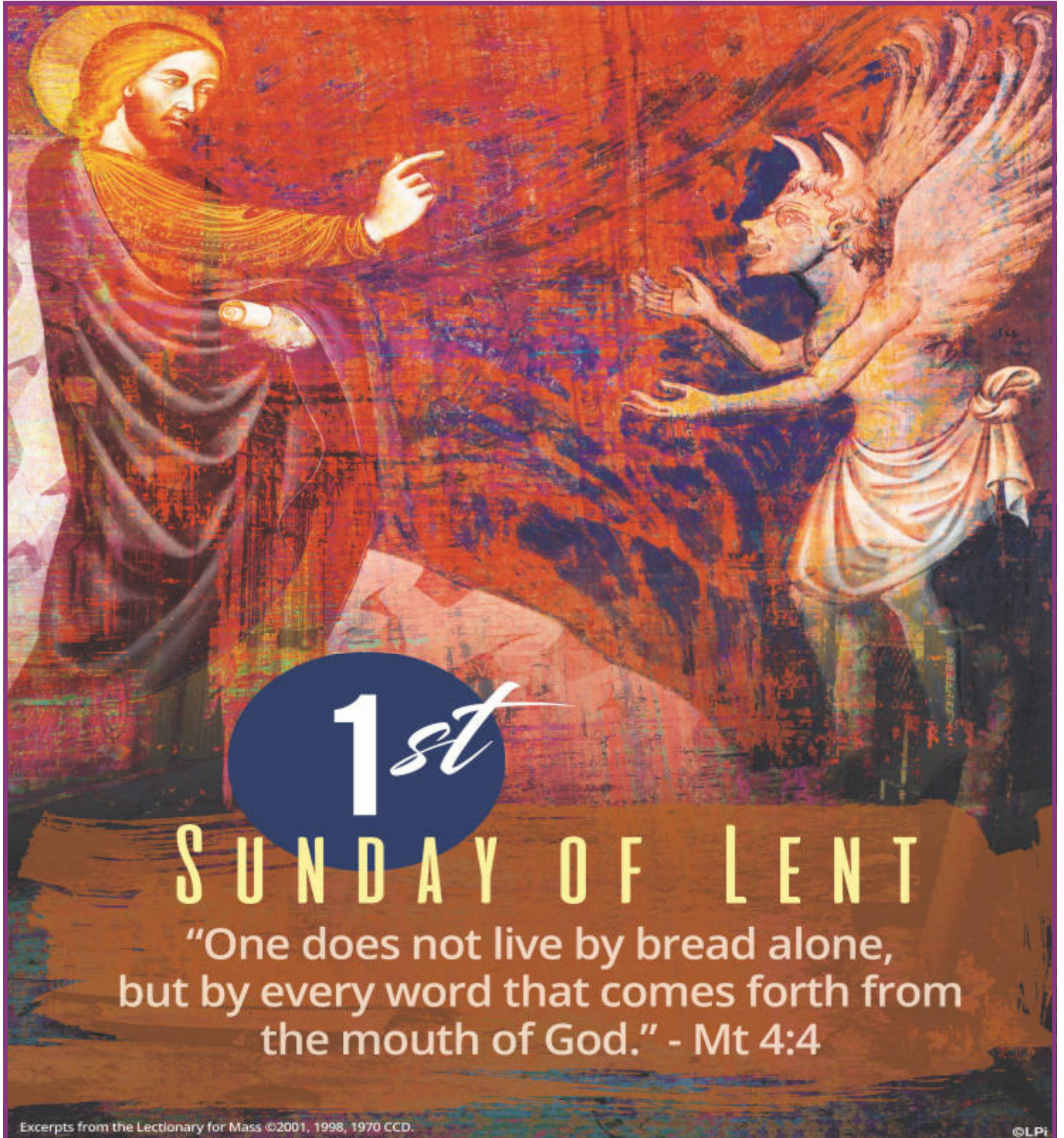




# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

March 1, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



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SUNDAY OF LENT

“One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from  
the mouth of God.” - Mt 4:4

## Readings for the Week of March 1, 2020

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17  
[cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/  
Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/  
Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/  
Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,  
7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/  
Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/  
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



### First Sunday of Lent

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our

lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2020 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

## BLESSING OF THE CRS RICE BOWLS

As we look ahead to our Lenten journey, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms an offering of peace, and our prayers a reflection of humble and grateful hearts. We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us as we spend these 40 days reflecting on what it means to emerge from the desert ready to encounter the needs of the world with the hope of the Resurrection.

*God of all people,  
You are the source of every blessing.  
May we be mindful of your presence now  
and as we use these Rice Bowls  
in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.  
May they be instruments of encounter,  
bringing us closer to you, our God,  
and to our neighbors both near and far.  
May these days in the desert inspire us to bring hope  
to the most vulnerable -  
those experiencing hunger, lack of economic opportunity,  
and violence that force them to migrate.  
Through these 40 days, may we deepen our faith in  
you and our love for one another,  
as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter.  
Amen.*

*Reflection: When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support those who are hungry in your community?*

### Sts. Perpetua and Felicity's Story

"When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.'" So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22. In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me; and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."

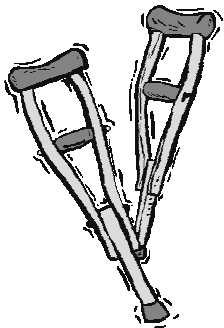
Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity, a slave woman and expectant mother, and three companions, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater, where Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Felicity gave birth to a girl a few days before the games commenced. Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. "Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will." The diary was finished by an eyewitness. St. Felicity is the Patron Saint of widows and mothers of deceased sons. Their feast day is celebrated on March 7.

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, February 29, and Sunday, March 1, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 pm - Jazz Nite Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room



FATHER DUANE RETURNED LAST WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE MASS WITH US. WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THAT BLESSING.

HE REMAINS ON THE PATH TO HEALING AND ASKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR A QUICK RECOVERY.

LORD JESUS,  
HEAR OUR PRAYER!

## St. Matthew Presents BROADWAY

**"and all that Jazz" (Nite!)**  
April 25, 2020, 6:30 to 11 pm  
Assumption Greek Orthodox  
Banquet Center

*This year, Patrick Lusch, is again responsible for the creation of the program book for the event. These are the ways that, as a parishioner, you can help this year's "Broadway and all that Jazz" (Nite!) be a great success and worthy of a Tony Award!*

*Table Sponsorship secures reserved seating for eight guests. It also provides a gift to the parish above the cost of the regular ticket. Table sponsors are listed in the program book on a dedicated page and at the event on special signage. The cost of table sponsorship is \$750, same as last year.*

*Second is our Special Donor Recognition program. We have established five donor categories based on our event theme. These categories reflect the type of seating you might select for a performance: Box Seat, \$1,000 and higher; Orchestra, \$500 to \$999; Main Floor, \$250 to \$499; Mezzanine, \$100 to \$249; and Balcony, up to \$99. Please consider one of these Special "Broadway" sponsorships. These donors in each category are given a dedicated page in the program book.*

*Lastly but so important are the Business Sponsorships which are open only to businesses. Full, half, and quarter pages are available with Gold and Silver Sponsors given prime advertising space on the inside covers of the program, dedicated signage at the event as well as recognition by Father Novelty in his "Welcome" presentation. These Business Sponsorships also include free advertising for a year on our St. Matthew website and social media channels. Business sponsorships start at just \$75 for a quarter page and provide an economical way to reach several hundred people within a wide area.*

*Please seriously consider one or more of these options!*

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



### Certification of Lay Ecclesial Ministers (Evangelization & Missionary Discipleship) -

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The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local neighborhoods. The period of November 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020 brought a monetary reward of \$247.42 back to St. Matthew Parish. Thanks to the participation of 72 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**.

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

*This week, our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.*

### St. Veronica Men's Club ~ Lenten Fish Fry

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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	Michelle Harter
Lolita Dorado	Jo Marie Nardi
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Virginia Fajardo	Kenneth Beaupre
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Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 4:30 p.m.  
Janet Bielman                      Bruce Campbell                      Ian Campbell

Sunday, March 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
Marilyn Lynn                      Bill Ridella                      Lauren Gross  
Beverly Goll                      Jermaine Donaldson  
Linda Holster                      Julia Zuerblis  
Michael Holster  
Debra Nieddu  
Joseph Nieddu  
Veronica Obianwu

## Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 29 - Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent  
4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Sunday, March 1 - 1st Sunday of Lent  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Mary Merlo (29th Anniv), Laura Bush-Terry

Monday, March 2 -

Tuesday, March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
9:00 a.m. - For Military Families both Here and Abroad

Wednesday, March 4 - St. Casimir  
9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday, March 5 -

Friday, March 6 - World Day of Prayer

Saturday, March 7 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, March 8 - 2nd Sunday of Lent  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Bruno Bush, Beverly Witkowski (5th Anniv)



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