



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

January 26, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers  
of men." - Mt 4:19

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**WORD OF GOD SUNDAY ~ JANUARY 26TH ~ 3:00 P.M.**

**JOIN FELLOW PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS, FAMILY FOR HOLY HOUR.  
EXPLORE THE BIBLE, LEARN ITS BASIC STRUCTURE.**

**TAKE THIS SPECIAL TIME FOR QUIET PRAYER, REFLECTION,  
MEDITATION, AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

**BENEDICTION WILL FOLLOW ADORATION.**

## Readings for the week of January 26, 2020

Sunday:	Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

It begins! Jesus is doing something new. *“He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea.”* Jesus leaves his family, his profession of carpentry, and everything he has known and loved for the previous 30 years. He goes because it is time. Something new is beginning, and Jesus will not begin it alone. *“As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers.”* What does he say to these men? *“Come after me.”* These words are for Peter and Andrew, for James and for John. They are also for all of us.

*“Come after me.”* The adventure of discipleship will be strange, wild, and unexpected. The Apostles surely didn't know what they were getting into. But the invitation is accompanied by a promise. *“I will make you fishers of men,”* Jesus tells the first Apostles. No more will their priorities be limited to this particular village, to the square miles of the Sea of Galilee. Their eyes will be open to the kingdom of God, and their priorities will shift.

Most of us will not be called to roam the countryside, but we are invited to a similar shift of priorities. *“Come after me,”* Jesus says. *“At once they left their nets and followed him.”* Drop the nets of what you've demanded your life to be. Drop your self-seeking priorities. Drop your concept of religion as a Sunday obligation and no more. Drop your disregard for those outside your immediate social sphere. Whatever it is that keeps you from seeing as Jesus sees, from loving as he loves, start to drop it today. Because the kingdom of God is waiting for your yes!



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

When Jesus called his disciples, they came “immediately.” Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done “immediately,” but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Today we celebrate “Word of God” Sunday. Today we let Jesus open our minds to the beauty of the Scriptures, so we can proclaim the truth of the Good News that they contain. The scriptures are not dead letters on a page, but living words that have been given life by the Holy Spirit, who also gives light to our minds when we read them. Nor is the Word of God a list of rules, but an invitation to share the life of the living God, their author.

In his letter establishing today's celebration, Pope Francis shares, “It is fitting, then, that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness” (*Aperuit illis*, 2). Every story told in the Scriptures, even the most challenging, reminds us that God loves his people and will always be faithful to the covenant he has made with us. God sent us his Son, the Word Incarnate, not only to speak these words of faithful love, but also to show us the depths of faithful love by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. Every word of Scripture points to this message of love enacted in the person of Jesus Christ, who is the Word himself.

Today we will recognize our lectors who faithfully study, prepare, and proclaim the Word of the Lord for us each and every week. Acknowledging their ministry, we pray that the Lord will continue to enlighten and empower them. The lectors recognize today are:

*Liz Foley-Dunstone ~ Bryan Jones*  
*William Ridella ~ Daniel McBride*  
*Mary Anne Pilette ~ Bruce Campbell*  
*Liz Smith ~ Julie Smith*  
*David Smydra ~ William Zuerblis*

### St. Thomas Aquinas, January 28



St. Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican priest and Scriptural theologian. He took seriously the medieval maxim that “grace perfects and builds on nature; it does not set it aside or destroy it.” Therefore, insofar as Thomas thought about philosophy as the discipline that investigates what we can know naturally about God and human beings, he thought that good Scriptural theology, since it treats those same topics, presupposes good philosophical analysis and argumentation. Although Thomas authored some works of pure philosophy, most of his philosophizing is found in the context of his doing Scriptural theology. Indeed, one finds Thomas engaging in the work of philosophy even in his Biblical commentaries and sermons.

In his lifetime, Thomas' expert opinion on theological and philosophical topics was sought by many, including a king, a pope, and a countess. As a theologian, Thomas is one of the most important in the history of Western civilization, given the extent of his influence on the development of Roman Catholic theology since the 14th century. However, it also seems right to say—if only from the sheer influence of his work on countless philosophers and intellectuals in every century since the 13th, as well as on persons in countries as culturally diverse as Argentina, Canada, England, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Poland, Spain, and the United States—that, globally, Thomas is one of the 10 most influential philosophers in the Western philosophical tradition.

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Sunday, January 26, 10 am Mass - Word of God Sunday - Blessing of St. Matthew Lectors**

**Sunday, January 26, 3 pm - Word of God Sunday, Scripture Appreciation, Reflection, Prayer, Adoration, Benediction, St. Matthew's Church**

**Wednesday, January 29, 7 pm - Father Duane, RCIA Sacramental Class, St. Clare of Montefalco Education Room**

**Saturday, February 1, and Sunday, February 2, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Blessing of Throats in Honor of St. Blaise**

### Retirement Fund for Religious

The religious give thanks! “ ‘Thank you’ hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks to St. Matthew parishioners for your donations in the amount of **\$1,621.00** to this important cause.

### Welcome to St. Matthew's 2020 Jazz Nite on April 25

LET'S WALK TO "OLE BROADWAY" AT THE CORNER OF 42ND STREET AND VISIT THE MOST FAMOUS THEATER DISTRICT OF ALL TIME. "ALL THAT JAZZ (NITE)" IS THE THEME FOR OUR 2020 JAZZ NITE. ENJOY YOUR FAVORITE TUNES OF BROADWAY, EXPERIENCE THE DRAMA AND COMEDY, AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 25.

ALONG WITH THE PLANNING OF OUR JAZZ NITE IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM BOOKLET FOR THAT EVENING. THIS PROGRAM BOOKLET PROVIDES MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES, SHOPS, OFFICES, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ENTITIES TO ADVERTISE THEIR SERVICES AND PRODUCTS. PATRICIA CAMAZZOLA AND GERIANNE LAPRATT ARE HEADING UP THIS PHASE OF OUR FUNDRAISER AND HAVE A NEED FOR HELPERS TO APPROACH BUSINESSES, ETC. FOR ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**Catholic Schools** - National Catholic Schools Week 2020 begins this Sunday, January 26. The theme of this annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Catholic schools are committed to their mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help ensure they are proudly Catholic, academically excellent, accessible to all, and sustainable for the future.

The archdiocesan Department of Catholic Schools offers resources for teachers and principals, parents and students, and alumni. To learn more about Catholic schools in the Archdiocese, or to find a Catholic school, visit the department's new website at [detroitcatholicschools.org](http://detroitcatholicschools.org).

### Gianna House Sock Hop!

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### Prayer for Faith

*Lord, let my faith be full and unreserved, and let it penetrate my thoughts, my way of judging things both divine and human.*

*Lord, let my faith be joyful, bringing peace and gladness to my spirit, disposing it for prayer with God and conversation with men, so that the inner bliss of its fortunate possession may shine forth in sacred and secular conversation.*

*Lord, let my faith be humble, docile to the testimony of the Holy Spirit, and particularly as manifested in Tradition and in the Authority of Your Holy Church. Amen.*

### 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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	David Beaupre
Virginia Fajardo	Kenneth Beaupre
Madeline O'Neill	Anthony Crimando
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Glenda Johnson	
Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	



# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Janet Bielman

## LECTORS

Julie Smith

## SERVERS

Lauren Smith

Saturday, February 1, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bryan Jones

Jermaine Donaldson

Dorothy Brooks

Cory Fullilove

Beverly Goll

Lauren Gross

Debra Nieddu

Joseph Nieddu

Veronica Obianwu

Greg Redman

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, January 25 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

**Sunday, January 26 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

**Monday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder**

**Tuesday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 a.m. - For all Priests, Bishops, and Leaders of the Church

**Wednesday, January 29 -**

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

**Thursday, January 30 -**

**Friday, January 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest**

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

**Saturday, February 1 - Vigil: Presentation of the Lord**

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

**Sunday, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord**

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Helen Rice (28th Anniv), Winnifred Tobin (51st Anniv)

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HEARTS.**

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