



# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

December 15, 2019

Detroit, Michigan

**BEHOLD**

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"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."

MATTHEW 11:10

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**Sunday and Saturday  
December 14 and 15**

**4:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. Masses  
Blessing of Expectant Parents**

**Monday  
December 16, 7 p.m.  
St. Matthew Communal  
Penance Service  
Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**



## **2019 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Announcing the Winners**

*The Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Drawing was held last Sunday, December 8th; it was a great success with friends and families again putting forth an extra-ordinary effort. The gross proceeds totaled \$29,760, not including \$300 in donations.*

*The amount of \$29,760 was divided: the amount of \$14,880 being awarded to the parish, and balance divided among the winners. Three winners were awarded their prizes in accordance with the rules of the State of Michigan Charitable Gaming Commission. We congratulate these lucky winners!*

*1st Prize: \$8,928 to Gary Schaff, member of the Wilk family*

*2nd Prize: \$4,166.40 to Elenita Juco, parishioner*

*3rd Prize: \$1,785.60 to Christina Ridella, parishioner*

*Sellers' Drawing Winner: \$200 to John Toth, parishioner*

*Thanks to the generosity of parish members, friends, and businesses who donated consolation prizes so many others could also be winners.*

*Thanks also to Co-chair, Bill Zuerblis, Debbie and Joe Nieddu, Jennifer Khalifah, and John and Liz Dunstone for collecting returns and assigning additional tickets at the weekend Masses. Thanks to Joe and Debbie Nieddu for manning the breakfast ticket table and handling the hungry crowd.*

*Majestic Café provided the breakfast that was enjoyed by all. Jennifer Khalifah pitched in again to help with the beverage service. The church auditorium was transformed into a welcoming space for the event by Tim and Karen Fitzgerald and Beverly Goll. We especially appreciate Tim Duffy who provided the sound system for us again this year as well as the holiday music.*

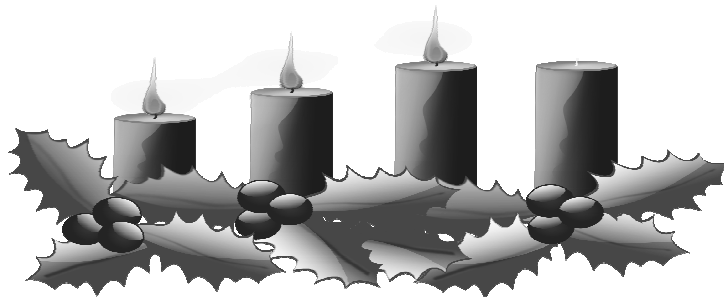
*Of course, we cannot forget those of you who bought or sold the 50/50 Gold'n Harvest Raffle tickets. Your efforts truly made this fundraiser a success!*

*Co-Chairs, Bill Zuerblis and Marilyn Lynn*



## Readings for the Week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45



### Third Week of Advent Prayer

This joyful Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday) is represented by rose or pink instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week, the mother of the family (or one designated by the gathering) lights the pink candle as well as the previously lit purple candles after the following prayer has been said by the father or leader.

*O Lord, we beg You incline Your ear to our prayers  
and enlighten the darkness of our minds  
by the grace of Your visitation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### The Third Week Reflection

*“You have been enlightened by Christ.  
Walk always as children of the light and keep  
the flame of faith alive in your hearts.” (Roman Rite)*



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection.

He asks it in today's Gospel. *“What did you go out to the desert to see?”* There is something innately human about “seeing.” Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. “What are you looking for?” “What are you longing for?” “Whom do you seek?”

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. *“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”* Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. *“Go and tell John what you hear and see.”*

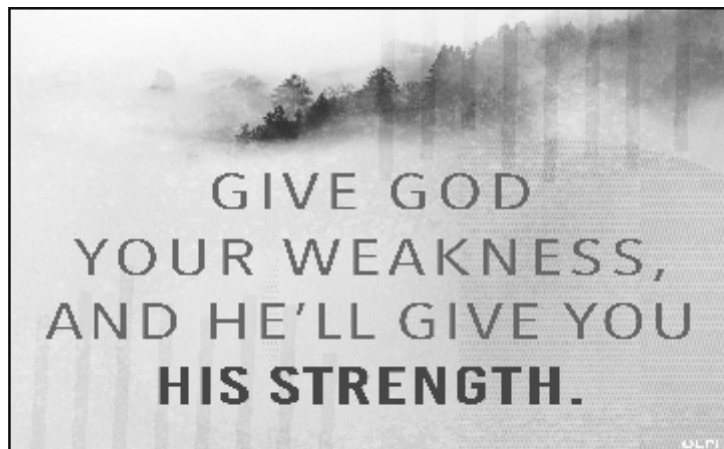
God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin *“regain their sight.”* People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The question put to Jesus in today's Gospel is also put to us today: “Are you the one?” Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos, and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?



### RECONCILIATION SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 ~ 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019  
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS ~ 10:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019  
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS ~ 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019  
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY ~ 10:00 AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020  
NEW YEAR'S DAY  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
10:00 AM

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, December 14, and Sunday, December 15, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Blessing of Expectant Parents**

**Monday, December 16, 7 pm - Parish Reconciliation Service**

### The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree for children's toys and clothing is now up in the church and ready for Christmas. Please take a tag or two and make Christmas a little more special for a child in need. These gifts benefit the families that our St. Vincent de Paul Conference has helped during this past year. The individual tags include whether the child is a boy or girl and their age. Please donate toys or clothing appropriate for the age level stated on the tag. Suggestions: pull toys, plush toys, games, coloring books and crayons, puzzles, balls, sports equipment, dolls, trucks, and cars, (non-violent toys only, please!). Also, shirts, sweaters, hats and gloves, etc... would be an appropriate gift. Return all toys and clothing with tags from the Giving Tree by **December 15th, the 3rd Sunday of Advent.**

Please put toys and clothes in bags, boxes, or some type of covering (no wrapping paper). If you would like to purchase a gift card for a child ages from 13 to 16, that would be much appreciated. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH THE GIVING TREE TAGS TO GIFTS.**

Your generosity in the past has always been an inspiration as you remember those that are less fortunate among us! Thank you so very much. (Gifts will be accepted at the rectory for the next few days.)



### 30th Anniversary ~ 1989 to 2019 Dominican Literacy Center

The Dominican Literacy Center [a 501(c)3 agency] is an adult literacy program located on the east side of Detroit. Its purpose is to provide adult basic education by tutoring services and a conducive learning environment in order to help adults improve their skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, mathematics, and basic computer.

Respecting each person's dignity, it offers opportunities to prepare them to successfully live their lives as parent, worker, and/or citizen. This mission is centered in the spirit of peace, justice, joy, and hospitality and is a reflection of the Adrian Dominican Sisters' continued commitment to education.

In August 1989, the Center opened its doors with three staff members and five tutors. The beginning held risk and uncertainty. By mid-September, the increase in student requests was so great that additional tutors and volunteers were quickly sought from the community at large.

As the Center celebrates its 30th Anniversary, there are 10 staff members and nearly 500 students. **You** can become a **Volunteer Tutor** and make a difference in someone's life. No experience necessary; DLC will provide training and materials. Call 313-267-1000 or e-mail [outreach@dcliteracy.org](mailto:outreach@dcliteracy.org) and ask for Samuel.

Please note that our own Sr. Mary Cyril DeLisi, IHM, is a staff member there, and we are proud of her ministry.

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**CTND** - Each December, the Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) features programming focused on the true meaning of Christmas, helping families throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit prepare for the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Gifts to the CSA has allowed CTND to broadcast faith-filled programming since 1985 that informs, educates, inspires, and entertains 900,000 homes in southeast Michigan. Since 2011, CTND has been an affiliate of Boston-based CatholicTV Network.

CTND's program schedule can be found on the Archdiocese of Detroit website. For information about more CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).

### Right to Life of Michigan Petition drive to end dismemberment abortions

*Many thanks to David Gross for leading the petition drive here at St. Matthew Parish to end dismemberment abortions in Michigan. David was available these past weekends collecting signatures to make our voices heard. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to sign the petitions and for speaking out for life!*

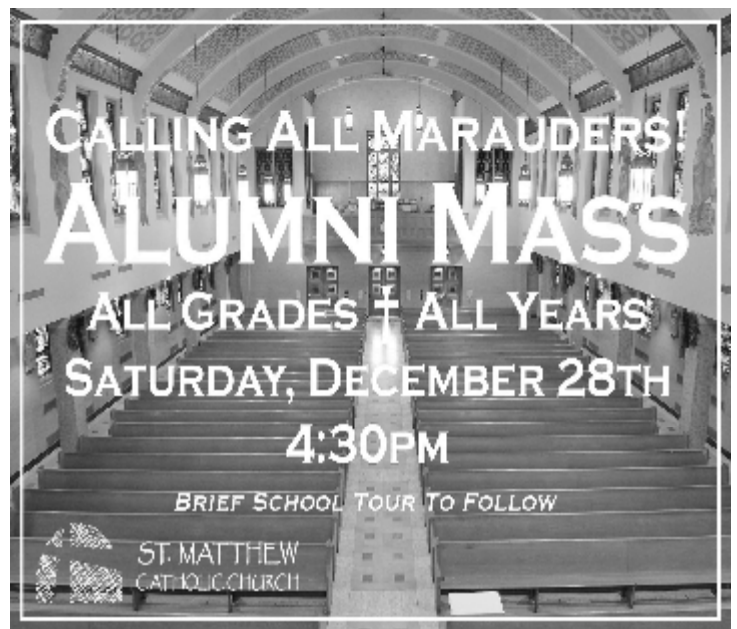
#### I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY

*I said a prayer for you today  
and know God must have heard.  
I felt the answer in my heart  
although he spoke no word!*

*I didn't ask for wealth or fame  
(I knew you wouldn't mind).  
I asked him to send treasures  
of a far more lasting kind!*

*I asked that he be near you  
at the start of each new day;  
to grant you health and blessings  
and friends to share your way!*

*I asked for happiness for you  
in all things great and small.  
But it was for his loving care  
I prayed the most of all!*



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### PARISH ORGANIZATION

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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
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### MINISTERS

Janet Bielman  
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Ian Campbell  
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Saturday, December 21, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn  
Dorothy Brooks  
Beverly Goll  
Linda Holster  
Michael Holster  
Debra Nieddu  
Joseph Nieddu

William Zuerblis

Cory Fullilove  
Mary Pocius  
Julia Zuerblis

*Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019, 10:00 p.m.  
Separate Schedule to be received by Mail*  
*Wednesday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2019, 10:00 a.m.  
Separate Schedule to be received by Mail*

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, December 14 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**(Gaudete Sunday)**

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

**Sunday, December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)**

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Cecilia Pillette, Bobby Hanshaw (3rd Anniv)

**Monday, December 16 -**

**Tuesday, December 17 -**

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

**Wednesday, December 18 -**

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

**Thursday, December 19 -**

**Friday, December 20 -**

9:00 a.m. - For the Homeless and Marginalized

**Saturday, December 21 - Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent**

4:30 p.m. - Emma Langan

**Sunday, December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, William H. Gracey, Sr., Joseph Chinnici

THE SEASON OF ADVENT  
MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING  
ON THE HORIZON  
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE  
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

— JAN RICHARDSON

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