



Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

November 5, 2023

Detroit, Michigan



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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SERVANT

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MATTHEW 23:11

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Preserving History and Serving the Community: The Residences at St. Matthew

By Isabella Agby

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In a heartwarming reunion on Saturday, October 28, 2023, hundreds of St. Matthew Catholic School alumni gathered one last time to stroll down memory lane. They revisited the halls where they received their education, rekindled old friendships, and shared stories that had shaped their lives. The event was a poignant reminder of the profound impact the school had on its students.

But this gathering was more than just a walk down memory lane; it was also a celebration of a new chapter in the school's history. Amidst the nostalgia and fond reminiscences, there was excitement as attendees learned about the Residences at St. Matthew project.

Former students expressed their joy and relief upon discovering that their beloved school was not being torn down or forgotten but was being repurposed into something meaningful and everlasting! The Residences at St. Matthew will transform the school into permanent supportive housing, ensuring that it continues to serve the community vitally.

In a time when so many historic buildings and schools face the unfortunate fate of demolition, it's heartening to see the legacy of St. Matthew being preserved. The school, which holds a special place in the hearts of generations of alumni, will now have a renewed purpose as a sanctuary for those needing housing and support.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan is at the forefront of this project, channeling its efforts into the Residences at St. Matthew with the aim of not only preserving history but also making a positive impact on the lives of individuals and families in the region.

To learn more about the Residences at St. Matthew project, please visit www.ccsem.org/residences. We greatly appreciate your support and interest in this endeavor as we create a legacy that will benefit our community for years. Together, we can ensure that St. Matthew's enduring spirit continues to shine brightly.



Readings for the Week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: 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

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/
Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

By Father John Muir

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: “Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?’” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad’?” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.



The following poem was written by Lt. Col. John McCrae, a Canadian military doctor serving in an Allied artillery unit and who had just survived a battle in which some 87,000 soldiers had been killed or wounded. He was struck by the sight of the red blooms on the broken ground where the souls of so many died including his close friend. McCrae wrote this poem in the voice of the fallen soldiers buried under those hardy poppies.

In Flanders Field

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
between the crosses row on row,
that mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If you break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Everyday Stewardship

Over the years, our parish has had many great social events for our community. We have had gatherings; i.e., our catered breakfast for the Gold’n Harvest 50/50 Raffle, and of course, our Jazz Nite in the spring, and more. It seems we will use any excuse to have a party and enjoy each other’s company. And for all these events, our pastor, Father Duane, has been present.

To see a shepherd serve his sheep is a cause to reflect on how we are all called to serve one another. We are called to a life of humility and service, giving of ourselves for the greater glory of God. When we seek to serve our brothers and sisters, the Jesus in us meets the Jesus in them.

In our everyday lives we can find ways of serving others if we are mindful of the opportunities all around us. We must never fall into the trap of seeing others in terms of “us and them.” In Christ, there is only US. In Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, servant or free. We are one. On this day, who will God place on your path for you to serve? Don’t be fooled into thinking that all calls are for something grand. Sometimes, even a small, kind gesture might be all it takes to show others they are loved.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, November 5 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Saturday, November 18, 4:30 pm - Memorial Mass for Recently Deceased Parishioners

Saturday, November 18, and Sunday, November 19, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Collection for the Catholic Charities of SE Michigan



“SOCK IT TO US” or Sox in a Box!

We are still counting the socks!! A full report will be in The Pulse next week. You have donated socks in all colors, all stripes, all 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.

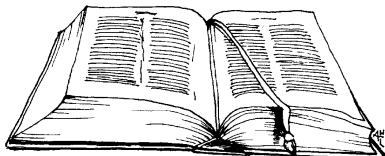
Catholic Charities will be collecting all the socks next week to prepare them for delivery to veterans and their families and to human services agencies throughout Wayne County. This effort is being co-sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Wayne County and by CCSEM.

St. Matthew parishioners have made a difference by **“socking it to us.”**

ALL SOULS' DAY

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald and Lee Families
Tim Fitzgerald
Margaret Stickler
William & Cecilia Pilette
Rose Parker
Stanley Smydra
Patricia Smydra
Gary Guilbault



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes the vocation of parents: “The greatest among you will be your servant.” Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience, and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless servitude.

Don't forget our 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 their tickets, and going beyond their part to sell tickets to family members and friends. “Take it to the streets!”

The drawing is Sunday, December 3, with a catered breakfast provided through the courtesy of Joe Zainea, our fellow parishioner, and the staff at the Majestic Café. You are all welcome to join fellow parishioners in this fun and exciting event! There will be sur “prizes!”

St. Paul on the Lake is hosting an SVdP clothing drive on this weekend, November 4 / 5. Only clothing will be accepted. Your donations are welcome.

SVdP trucks will be in the St. Paul parking lot throughout the weekend. Teen volunteers will be there to assist and accept your donations. Time to clean out those closets!

A Prayer for our Military

Dear Father in Heaven,
Give them courage,
Hope, and strength.
May they ever
Experience your
Support, love, and healing. 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 Crimaudo
Pauline Williams
Sarah Wagner
Albert Fajardo
Aurora Guinto
Jesse Ocampo
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Brianna Costello
Charles Perzyk
Adrianna Stephens
Mary Zainea
Brooks Murphy

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Dan McBride

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, November 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Liz Smith

Emmanuel Kole-James

Samuel Kole-James

Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 4 - Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Frank and Adele Martinelli, Bob Werenski

Sunday, November 5 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Living and Deceased Members of the Reyes Family,
Wynter Cole Smith, Jack Dunstone

Monday, November 6 -

Tuesday, November 7 -

9:00 a.m. - For our Military Serving Here and Abroad

Wednesday, November 8 -

9:00 a.m. - For First Responders and Healthcare Workers

Thursday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

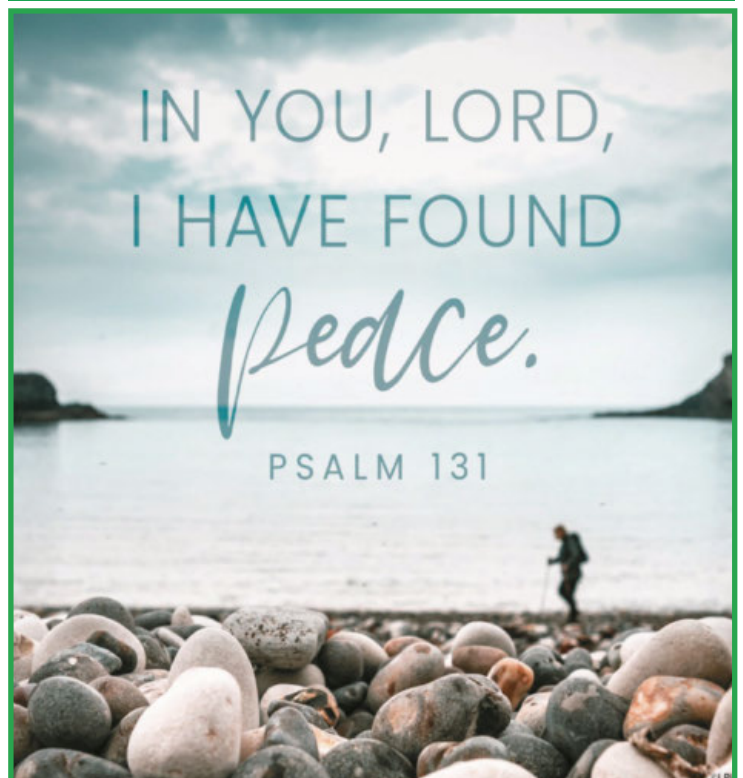
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the War in Ukraine and the Conflict in
the Holy Land

Saturday, November 11 - Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Jack Dunstone, All Military Personnel Living and
Deceased

Sunday, November 12 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Living and Deceased Members of the Reyes Family,
The Pelonis Family, Jerry Falkowski, Tim
Fitzgerald





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