



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

November 15, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020
4:30 P.M.**

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2020

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

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
[Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
[Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
[103a]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne's Story Feast Day, November 18th

Born in Grenoble, France, of a family that was among the new rich, Rose learned political skills from her father and a love of the poor from her mother. The dominant feature of her temperament was a strong and dauntless will, which became the material—and the battlefield—of her holiness. She entered the Visitation of Mary convent at 19, and remained despite family opposition. As the French Revolution broke, the convent was closed, and she began taking care of the poor and sick, opened a school for homeless children, and risked her life helping priests in the underground.

When the situation cooled, Rose personally rented the former convent, now a shambles, and tried to revive its religious life. The spirit was gone, however, and soon there were only four nuns left. They joined the infant Society of the Sacred Heart, whose young superior, Mother Madeleine Sophie Barat, would be her lifelong friend.

In a short time Rose was a superior and supervisor of the novitiate and a school. But since hearing tales of missionary work in Louisiana as a little girl, her ambition was to go to America and work among the Indians. At 49, she thought this would be her work. With four nuns, she spent 11 weeks at sea en route to New Orleans, and seven weeks more on the Mississippi to St. Louis. She then met one of the many disappointments of her life. The bishop had no place for them to live and work among Native Americans. Instead, he sent her to what she sadly called “the remotest village in the U.S.,” St. Charles, Missouri. With characteristic drive and courage, she founded the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi.

Though Rose was as hardy as any of the pioneer women in the wagons rolling west, cold and hunger drove them out—to Florissant, Missouri, where she founded the first Catholic Indian school, adding others in the territory. “In her first decade in America, Mother Duchesne suffered practically every hardship the frontier had to offer, except the threat of Indian massacre—poor lodging, shortages of food, drinking water, fuel and money, forest fires and blazing chimneys, the vagaries of the Missouri climate, cramped living quarters and the privation of all privacy, and the crude manners of children reared in rough surroundings and with only the slightest training in courtesy” (Louise Callan, R.S.C.J., Philippine Duchesne).

Finally at age 72, retired and in poor health, Rose got her lifelong wish. A mission was founded at Sugar Creek, Kansas, among the Potawatomi and she was taken along. Though she could not learn their language, they soon named her “Woman-Who-Prays-Always.” While others taught, she prayed. Legend has it that Native American children sneaked behind her as she knelt and sprinkled bits of paper on her habit, and came back hours later to find them undisturbed. Rose Duchesne died in 1852, at the age of 83, and was canonized in 1988.

Reflection

Divine grace channeled Mother Duchesne's iron will and determination into humility and selflessness, and to a desire not to be made superior. Still, even saints can get involved in silly situations. In an argument with her over a minor change in the sanctuary, a priest threatened to remove the tabernacle. She patiently let herself be criticized by younger nuns for not being progressive enough. For 31 years, she adhered to the line of a dauntless love and an unshakable observance of her religious vows.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in

hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is “mine” and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, November 21, 4:30 pm -
 Memorial Mass for the Deceased of St. Matthew Parish, *Remember Them with Prayer and Song!*

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

Catholic Charities of SE Michigan Collection

Please consider contributing to the annual parish collection supporting the critical work of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) taking place next weekend, November 21 and 22. You can positively impact the lives of thousands of people served by Catholic Charities right here in your own backyard throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. Each year, Catholic Charities helps more than 20,000 people combat poverty and crisis to move toward a better life.

This year more of our neighbors are struggling than ever before. If you are able, please give to help Catholic Charities continue critical services including providing perishable groceries and basic needs to homebound seniors, assistance to pregnant moms and moms of infants, behavioral health and substance abuse counseling, food pantry, adoption and foster care, and other family support services.

Envelopes are now available in the pews for your use, or you may use the envelope provided with your November/December church envelopes. Also, you may donate on line at ccsem.org. God bless you for your generosity!

2020 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

In this "Time of Covid-19," we are faced with many financial challenges, no less than our parish of St. Matthew. We are in need of relying on fundraisers such as our Gold'n Harvest Raffle to help make ourselves "whole again." You, our faithful parishioners, have been there when it was most needed. This time is like no other! The church buildings require ongoing care and repair, and other operating expenses continue.

It is our hope that we will meet with success this year. Please sell those tickets or purchase them and turn in your returns as soon as possible. God bless you!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



As we continue our mission to bring the love and hope of Christ through our communities, even in the face of challenge and uncertainty, we are reminded of his invitation to his disciples to "Rise up, and be not afraid" (Mt 7:17). How can we, too, answer this call and love one another as Jesus loved us? How can we better be his hands and feet in our communities?

Your gift helps support men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. It impacts youth, family, and young adult ministries to help people at all stages of life grow in faith.

We at St. Matthew Parish have set an internal goal of \$60,000 (\$40,000 above our AoD target of \$14,300) in order to replace the cost of repairs needed to urgently address maintenance issues. The amount of these repairs was approved by the Parish Council and will be deducted from our savings. We now have to reimburse ourselves in order to maintain our sustainability.

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.

CELEBRATE BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

The Archdiocese of Detroit invites all to the following virtual events for Black Catholic History Month.

Ashe - Be With Us

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Ashe - Our Great Gifts Retreat

This one-hour retreat will be a diocesan wide celebration of Black Catholic History Month. The retreat will consist of music, prayer, Scripture reading, preaching, and calling for the intercession of our ancestors, November 14, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Learn more and register at www.aod.org/events/559.

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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
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David Beaupre	
Kenneth Beaupre	
Anthony Crimauado	
Rosemary Schoolcraft	
Tiffany Gelle	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

Saturday, November 21, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Liz Smith

Sunday, November 22, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
William Zuerblis

SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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), Sr. Karen Eklund, IHM (5th Anniv)

Monday, November 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Tuesday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Wednesday, November 18 - Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

9:00 a.m. - For Healthcare Workers and First Responders

Thursday, November 19 -

Friday, November 20 -

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

Saturday, November 21 - Vigil: Feast of Christ the King

4:30 p.m. - All the Deceased Members of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, November 22 - Feast of Christ the King

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Rosalie Mastronardi, Peter Michael Paxton

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