for my life Underway?
How can I have the Discipline to thank You daily?
Help me give Everything back to You!



**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
NOVEMBER 28th AT 9:00 A.M.
~ GIVE THANKS FOR ALL YOUR BLESSINGS ~**

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY
AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th,
OPENING MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd**

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Loving Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the gift of life, family, and friends. We praise you for the gift of faith and the promise of life eternal. Even as we thank you for countless blessings received, we also lift up to you all who suffer in body or spirit, especially those affected by natural disasters, wars, or destitute conditions at home or abroad.

Loving Father, show us how to express our gratitude by lives of humble, generous service to all in need, especially the least of our brothers and sisters.

On this day when our nation renews its faith in you, strengthen our resolve to work for justice and peace, and end to violence or racism of any kind, anywhere. May we truly live as your grateful sons and daughters.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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

Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day - 9:00 am Mass

Friday, November 29 - Rectory Office Closed; Re-opens Monday, December 2, 10:30 am

St. Vincent de Paul Conference Thanksgiving Day Collection

As you have seen often online, on television and in the daily news thousands of Detroit residents continue to struggle every single day to provide for themselves and their families. Though the reasons are many why this is, our St. Vincent de Paul conference here at St. Matthew's tries to respond to the hundreds of calls that we get annually asking for help.

One of the ways to build up our available resources to assist those that ask for help in our community is through our annual St. Vincent de Paul collection. The collection will be held this year on Thanksgiving Day at the 9 A.M. Mass. We're very grateful for whatever you're able to give. Please be sure to use your Thanksgiving Day envelope for St. Vincent de Paul that you'll find with your offertory packet. If you're unable to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day please just drop the SVdP envelope in the weekly offertory collection that will be taken up the following Sunday, December 1st.

Our St. Matthew conference of St. Vincent de Paul has had a busy year. We've personally visited over 150 families in their homes who've requested assistance from our conference. Assistance provided to those families in need have included the purchase of beds, refrigerators, stoves, tables, chairs, other household furnishings, small appliances, clothing and food. Additionally, we've provided help with electric, gas, and water bills and back rent delinquencies due to emergency causes.

The need in our service area which encompasses almost all of the 48224 zip code is huge. We hope to raise sufficient funds at this time to continue our service to those that have little and whose life can be difficult. As we all take time to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings during our national holiday we hope you'll remember those families in our own community that are hurting. Thank you so very much for your generosity.



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Thanksgiving - Because of the thousands of generous gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal each year, the Archdiocese of Detroit has much to be grateful for this Thanksgiving.

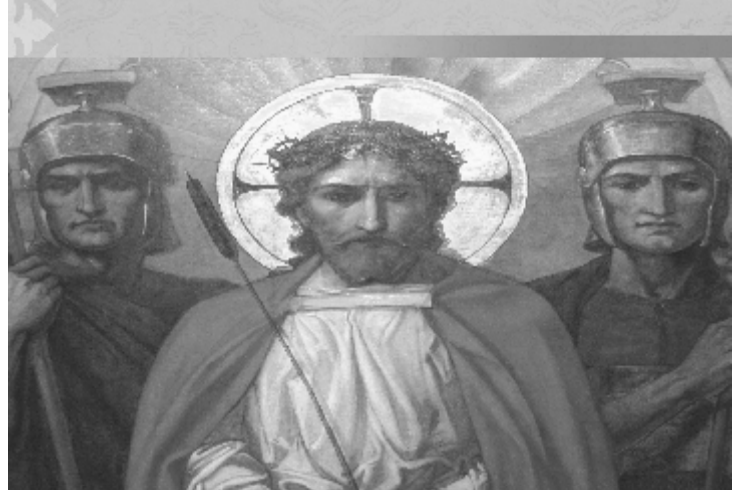
The CSA funds 100 ministries, programs, and services that *open doors to witness Christ* to thousands throughout the Archdiocese each day. No one parish could provide all of these blessings that benefit so many.

If you have yet to donate to this year's Catholic Services Appeal, please prayerfully consider your blessings and make a gift this Giving Tuesday.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection to support Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM), which is the social justice arm of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

As you may know, CCSEM provides valuable services and programs that bring help and hope to those most in need (including our own St. Vincent de Paul conference). CCSEM's many ministries touch the lives of more than 20,000 people each year. Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible and complete the special collection envelope in the pew. Your gift will ensure CCSEM can continue to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those in need, regardless of race or religion, culture or creed.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Lk 23:35

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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	Michelle Harter
Lolita Dorado	Jo Marie Nardi
Albert Fajardo	Thomas Bingham
Virginia Fajardo	David Beaupre
Madeline O'Neill	Kenneth Beaupre
Kurt Beghuyn	Anthony Crimauco
Sebastiano Stellino	Thomas Giles
Teresita Covacha	Rosemary Schoolcraft
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Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
 Marilyn Lynn
 Beverly Goll

LECTORS

Liz Smith

SERVERS

Cory Fullilove

Saturday, November 30, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman	Liz Smith	Lauren Smith
Janet Law		

Sunday, December 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn	Mary Ann Pilette	Jermaine Donaldson
Patti Adams		Lauren Gross
Beverly Goll		Julia Zuerblis
Linda Holster		
Michael Holster		
Jean Solomon		
Kristen Stark		

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 23 - Vigil: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30 p.m. - For all our Deceased Loved Ones
Sunday, November 24 - Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, for an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Monday, November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria

Tuesday, November 26 -

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

Wednesday, November 27 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Marginalized in our Community

Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. - For the Soul of our Nation

Friday, November 29 -

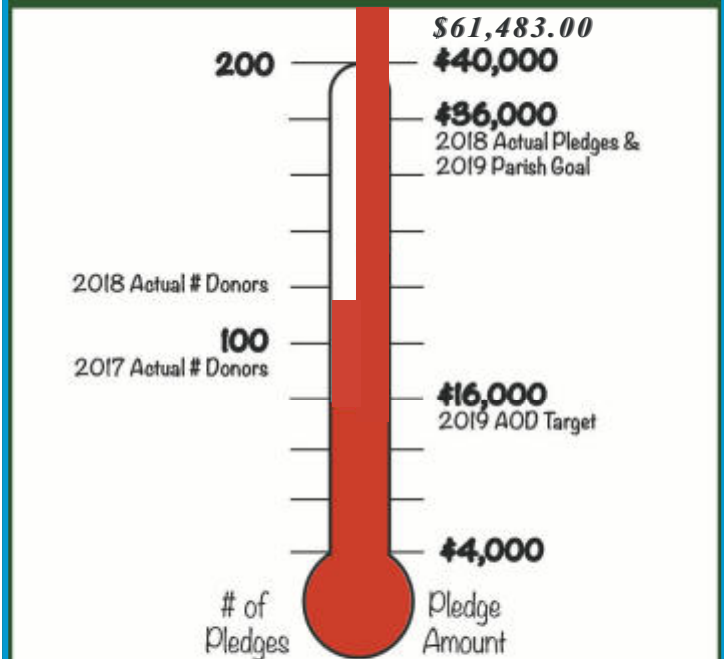
Saturday, November 30 - Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark

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