



Saint Matthew Church
The PULSE

November 1, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



**ALL
SAINTS**

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. — 1 John 3:1a

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2020

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
[cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Feast of All Saints



I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember

these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identify folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their “extraordinary ordinariness” capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the “more” of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day. Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us.

Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith.



Although many of the known saints have their own feast day during the year, on November 1, the Catholic Church remembers them all through the Solemnity of All Saints. For the saints that we do not have as much information about, or for those whose feats are still relatively unsung, the day offers an opportunity to commemorate their accomplishments and to pray to them, asking for their intercession.

According to Catholic doctrine, all the world's saints are forever spiritually connected with the world and can intercede on people's behalf because of a shared communion with Jesus Christ. The Catholic Catechism also believes us all to be connected with each other through this shared communion with Christ. A good many saints, from the thousands who have been officially canonized, have been instated as protectors over different aspects of life, such as St. Patrick for the Irish or St. Vitus who acts as the patron saint against oversleeping.

The first evidence of Christians celebrating the saints comes from the 2nd Century AD when churches celebrated local saints. Those honored varied by location. As time went on, feast days slowly became more universal, however, with evidence of a general feast day occurring for St Ephrem the Syrian (d. AD 373).

All Saints Day was formally established in 609 AD by Pope Boniface IV, although it was then held on May 13. The pontiff also created All Souls Day which is now held one day after the feast of all saints on November 2.

The date November 1 was eventually chosen in 835 AD by Pope Gregory III, but for some time the Church in Ireland celebrated on April 20 so as to avoid the pagan feast of Samhain, a traditional harvest festival and day associated with the dead from which many modern-day Halloween traditions were taken. Even in Ireland, however, the date was changed to November 1 when it was made a Holy Day of Obligation by Pope Gregory IV in the 9th century. In Eastern Churches, All Saints Day is marked on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

All Saints Day is the modern name attributed to the day, but it was once known in Old English as “All Hallows' Day” or “Hallowmas,” making the previous day “All Hallows Eve” or Halloween as it is now more commonly known. “Hallows” is thought to have referred to the saints as they were the “hallowed ones.”



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Anyone can be a “saint” in front of strangers, but the daily acts of patience, acceptance, forgiveness, listening, and dying to oneself within the family are religious acts. Family life is the turf of sanctity.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, October 31, 4:30 pm Mass;
Sunday, November 1, 10 am Mass - Feast of All Saints

Tuesday, 7 am to 8 pm - Election Day

Wednesday, November 4, 6 pm - Parish Leadership Meeting, Church Auditorium

National VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 1st to 6th

Today Begins Vocation Awareness Week. Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

One Vocation Leads to Another. "Let us not forget that Christian marriage is a vocation to holiness in the full sense of the word, and that the example of holy parents is the first condition favorable for the flowering of priestly and religious vocations." (Pope Benedict XV)

Your Unique Mission. Why does it matter that people discover their God-given vocations? Because the Church relies on the unique contribution of every soul. As St. John Henry Newman famously reflected: "God has created me to do some special service; God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I HAVE A MISSION!"

Our Lady of Good Council Thrift Store

Visit the Thrift Store for amazing bargains! Open on Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. Located in the basement of the Community Center, 20055 Joann St., just two blocks south of Eight Mile and four blocks west of Schoenherr.

There are small appliances, furniture, crafts, puzzles, games, jewelry, clothes, dishware, linens, books, kitchen ware, sewing items, and more. You never know what you might find - a wedding dress, a Pewabic art tile, an IPOD shuffle, etc. Donations welcome!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Jesus told his disciples, "Rise up, and be not afraid." Now it is our turn to answer the call, to rise up and be united in the mission of Christ. Please prayerfully consider making a one-time or recurring gift to help continue this mission and to help St. Matthew Parish bring the hope of Jesus and his message to this eastside neighborhood.

We have several urgent maintenance issues that need to be addressed, security fencing, removal of fallen trees, masonry work, and roof repairs. The cost of all that needs to be done was approved by the Parish Council; and, because the need is immediate, the Council approved taking the amount from our parish savings. This amount will need to be replaced, and part of that replacement will come from our CSA overage which is returned to the parish.

We have an AoD target of \$14,300, but the parish set an internal target of \$60,000, less than we actually received last year; but enough so that after our CSA target is met, we have an opportunity of gaining \$40,000 to apply to our operating costs.

Please again prayerfully consider giving to the Catholic Services Appeal. You will be supporting the archdiocesan programs in a big way, and you will be supporting your home parish of St. Matthew as well.

Courage in Hardship

Prayer of Trust & Intercession

Jesus, in these difficult times, I renew my faith and trust in You.

I believe in your tender love for all people and your absolute sovereignty over world affairs.

Send your Holy Spirit to protect the Church and console all believers, especially those

burdened with fear and anxiety.

I pray especially for all bishops and priests, may they shepherd your people with wisdom and grace amidst uncertainty.

In this time of crisis, open anew the hearts of young people and raise up new saints to witness to your everlasting love. Amen.



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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	Robert Stark
Madeline O'Neill	Pauline Williams
Sebastiano Stellino	Bill Solomon
Teresita Covacha	Eloise Parker
Joe Petrylka	Herb and Jeanne Damman
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David Beaupre	
Kenneth Beaupre	
Anthony Crimardo	
Rosemary Schoolcraft	
Tiffany Gelle	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, November 7, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, November 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Mary Ann Pilette

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 31 - Vigil: Feast of All Saints

4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan (7th Anniv)

Sunday, November 1 - Feast of All Saints

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Esther and Walter Wilk

Monday, November 2 - Feast of All Souls

Tuesday, November 3 - St. Martin de Porres, Religious

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

Wednesday, November 4 - St. Charles de Borromeo, Bishop

9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Thursday, November 5 -

Friday, November 6 -

9:00 a.m. - Ann and Art Corker (66th Wedding Anniv)

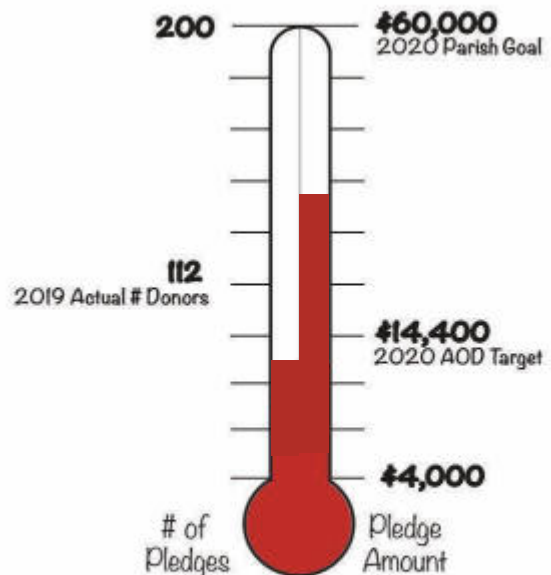
Saturday, November 7 - Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Frank and Adele Martinelli, Daniel Lusch

Sunday, November 8 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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