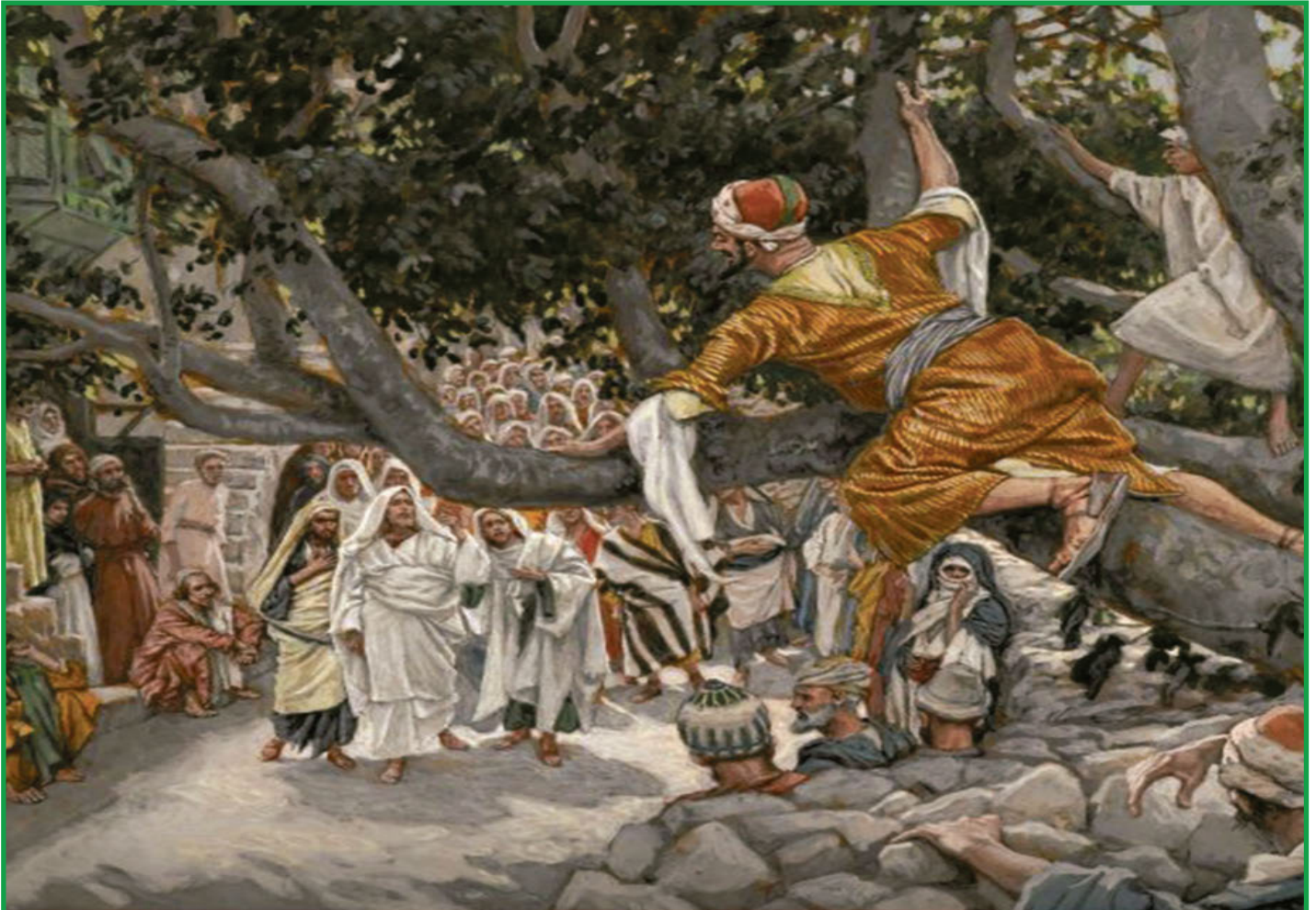




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

October 30, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

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ALL Saints
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Tuesday, November 1, 2022
All Saints Feast Day
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Readings for the Week of October 30, 2022

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/
Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/
Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/
2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any “god.” When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God’s creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, “If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?” The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. “God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?” God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God’s unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don’t repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God’s divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation’s blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.



Feasts of All Saints and All Souls Day

Upon the request of Pope Gregory IV, Emperor Louis the Pious (840) introduced the Feast of All Saints in his territories. With the consent of the bishops of Germany and France, he ordered it to be kept on November 1 in the whole empire. Finally, Pope Sixtus IV (1484) established it as a holyday of obligation for the entire Latin Church, giving it a liturgical vigil and octave.

The purpose of the feast is twofold. As the prayer of the Mass states, “*the merits of all the saints are venerated in common by this one celebration,*” because a very large number of martyrs and saints could not be accorded the honor of a special festival since the days of the year would not suffice for all these individual celebrations. The second purpose was given by Pope Urban IV: Any negligence, omission, and irreverence committed in the celebration of the saints’ feasts throughout the year is to be atoned for by the faithful, and thus due honor may still be offered to these saints.

LITURGICAL PRAYER: *Almighty and eternal God, who has granted us to venerate the merits of all Your saints in one celebration: we beg You to bestow upon us the desired abundance of Your mercy on account of this great number of intercessors.*

Numerous ancient customs associated with All Saints and All Souls have come down through the centuries and are still observed in many countries. Some are of a strictly religious nature, such as the custom of decorating the graves and praying in the cemeteries. This practice is general in all Catholic countries both in Europe and America. On the afternoon of All Saints’ Day or in the morning of All Souls, the faithful visit each individual grave of relatives and friends.

To visit the graves of dear ones on All Souls is considered a duty of such import that many people in Europe will travel from a great distance to their home towns on All Saints’ Day in order to perform this obligation of love and piety. It is an ancient custom in Catholic sections of central Europe to ring the church bells at the approach of dusk on All Saints’ Day, to remind the people to pray for the souls in purgatory.

Our pagan forefathers kept several “cult of the dead” rites at various times of the year. One of these periods was the great celebration at the end of the fall and the beginning of winter. Together with the practices of nature and demon lore, they also observed the ritual of the dead with many traditional rites. Since All Saints and All Souls happened to be placed within the period of such an ancient festival, some of the pre-Christian traditions became part of our Christian feast and associated with Christian ideas.

There is, for instance, the pre-Christian practice of putting food at the graves or in the homes at such times of the year when the spirits of the dead were believed to roam their familiar earthly places. The beginning of November was one of these times. By offering a meal or some token food to the spirits, people hoped to please them and to avert any possible harm they could do. Hence came the custom of baking special breads in honor of the holy souls and bestowing them on the children and the poor. This custom is widespread in Europe. “All Souls’ bread” (Seelenbrot) is made and distributed in Germany, Belgium, France, Austria, Spain, Italy, Hungary, and in the Slavic countries.

LITURGICAL PRAYER: *O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through our devout prayers they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.*



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Monday, October 31 - Our St. Matthew "Sock it to Us" Ends!

Tuesday, November 1, 9 am and 7 pm Masses - Feast of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, November 6 - Daylight Saving Time Ends!

Tuesday, November 8, 7 am to 8 pm - Mid-Term Elections, Remember to Vote NO on Proposal 3



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the gift of Father Duane, who responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on his behalf. Fill him with the sure knowledge of your love. Open his heart to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead him to new depths of union with your Son, Jesus.

Increase in him profound faith in the Sacraments that he celebrates as they nourish, strengthen, and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that Father Duane may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of his example, as a man of prayer who ponders your word and follows your will.

St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests, pray for us and for our priest, Father Duane Novelly

ALL SOULS' DAY

**Wednesday, November 2nd
REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Orlando Moszczenski

Antoni Matelonek

Thersea Witkowski

Paul Matelonek

Renee Jaczkowski (LaPratt)

Denise Matelonek (Giard)

Jimmy LaPratt

John Hypnarowicz

Gloria Pocius

Thomas Pocius

Jerry Pocius

Casmere Moszczenski

Lucia Matelonek

Robert Matelonek

Lara Galka (Zebrowski)

Little Mervyn Hodges

James LaPratt

Dave Galka

James Pikora

Sheila Pocius

Gladys Pocius

Frank Nagy

*Deceased Members of the Goor, Melise,
Donovan and Melise Families, and
All Deceased Members of St. Matthew Parish*

*Happy
Halloween*

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Your gifts to the CSA do so much for the communities in the archdiocese as well as your community of St. Matthew's. Your charitable act in contributing to the CSA supports the sustainability of St. Matthew Parish. Make your pledge! God bless you for whatever you can do!



This Advent and Christmas, St. Matthew music will embark on a new project: The St. Matthew Holiday Choir. This group combines singers from the Saturday schola and members of the Sunday choir to build a full, rich, sound for the major celebrations of the Christmas Season. Rehearsals will take place on Saturday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 in the choir loft of the church from November 26 to December 17. If you are a former St. Matthew choir member, have experience singing in a choir, or just love to sing, your participation is needed and warmly welcomed. Please contact Joe Balistreri at 313-310-3957 or jcbalistreri@gmail.com for more information.

Don't forget our ongoing Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle!



Tickets are available at the back vestibule of the church where you can also make returns. We are hoping for another successful year and that depends on everyone doing their part to sell tickets. The drawing is Sunday, December 4, with a catered breakfast provided by Joe Zainea and the Majestic Café.



"SOCK IT TO US" or Sox in a Box!

Six hundred twenty-nine sox in a box! All colors, all stripes, polka-dots, and curly-ques in all sizes. Your generosity has no bounds! Many folks will be so grateful to you for your donations of **new socks** to help keep people in our community warm this winter.

We are wrapping up our "sock it to us" effort this weekend. Catholic Charities will be collecting all the socks soon to prepare them for delivery to veterans and their families and to human services agencies throughout Wayne County. This effort is being co-sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Wayne County and by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan.

New socks of all sizes, colors, and patterns for men, women, and children are needed. Patterned and colorful socks for pre-school age children are particularly welcome. In 2021, 19,336 pairs of sock were collected by 35 different agencies and individuals and then distributed to 18 community organizations. A special "laundry basket" has been placed at the St. Matthew statue for your donations. Please help in this most simple and easy way. So

there will be many happy feet!

If you desire, monetary donations are welcome to help purchase socks. **Please do not remove any labels on the socks.** These are needed for the sorting process.

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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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Carol Henk
Jim Krause
Michele Stearns
Fatima Dorado
Andrew & Rachel Petrylka
Baby Magdalene Petrylka

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Feast of All Saints, Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Dan McBride Bill Ridella

Feast of All Saints, Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
William Zuerblis Julia Zuerblis

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

Sunday, November 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Mary Anne Pilette Emmanuel Kole-James
Samuel Kole-James
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 29 - Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan (9th Anniv), Gordon Lee (24th Anniv), Betty Lee (12th Anniv), Gordy Lee (20th Anniv), Tim Fitzgerald

Sunday, October 30 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - The Living and Deceased Members of the Daniel Family, Robert Stark, Richard Goll

Monday, October 31 - All Hallowed's Eve (Halloween)

Tuesday, November 1 - Feast of All Saints
9:00 a.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish
7:00 p.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Wednesday, November 2 - All Souls' Day
9:00 a.m. - For the Deceased Members of St. Matthew Parish

Thursday, November 3 - St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Friday, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the War in Ukraine

Saturday, November 5 - Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Frank and Adele Martinelli

Sunday, November 6 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Dick Pint, Fred Schaldenbrand, Francis Guillbault, Ernie Alix





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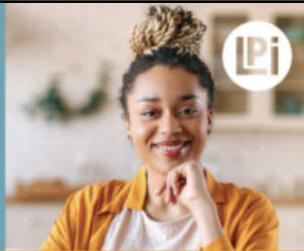
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