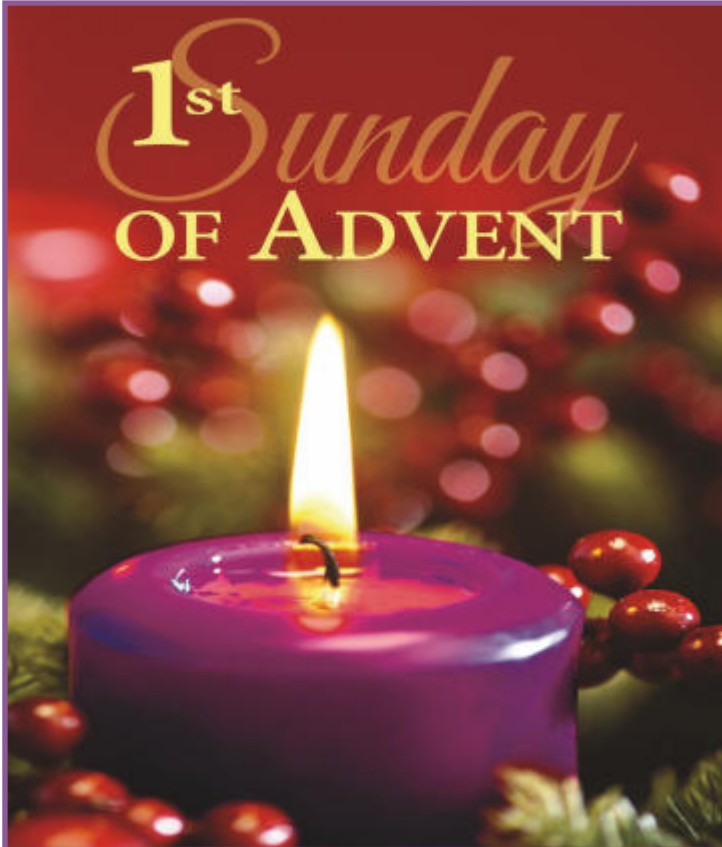




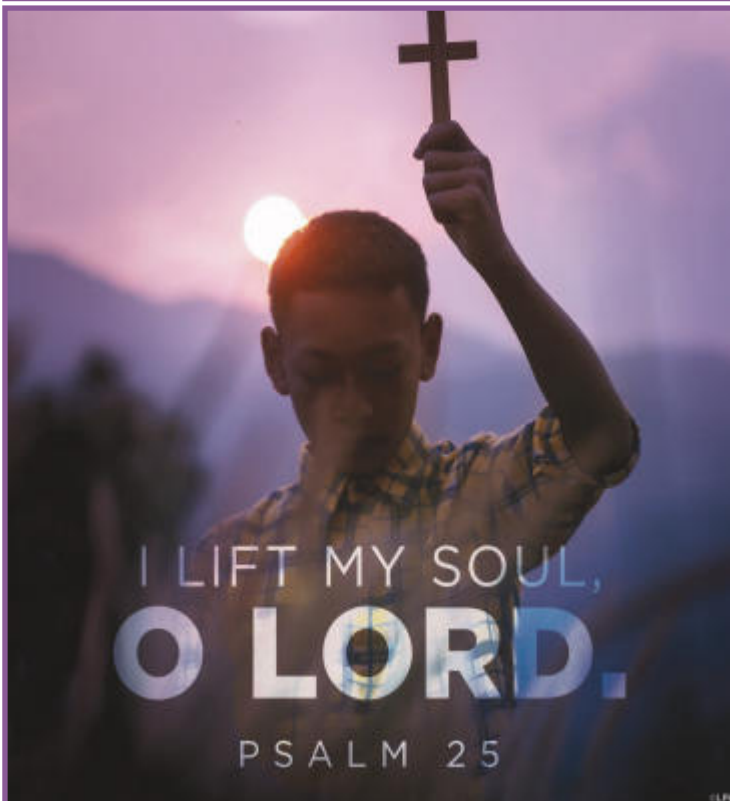
Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

November 28, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



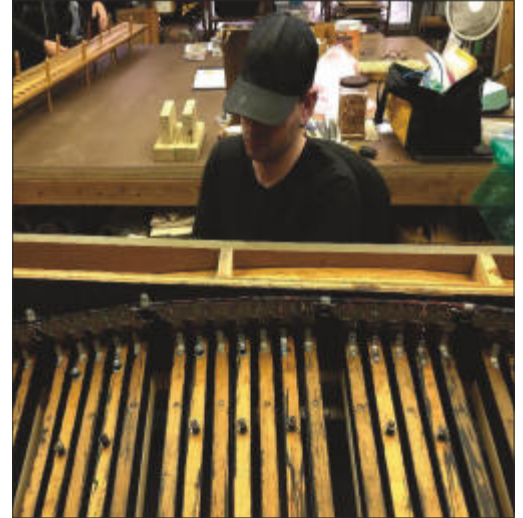
1st Sunday
OF ADVENT



I LIFT MY SOUL,
O LORD.

PSALM 25

The underside of the restored pedalboard receiving new wiring for interface with the new electrical system.



Construction of a solid maple coupler rail for new combination pistons above the pedals.

History of our Pipe Organ (From St. Matthew's History Archives)

The three manual and pedal pipe organ was specially designed by the Wicks Organ Co. for St. Matthew Church. The instrument consists of 21 ranks, which include a total of 1,464 pipes.

In October of 1954, Father Fillion sent a check in the amount of \$2,236.00 as a down payment to begin work on the construction and installation of the "King of Instruments".

The installation was completed in September of 1955. By the end of that same month, Fr. Fillion and parishioners had the entire bill paid off.

A sum of \$22,364.00 (over \$195,000 in today's money!) had been exchanged for an aural beauty - the sound and support which delighted the faithful of St. Matthew Church then and for generations to come.

Readings for the Week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

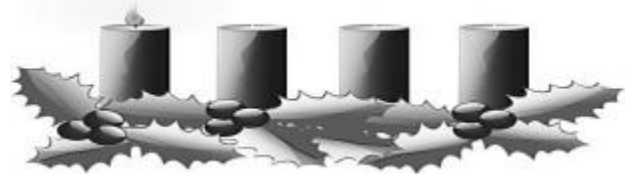
1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other

ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to do's" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.



The Advent Wreath Ceremony

The ceremony is simple. It starts at the evening meal on the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent with the blessing of the wreath. The head of the household is the one designated to say the prayers following while various members of the family light the candles. If the group is not a family a leader is selected to say the prayers and others appointed to light the candles.

Blessing of the Wreath

*O God, by Whose word all things are sanctified,
pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath,
and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts
for the coming of Christ and may receive from You
abundant graces.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Week Prayer

Each night of the first week, the first purple candle is lit by the youngest child of the household (or one other selected by the gathering) and is left burning during the meal.

*Lord, stir up Your might, we beg You, and come that
by Your protection, we may deserve to be rescued
from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved
by Your deliverance.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Week Resolution

*Mark the Season of Advent by loving and serving others
with God's own love and concern. (Mother Theresa)*



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

At this time of the year, we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's Gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

**Please take a moment and volunteer to light
the candles on our Advent wreath.
You may ask family and friends to join you.
The sign-up sheet is in the back vestibule.
Thank you!**

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, November 27, 4:30 pm and
Sunday, November 28, 10 am Masses, re-
spectively - Last weekend - Collection for
Catholic Charities of SE Michigan

Save the Date - Sunday, December 12
Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Drawing
Following 10 am Mass
Church Auditorium

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree for children's toys and clothing is now up in the church and ready for Christmas. Please take a tag or two and make Christmas a little more special for a child in need. These gifts benefit the families that our St. Vincent de Paul Conference has helped during this past year. The individual tags include whether the child is a boy or girl and their age. Please donate toys or clothing appropriate for the age level stated on the tag. Suggestions: pull toys, plush toys, games, coloring books and crayons, puzzles, balls, sports equipment, dolls, trucks, and cars, (non-violent toys only, please!). Also, shirts, sweaters, hats and gloves, etc... would be an appropriate gift. Return all toys and clothing with tags from the Giving Tree by December 12th, the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Please put toys and clothes in bags, boxes, or some type of covering (no wrapping paper). If you would like to purchase a gift card for a child ages from 13 to 16, that would be much appreciated. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO AT-TACH THE GIVING TREE TAGS TO GIFTS.**

Your generosity in the past has always been an inspiration as you remember those that are less fortunate among us! Thank you so very much.



St. Matthew Church

19th Annual Gold'n Harvest
50 / 50 Raffle

Tickets ~ \$20 each or 5 for \$100

Maximum 1st Prize ~ \$12,000

Minimum 3rd Prize ~ \$240

\$200 Sellers' Drawing

Drawing on Sunday,
December 12, 2021
At Noon

A small parish gathering is planned, and the drawing will be live-streamed on our website, stmatthewdetroit.com.



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



The Catholic Services Appeal is an annual campaign that raises funds for Archdiocese of Detroit ministries, programs and services that benefit all the faithful in southeast Michigan. This archdiocesan-wide campaign communicates that the local Church extends beyond the parish.

Since the CSA was introduced in the early 1980s, it has been conducted through parishes with the support of materials and guidance from the archdiocese. The CSA is an opportunity for the faithful to respond to Christ's command "to love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12) by helping to fund services throughout the broader area of southeast Michigan. This collaborative, archdiocesan campaign is a way to demonstrate the unity of the larger Church and to fund these vital programs, as opposed to simply increasing the archdiocesan assessment of parish offertories.

Make a pledge today! Your parish will be eternally grateful!

2021 Celebrating Black Catholic History Month

St. Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1580. He was a Jesuit priest, and while studying philosophy felt called to go to "the Indies" to evangelize and minister to slaves. In approximately 1610, he arrived in what is now known as Cartagena, Columbia which was the epicenter of the slave trade.

His mission was to nurture physically and spiritually as many suffering slaves as he possibly could. He would enter the deplorable conditions of the slave ships and administer aid to those suffering. Through his efforts of ministry and evangelization, St. Peter Claver was responsible for the conversion of over 300,000 Negro slaves, and he worked tirelessly until his death for the abolition of slavery and the salvation of those who had been victimized by it.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

St. Matthew's Quarterly Reward

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Thank you to those 69 households who shopped at Kroger during this last period. Your support has benefited St. Matthew Parish. If you are interested in joining this unique group of shoppers, please visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, follow the prompts, and designate St. Matthew as the organization to benefit from your purchases. Our Kroger Rewards Number is AW497. **We need you!**

Lord our God, in every time and place
You nourish us with living bread come down from Heaven.

In the fullness of time,

your eternal Word took on human flesh,
as bread broken and cup poured out,

He gave His life for our salvation.

As we look to Christ's birth during this Advent season,
renew among us his glorious, risen presence as
Word and Bread of Life.

By our reverence for Christ's presence in the Eucharist
and in every person, make us worthy to take our place at
the eternal banquet you have prepared
where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

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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.

Anthony Mastronardi
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony Crimauco
Rosemary Schoolcraft
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William Walker IV
Nancy Clemons
Cathy D'Agostini

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, December 4, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, December 5, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

William Zuerblis

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 27 - Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. - Salvatore Urso (1st Anniv), Stella Urso, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Monday, November 29 -

Tuesday, November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

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

Wednesday, December 1 -

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

Thursday, December 2 -

Friday, December 3 -

Saturday, December 4 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, December 5 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. - Elizabeth Reyes, Fred Schaldenbrand, Dick Pint

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WHO DID NOT TAKE THE
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Prayer and Penance

St. Francis Xavier

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