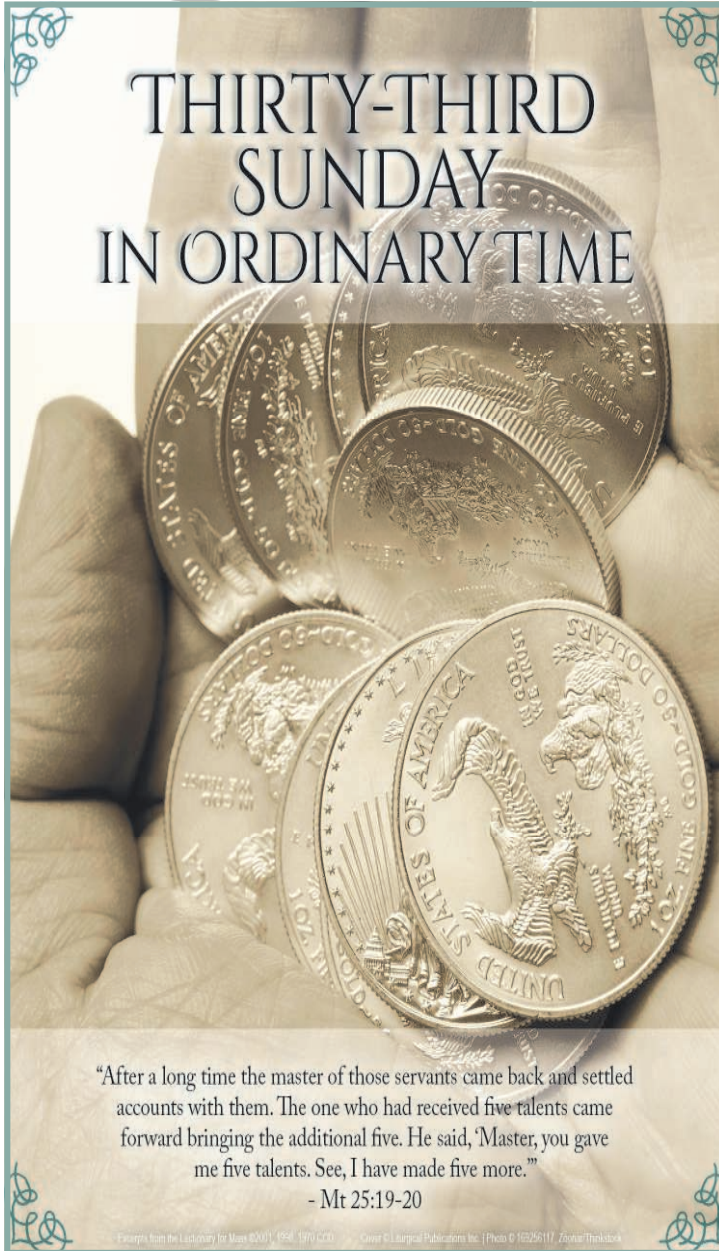




# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

November 19, 2017

Detroit, Michigan



## News from our St. Vincent de Paul Conference:

Walk for the Poor and Thanksgiving Day Collection

Thank you to everyone that contributed and solicited pledges in support of our fundraising effort that coincided with the Metropolitan Detroit Society of St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor that took place the last Saturday in September. It was a beautiful fall day for the good number of walkers from our parish who participated in this annual event held at Belle Isle. Our conference was able to raise about \$1,400 that will help to fund some of the many services that we provide to the less fortunate that live in our community.

As you have seen often online, on television and in the daily news, thousands of Detroit residents continue to struggle every single day to provide for themselves and their families. Though the reasons are many why this is, our St. Vincent de Paul conference here at St. Matthew's tries to respond to the hundreds of calls that we get annually asking for help.

One of the ways to build up our available resources to assist those that ask for help in our community is through our annual St. Vincent de Paul collection. The collection will be held this year on Thanksgiving Day at the 9 A.M. Mass. We're very grateful for whatever you're able to give. Please be sure to use your Thanksgiving Day envelope for St. Vincent de Paul that you'll find with your offertory packet. If you're unable to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day, please just drop the SVdP envelope in the weekly offertory collection that will be taken up the following Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our St. Matthew conference for St. Vincent de Paul has had a busy year. We've personally visited over 160 families in their homes who've requested assistance from our conference. Assistance provided to those families in need have included the purchase of beds, refrigerators, stoves, tables, chairs, other household furnishings, small appliances and school supplies. Additionally we've provided help with electric, gas, and water bills and back rent delinquencies due to emergency causes.

The need in our services area which encompasses almost all of the 48224 zip code is huge. We hope to raise significant funds at this time to continue our service to those that have little and whose life can be difficult. As we all take time to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings during our national holiday, we hope you'll remember those families in our own community that are hurting. Thank you so much for your generosity.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH  
AT THE 4:30 P.M. MASS**

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE  
BEFORE US AND ARE NOW IN THE  
PRESENCE OF THE LORD!**

## Readings for the Week of November 19, 2017

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1  
Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21  
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53,  
61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/  
Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/  
Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/  
Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



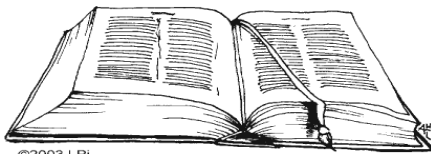
"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, "Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded

for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day.

What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of "talents" to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us.

Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we don't have instead of embracing what we do.

Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."



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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

As the man in today's Gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has "entrusted" our family to us. Like the good servants, we are expected not to play it safe but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

## Blessed Father Solanus Casey

Bernard (Barney) Francis Casey born on November 25, 1870 on a farm in Oak Grove, Wisconsin, and was the sixth of 16 children of Bernard James and Ellen Elizabeth, Irish immigrants.

His voice was permanently damaged in 1878 due to a case of diphtheria which took two of his siblings that year. The family moved to Hudson, and he began school. However, this was cut short when they again moved to St. Croix County. In 1887, he left the farm for a series of jobs; lumberjack, hospital orderly, guard in the state prison (where he met cohorts of Jesse James), and street car operator. He first desired the married life; but after his proposal, the mother of the girl sent her away.

During this time, he witnessed several violent acts and felt the call to the priesthood. Due to his limited formal education, he enrolled in a minor seminary of the Archdiocese in Milwaukee. He struggled with classes because they were taught in Latin or German, languages he didn't know. He was advised to join a religious order where he could be ordained as a simplex priest; he could preside at Mass but not preach or hear confessions. He reflected and prayed on this before the statue of the Blessed Mary when he heard her voice telling him to "go to Detroit."

He applied to the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, was received on January 14, 1887 and given the religious name of "Solanus" after St. Francis Solanus who shared his love of the violin. He made vows on July 21, 1889. Even though he struggled through his studies, he did receive ordination on July 24, 1904 in Milwaukee and was indeed ordained as a simplex priest celebrating his first Mass on July 31 with his family present.

He served for 20 years at various friaries until he was transferred to St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit working there until 1945. He served mostly as a doorkeeper (porter). He became known for his great compassion for the sick, and people considered him instrumental in cures and other blessings. He loved to pray in front of the Eucharist and spent many nights there.

He loved the violin and played Irish songs for fellow friars during recreation time, but he had a terrible singing voice due to his speech impediment. The friars could not refrain from rolling their eyes or coughing, so he would excuse himself politely and sneak down to the chapel and play for the Invisible Guest at the tabernacle.

He fasted often, but also ate well and was able to join the younger religious in games of tennis and volleyball, sometimes even jogging until his late seventies.

In 1946 due to failing health and suffering from eczema over this entire body, he was transferred to St. Felix Monastery in Huntington, Indiana. He lived there until a 1956 hospitalization in Detroit. The skin condition worsened to a diagnosis of severe psoriasis which was beyond treatment. The doctors considered amputation until the ulcers started to heal. He again was admitted to the hospital as his skin condition grew unmanageable. His sister and other relatives were notified of his eminent death. He passed away on July 31, 1957 with only his nurse at his side. "I give my soul to Christ," he was purported to have said.

Twenty thousand people filed past his casket; his beatification cause was started in 1976. On July 11, 1995, Pope John Paul II confirmed the title of Venerable on Father Solanus. A healing miracle in 2015 furthered his cause; and on May 2, 2017, Pope Francis announced that Father Solanus would be beatified. **And so, Father Solanus was indeed beatified on November 18th in Detroit, Michigan.**

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, November 19, 9:15 am - St. Matthew Choir Practice with Rick Cucchi, Choir Loft

Sunday, November 19, 10 am Mass - Collection for Catholic Charities of SE Michigan

Monday, November 20, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day - 9 am Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED!

Saturday, November 25, 4:30 pm - Mass of Remembrance

**CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**Mass of Thanksgiving** - Archbishop Allen Vigneron will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the beatification of Father Solanus Casey at Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral from 4 to 6 p.m. next Sunday, November 26.

The Beatification Mass for Father Casey was this Saturday at Ford Field. A member of the Capuchin Franciscan Order of St. Joseph, as well as one of the founders of Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Father Casey was renowned for his miraculous cures, compassionate counsel, and service of the poor. Pope John Paul II declared him as "venerable" in 1995. His beatification, at the direction of Pope Francis, is a significant step toward his canonization as a saint.

Everyone is invited to this Mass of Thanksgiving at the cathedral, thanks to your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org).



**Thanksgiving Day Blessing**

*O God of all things in heaven and on earth, you give all your people in the world the gift of life, the gift of family, the gift of work, and the gift of rest.*

*On this, our national day of Thanksgiving, we turn all our thoughts to you, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Bless all our work, our friends, and our families both near and far.*

*We humbly ask for the ability to continue our work for your kingdom and the ability to gather freely to worship you without fear.*

*We ask you to give our years ahead your blessing and protection.*

*We ask all this through Christ the Lord, your Son and our brother. Amen.*

**Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan**

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection to support Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM), which is the social justice arm of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

As you may know, CCSEM provides valuable services and programs that bring help and hope to our brothers and sisters most in need. CCSEM's many ministries touch the lives of more than 20,000 people each year as they provide behavioral health, adoption and foster care services; outreach to the Hispanic community; or services for senior citizens and caregivers.

What you may not know is that St. Matthew's outreach to the community at Christmas through our St. Vincent de Paul conference is benefited by CCSEM through their Adopt a Family for Christmas program. Nominated by St. Matthew Parish, these families are in need of help with basic necessities like food, rent, utilities, and medical care. Checks made out to CCSEM with "Adopt a Family" in the memo line goes directly to this effort.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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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.*

Chuck Schuster	Sr. Judy Seefeld, OP
Bienvenido Fajardo	Rev. Robert Allman
Lolita Dorado	Nanette Ferreria
Rita Moroni	Dorothy Kurrie
Albert Fajardo	Anthony Mastronardi
Virginia Fajardo	Eduardo Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill	Kathy Bush
Regina Butler	Peggy Bates
Kurt Beghuyn	Glenda Johnson
Rose Colombo	Daniel Adams
Laura Bush-Terry	John Allman
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Teresita Covacha	
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Joe Escorial	
Richard Gargulinski	
Joe Petrylka	
Roger Sharpe	
Bob Spansky	

## Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

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#### MINISTERS

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*Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017, 9:00 a.m.*

Marilyn Lynn  
Beverly Goll

Marie Vortkamp

Mary Pocius

Saturday, November 25, 2017, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman  
Janet Law

Marie Vortkamp

Ian Campbell

Sunday, November 26, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn  
Beverly Goll  
Linda Holster  
Michael Holster  
Veronica Obianwu  
Greg Redman  
Kristen Stark

Patrick Lusch

Kiley Dulapa  
Lauren Gross  
Mary Pocius

## Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 19th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Emily Christina, Wanda Paruch, Dick Pint, Judy Stark, Denise Barlage, Anthony Kaminski, Veronica Kaminski

Monday, November 20th -

Tuesday, November 21st - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. - Ann Laige

Wednesday, November 22nd - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

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

Thursday, November 23rd - Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. - William and Sylvia Law, Tom and Mary Margaret Peters, Robert Keyes

Friday, November 24th - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

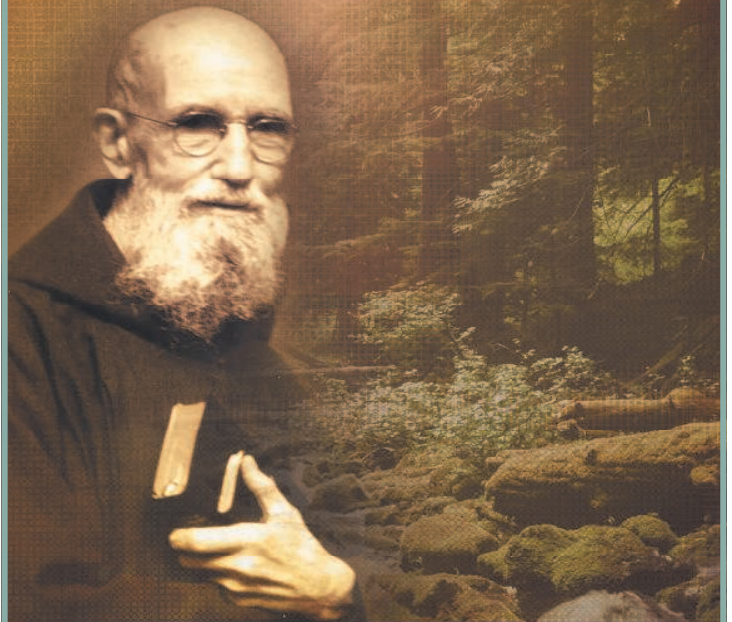
Saturday, November 25th - Vigil: Christ the King

4:30 p.m. - Betty Cummings, All the Deceased Members of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, November 26th - Christ the King

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, George Kaminski, Mary Noreen Kaminski, Lois Jones

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