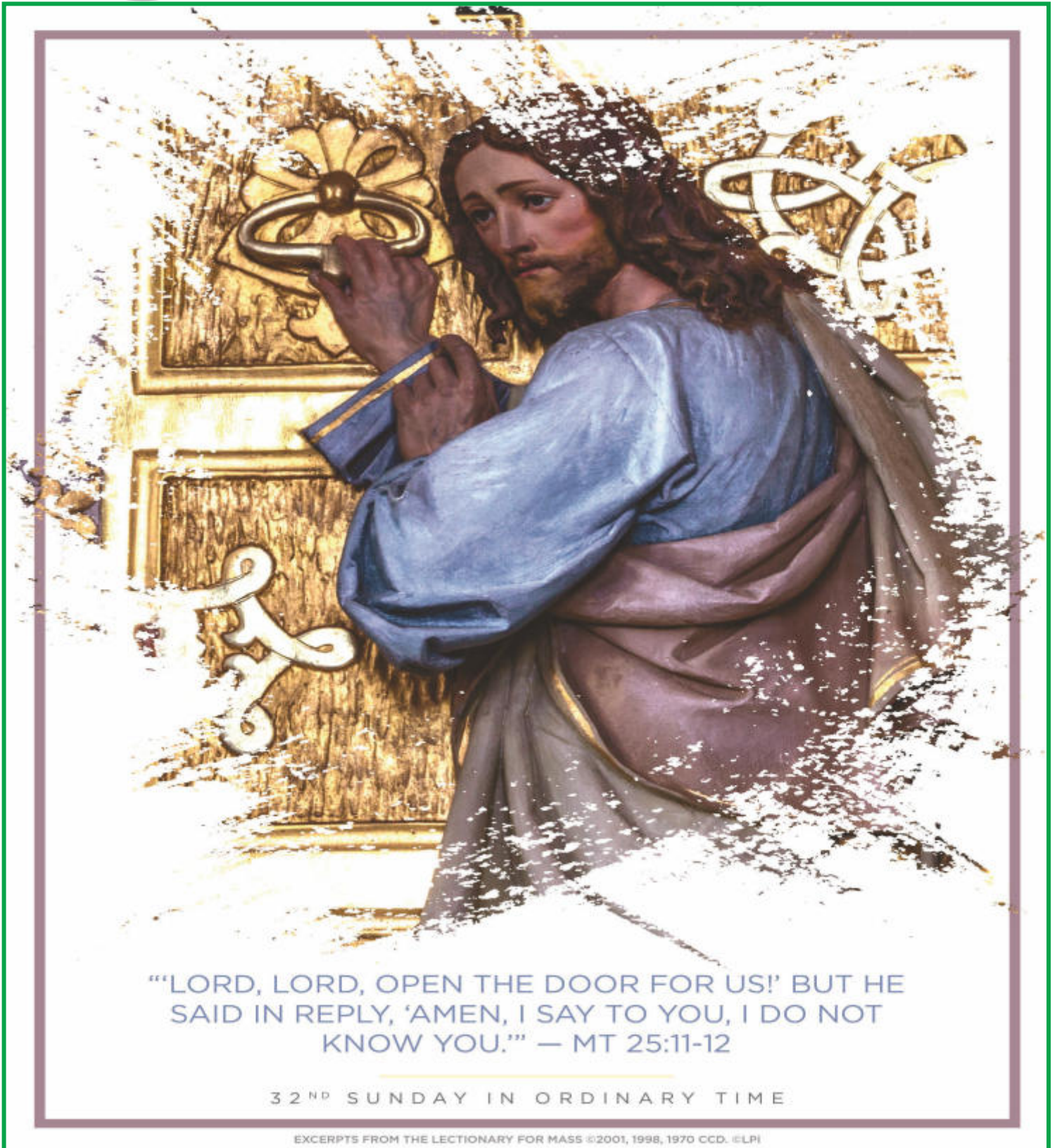




Saint Matthew Church *The PULSE*

November 8, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



“LORD, LORD, OPEN THE DOOR FOR US!’ BUT HE SAID IN REPLY, ‘AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, I DO NOT KNOW YOU.’” — MT 25:11-12

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings for the Week of November 8, 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and
29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-
19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/
Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/
Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
[cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-
15, 19-21



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why.

The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.



Blessing of Veterans

*Good and gracious God,
you do not condone war.*

*Help us to understand the
cause of war and work
toward alleviating it
from the face of the earth
you created.*

*We ask you to bless the
veterans of our country,
but also to bless the
veterans of our enemies.*

*War is the ultimate failure
on our part to see the needs
of our neighbor.*

*Let us remember that our
neighbor is our brother.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus, our brother
and Savior. Amen.*

~ All Souls Day Remembrances ~

Gloria Pocius, Sheila Pocius,
Thomas Pocius,
Deceased Members of the Pocius,
Waitkus, and Tucker Families
Courtesy of John Pocius

Rose and George Godoshian, John Camazzola
Courtesy of Charlie and Patricia
Camazzola-Godoshian

John Camazzola
Courtesy of Elsa Mary Camazzola



Pope Saint Leo the Great, November 10th

Leo assumed the papacy at a time of increasing barbarian invasions; this, coupled with the decreasing imperial authority in the West, forced the Bishop of Rome to take a more active part in civic and political affairs. He was one of the first bishops of Rome to promote papal primacy based on succession from Peter the Apostle; and he did so as a means of maintaining unity among the churches.

Besides recourse to the biblical references, Leo also described his own special relationship with Peter in terms derived from Roman law. He called himself an unworthy heir and deputy of Peter, having received his apostolic authority and obliged to follow his example. On the one hand, Peter stood before him with a claim on how Leo was to exercise his office; on the other hand, Leo, as the Roman bishop, represented the Apostle, whose authority he held. The office of the Roman bishop, was grounded on the special relationship between Christ and Peter; therefore, Leo depended on Peter's mediation, his assistance and his example in order to be able to adequately fulfill his role and exercise his authority as the Bishop of Rome, both in the city and beyond.

Leo drew many learned men about him. Leo was a significant contributor to the centralization of spiritual authority within the Church and in reaffirming papal authority. The bishop of Rome had gradually become viewed as the chief patriarch in the Christian Church.

From a pastoral perspective, he galvanized charitable works in a Rome beset by famines, an influx of refugees, and poverty. He further associated the practice of fasting with charity and almsgiving.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, November 21, 4:30 pm Mass-Memorial Mass for the Deceased of St. Matthew Parish

Saturday, November 21, 4:30 pm; Sunday November 22, 10 am Masses, respectively - Catholic Charities of SE Michigan Collection

Your Recent Generosity!

Peter's Pence Collection, "Be a Witness of Charity"

Thank you for your generous support in the recent Peter's Pence Collection! We, as a parish, collected **\$230** which will be combined with contributions from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Thank you!

World Mission Sunday, "Here I Am, Send Me"

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised **\$481**. You can stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting www.missio.org.

The Rectory Office has received several inquiries from parishioners as to where their contribution envelopes might be. Since most have received them for November and December, it can only be assumed that they are delayed in the mail. You can use a plain envelope with your name and amount on it which will then be recorded. Thanks for your patience!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The bridesmaids in today's Gospel were considered "foolish" because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Jesus told his disciples, "Rise up, and be not afraid." Now it is our turn to answer the call, to rise up and be united in the mission of Christ. Please prayerfully consider making a one-time or recurring gift to help continue this mission and to help St. Matthew Parish bring the hope of Jesus and his message to this eastside neighborhood.

We have several urgent maintenance issues that need to be addressed, security fencing, removal of fallen trees, masonry work, and roof repairs. The cost of all that needs to be done was approved by the Parish Council; and, because the need is immediate, the Council approved taking the amount from our parish savings. This amount will need to be replaced, and part of that replacement will come from our CSA overage which is returned to the parish.

We have an AoD target of \$14,300, but the parish set an internal target of \$60,000, less than we actually received last year; but enough so that after our CSA target is met, we have an opportunity of gaining \$40,000 to apply to our operating costs.

Please again prayerfully consider giving to the Catholic Services Appeal. You will be supporting the archdiocesan programs in a big way, and you will be supporting your home parish of St. Matthew as well.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

**Saturday, November 21, 4:30 pm,
Mass of Remembrance for our
Deceased Loved Ones!
Remember them with prayer and song!**



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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	Robert Stark
Madeline O'Neill	Pauline Williams
Sebastiano Stellino	Bill Solomon
Teresita Covacha	Eloise Parker
Joe Petrylka	Herb and Jeanne Damman
Roger Sharpe	Doreen Redman
Nenette Ferreria	Sarah Wagner
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Laura Alix	Patrick Foley
Betty Leone	Mary Spansky
Jo Marie Nardi	
David Beaupre	
Kenneth Beaupre	
Anthony Crimardo	
Rosemary Schoolcraft	
Tiffany Gelle	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, November 14, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, November 15, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
David Smydra

Jermaine Donaldson
Cory Fullilove

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 7 - Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Frank and Adele Martinelli, Daniel Lusch

Sunday, November 8 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Angle Family

Monday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours

9:00 a.m. - For our Military Families Serving around the World

Thursday, November 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Friday, November 13 - St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

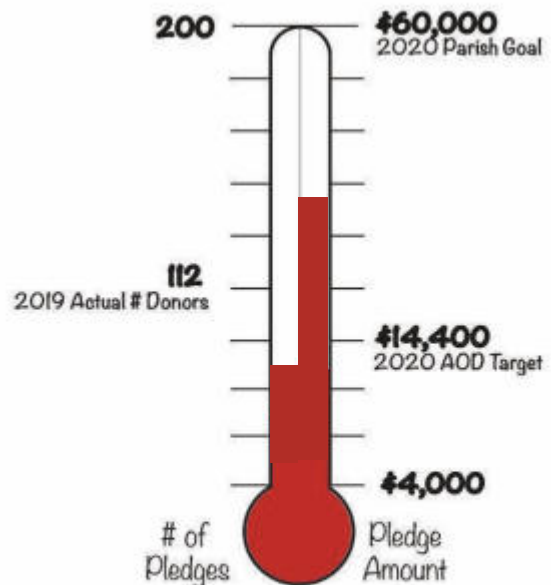
Saturday, November 14 - Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, November 15 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Jaclyn M. Scott (2nd Anniv)

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