



# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

**March 3, 2019**

**Detroit, Michigan**



## *8<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**MARCH 6, 2019**  
**ASHES DISTRIBUTED AT THE**  
**9:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M. MASSES**

## Readings for the week of March 3, 2019

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/  
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45  
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17  
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Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/  
Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17  
[cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/  
Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/  
Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27  
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Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
[cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

### 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Emails. Carpools. Shopping lists. Home repairs. It can seem like we move so quickly from one thing to the next. Our news comes in sound bites and headlines. How often do we take time for silence, for prayer, for reflection, for wisdom? Jesus warns us of stumbling through life without an adequate sense of where we're going. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This Sunday's Gospel isn't about fumbling along but offers a self-check on our own motivations.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Without adequate self-reflection, it's easy to become blind to our own faults. We go through life's motions as our bad habits linger or even increase. We may become increasingly impatient, we may avoid important tasks, we may neglect the emotional needs of our spouse. Perhaps, in the process, we find fault with those around us. In the words of Jesus, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first."

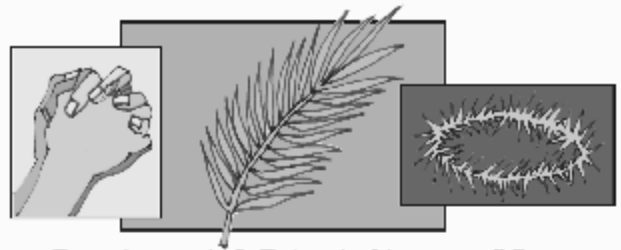
So how do we know? How can we notice the hidden faults in our lives? "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of store of evil produces evil." Do you notice certain relationships that have become strained, or situations where you know you don't act your best? Perhaps this is an area where you are acting out of sin, rather than virtue. The truth is, all of us are a mixture of light and dark, vice and virtue. We can't pretend we're perfect! But we also need to take time to pause and prayerfully examine the fruit we're bearing.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today Jesus tells us: "Why do you see the speck in someone else's eye but miss the log in your own eye?" It's always easier to try to change someone else than face the things in ourselves which need change. What a waste of time for we can't change anyone but ourselves.

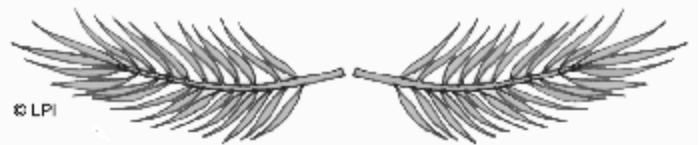


## Penitential Disciplines of Lent

"The Christian faithful, during Lent, are clearly conscious of the need to turn the mind towards those realities which really count, which require Gospel commitment and integrity of life which, through self denial of those things which are superfluous, are translated into good works and solidarity with the poor and needy" (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, #125).

In addition to choosing their own penitential practices, Catholics are also asked to observe the practices of fast and abstinence during the 40 days of Lent. The Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations are as follows:

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.)
3. Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means eating only one full, meatless meal. Two other smaller, meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



### REFLECTION ~ March 6, 2019 ~ Ash Wednesday

*"Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust."*

*You remind us today, oh Lord, of our origin and end.  
In the beginning, You fashioned us in the Garden.*

*You dignified dust with the Breath of Life.  
You made us in Your image and likeness.  
You led Your people through the dust of the  
Sinai wilderness to the Promised Land.  
You overcame temptation in the dry desert.  
You healed the blind with dirt and clay.  
Three times Your body stirred the dust  
as you fell on the road to Calvary.*

*Hear the cry of Your people!*

*One day we will return to dust.*

*This Lenten season, stir our minds to contemplate You, our  
hearts to love You, and our bodies to serve You  
in our brothers and sisters.*

*May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving  
be Your breath alive in us. Amen.*

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Wednesday, March 6, 9 am and 7 pm**  
- Ash Wednesday Masses with Distribution of Ashes

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

**Saturday, March 9, and Sunday, March 10, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively** - Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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## Jazz Nite 2019 ~ City Rhythms ~ 20th Century Detroit

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 6:30 to 11 pm**

We are looking forward to another successful spring fundraiser, our **Jazz Nite 2019**, to be held at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Banquet Center.

There are special opportunities for individuals to help sponsor our Jazz Nite event ensuring its success. A Program Booklet is being prepared that will highlight sponsors for our **City Rhythms Jazz Nite**. Please see the enclosed flyer for the many ways you can support this fundraising event and gain recognition for your generosity. Make your commitment as **soon as possible, the deadline for publication is March 22nd**. For business ads, please contact Gerianne LaPratt or Patricia Camazola by calling the rectory. They have the necessary paperwork for your use.

This event promises to take you down memory lane through 20th Century Detroit. There will be photo opportunities, vintage and classic vehicles (for real!), and other surprises. The five-course dinner served family style will include chicken soup, Michigan salad, entrees of beef tenderloin and chicken picante, and dessert (ice cream fudge sundaes, just like Sanders); and, of course, Heart 'n Soul will play for our dancing and listening pleasure.

**TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO PURCHASE FOR THE EVENT!** Please see one of our committee members at the back vestibule of the church after the weekend Masses for ticket order forms and to make your payment. Ticket sales are in advance only!

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**Young Adult and Campus Ministry** - Auxiliary Bishop Gerard Battersby is the featured speaker for March's Theology on Tap, to be held at Royal Oak Taphouse from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on **Fat Tuesday, March 5**.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help fund these fellowship evenings, which give young adults in our Archdiocese the opportunity to reflect on their faith in a fun and relaxed setting. Each Theology on Tap gathering features a speaker on topics relating to religion and theology.

The Young Adult and Campus Ministry Office coordinates activities for young adults, ages 18 to 35, so they may grow in their faith through evangelization, catechesis, spiritual growth, liturgical formation, social events, and service.

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

## Support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Restore the Church ~ Build the Future

*Next week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The fall of communism occurred over 25 years ago, but the Church in former communist countries continues to struggle to rebuild after years of oppressive rule. Many churches in this region were confiscated or destroyed, leaving the faithful without a place to worship or to find pastoral support.*

*Your support of this collection helps rebuild churches, supports seminary programs, promotes ministries and education for children and families, and renews community life around the region. Please be generous, and prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.*

## Kroger Community Rewards

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local neighborhoods. The period of November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019 brought a monetary reward of **\$260.17** back to St. Matthew Parish. Thanks to the participation of **66 households**.

Please go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to sign up today. Every little "bite" helps. The account number for St. Matthew Parish is **AW497**.

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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  
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# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC

### MINISTERS

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### SERVERS

*Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 9:00 a.m.*

*Patti Adams*

*Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 7:00 p.m.*

*Marilyn Lynn  
Beverly Goll*

*Liz Smith*

*Lauren Gross  
Julia Zuerblis*

*Saturday, March 9, 2019, 4:30 p.m.*

*Janet Bielman  
Mary Bielman*

*Bruce Campbell*

*Ian Campbell*

*Sunday, March 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m.*

*Marilyn Lynn  
Beverly Goll  
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Linda Holster  
Veronica Obianwu  
Jean Solomon  
Kristen Stark*

*Bill Ridella*

*Cory Fullilove  
Mary Pocius  
Julia Zuerblis*

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, March 2 - Vigil: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush Terry, For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday, March 3 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush Terry, Judy Stark, Mary Merlo (29th Anniv), Beverly Witkowski (4th Anniv), Frances Stankowski

### Monday, March 4 -

### Tuesday, March 5 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

### Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

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

7:00 p.m. - For the Missionaries Serving Around the World

### Thursday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

### Friday, March 8 - St. John of God, Religious

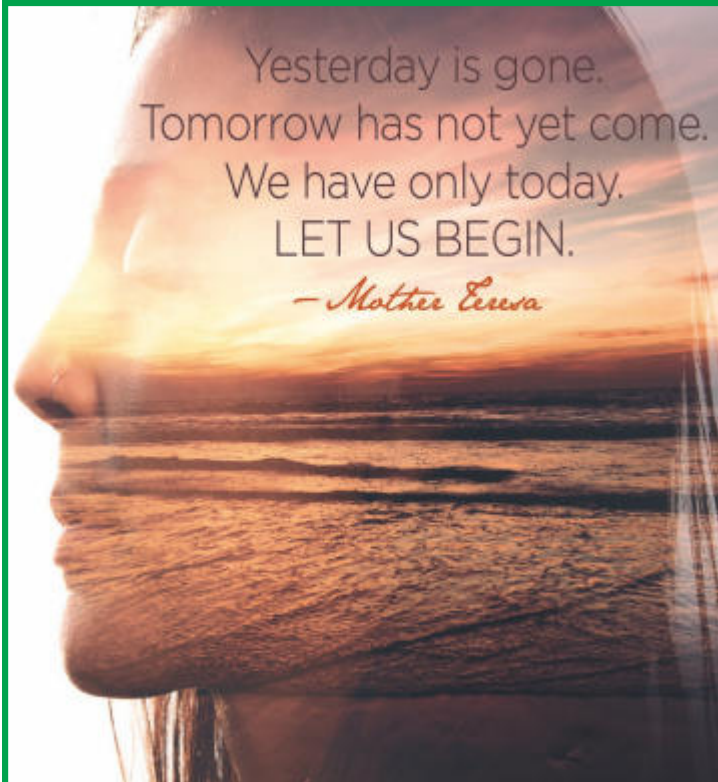
9:00 a.m. - Sylvia Novelty

### Saturday, March 9 - Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent

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

### Sunday, March 10 - 1st Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Bruno Bush, Casimir Kleinsmith



Yesterday is gone.  
Tomorrow has not yet come.  
We have only today.  
LET US BEGIN.

*- Mother Teresa*

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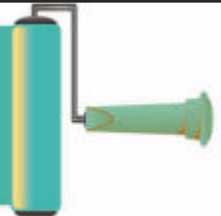
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