



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

November 22, 2020

Detroit, Michigan

November 1, 2019 to
November 1, 2020

We thank you, Heavenly Father,
for our relatives and friends
who were so near and dear to us.
We thank you for their friendship
and for the peace that they brought to us.
We thank you that they became
people others could love
while they were with us here on earth.

~ We Remember ~

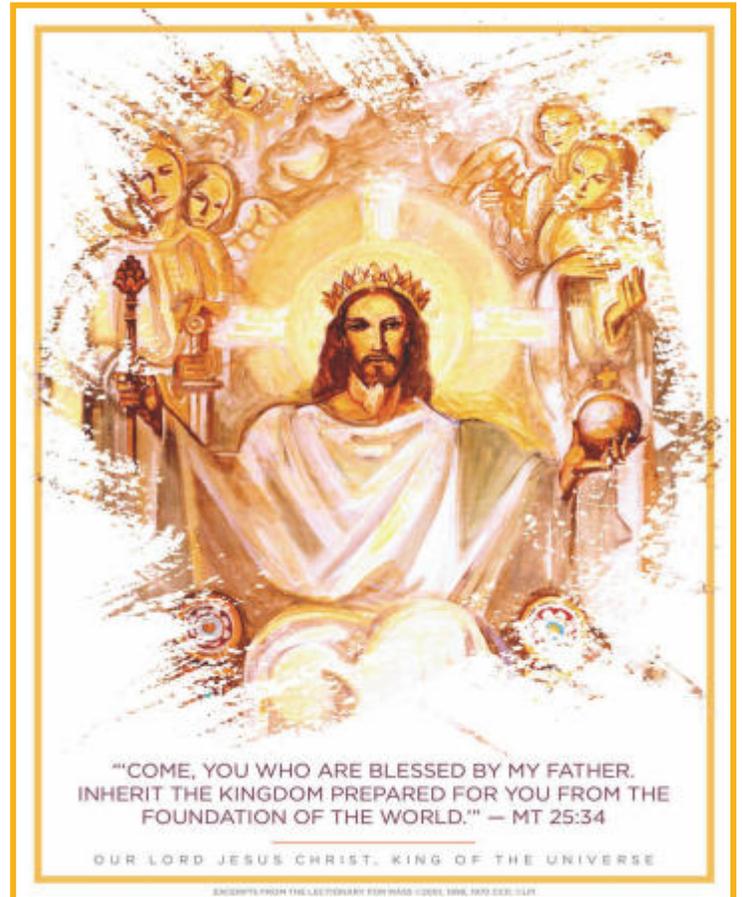
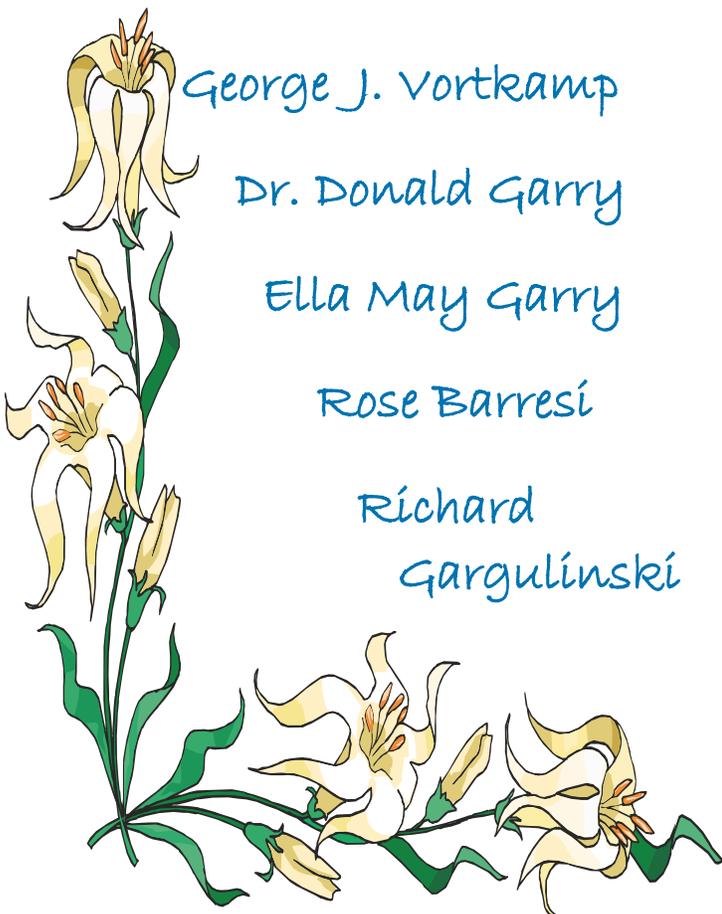
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Readings for the Week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
[cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/
Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/
Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3,
4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a
[Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/
Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Christ the King

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?



There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means you must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up we only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! Really! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

One pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers, and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.

~ All Souls Day Remembrances ~

James LaPratt, Jimmy LaPratt
Dave Galka, Lara Galka (Zebrowski)
Renee Jaczkowski (LaPratt)
Little Meryn Hodges
Edward Goclowski



Orlanda Moszczenski, Casmere Moszczenski
Lucia Matelonek, Antoni Matelonek
Robert Matelonek, Paul Matelonek
Denise Matelonek, Theresa Witkowski

Courtesy of Mark and Felicia Moszczenski

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

**MASS ON THURSDAY AT 9:00 A.M.
RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH**

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, November 21, 4:30 pm Mass
 Memorial Mass for the Deceased of St. Matthew Parish

Saturday, November 21, 4:30 pm; Sunday November 22, 10 am Masses, respectively - Catholic Charities of SE Michigan Collection

Thursday, November 26, 9 am Mass - Mass for Thanksgiving Day



Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference Thanksgiving Day Collection

As you have seen often online, on television and in the daily news thousands of Detroit residents continue to struggle every single day to provide for themselves and their families. Though the reasons are many why this is, our St. Vincent de Paul conference here at St. Matthew's tries to respond to the hundreds of calls that we get annually asking for help.

One of the ways to build up our available resources to assist those that ask for help in our community is through our annual St. Vincent de Paul collection. The collection will be held this year on Thanksgiving Day at the 9 A.M. Mass. We're very grateful for whatever you're able to give. Please be sure to use your Thanksgiving Day envelope for St. Vincent de Paul that you'll find with your offertory packet. If you're unable to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day, please just drop the SVdP envelope in the weekly offertory collection that will be taken up the following Sunday, November, 30th.

Our St. Matthew conference of St. Vincent de Paul has had a busy year. We've personally visited over 100 families in their homes who've requested assistance from our conference. Assistance provided to those families in need have included the purchase of beds, refrigerators, stoves, tables, chairs, other household furnishings, small appliances, clothing and food. Additionally we've provided help with electric, gas, and water bills and back rent delinquencies due to emergency causes.

The need in our service area which encompasses almost all of the 48224 zip code is huge. We hope to raise sufficient funds at this time to continue our service to those that have little and whose life can be difficult. As we all take time to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings during our national holiday we hope you'll remember those families in our own community that are hurting. Thank you so very much for your generosity.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Have you considered that this time of challenge and uncertainty could possibly be the Church in Detroit's finest hour? This is a time for our parishes and communities to do what we do best; rise up. In southeast Michigan, we are no strangers to challenges, and we, with the grace and love of God, have always been resilient, rising from the ashes and overcoming these trials.

Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal makes all this possible. Your gifts help families and individuals grow closer to God even while physically distanced. Please make your pledge or give a one-time gift today on line at www.givecsa.org, by mail, or by phone, 888-331-8695. You never know when you or someone you love might be in need of the CSA services or programs. God bless your generosity!

Thanksgiving Prayer

*Loving Father of the human family,
 we give you thanks for the gift of life, family, and friends.*

*We praise you for the gift of faith
 and the promise of life eternal.*

*Even as we thank you for countless blessings received,
 we also life up to you all who suffer in body or spirit,
 especially those affected by natural disasters, wars,
 or destitute conditions at home or abroad.*

*Loving Father, show us how to express our gratitude
 by lives of humble, generous service to all in need,
 especially the least of our brothers and sisters.*

*On this day, when our nation renews its faith in you,
 strengthen our resolve to work for justice and peace,
 an end to violence or racism of any kind, anywhere.*

*May we truly live as your grateful sons and daughters.
 We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

2020 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

In this "Time of Covid-19," we are faced with many financial challenges, no less than our parish of St. Matthew. We are in need of relying on fundraisers such as our Gold'n Harvest Raffle to help make ourselves "whole again." You, our faithful parishioners, have been there when it was most needed. This time is like no other! The church buildings require ongoing care and repair, and other operating expenses continue.

It is our hope that we will meet with success this year. Please sell those tickets or purchase them and turn in your returns as soon as possible. God bless you!

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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
Roger Sharpe	Doreen Redman
Nenette Ferreria	Sarah Wagner
Anthony Mastronardi	Steve Czapski, Jr.
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Stephanie Smith	Eduardo Fajardo
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Laura Alix	Patrick Foley
Betty Leone	Mary Spansky
Joan Marie Nardi	Marie Kane
David Beaupre	
Kenneth Beaupre	
Anthony Crimardo	
Rosemary Schoolcraft	
Tiffany Gelle	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2020, 9 a.m.
Bryan Jones
Cory Fullilove

Saturday, November 28, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Dan McBride
Ian Campbell

Sunday, November 29, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
William Zuerblis
Cory Fullilove
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 21 - Vigil: Feast of Christ the King
4:30 p.m. - Bobby Hanshaw, All the Deceased Members of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, November 22 - Feast of Christ the King
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Rosalie Mastronardi, Peter Michael Paxton, Aurora Guinto, Peter Corio

Monday, November 23 - St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot

Tuesday, November 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - For Refugee and Migrant Families

Wednesday, November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

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

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. - Dr. Phil Szuba

Friday, November 27 -

Saturday, November 28 - Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. - Julios R. Justo

Sunday, November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Rosalie Mastronardi, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

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