



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

August 7, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



19th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.” - Lk 12:37

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,
5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

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St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, “Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do.” Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another’s efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?



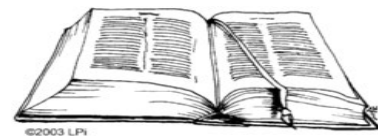
August 6 ~ Feast of the Transfiguration

About a week after Jesus plainly told His disciples that He would suffer, be killed, and be raised to life (Luke 9:22), He took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. While praying, His personal appearance was changed into a glorified form, and His clothing became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus about His death that would soon take place. Peter, not knowing what he was saying and being very fearful, offered to put up three shelters for them. This is undoubtedly a reference to the booths that were used to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, when the Israelites dwelt in booths for 7 days (Lev. 23:34–42). Peter was expressing a wish to stay in that place. When a cloud enveloped them, a voice said, “This is My Son, whom I have chosen, whom I love; listen to Him!” The cloud lifted, Moses and Elijah had disappeared, and Jesus was alone with His disciples who were still very much afraid. Jesus warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after His resurrection. The three accounts of this event are found in Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36.

Undoubtedly, the purpose of the transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the “inner circle” of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the deity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

Symbolically, the appearance of Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets. But God’s voice from heaven – “Listen to Him!” - clearly showed that the Law and the Prophets must give way to Jesus. The One who is the new and living way is replacing the old – He is the fulfillment of the Law and the countless prophecies in the Old Testament. Also, in His glorified form they saw a preview of His coming glorification and enthronement as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The disciples never forgot what happened that day on the mountain and no doubt this was intended. John wrote in his gospel, “We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only” (John 1:14). Peter also wrote of it, “We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain” (2 Peter 1:16-18). Those who witnessed the transfiguration bore witness to it to the other disciples and to countless millions down through the centuries.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today’s Gospel, a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child’s birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later, we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally, we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Enjoy your week!



EMBRACING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Black Catholic Women's Conference

This year's theme, "Embracing the Light of Christ" was selected after several robust and wonderful meetings of praying women. The women talked about their experiences during these few pandemic years and how gathering to pray, share, reflect, learn and heal would help with the return to normalcy. This year's conference is being designed to be a self-care day with prayer performance, song, workshops and other activities. The women who attend this even are looking for ways to take care of themselves, friends and families, as they actively live their faith.

Saturday, August 20, 2022 ~ Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Registration ~ 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast ~ 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation ~ 1:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer ~ 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Key Note Presenter ~ Valimar Jansen 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Break ~ 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Mass ~ 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Bishop Donald Hanchon

Workshops ~ 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Youth Track ~ 1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Holy Hour and Closing ~ 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\$40 per adult (18 years/+) and \$25 per youth (17 years/-)

Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. And not the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. But those movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

Are you willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff.

Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



FUEL THE MISSION ~ The Scripture verse for this year's Catholic Services Appeal comes from 1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Joy, love, service, and hospitality are the hallmarks of Christ's followers and the gift we offer to the people in southeast Michigan.

Each year, the Catholic Services Appeal provides us an opportunity to celebrate the ways our Church in Detroit responds to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families. One parish alone could not meet these many needs. It is through the sharing of our gifts and our service that we, together, can be the Church Christ wants us to be.

What does the CSA Fund? The Catholic Services Appeal benefits parishes and people in the Archdiocese of Detroit by helping to fund more than 170 ministries, programs, and services, including: support for men discerning God's call to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary; campus ministry; grants to Catholic schools; and young adult programs. Essentially, CSA dollars help fund the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the greater Detroit area.

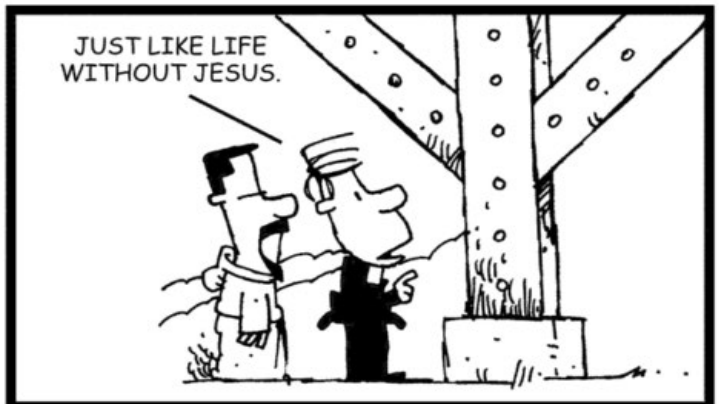
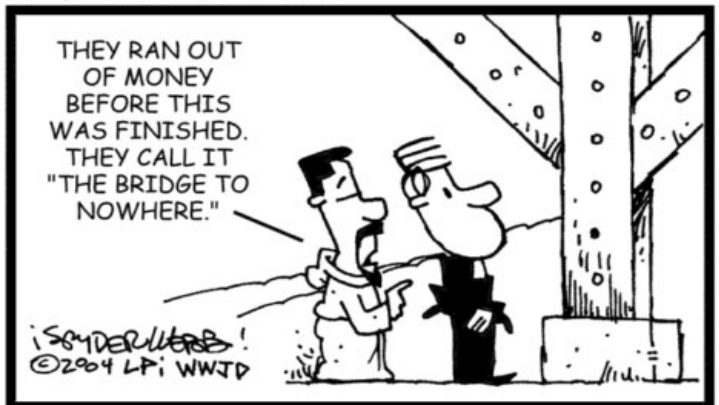
Your commitment not only helps the ministries of the Archdiocese but also helps St. Matthew Parish remain stable and sustainable. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the CSA and respond today.

Blessing of Saint Clare

May Almighty God bless you
May He look upon you with the eyes
of His mercy and give you His peace.
Here below may He pour forth
His graces on you abundantly
and in heaven may He place you
among His saints.

~ St. Clare of Assisi

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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
Janet Law
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Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Saturday, August 13, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 6 - Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Peter Reyes, Raymond and Sylvia Novelly (12th Anniv)

Sunday, August 7 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Tim Fitzgerald, Laura Prizzuoli, Robert Lynn

Monday, August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest

Tuesday, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
9:00 a.m. - For First Responders and Healthcare Workers

Wednesday, August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday, August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

Friday, August 12 - St. Frances de Chantal, Religious
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, August 13 - Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Betty Amara (25th Anniv)

Sunday, August 14 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Sophie Bush, Clarence Merlo (36th Anniv), Robert Stark



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