



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

February 27, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



8th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

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ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022
ASHES DISTRIBUTED AT THE
9:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. MASSES

Readings for the Week of February 27, 2022

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
[cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, “For every tree is known by its own fruit.” What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others’ behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don’t know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others’ eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that “no one heals himself by wounding another.” Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HONORING BLACK HISTORY

As members of the universal Church, Catholics celebrate and follow the example of ordinary persons who lived extraordinary lives in the face of challenging or life-threatening realities. Saints come from every race, ethnicity, and culture. Each enriches the faith, as is seen by the lives of just a few of the Black saints whose lives are below.

St. Charles Lwanga, the patron saint of African youth and Catholic action, was a chief of the royal pages and a Ugandan martyr. St. Charles lost his life for refusing to violate the teachings of his faith and for protecting his friends from a threatening ruler.

St. Benedict the Moor, the son of African slaves in Sicily, is the patron saint of African-Americans. St. Benedict's patience in the face of a racist incident drew the attention of Franciscan hermits. He went on to lead their community and later joined a Franciscan friary.

St. Martin de Porres is the patron saint of social justice and race relations. St. Martin was known for his tenderness. As a Dominican brother, he established an orphanage, a hospital for poor children, and an animal shelter.

St. Perpetua and St. Felicity were martyrs during the Roman persecution of Christians. St. Perpetua was a noblewoman, and St. Felicity was her pregnant maidservant. Each stayed steadfast to their faith amid torture, imprisonment, and death.

These saints of European ancestry dedicated their lives to working with other races.

St. Katharine Drexel, foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, used her family wealth to address the needs of Native and African-Americans. She created the first U.S. Catholic institution of higher education for African-Americans, Xavier University in New Orleans.

St. Peter Claver, SJ, a Spanish missionary, provided care to slaves in Cartagena and preached about the dignity of every person.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, February 26, and Sunday, February 27, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses
- Collection of "old" palms for Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday - Distribution of Ashes at the 9 am and 7 pm Masses

Saturday, March 5, and Sunday, March 6, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses - Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe



A GOOD LENTEN START

The three recommendations of almsgiving, prayer, and fasting repeated each year on Ash Wednesday are in each case accompanied by further teaching. Jesus instructs us to perform these acts in a manner of secrecy, concealing ourselves from the eyes of others, so that God alone may see. *And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.* This effort to pursue spiritual practices in a hidden manner, calling no attention to self, is no small thing, especially in the social media age of obsessive self-regard.

The most important instruction concerns prayer. Why not make a commitment this Lent to spend some time each day alone with our Lord. This is not a penitential practice. We may find ourselves captivated for life by an attraction to his presence.

Heavenly Father, grant us a fervent spirit of love for your Son Jesus as we begin these days of Lent. Give to our hearts especially a desire for prayer.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

The fall of communism in the Soviet Union and its former satellite countries brought democracy and new freedom to millions in Central and Eastern Europe. In the nations that composed the former Yugoslavia in the early and mid-1990s, however, the difficulties of transitioning were further compounded by ethnic strife among Serbs, Croats, and Bosniaks (Bosnian Muslims) resulting in the deaths of about 100,000 people, including nearly 40,000 civilians. Though the wars of three decades ago are over, the ethnic divisions in Bosnia and Herzegovina remain, with Serbs, Croats, and Bosniaks living in ethnically separated enclaves.

Next week, we will take up the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe which supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please be generous. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



We thank you for your generous support of CSA through St. Matthew Parish. You have truly supported our efforts to remain a beacon of light and sign of hope to many in our eastside neighborhood.

If you are interested in helping to Fuel the Mission by supporting the 2021 CSA, please consider making a gift today. Contact the rectory office for further information or go to the archdiocesan website at aod.org.

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH LENTEN MISSION "Thy Kingdom Come"

March 6 to 10, 2022

Confessions ~ 6 pm and 8 pm; Presentation ~ 7 pm
Father Jewel Aytona, CPM

Topics:

- ~ Confidence in God & St. Joseph, Patron of the Church
 - ~ Lukewarmness is the Devil in Disguise
 - ~ The Last Four Things
 - ~ Humility: The Path to Heaven
- 21100 Madison, St. Clair Shores
586-778-5100 for more information



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today, Jesus tells us: "Why do you see the speck in someone else's eye, but miss the log in your own eye?" It's always easier to try to change someone else than face the things in ourselves which need change. What a waste of time for we can't change anyone but ourselves.

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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
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Elsa Camazzola
William Walker IV
Nancy Clemons
Cathy D'Agostini
Madeline Jozwiak
Marc McEachern

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Volunteer

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
William Zuerblis

Saturday, March 5, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Julie Smith

Sunday, March 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
William Zuerblis

SERVERS

Volunteer

Julia Zuerblis

Lauren Smith

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 26 - Vigil: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Frank Amara (22nd Anniv)

Sunday, February 27 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - William Pilette

Monday, February 28 -

Tuesday, March 1 -
9:00 a.m. - Missionaries Serving around the World

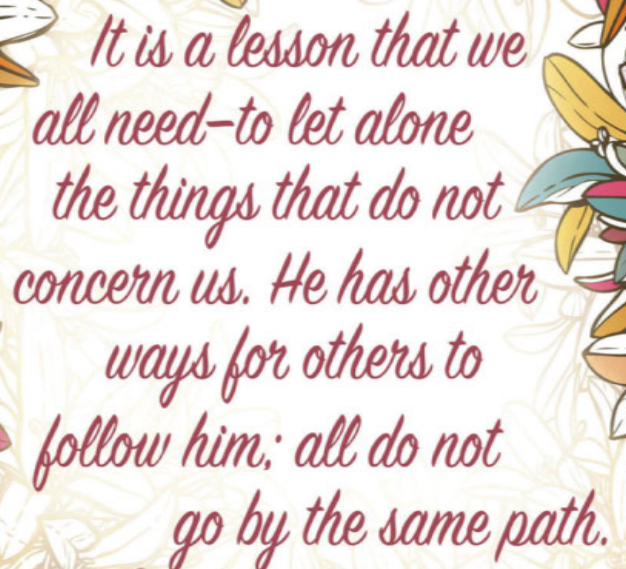
Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday
9:00 a.m. - For Peace among All Nations
7:00 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Thursday, March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Friday, March 4 - St. Casimir
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, March 5 - Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, March 6 - 1st Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. - Rose Marie Zajac Parker, Ernie Alix



*It is a lesson that we
all need—to let alone
the things that do not
concern us. He has other
ways for others to
follow him; all do not
go by the same path.*

—ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

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