



# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

February 3, 2019

Detroit, Michigan

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28-30

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## St. Matthew Parish Report July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Budget/27 Weeks: @ \$2,442.31	\$65,942.37
Actual/27 Weeks:	\$60,003.07
Online Giving/27 Weeks:	<u>\$7,573.00</u>
Total Actual/27 Weeks:	\$67,576.07
<b>Overage/Shortfall:</b>	<b>\$1,633.70</b>
Average Collection/Sunday:	\$2,502.82
Average % of Budget/Sunday:	102.48%
Average % <b>over</b> (under)/Sunday:	<b>2.48%</b>
Debt Reduction Envelope/27 Weeks:	\$2,125.00
Online Debt Reduction Giving:	<u>\$270.00</u>
Total Debt Reduction Giving:	\$2,395.00
<b>NET OVERAGE - First Half FY 2018/2019:</b>	<b>\$4,028.70</b>

✝ **STEWARDSHIP** ✉

Let us give what we cannot keep  
to gain what we cannot lose.



*In Honor of the Feast of St. Blaise  
February 3  
Throats will be Blessed this Weekend  
at all Masses.*

*Remember the faith of this saint each year  
and pray for blessings on those  
who suffer throat ailments.  
Always remember this blessing is a sign of our faith  
in God's protection and love for us  
and for the sick, and for those who need our prayers.*

### CSA Campaign 2018

CSA 2018 Goal:	\$15,804.00
Total Pledged:	\$46,919.45
Total Paid	<u>\$41,254.87</u>
Pledge Balance:	\$5,664.58
Refund Anticipated:	\$31,115.45
Refund Issued:	\$25,370.87
Refund Due:	\$80.00
Average Pledge:	\$384.59
Number of Pledges Fully Paid:	86
Number of Pledges Received:	122
Number of Pledges Outstanding:	36
Number of Parish Families:	219

## Readings for the week of February 3, 2019

Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/ Lk 4:21-30
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 27b]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/ Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/ 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him



grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of the town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Two decades before the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, in antebellum New Orleans, a French-speaking woman of African descent named Henriette Delille founded a religious order for black women called the Sisters of the Holy Family. Now, some 175 years later, Delille is poised to become not only New Orleans' first official saint, but also the first U.S.-born black saint.

Delille's story is inspiring. She was born in 1812 and, as a young Creole woman, she lived with a white man in a common-law marriage permitted under the system of "placage" (an extralegal system that circumvented the laws preventing interracial marriage). When she was 24, after the death of two young sons, she experienced a religious conversion that led her to found the Sisters of the Holy Family. Her focus was tending to the elderly, caring for the sick, and teaching slaves and free blacks whose access to education opportunities was severely limited. She was known for conducting itinerant catechism classes on the banks of the Mississippi. And all of this took place during a period in Louisiana history when taking any actions that might "disturb" the population (for instance, by educating them) was considered criminal behavior.

While she may end up being the first, Henriette is not the only US-born black candidate for sainthood. She is part of a cluster of individuals on the path to sainthood. The group includes Mary Elizabeth Lange (founder of the first African-American women religious order in the US), Augustus Tolton (the first Roman Catholic priest in the US who was publicly known to be black), and Pierre Toussaint, a former Haitian slave turned hairdresser who used his wealth to care for the poor. Like Delille, Toussaint is close to sainthood: like Delille, he currently holds the status of a "venerable."

Whoever becomes the first US-born black saint, this is a significant moment in Church history. When US bishops voted in 1997 to endorse "the appropriateness and timeliness" of Henriette's candidacy, they were making a statement. Unlike the canonization of wealthy white nuns or missionaries to the Americas, Delille and Toussaint represent a deliberate turn towards saints who spoke for and identified with the black community.

Henriette not only worked in the South among slaves, she actively resisted the cultural forces that encouraged her—as a light-skinned black woman—to "pass" as white in New Orleans society. While her siblings and parents registered as white in the census, Henriette registered as a free woman of color which meant that she was unable to join religious orders in New Orleans the majority of which did not admit non-whites. As such Delille is part of a wider phenomenon in which black Catholic women piously embraced their faith while also resisting its racist tendencies. Black Catholic women brought their own distinctive spirituality into the Church.

The Church chose to look into Delille due in part to the work of local historians and also to a long-overdue interest in and awareness of the vitality and significance of African-American voices in Christianity in general. Though their race has often been whitewashed or rendered incidental by history, black saints have been part of the backbone of the Church from the days of the Apostles. But now, in the 21st century, we're finally seeing a shift towards the explicit recognition of the role that black spirituality has played in shaping American Catholicism.

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, February 2, and Sunday, February 3, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively** - Blessing of Throats in Honor of St. Blaise

**Thursday, February 7, 6 pm** - Jazz Nite Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

**Sunday, February 10** - Hospitality Sunday, following the 10 am Mass, Celebrate Valentine's Day and meet our new parish members!



### NEW MEMBERS FROM ST. PHILOMENA PARISH

*ANTHONY CRIMAUDDO OF DETROIT*

*MARY BETH LANGAN, AND HUSBAND,  
TED COUTILISH, OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES*

### JOINING OUR PARISH FROM ST. CLEMENT

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OF WARREN*

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YOU WILL FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME AT  
ST. MATTHEW PARISH. MAY GOD GRANT YOU  
MANY BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR OF 2019!*

### Disciples on Mission 2019

This event series continues with top faculty members of the Sacred Heart Major Seminary and is hosted at parishes across the city. It will address religious issues touching on the experience of Black Catholics in Detroit and Christ's call to bring the power of the Gospel into the city.

- March 2: Dr. Mark Latkovic on "Catholic Social Teaching," St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Church, 10400 Stoepl, Detroit 48204
- May 4: Dr. Michael McCallion on "Taking a Knee: A Catholic Intercultural Perspective," Corpus Christ Catholic Church, 19800 Pembroke, Detroit 48219
- September 14: Dr. Daniel Keating and a Panel of Leaders of Detroit Christian Communities on "Unleashing the Gospel in our Neighborhoods," Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd, Detroit 48206

To register, please contact Ryan Cahill at [ca-hill.ryan@shms.edu](mailto:ca-hill.ryan@shms.edu) or call Sacred Heart Seminary at 313-883-8500 for further information. This series is open to all and any interested persons.

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**Evangelization** - Those looking for answers to big questions, such as what God's plan is for their life and how they can be fulfilled, are invited to Kerygma Nights. This four-part series will share the core of what the Gospel reveals through short talks, discussion, and Q&A with others asking these same questions.

Attendees may go to one or all of the Kerygma Nights, which began in January and are being held on different days at three locations in the Archdiocese. Each event is from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Mondays, Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn, February 4, 11, and 18.

Tuesdays (in Spanish), National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak, February 5 and 12.

Wednesdays, Jolly Pumpkin Restaurant and Tap House, Royal Oak, February 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Kerygma Nights is a program of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization. Your CSA gifts support the office's work of helping people encounter God in a new way.

### Let us Pray

*Loving God,  
You gift us with life.  
Through Baptism You have  
called us to new life.  
May we be a sign of Your  
love in the world.*



*We pray that You will continue to fill women and men  
with an abundance of courage  
to follow the path you set before them today.*

*May those who feel compelled to serve as lay ministers,  
brothers, sisters, and priests, be blessed with passion  
and vision to make the world a better place.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

### A Sneak Peek at Jazz Nite 2019

Soon our Jazz Nite dinner dance will be upon us. Plans are in the making for a fun and interesting evening as we celebrate "City Rhythms" in 20th Century Detroit.

A program booklet will be developed which will provide opportunities for businesses to take out advertisements that will not only help us in this fundraising effort but will allow them an exposure to their services and goods to our attending guests.

The Committee is asking, even at this early date, that if you know of a business that would be interested in an ad, please contact them. We have the paperwork, and prices will match those of last year. Please contact the rectory for further information.

There will also be sponsorship opportunities with the donation structure identical to last year. These sponsorships will highlight the iconic architecture of the city of Detroit.

There will be fun for all — we promise!

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### PARISH ORGANIZATION

Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*  
Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

### 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	Peggy Bates
Bienvenido Fajardo	Glenda Johnson
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### MINISTERS

Janet Bielman  
Mary Bielman  
Janet Law

### LECTORS

Julie Smith

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Ian Campbell  
Lauren Smith

Saturday, February 9, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Patti Adams

Keith Arcicovich

Beverly Goll

Veronica Obianwu

Greg Redman

Jean Solomon

Mary Ann Pilette

Lauren Gross

Mary Pocius

Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 2 - Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For Missionaries Serving Around the World

Sunday, February 3 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Winnifred Tobin (50th Anniv), Helen Rice (28th Anniv), Judy Stark

Monday, February 4 -

Tuesday, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry

Wednesday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions,

Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry

Thursday, February 7 -

Friday, February 8 - St. Jerome Emilani; St. Josephine

Bakhita, Virgin

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

Saturday, February 9 - Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

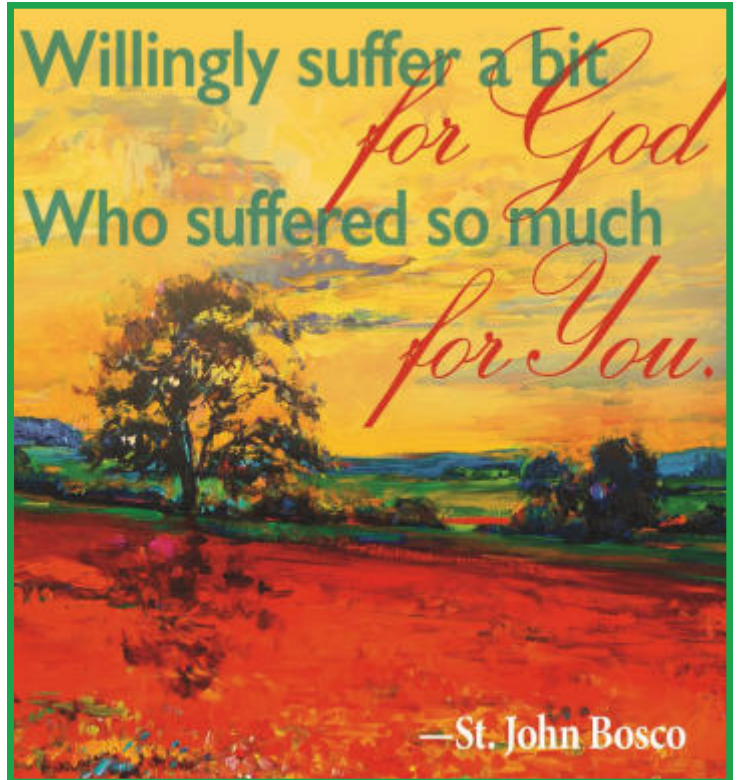
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, February 10 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - The Delisi Family, Judy Stark



Willingly suffer a bit  
for God  
Who suffered so much  
for You.



—St. John Bosco

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