



Saint Matthew Church *The PULSE*

February 25, 2018

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*Today, Sunday, February 25, Monet Exhibit at the DIA and Dinner at the Majestic Café!
If you are attending and need shuttle service from The Majestic Café, please plan on being there by 1 p.m.
Meet as a group at the DIA for the 2:00 p.m. Monet Exhibit Tour.
Shuttle service back to The Majestic Café from the DIA begins at 3:30 p.m. Dinner served at 4:00 p.m.*

Readings for the Week of February 25, 2018

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf.103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

2nd Sunday of Lent



How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether. Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor.

A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families, we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old, and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

God of the Journey, We Encounter You in Young People Journey to Nicaragua

Like many young people in the farming communities of Nicaragua, especially women, Cesia had a hard time finding a job. Many leave their communities to find work, but Cesia wanted to stay home with her parents and youngest sibling.

So, with her mother's support, she joined YouthBuild, a CRS program that teaches business and life skills. YouthBuild's core values of family, service, opportunity, and leadership guide what participants learn and the kinds of relationships they build with one another.

Once very shy, Cesia is now a leader who has built a thriving business making and selling cattle feed. She dreams of expanding her business and leads workshops to help other young people in her community.

Access to dignified work at a fair wage allows people to remain with their families and build up their communities.

Let us Pray

For Cesia, who we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all young people in Nicaragua struggling to find meaningful work, that their God-given gifts be used for the common good.

We Pray to the Lord

For those worldwide who are forced to flee from their homes for safety or better opportunities.

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Transforming the Heart: The Springtime of Repentance

The great time of Lent is upon us! It is the time for more fasting, for more prayer, and for more generous giving. It is the time for a renewal of life in us, and the Springtime of Heaven is revealed in our innermost hearts, when we choose to humble ourselves and so enter into a healthy, lively, and interactive relationship with God. When we repent and so change, then a new life really begins.

In the New Testament, repent means literally a transformative change of heart for us, for you and me. From the heart then the mind is re-oriented to see, and think, and feel in a new and wonderfully different way. Our whole world view can then change, renewed by Christ to see and think and feel with our heart and mind baptized in this newness, this humble-mindedness, this meek way of looking at everything. This is what the Lord said to learn from him. This is truly the Springtime of Lent.

Often we think that great change can only happen later, usually at a more distant time. This is not what Jesus said. It can happen right now. It is a choice. It is the willingness to be open to change, and to acknowledge that we are seeing and thinking and feeling in small and restricted ways, making ourselves the standard of all things instead of God. If we slip into our stream of thoughts the doubt of ourselves as master, as the center of thinking itself, then Jesus Christ has room to enter and effect a great change in us. Giving Christ this room is the beginning of all real and lasting change.

Let us open to him today the gates of repentance, the openness of heart, the pleading call, heart to heart, that we are ready to really begin, ready to be more open, ready to welcome him to be the master and center of our life, and even of this change. He is always standing at the door waiting for us to knock. Let us knock today and begin to really live, so our hearts can become so full of Jesus and Heaven that all the flowers of his spiritual springtime will blossom forth in us!



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, February 25, 9:15 am - St. Matthew Choir Rehearsal with Rick Cucchi, Choir Loft

Sunday, February 25 - Parish Outing to the Monet Exhibit with Dinner at the Majestic Café, Shuttle Service to the DIA from the Majestic Café starting at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 4, 10 am Mass - First Scrutiny for our RCIA Elect, Keith Arcicovich and Cory Fullilove

Saturday, March 10, Sunday, March 11, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses - Catholic Relief Services Collection

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CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Youth and Young Adult Ministry - "The Sacred Walk of Holy Week," a retreat for those who minister to our youth and young adults, will be held March 23 and 24 at the Queen of the Family Retreat Center in Oxford, Michigan.

The retreat offers youth and young adult ministers an opportunity to unite their experiences of joy and heartache, and everything in between, with Jesus' triumphant walk through Holy Week. By taking time to prepare for the journey Jesus intentionally walked for each of us, they will be able to see what the path means for them today.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow the Archdiocese of Detroit to minister to those who foster the spiritual and personal growth of our youth and young adults, and to empower them to become disciples of Jesus Christ and actively witness their faith.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to www.aod.org.

Grab Your Passports and Prepare Yourself for

April in Paris "A Jazzy Soiree" (ooh la la!)

This weekend the tickets for our 2018 Jazz Nite fundraising event which will be held on Saturday, April 14, at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Banquet Center are ready for sale. We are asking you to join your fellow parishioners for a trip to Paris, France to enjoy a wonderful dinner, an open bar, and the music of "Heart & Soul" for your dancing pleasure. We are calling this fundraising event: **April in Paris, "A Jazzy Soiree" (ooh la la!).**

The cost of the individual tickets and table sponsorships remain the same as last year. This year again we are offering special opportunities for individuals to help sponsor our Jazz Nite event which will ensure the success of this fundraiser.

Also, this year we are preparing a Program Book under the direction of Patrick Lusch and Gerianne LaPratt which will highlight businesses that sponsor our "April in Paris." Please see Patrick for information on this effort at the back vestibule of the church on Saturdays or Gerianne following the Sunday Mass. Any help you can give on acquiring business advertisements will be greatly appreciated.

Tickets need to be purchased before the night of the event. Sellers will be in the back vestibule after weekend Masses for your convenience. A Will Call window will be available, or you can pick up your tickets at the rectory.

Ooh la la! Mon Ami!



IHM Motherhouse Chapel Sunday March 4, 2018, 3 pm Music of the 3B's for Cello and Piano

A musical program performed by Diane Winder, cello, and Garik Pederson, piano, will include the works of Brahms, Bach, and Barber, plus one more, Beckler, makes four! A free will offering will provide you with an afternoon of quality entertainment.

The IHM Motherhouse is located at 610 West Elm, Monroe. Call Barbara Childress with questions at 734-240-9767.

St. Ambrose Parish Lenten Buffet

Fridays during Lent from 4 to 8 pm
Wayburn / Hampton, in the ARK, Grosse Pointe Park
Salad bar, soup du jour, fried or baked cod, tater tots,
macaroni with cheese, weekly special entrees,
Rolls, vegetables, beverages, and desserts.
\$17.95 for adults ~ \$10 children ages 6 to 10
Children under 5 eat free

Announcing to Evangelization Committee Members From St. Matthew Parish

To Evangelization Committee members and other interested parties, St. Clare and St. Philomena Parishes invite you to a special session with respect to Unleashing the Gospel to be held at St. Philomena Social Hall. Special Speaker, Michael King, AoD Northeast Region Coordinator, Office of Evangelization, will present an Introduction and Foundational Convictions of Evangelization.

This session will take place on Saturday, March 3, from 9 to 11:30 am. There will be three sessions offered which will be addressed at a later date. If you plan on attending all three sessions, this first session is a must!

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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
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Regina Butler
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SERVERS

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Janet Law

Marie Vortkamp

Ian Campbell
Kiley Dulapa

Sunday, March 4, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu

Patrick Lusch

Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 24th - Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent
4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Sunday, February 25th - Second Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Frank Amara (18th Anniv), Judy Stark, William Pilette, Veronica Kaminski, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood

Monday, February 26th -

Tuesday, February 27th -
9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Wednesday, February 28th -
9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Dennis Angle (4th Anniv)

Thursday, March 1st -

Friday, March 2nd - World Day of Prayer
9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, For the Needy in our Community

Saturday, March 3rd - Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent
4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Emma Langan

Sunday, March 4th - Third Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark, Peppino Moroni, Mary Merlo



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