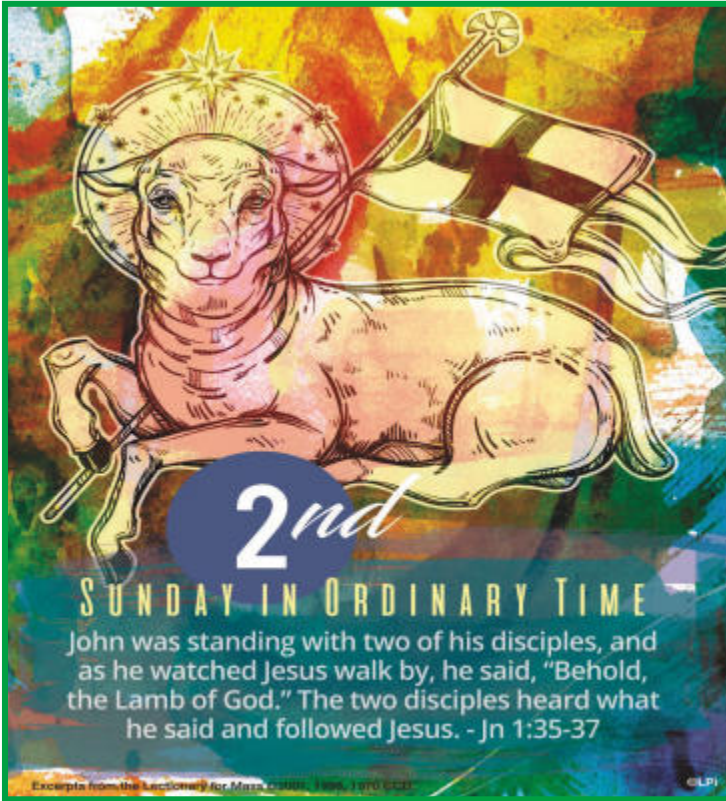




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

January 17, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



✠ **STEWARDSHIP** ✉
What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?



**St. Matthew Parish Report
July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

Budget/26 Weeks: @ \$2,442 (rounded)	\$63,500.06
Actual/26 Weeks:	\$47,609.17
Online Giving/26 Weeks:	<u>\$25,955.00</u>
Total Actual/26 Weeks:	\$73,564.17
Overage/Shortfall:	\$10,064.11
Average Collection/Sunday:	\$2,829.39
Average % of Budget/Sunday:	115.85%
Average % over (under)/Sunday:	15.85%
Debt Reduction Envelope/26 Weeks:	\$1,384.00
Online Debt Reduction Giving:	<u>\$475.00</u>
Total Debt Reduction Giving:	\$1,859.00
NET OVERAGE FOR 13 WEEKS:	<u>\$11,923.11</u>

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**2020-2021 Report  
Catholic Services Appeal**

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| CSA AoD Goal:                 | \$14,358.00        |
| Total Pledged:                | \$45,920.00        |
| Total Paid (January 13, 2021) | <u>\$36,178.92</u> |
| Pledge Balance:               | \$9,741.08         |
| Refund Anticipated:           | \$31,562.00        |
| Refund Issued:                | \$21,148.69        |
| Refund Due                    | \$672.23           |
| Average Pledge:               | \$510.22           |
| Pledges Made:                 | 90                 |
| Pledges Fully Paid:           | 66                 |
| Pledges Outstanding:          | 24                 |
| Parish Families:              | 211                |

## Readings for the Week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/ Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call.



Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.



*Memorial Mass  
for  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Join the Family of the  
Archdiocese for a  
Live-streamed Mass on  
Monday, January 18,  
at 11 a.m.  
to Celebrate the Life and Work  
of Dr. King.*

*A champion of Civil Rights,  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s  
dreams are much aligned with  
many of our Catholic teachings:  
care for the poor and vulnerable;  
solidarity in our one human fami-  
ly, regardless of race, ethnicity,  
religious, or economic differences;  
the life and dignity of  
all people; fair wages and treatment in civic matters;  
peace, equality, and social justice among all; and discip-  
ship of Christ.*

*In honor of Dr. King's memory, perform a deed of  
service in some way to your neighbor, friend, family mem-  
ber, or complete stranger. Thank you!*

### Prayer for the Soul of our Nation

**Lord, God of all peoples,  
in the springtime as we remember  
the death of our brother, Martin,  
awaken in us a fresh and renewed hope that  
the Spirit of Justice will flow down  
the mountain of despair that  
so many feel in our nation.**

**Awaken the Soul of the Nation that  
the hungry, the poor, the downtrodden,  
the refugee, and the immigrant may find what  
they need to live in dignity and peace  
free from violence and injustice.**

**Through our spiritual and temporal efforts,  
may we be strengthened to make our  
nation a place of hope and human gathering.**

**May the Soul of the Nation  
where we live, work, and play,  
be ever drawn to your light and life.  
Amen.**

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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus' question in today's Gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children, or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

## *St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings*

**Wednesday, January 19, 7:30 pm -**  
Father Novelly's Class for RCIA, St. Clare  
of Montefalco Church

**Save the Date - Tuesday, February 9, at**  
**6 pm - Parish Council / Leadership Group**  
Meeting, SWOT Analysis, Church Auditorium

### **YOUR GENEROSITY !**

#### **Catholic Charities of SE Michigan**

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#### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

Thanks for giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for your donations in the amount of **\$1,927.00** to help nearly 30,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. God bless you!



**Wrapping up Christmas!**  
**Christmas Flower Offerings**  
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Mr. John C. Beamer III  
Mr. Walter Fort Beamer  
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Beamer  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lissimone  
Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wheeler

**"The time is always right  
to do what is right."**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## **CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**Please remember** to respond to your invitation to pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal. Our parish benefits from your pledges and payments. Repeat the Success! Double the Participation! Thank you!

### ***Christ Is Anything but Ordinary***

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

*Are you bored yet?*

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

*Remember what you are looking for.  
Come, and you will see.*

### **An Animal Story**

A German Shepherd, a Doberman, and a Cat have died.  
All three are faced with God  
who wants to know what they believe in.

The German Shepherd says:  
"I believe in discipline, training,  
and loyalty to my master."  
"Good," says God, "then sit down on my right side."

"Doberman, what do you believe in?" ask God.  
The Doberman answers:  
"I believe in the love, care, and protection  
of my master."  
"Aha," said God, "you may sit to my left."

Then he looks at the Cat,  
and asks: "And what do you believe in?"  
The Cat then answers:  
"I believe you're sitting in my seat."

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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.<br>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.*

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Joe Petrylka           | Albert Fajardo         |
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| Sarah Wagner           |                        |
| Nenette Ferreria       |                        |
| Lolita Dorado          |                        |

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, January 23, 2021, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, January 24, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Liz Foley-Dunstone

Cory Fullilove  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, January 16 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Judy Stark (4th Anniv), Emma Langan (3rd Anniv)

**Sunday, January 17 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Glenn (Chuck) Schuster, Salvatore and  
Antonette Urso, Gaetano and Lucia Cottone, Pat  
and Stella Urso

**Monday, January 18 - Dr. Martin Luther King Remembrance  
Day**

**Tuesday, January 19 -**  
9:00 a.m. - For our Military Families Here and Abroad

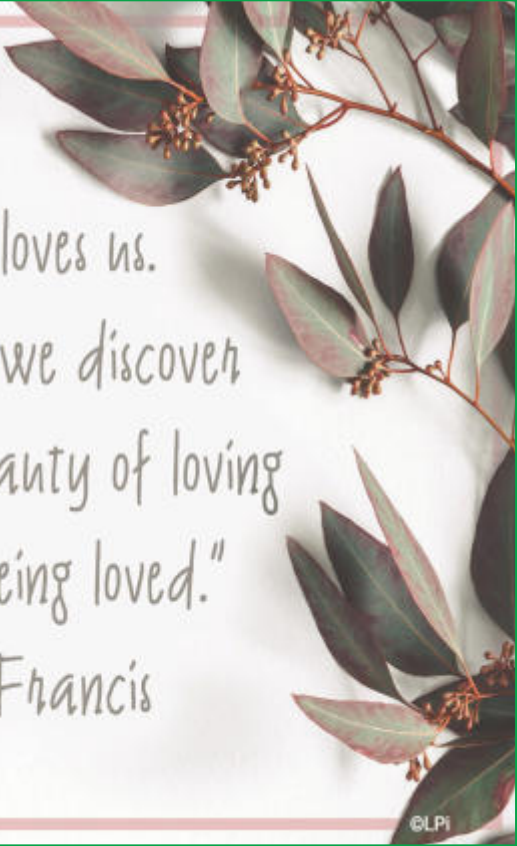
**Wednesday, January 20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St.  
Sebastian, Martyr**  
9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

**Thursday, January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

**Friday, January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children**  
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Saturday, January 23 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

**Sunday, January 24 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark



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May we discover  
the beauty of loving  
and being loved."  
Pope Francis

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