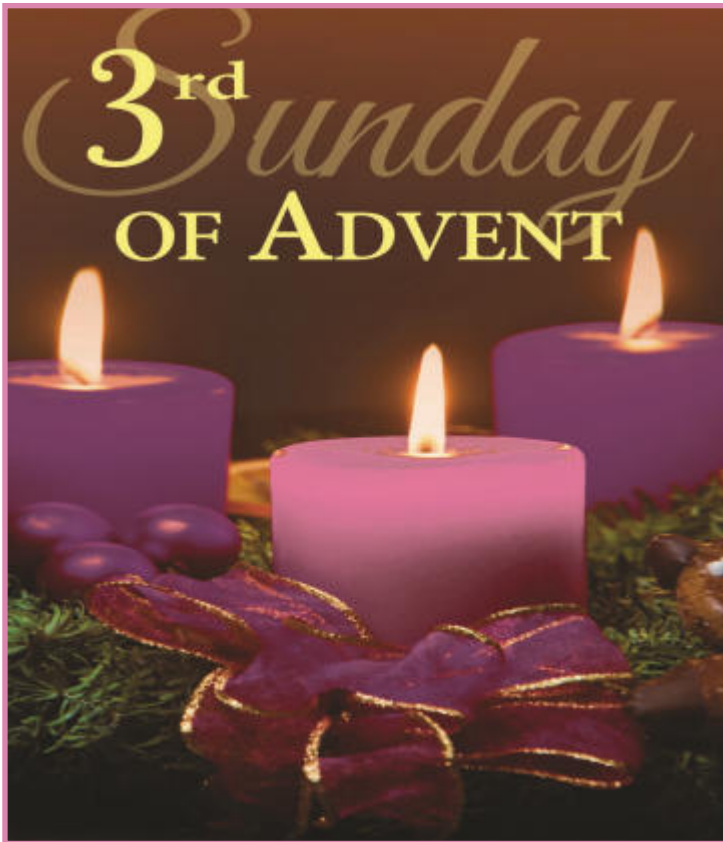




# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

December 12, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



## St. Matthew Church 19th Annual Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Drawing Today

After all of your efforts in selling or purchasing tickets, the day has finally arrived when we will learn who the lucky winners are!

Due to the recent outbreaks of COVID-19, it was decided that there will be no catered breakfast again this year. However, a small parish gathering is planned with these safety protocols in place with the best interest for the health of everyone: Masks will be required, social distancing will be practiced, and you must be vaccinated and better yet "boosted."

Coffee and donuts will be served, and the drawing will be live-streamed on our website, [stmatthewdetroit.com](http://stmatthewdetroit.com).

**GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!  
THANKS TO ALL FOR  
YOUR GOOD WORK!**

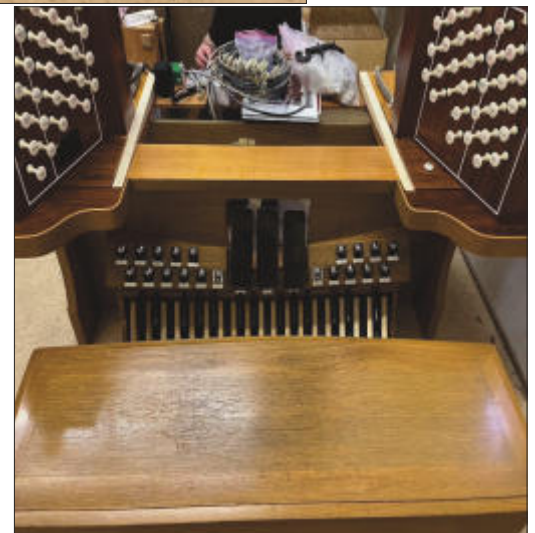
*Installation of the new pedal switches on the existing knee-board.*

*Notice how well the stain and woodwork on the brand new components matches the 70 year old knee-board.*



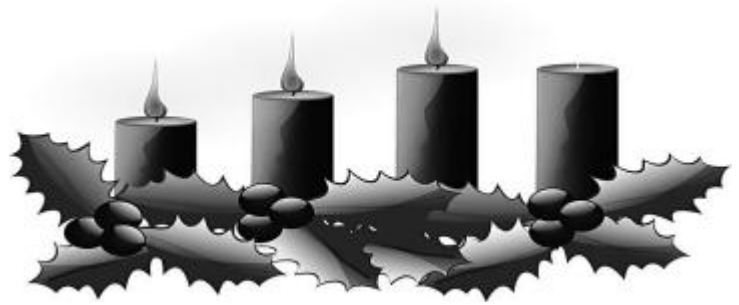
*The console components are coming together.*

*It's starting to look like a "real" organ.*



## Readings for the Week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/  
Lk 3:10-18  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9  
[4]/Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23  
[7a]/Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-  
12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b  
[2a]/Lk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/  
Mt 1:1-17  
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/  
Mt 1:18-25  
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/  
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



### Third Week of Advent Prayer

This joyful Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday) is represented by rose or pink instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week, the mother of the family (or one designated by the gathering) lights the pink candle as well as the previously lit purple candles after the following prayer has been said by the father or leader.

*O Lord, we beg You incline Your ear to our prayers  
and enlighten the darkness of our minds  
by the grace of Your visitation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### The Third Week Reflection

*"You have been enlightened by Christ.  
Walk always as children of the light and keep  
the flame of faith alive in your hearts." (Roman Rite)*



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### **A Family Perspective**

**by Bud Ozar**

Today's Gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.



### RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 ~ 7:00 PM**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS ~ 10:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS ~ 10:00 AM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021**  
**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY ~ 10:00 AM**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022**  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
**10:00 AM**

### **3rd Sunday of Advent**

*"From silly devotions  
and sour-faced saints,  
good Lord, deliver us!"  
St. Teresa of Avila*



We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, December 11, 4:30 pm and Sunday, December 12, 10 am Masses, respectively** - Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

**Sunday, December 12, following 10 am Mass - Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Drawing, Church Auditorium**

**Monday, December 13, 7 pm - Parish Advent Reconciliation Service**

**REMINDER - December Parish Council Meeting has been cancelled!**

### The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree for children's toys and clothing is now up in the church and ready for Christmas. Please take a tag or two and make Christmas a little more special for a child in need. These gifts benefit the families that our St. Vincent de Paul Conference has helped during this past year. The individual tags include whether the child is a boy or girl and their age. Please donate toys or clothing appropriate for the age level stated on the tag. Suggestions: pull toys, plush toys, games, coloring books and crayons, puzzles, balls, sports equipment, dolls, trucks, and cars, (non-violent toys only, please!). Also, shirts, sweaters, hats and gloves, etc... would be an appropriate gift. Return all toys and clothing with tags from the Giving Tree **on December 19th, the 4th Sunday of Advent.**



Please put toys and clothes in bags, boxes, or some type of covering (no wrapping paper). If you would like to purchase a gift card for a child ages from 13 to 16, that would be much appreciated. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH THE GIVING TREE TAGS TO GIFTS.**

Your generosity in the past has always been an inspiration as you remember those that are less fortunate among us! Thank you so very much.

### Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us, and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift in this week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ

Please remember to respond to your invitation to pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal. Our parish benefits from your pledges and payments. Repeat the Success! Double the Participation! St. Matthew Parish will be eternally grateful!



A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 - 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage.

History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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.*

Anthony Mastronardi  
Stephanie Smith  
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Nancy Clemons  
Cathy D'Agostini

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

Saturday, December 18, 2021, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell

Sunday, December 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Liz Smith

## SERVERS

Bruce Campbell

Lauren Gross  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, December 11 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

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

### Sunday, December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

10:00 a.m. - John C. Sasinowski, Chuck Schuster (1st Anniv),  
Roger Sharpe, Bill Cummings, Irene Lister

### Monday, December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

### Tuesday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

### Wednesday, December 15 -

9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

### Thursday, December 16 -

### Friday, December 17 -

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

### Saturday, December 18 - Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. - Emma Langan, Bobby Hanshaw (5th Anniv),  
Faustina (Nanette) Ferreria

### Sunday, December 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. - Joseph Chinnici (6th Anniv), Nanette Ferreria

GOD'S  
FIRST  
LANGUAGE  
IS

*Silence*

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

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