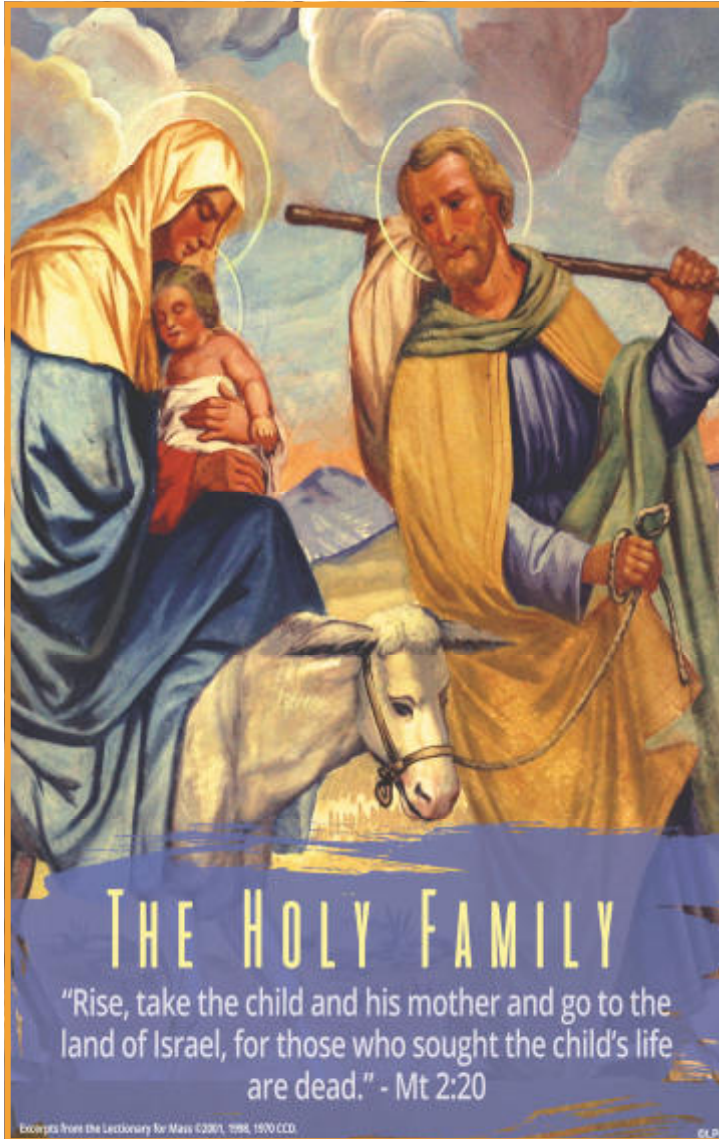




# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

December 29, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



## From Father Duane's Desk

On this Holy Family weekend, we celebrate the example and model of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a family that demonstrates what it means to be holy. This raises the question; what does holiness mean? It is often a difficult concept to get our minds, hearts, and souls around. First, all Christians are called to holiness. It is not a state just for religious or professed. We are called by virtue of our Baptism to "become perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect." The journey to perfection always passes by the cross; and, on this journey, we deepen our perfection to charity.

Charity is all-encompassing, not just to give to those in need, although that assists in the Corporal Works of Mercy; but charitableness to one another in speech, actions, kindness. Those behaviors lead us to the fulfillment of the Beatitudes.

All of this needs to be learned, although we are sanctified by God's grace to a holy life, the actual living out of it is in cooperation with God. The most immediate and intimate setting for this formation is the family. Although concepts of family have expanded and changed in recent years, it is still the responsibility of parents, as the Baptismal rite expresses, to teach and raise their children in the practice of the faith.

Mary and Joseph taught Jesus the Scriptures, taught Him to pray, taught Him about the synagogue / temple. Contemporary parents must do the same in sharing their faith with baptized children. Teaching them to love the Church, its prayer life, and its culture is paramount to *Unleash the Gospel*.

For this reason, it is important to celebrate at this holy time of year the mystery of the Holy Family. To imitate them in faith and charity is our goal for perfection and holiness in life.

I want in a special way this weekend to welcome our extended parish family—the alumni of St. Matthew. It is great to have you here to celebrate as our 75th theme stated: *What was, What is, and What will be!* I especially want to thank you for your support in our sustainable efforts for St. Matthew Parish, and for your immediate support to restore and secure our property, our worship space, after the recent attack on our church building. We do appreciate your assistance. Know that I pray for you and welcome you here today to relive and remain in the life, love, and holiness of the St. Matthew Family.

God bless you, Father Duane Novelty

**~ WELCOME BACK ~  
ALL MARAUDERS  
OF ALL AGES  
TO ST. MATTHEW PARISH  
WHERE IT ALL BEGAN  
FOR YOU!  
GOD BLESSINGS ON YOU  
AND YOUR FUTURE  
ENDEAVORS!**

## Readings for the Week of December 29, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/  
Lk 2:36-40  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/  
Jn 1:1-18  
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/  
Lk 2:16-21  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/  
Jn 1:19-28  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/  
Jn 1:29-34  
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



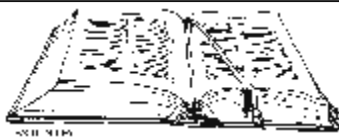
### Feast of The Holy Family

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot

— ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today’s Gospel says Joseph “made his home in Nazareth.” A “home” is built on the foundation of love, commitment, and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline, and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don’t live “any place,” live at HOME!



### The Twelve Days of Christmas

*The Twelve Days of Christmas is a festive Christian season celebrating the Nativity of Jesus. In most Western ecclesiastical traditions, “Christmas Day” is considered the “First Day of Christmas” and the Twelve Days are December 25 to January 5. For many Christian denominations, for example, the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Church, the Twelve Days are identical to Christmastide; but for others, e.g., the Roman Catholic Church, Christmastide lasts longer than the Twelve Days of Christmas, upto the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, generally the second Sunday of January.*

*In 567, the Council of Tours proclaimed the twelve days from Christmas to Epiphany as a sacred and festive season and established the duty of Advent fasting in preparation for the Feast. It is noted that this was done in order to solve the “administrative problem for the Roman Empire as it tried to coordinate the solar Julian calendar with the lunar calendars of its provinces in the east.”*

*Within the Twelves Days of Christmas, there are celebrations both secular and religious. Christmas Day is the first of the Twelve Days and is celebrated by Christians as the liturgical feast of the Nativity of the Lord. It is a public holiday in many nations, including some where the majority of the population is not Christian.*

*December 26 is St. Stephen’s Day, a feast day in the Western Church, celebrating the first martyr of Christianity. It is also the secular holiday of Boxing Day; in some parts of Ireland, it is known as “Wren Day.”*

*New Year’s Eve moves the festivities on the calendar to New Year’s Day, January 1, an occasion for secular celebrations. In the Catholic Church, it is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrated on the Octave (8th) Day of Christmas. In some denominations, as the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ, because according to Jewish tradition, Jesus would have been circumcised on the eighth day after His birth. This day, or some day approximate to it, is also celebrated as World Day of Peace in the Catholic Church.*

*In many nations, the Epiphany is transferred to the First Sunday after January 1, which can be as early as January 2. That feast in the United States together with customary observances associated with it usually occur within the Twelve Days of Christmas, around January 5 or January 6.*

*Other liturgical feast occurring within the Twelve Days of Christmas, including St. Stephen’s Day, are St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast of the Holy Innocents, the Memorial of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr, and the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus are celebrated on January 2 and the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3.*

*(To be Continued)*

### CHRISTMAS

We consider Christmas as the encounter,  
the great encounter,  
the historical encounter,  
the decisive encounter,  
between God and mankind.  
He who has faith knows this truly  
let him rejoice

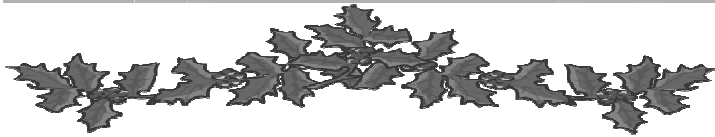
Pope Paul VI

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, December 28, 4:30 pm Mass -**  
St. Matthew School Alumni Mass, All Grades  
and All Years; School Tour to Follow

**Wednesday, New Year's Day, Solemnity  
of Mary, Mother of God; 10 am Mass—Holy  
Day of Obligation**

**Wednesday, January 1, and Thursday,  
January 2 - Rectory Office Closed, re-opens  
Friday, January 3, 10:30 am**



### Christmas Flower Offerings

Donated on Behalf of These Loved Ones

*In Memory of:*

Orlando Moszczenski	Casmere Moszczenski
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Lara Zebrowski Galka	Robert & Paul Matelonek
Denise Giard Matelonek	Mervin Hodges
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George Godoshian	Mary Judith Stark
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Frank & Cynthia Tegel	Jim & Pat D'Alessandro
Allen Czarnecki	Lorrie Calhoun
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Chinnici Family	Pilato Family
Dori Galli	Lucy Funk
Dick Pint	Vaughn Adams

*In Honor of:*

Robert Stark	Rebecca Bogle
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~ December 30th ~

*Happy Birthday, Father Duane!*

*We thank God for you with an Amen and Alleluia!*

*May God's Blessings be with you,  
may He grant you Good Health, and  
may He surround you with His Grace and Love!*

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**Marriage and Family Ministry** - This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family, which celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—along with all Catholic families.

Archbishop Allen Vigneron is seeking to reclaim Sundays for family time along with worship and rest. In the spring, he released an *Unleash the Gospel* pastoral note, *The Day of the Lord*, a guide to reclaiming the Lord's Day as part of the *Unleash the Gospel* movement.

Gifts to the CSA support families, at all stages, with programs and services like marriage preparation, Natural Family Planning, and family and marriage support.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).

### Christ, the Center of Our Family

O Lord Jesus, God of Love,  
You are the center of our family.  
You humbled Yourself and came to live among us.  
And the greater part of Your life on earth  
was spent in Your home with Joseph and Mary.  
Take our family, our home,  
and the life, the activity that stirs about us.  
Let Your peace be with us.  
Help us to do Your will in all that we say  
and all to which we commit ourselves.  
Guide us, Jesus in our family decisions,  
in our financial needs and worries,  
in our work, our play, and our study.  
Give us a strong faith;  
strengthen our relationship with You.  
And above all, Lord, help us to do Your will.  
We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.



HOLY FAMILY



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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 Crimardo
Sebastiano Stellino	Thomas Giles
Teresita Covacha	Rosemary Schoolcraft
Richard Gargulinski	Tiffany Gelle
Joe Petrylka	Robert Stark
Roger Sharpe	Pauline Williams
Nenette Ferreria	Bill Solomon
Anthony Mastronardi	John Allman
Eduardo Fajardo	Eloise Parker
Kathy Bush	Kelly Kranson
Glenda Johnson	Herb Damman
Stephanie Smith	John Reinhardt
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC

### MINISTERS

*New Year's Day, January 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m.*  
Marilyn Lynn  
Janet Bielman  
Dorothy Brooks  
Veronica Obianwu  
Greg Redman  
Kristen Stark  
Marie Vortkamp

### LECTORS

Bruce Campbell

### SERVERS

Jermaine Donaldson  
Ian Campbell  
Cory Fullilove  
Julia Zuerblis

Saturday, January 4, 2020, 4:30 p.m.  
Janet Bielman Dan McBride Jermaine Donaldson

Sunday, January 5, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
Marilyn Lynn Liz Smith Cory Fullilove  
Dorothy Brooks Mary Pocius  
Beverly Goll Julia Zuerblis  
Patti Hammond  
Linda Holster  
Michael Holster  
Kristen Stark

## Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 28 - Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family

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

Sunday, December 29 - Feast of the Holy Family

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Mary Noreen Kaminski, Anthony Kaminski, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Monday, December 30 -

Tuesday, December 31 - St. Sylvester I, Pope

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

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - The Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God

10:00 a.m. - Anthony Nardi, Robert Lynn

Thursday, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Friday, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

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

Saturday, January 4 - Vigil: Feast of the Epiphany

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

Sunday, January 5 - Feast of the Epiphany

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Mary Noreen Kaminski, George Kaminski



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