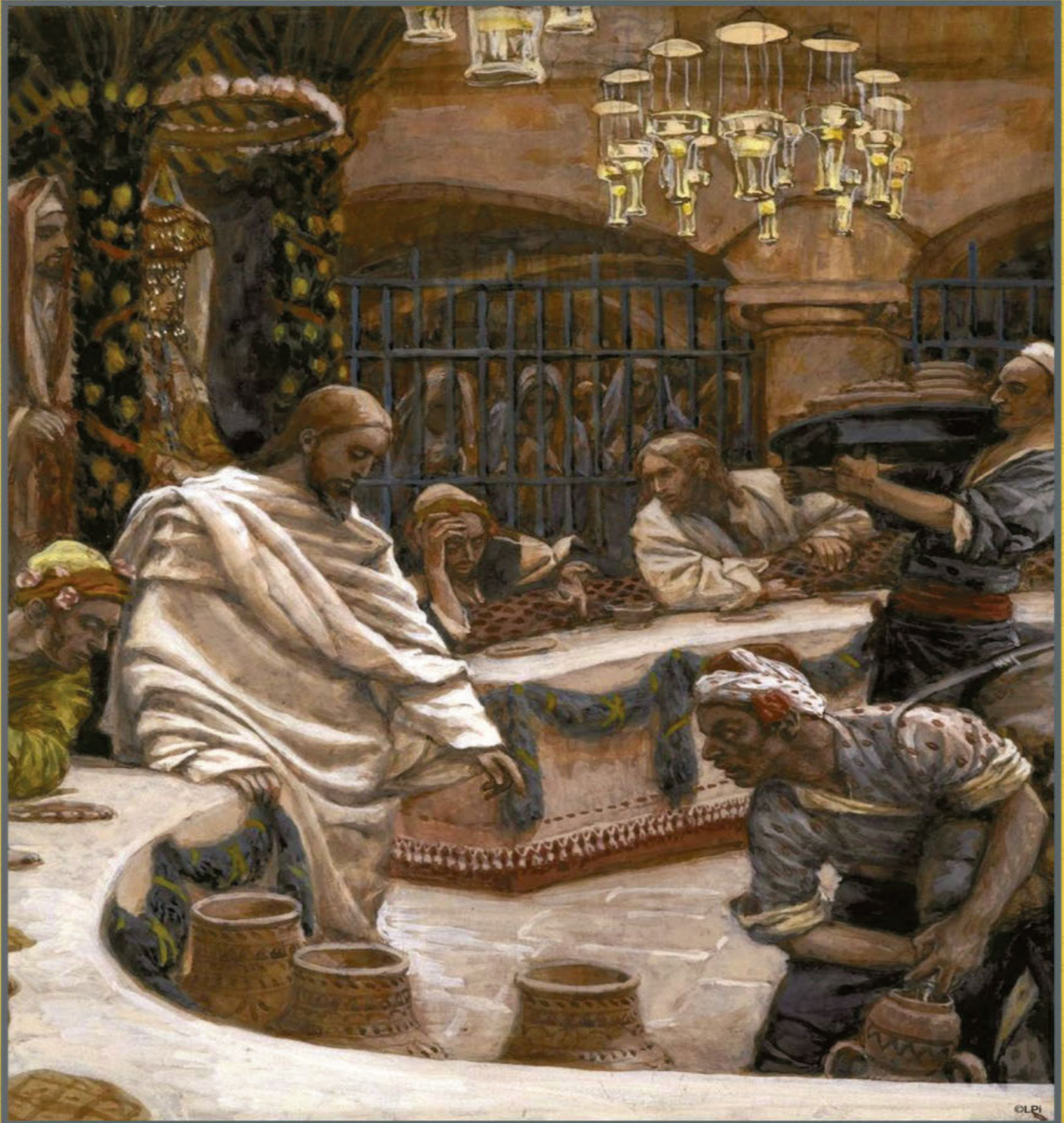




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

January 16, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



2nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,
12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4;
4:14-21

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



On January 17, 2022, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday will mark the 27th anniversary of the national day of service. This day was established to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, and to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

Americans celebrated the first official Martin Luther King Day, which is the only federal holiday commemorating an African-American, on Monday, January 20, 1986. In 1994, Congress designated the holiday as a national day of service, and marking the third Monday in January every year as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service - a "Day On, Not a Day Off."

Dr. King advocated for nonviolent resistance to overcome injustice as a means of lifting racial oppression. He created change with organized sit-ins, marches, and peaceful demonstrations that highlighted issues of inequality. Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964; he was the youngest person to ever receive this high honor. He followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and father by entering the ministry to become a Baptist minister. On April 4, 1968, at the age of 39, he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee as he stood on the balcony of his hotel. Dr. King traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to lead a march in support of striking sanitation workers.

We remember Dr. King as a husband, father, friend, and fierce advocate for the betterment of all people. Honor his memory by organizing, volunteering, and spreading the word. Remember to **MAKE IT A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF**, for you and those around 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.*

Father Duane R. Novelly, February 27, 2018

In vain will the world seek for equality until it has seen all men through the eyes of faith. Faith teaches that all men, however poor, or ignorant, or crippled, however maimed, ugly, or degraded they may be, all bear within the themselves the image of God and have been bought by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. As this truth is forgotten, men are valued only because of what they can do, not because of what they are.

Bishop Fulton Sheen

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Wednesday, January 19, 7 pm - RCIA
Class, Fr. Duane Novelly, St. Clare Church

Christmas Season Clean-up

A special note of appreciation to the following people who came to help dismantle the Christmas Holiday decorations in the church on Monday, January 10. Your time and talent were a great blessing as we spent our efforts taking down lights, the wreaths and candelabras, moving the tree out of the church, and relocating the poinsettias. The church still looks fresh, and we can enjoy and remember our Christmas Season for a little while yet.

Mary Ann Bolone
Gerianne LaPratt and Jerry Mielke
Mary Adams and Theresa Zuerblis
Bill O'Leary and Emily Petrylka
Ed Comiskey and Tom Comiskey
Jim West and Dennis Hermann
and Father Duane



Your Generosity!

Propagation of the Faith, World Mission Sunday - Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your donations amounted to **\$362** which will help the Holy Father continue the work of the missionary Church.

Catholic Charities of SE Michigan Collection - This is the charitable arm for the corporal works of mercy throughout the six counties of the Archdiocese, your donations help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and provide companionship to the lonely, and much more. The amount collected was **\$538**.

Retirement Fund for Religious - A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious in the amount of **\$1,529**.

Lord, God of all creation,
Father of the human family and
source of all life,
we give you thanks for the gift of
life in this world and
the promise of life eternal.

Inspire and guide all people
of good will to defend and promote
the dignity of human life from
the first moment of conception until last natural breath.

We pray that all people might recognize
the responsibilities that come
with the resources of contemporary technology.
As we use these gifts, may we always act in accord
with your plan of love for the human family.

We ask this through Christ, your Son
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever. Amen.

Pray
FOR THE
PROTECTION
OF THE UNBORN

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Many thanks to you for the generous response to the Catholic Services Appeal. In our most recent report, approximately \$51,800 was pledged by St. Matthew Parishioners. And most important, \$47,400 of that pledged amount has been fulfilled. This is a most extraordinary response to our St. Matthew appeal for the CSA.

Your generosity to the CSA has supported the efforts of St. Matthew Parish to remain a beacon of light and a sign of hope on the eastside of Detroit.

If you are interested in pledging to the CSA, it is not too late. The Appeal runs through to May 2022. This is your personal invitation to respond and be part of the success! Contact the rectory for further information.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

At Cana, we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand, or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

Thank you!

"Thank you" are probably words that people hear all the time. Today, when we say those two words, Dick and I mean them from our heart to all of you here at St. Matthew. Caring is such a part of who all of you are to us. Last year, you touched our life more times than we could ever count. Thank you so much for all the prayers, phone calls, and cards that surely helped brighten the darkest days I was faced with. We learned that even small steps will get you where you are going. Recovery takes a lot of time. Every day brought a little more strength, hope, and comfort to Dick. We kept trusting God for the grace to get through all that was happening to Dick. God is good, and he hears all of our prayers. A great big thank you to Father Duane for always remembering Dick at all his daily Masses and all the Sunday Liturgies. God bless all of you.

Love, Richard and Beverly Goll
"Believe with God all things are possible."
(Matthew 19:26)

On the Lighter Side - One for Every Room

One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five."

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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
Tiffany Gelle
Robert Stark
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William Walker IV
Nancy Clemons
Cathy D'Agostini
Maureen Dritsan
Madeline Jozwiak

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

Saturday, January 22, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Liz Foley-Dunstone

Sunday, January 23, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Mary Anne Pilette

SERVERS

Bruce Campbell

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 15 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, January 16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - The Babas Family, Roger Sharpe (1st Anniv)

Monday, January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

Tuesday, January 18 -
9:00 a.m. - For Christian Unity

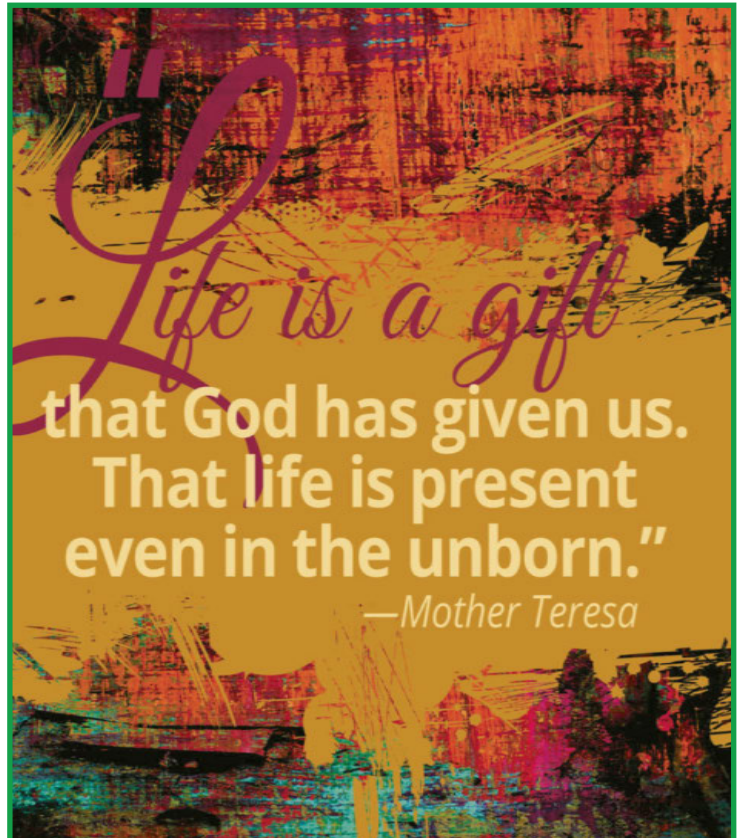
Wednesday, January 19 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, January 20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Friday, January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, January 22 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Sunday, January 23 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Faustina (Nanette) Ferreria



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