



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

November 6, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“That the dead will rise even Moses made known
in the passage about the bush.” - Lk 20:37

Readings for the Week of November 6, 2022

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

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages."

The Month of November Celebrating Detroit's Black History



Beginning in the late 1800s, chapels and missions were set up to accommodate the area's growing Black populations. In 1911, the first Catholic Mission for African Americans was established in St. Mary's Parish in Greektown. A year later, it baptized its first child, Grayton Barksdale. In 1914, the mission was named for St. Peter Claver and moved into a new church home. The mission parish was both Black and culturally diverse with parishioners from Jamaica, Trinidad, Windsor, Ontario, Chile, Granada, Louisiana, Maryland, Kentucky, and Michigan. Staffed by Felician Sisters and Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers, an order dedicated to serving Black Catholics, these missions were established to give African American Catholics a place of respite from the racial harshness of the day, a place of belonging, prayer, religious education, and hospitality. St. Peter Claver opened a school in 1936 and then moved into the previous German parish, Sacred Heart Church, in 1938 located in Eastern Market which remains today a personal African American parish for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

A second Black Parish was established on Detroit's westside in 1927 – St. Benedict the Moor. A young man, Norman DuKette, who helped with St. Mary's mission, was named its first priest. Fr. Norman DuKette was the first Black priest ordained for Detroit, incardinated in 1926 by Bishop Michael James Gallagher. A third Black mission, Holy Ghost, was opened in 1939 in northeast Detroit and given parish status in 1946; in 1943, a Black mission in the Detroit-Ferndale area, Our Lady of Victory, was established since Blacks were not permitted to attend nearby parishes, including Presentation Parish. A fifth and very successful Black mission, St. George Parish, was started in north-central Detroit. Nearly 1,000 African American Catholics were baptized there from 1949-1965. Sadly, St. George Church closed in 1965 to make way for freeway construction.

The Detroit civil unrest of summer 1967 was considered one of the most violent demonstrations in the U.S. of the 20th century. The cause of the unrest was due to tensions caused by a lack of educational opportunities, inadequate and segregated housing and unemployment. It started at 12th street and made its way to the Boston-Edison neighborhood, adjacent to Sacred Heart Major Seminary (SHMS) in Detroit. An African American artist painted the face, hands and feet of the Sacred Heart of Jesus image that is in front of the seminary. A topic of controversy for many years, the Black-painted Jesus has become a landmark and symbol of Jesus' love for all races of people. Mary Massingale, a researcher for SHMS wrote for Detroit Catholic, "Bishop Boyea called the painting a 'great blessing' for the seminary: 'It was a sign that we are not somehow immune to what takes place all around us, and it is a call to be engaged.'"

In 1970, the Archdiocese of Detroit established an Office of the Black Secretariat, one of the first offices in the nation to monitor relations between Blacks and Whites. In 1981, the Secretariat Office was closed, and the Office of Black Catholic Affairs was established to address the spiritual, familial, and social needs of the area's Black Catholics. Today, there are 15-18 local Catholic parishes with a strong Black presence. The Affairs office is now the Office of Black Catholic Ministry which is in the Cultural Ministries Office within the Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship in the Archdiocese of Detroit.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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

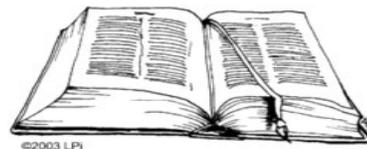
Saturday, November 19, 4:30 pm - Mass for Recently Deceased Members of St. Matthew Parish

ALL SOULS' DAY

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Stanley Smydra
Tim Fitzgerald

Bertha Gottemoeller
Deceased Members of the
Lee and Fitzgerald Families



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The question of the Sadducees to Jesus is framed in a story about a family with seven brothers and their sis-in-law. Through story telling, families remember their shared past and expose the companionship of God in your family from generation to generation.



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

Six hundred seventy eight 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.

The "sock" campaign was successful again this year even more so than last. CCSEM and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Wayne County will be able to add your donations to those collected by other entities for distribution to veterans, their families, and other charitable agencies who care for the less fortunate. A detailed accounting of the "sock collection" will be in The Pulse next week. Please know that St. Matthew parishioners made a difference by **"filling a box with sox."**

2022 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle



Don't forget to sell those 50/50 Raffle Tickets! There are many opportunities to sell tickets. Contact your friends and family and ask them to participate. Tell them the benefits of supporting our St. Matthew Parish.

Returns can be made and additional tickets are available after the weekend Masses and at the rectory. Mark your calendars for the day of our drawing, Sunday, December 4. The three lucky winners will be announced as well as the Seller's winner. There will be a catered breakfast this year provided by Joe Zainea and the Majestic Café. A virtual streaming of the drawing will be available to those who cannot attend. Also look forward to many surprises so we all can be winners!

Keep up the good work, as we look forward to another successful year!

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Protect our state from unjust laws.

In your Name, bring to defeat every attack against the sacredness of life.

Safeguard the rights of parents, whom you have entrusted with the care and formation of their children.

Help all who believe in Jesus to proclaim the Gospel of Life to their neighbors.

Dispel every anxiety and fear.

Strengthen the bond between parents and their unborn child.

May mothers and fathers accept and nurture the gift of life made in your image and likeness.

Our Lady, Queen of the Family, pray for us!

St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!



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.

REMEMBER: VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL 3

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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
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Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony Crimauco
Rosemary Schoolcraft
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Michele Stearns
Fatima Dorado
Andrew & Rachel Petrylka
Baby Magdalene Petrylka
Madalina Rastelli

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

Saturday, November 12, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Bruce Campbell

Sunday, November 13, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Liz Foley-Dunstone

SERVERS

Bruce Campbell

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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

Monday, November 7 -

Tuesday, November 8 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

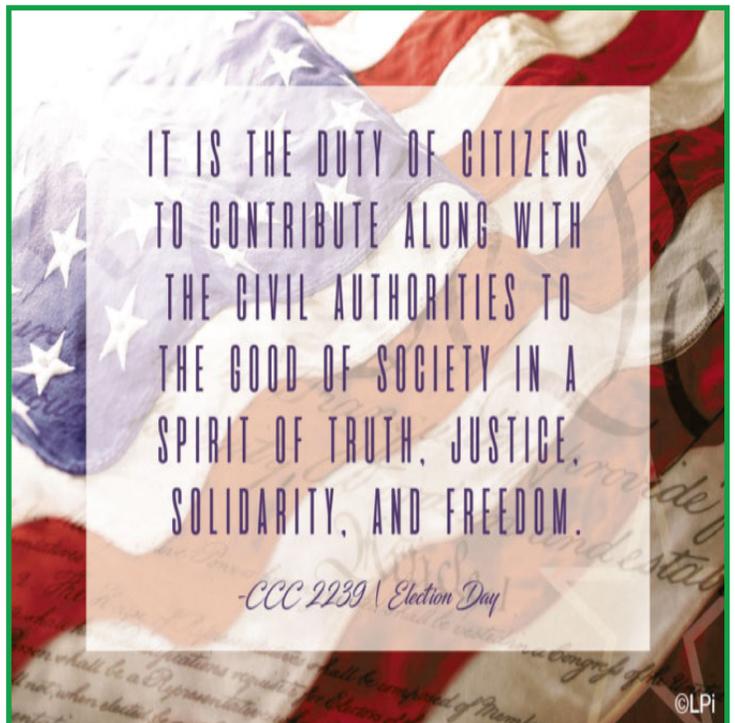
**Wednesday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran
Basilica**
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

**Thursday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor
of the Church**

Friday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours (Veterans Day)
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the War in Ukraine

**Saturday, November 12 - Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, November 13 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - The Polonis Family, Roger Sharpe, Bill Cummings,
Tim Fitzgerald, Ken Mielke (1st Anniv)





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