



# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

January 12, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

## Readings for the Week of January 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/  
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/  
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9,  
10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/  
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/  
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
[2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a,  
9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



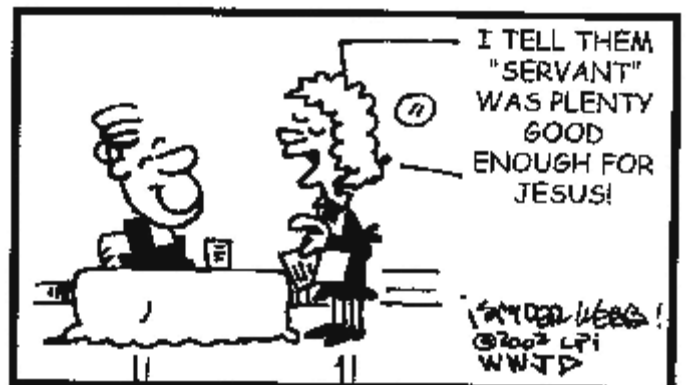
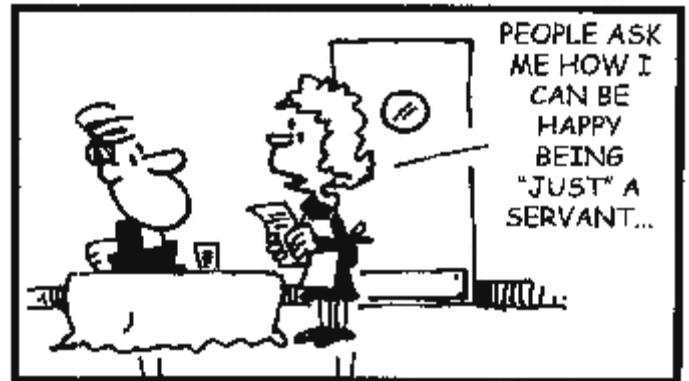
## As We Leave the Christmas Season ~ Let us Remember ~

There is a focal point in all history and culture, and this moment puts all of the past and the passage of time into perspective and gives a meaning and focus to all of the future and time passing until the culmination of all of the ages are absorbed into forever. That time is the night of Jesus' nativity and that place is the little cave near Bethlehem when God was born here on earth, and his incarnate presence begins the new time of all time.

Time, just temporal time, passes along like a river, and we are as if on a boat moving with it watching the banks and scenery go by. Eternity, however, is all time together like seeing a record or a CD with all the music on it at once, even before it is played; and more, for eternity is also before and after temporal time ceases to exist. We can't see this way by ourselves, but with God, all things are possible.

Let us look with our minds and our hearts toward this silent cave on a cold winter night when the stars are bright above, for whatever time that Christ touches is not lost but is still present. He is both here, and before, and after all of this, too. We are here, and when we touch Him with our hearts, then all limitations of time are lost, for He is the Lord of all time, all space, all history, all culture, and all humanity. Christ is born! Let us glorify Him!

## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



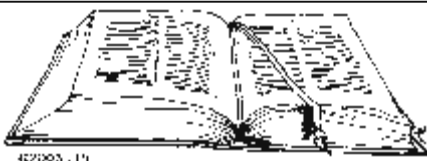
## The Baptism of the Lord

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to *be*. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.



The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased." And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism!



## A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Can you say, "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not talking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

## *St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings*

**Tuesday, January 14, 6 pm** - Combined Parish and Finance Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

**Wednesday, January 15, 7 pm** - Father Duane, RCIA Sacramental Class, St. Clare of Montefalco Education Room

**SAVE THE DATE!** - Saturday, April 25th, St. Matthew's 2020 Jazz Nite Event

### *Giving Tree*

#### *Thank You to St. Matthew Parishioners!*

Our St. Matthew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all parishioners who so generously gave gifts last month in response to our Giving Tree appeal. A total of 81 deserving boys and girls living with their families in our eastside neighborhood were delighted at Christmas time to receive all the toys and clothing purchased and given as gifts by St. Matthew parishioners.

Along with additional food and clothing donations from others to our SVdP Conference, we were able to help a total of 28 families in our service area here on the eastside of Detroit. Many warm sweatshirts and numerous toys were given to us by St. Rene' Goupil Parish in Sterling Heights along with over 50 warm coats donated by Sue Nichol, a friend of Father Duane's. And St. Matthew parishioner, Bill Zuerblis, and his colleagues at Visteon Corporation once again donated 25 delicious turkeys and boxes brimming with fresh, healthy and nutritious food all of which was given to families in our area who face challenges to meet their individual and family basic needs. Thank you so much, Bill, for initiating and coordinating this effort which makes a huge impact on the many families our conference serves.

We're very grateful for the abundance of gifts that parishioners gave to the many, many children whose Christmas was made that much brighter because of your care and compassion. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference with your tremendous help has been able to make a very positive impact on the lives of many in our eastside Detroit community in their time of need. Thank you so very much!

And a much deserved thank you to the following parishioners and conference members that helped to organize, sort, package and deliver all the gifts and food boxes; Mike and Linda Holster, Mike, and Dana Dulapa and their family, Mike and Jane Ellis and their family, Gerri Ann Lapratt-Perrault, Bob Lavoy, Trevor Karty, Kathy Marks, Bruce, Ann Marie, and Ian Campbell. We couldn't have done it without all of you! Your time and effort was very much appreciated! Thank you to all!

**GIVE GOD YOUR WEAKNESS,  
AND HE'LL GIVE YOU HIS STRENGTH!**



## **CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**Youth Ministry** - The Archdiocese of Detroit is hosting the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service at Detroit's Sacred Heart Parish next Saturday, January 18.

The theme for the day is from the Gospel of Luke: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." Youth ministers and youth from urban and suburban parishes are invited to participate.

Your gifts to the CSA make possible events like this, which keep youth engaged and active in their faith. Youth ministry is coordinated through the Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship, along with young adult and campus ministry.

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



### **Christmas Flower Offerings Donated on Behalf of These Loved Ones**

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Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*  
Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

### 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	David Beaupre
Virginia Fajardo	Kenneth Beaupre
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Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC

### MINISTERS

Janet Bielman  
Janet Law

### LECTORS

Bryan Jones

### SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Saturday, January 18, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

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

William Zuerblis

Lauren Gross  
Mary Pocius  
Julia Zuerblis

Sunday, January 19, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, January 11 - Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

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

### Sunday, January 12 - Baptism of the Lord

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Zilinski Family

### Monday, January 13 - St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

### Tuesday, January 14 -

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

### Wednesday, January 15 -

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

### Thursday, January 16 -

### Friday, January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

9:00 a.m. - Judy Stark (3rd Anniv)

### Saturday, January 18 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Emma Langan (2nd Anniv)

### Sunday, January 19 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark



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JOHN 14:27

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