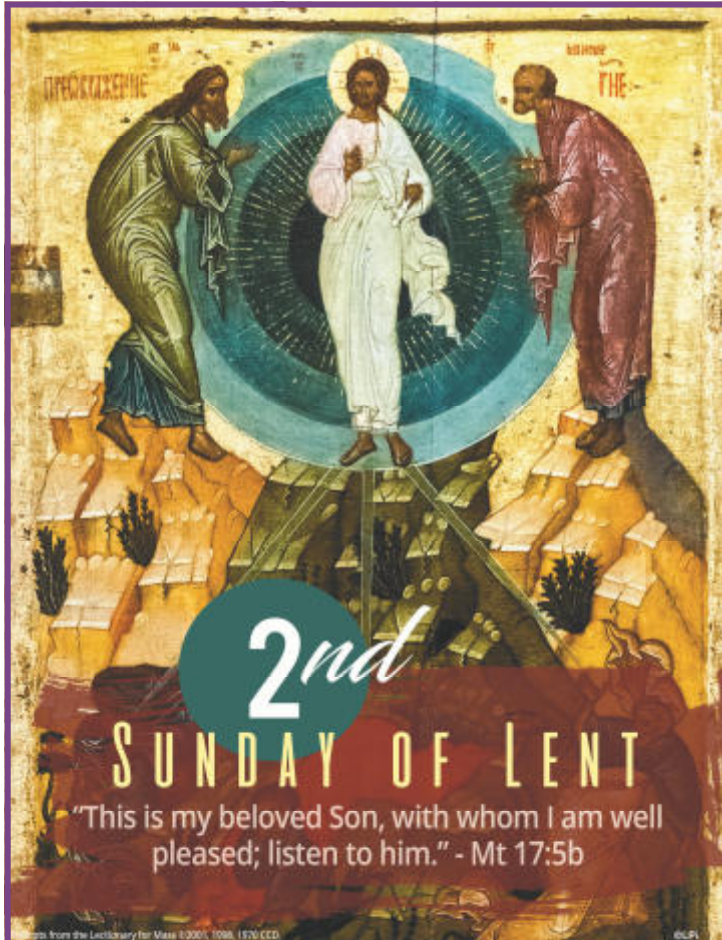




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

March 8, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



From Father Duane's Desk

As many of you have seen, I am continuing my recovery from ankle surgery. In 2012, this procedure was done on my left ankle, and now the same condition effected my right ankle. The only good thing about this is that I know I will not have to go through this surgery again—I only have two ankles! My convalescence will continue, they say, for up to five to six months. Please keep me in your prayers. It seems more difficult this time around. Thanks for your understanding regarding the adjustments we have had to make.

On another matter relating to current events is the issue of the Coronavirus. The Archdiocese of Detroit has put forth some recommendations regarding some precautionary measures. At this time, it appears that no cases have been reported in Michigan; however, to prevent or to address growing concerns, we can do some proactive measures without compromising our community gatherings; i.e., Mass/Liturgy.

1) If you are sick or feel as if you are experiencing signs of illness, especially in this cold/flu season and in light of concerns about the Coronavirus, an individual is encouraged to use common sense and remain at home during their illness. No sin is incurred by missing Mass due to illness.

2) For those attending Mass here at St. Matthew's, again we ask you to use common sense. If you feel you should not engage in the Sign of Peace by shaking hands or holding hands during the Our Father, please refrain from doing so. Simply indicate as such to the people around you. A slight nod or bow to the other person with the words "Peace be with you." is quite appropriate. Fist bumps and elbow rubs are not appropriate.

3) If you cough or sneeze, please be sure to cover the cough or sneeze. A good practice is to do so with your arm rather than your hand.

4) Here at St. Matthew's, we will not suspend offering the Precious Blood of Christ under the form of wine; i.e., sharing the Cup. However, please use common sense if you are experiencing an illness or sense that you are becoming ill, refrain from the Cup. Remember the reception of either species, the bread or the wine, you are receiving the fullness of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. Again, we do fully cleanse the common cup(s) after every liturgy and the practice of wiping the cup(s) between communicants is good and recommended practice. In the past, the CDC has issued statements indicating that there has not been any indication of transmission of disease from the common cup. However, in these days of Coronavirus concerns, please use your own discretion and be prudent in these practices.

Know that in the future, if we have to make further adjustments, we will take that under consideration. I would ask that you continue to pray for an end to this public health concern and to pray for those around the world that have been effected.

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Readings for the Week of March 8, 2020

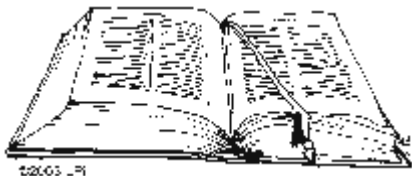
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps
103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
[23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/
Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/
Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-
12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2,
5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

2nd Sunday of Lent

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

CRS Rice Bowl “For Lent for Life”

This Lent we meet our global family—three girls from three different parts of the world. During Lent, we will get know Maria Ana, Trinh, and Yvone. Please remember them and their families in your daily experience of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

- *Maria Ana—Maria Ana is 16 years old. Serious and kind, she lives with her parents, four brothers, and one sister in Honduras, a country in Central America. Her village, El Pinal, is surrounded by hills. Maria Ana speaks Spanish.*
- *Trinh—Trinh is a hard-working, energetic 12-year old. She lives in the farming community of Binh Dao, located outside of the city of Hoi An, Vietnam with her parents, two older brothers and a younger sister. Her country is in Southeast Asia and is surrounded on three sides by water. Trinh speaks Vietnamese.*
- *Yvone—Ambitious and intelligent, Yvone is 11 years old. She lives with her grandparents, her aunt, three siblings, and three cousins in Konjiko, a village in Kenya. Her community is located near Lake Victoria, the largest lake in Africa. The village is also close to the Equator, so it is very hot there. Yvone and her family speak Kiswahili and English.*

March 1, 2020

It is with great joy and thanksgiving to the Lord that I share with you the news that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has granted the title of Minor Basilica to Ste. Anne Church in Detroit. To mark this blessed occasion, I am glad to have been invited by Msgr. Kosanke to celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 26, in praise to God for this honor.

At its founding on the Feast of Ste. Anne in 1701, the parish was among the first fruits of a new missionary diocese. I consider the church's designation as a basilica to be a providential reminder that today, we each are called to continue this same mission to unleash the gospel of Jesus Christ to the men and women of our time.

I hope, too, that this recognition will raise up for all of us, clergy, religious,, and faithful, the treasure the parishioners of Ste. Anne already hold close to their hearts; their devotion to Ste. Anne, patroness of their parish and of the Archdiocese of Detroit. I am confident that in embracing this designation as a basilica, we will be inspired to rediscover and renew the friendship we have always had with Ste. Anne and have confidence knowing that we can always run to this holy shrine to ask for her intercession.

We are truly blessed by the Holy Father's recognition of Ste. Anne's historical significance to the City of Detroit and our local Church. More information about this special designation is provided in the accompanying announcement from the AoD. (*excerpts are below*).

Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron

“Archbishop Vigneron in July 2018 requested that the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments grant the title to the parish church, which was consecrated on October 30, 1887. It is the eighth church constructed for the use of the parish community, which dates back to Ste. Anne's feast day, July 26 in 1701—just two days after Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac and his companions, including two Catholic priests, established the settlement of Fort Ponchartrain du Detroit. Ste. Anne Parish remains the second-oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in the United States.

Ste. Anne is one of 86 churches in the United States and the third in Michigan to hold the title of Minor Basilica.”

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Tuesday, March 10, 7 am to 8 pm - National Primary Elections - GET OUT AND VOTE!

Tuesday, March 10, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Sunday, March 15, following 10 am Mass - Hospitality Sunday



From Father Duane's Desk (cont'd)

Also, I would encourage you to continue your Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Try to spend some time with the Lord during the day in formal or meditative prayer. Observe the Fridays of Lent as days of abstinence (no meat) and reduction of food consumption (fasting), and remember the Rice Bowl is a perfect way to practice almsgiving.

Have a good and holy Lent and pray for my healing and the healing of our community for all who are sick or infirmed.

God bless all of you, Father Duane

St. Matthew Presents BROADWAY

**"and all that Jazz" (Nite!)
April 25, 2020, 6:30 to 11 pm
Assumption Greek Orthodox
Banquet Center**

Tickets are now on sale after the weekend Masses for the **BROADWAY** Jazz Nite event! Please see the sellers in the back vestibule of the Church. The ticket prices are same as last year ~ \$75 per person or \$750 to sponsor a table of eight.

Also, we have these following opportunities to sponsor our event to ensure its success:

- "Box Seat" Benefactors @ \$1,000 or more
- "Orchestra" Sustainers @ \$500 to \$999
- "Main Floor" Major Donors @ \$250 to \$499
- "Mezzanine" Supporters @ \$100 to \$249
- "Balcony" Advocates @ \$99 and under

This year, we are introducing a new sponsorship level for the Program Booklet. For \$25 per space, you can purchase a "special wording" ad on behalf of a loved one, living or deceased, offer congratulations, or a special occasion recognition. These sponsorships will be published on a dedicated program booklet page(s).

These sponsorships are for parishioners only! Business sponsorships are separate!

Think about how best you can participate in this important fundraiser for our parish. We encourage you to consider one of these special ways. This Jazz Nite evening will be memorable; it will be YOU who will make it so!

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Lenten Day of Spiritual Reflection - All are invited to a Lenten Day of Spiritual Renewal on Saturday, March 14, at St. Joan of Arc Parish in St. Clair Shores. The theme for the day is *Reconciliation: God's Mercy Has No End*. Lent is a perfect opportunity to reflect on reconciliation, forgiveness, and mercy to grow in our relationship with Jesus to live as his dedicated disciple.

Presentations will include: *Reconciliation* by Rev. Joseph Horn, pastor, National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak; and *Divine Mercy* by Catherine Lanni, founder of the Divine Mercy Center, Clinton Township. Bishop Donald Hanchon will celebrate Mass. Reconciliation, individual prayer, and lunch are offered. Fee for the day is \$10. Visit march14dayofspiritualreflection.eventbrite.com to register for this spiritually-enriching experience.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal make possible events such as this, ensuring that all in the Archdiocese have access to spiritual enrichment and faith formation events. Visit aod.org for more information on CSA-supported ministries and events.



**Daylight Savings Time Begins this Saturday Night
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LENTEN VESPERS

Sunday, March 22, 4 pm

**Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
9844 Woodward, Detroit 48202**

Join the Archdiocesan Chorus for evening prayer on Laetare Sunday, the halfway point through Lent when the Church loosens the rigidity of her liturgical fasting.

Experience beautiful Lenten music, psalmody, hymns, and readings with a dose of joy!

St. Veronica Men's Club ~ Lenten Fish Fry

21440 Universal, Eastpointe

All Fridays in Lent, 4:30 pm to 7 pm

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To find a Fish Fry near you during this Lenten Season, we recommend that you access FishFryFinder.org.

You will find a convenient location so that you, your family and friends can participate in this Lenten tradition! Bon appetite!

Remember at Christmas, Father Duane offered to each parishioner and parish family a copy of the publication, "Rediscover the Saints" by Matthew Kelly. For a meaningful Lenten Season, we recommend more of Matthew Kelly's reflective messages. His publications are available through the Dynamic Catholic website:

Dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever/lent-reflections-2020

Matthew Kelly is an amazing theologian/speaker/author and is recommended reading by Father Duane and several of our parishioners.

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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 Crimauddo
Kurt Beghuyn	Rosemary Schoolcraft
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Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, March 14, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Janet Bielman Julie Smith Lauren Smith

Sunday, March 15, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Marilyn Lynn William Zuerblis Cory Fullilove
Keith Arcicovich Mary Pocius
Dorothy Brooks Julia Zuerblis
Beverly Goll
Patti Hammond
Jean Solomon
Kristen Stark

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 7 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, March 8 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Bruno Bush, Beverly Witkowski (5th Anniv), William Pilette

Monday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Tuesday, March 10 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Wednesday, March 11 -
9:00 a.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

Thursday, March 12 -

Friday, March 13 -

Saturday, March 14 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, March 15 - 3rd Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark



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