



Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

January 19, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

Images from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1975 CCD

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020
3:00 P.M.**

**ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH
SACRED SCRIPTURE, HOLY HOUR,
PRAYER, BENEDICTION**

**A TIME TO REFLECT ON GOD'S HOLY
WORD, TO PRAY, AND TO WORSHIP**



† STEWARDSHIP ✂

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?



St. Matthew Parish Report July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Budget/27 Weeks:
@ \$2,442 (rounded) \$65,000.00

Actual/27 Weeks: \$65,999.03

Online Giving/27 Weeks: \$10,420.00

Total Actual/27 Weeks: \$76,419.03

Overage/Shortfall: \$10,476.66

Average Collection/Sunday: \$2,830.34

Average % of Budget/Sunday: 115.89%

Average % **over** (under)/Sunday: **15.89%**

Debt Reduction Envelope/27 Weeks: \$1,473.00

Online Debt Reduction Giving: \$300.00

Total Debt Reduction Giving: \$1,773.00

NET OVERAGE FOR 27 WEEKS: \$12,249.66

~~~~~

### 2019 Catholic Services Appeal Parish Report

CSA AoD Goal: \$16,069.00

Total Pledged: \$63,283.00

Total Paid (January 14, 2020) \$58,356.34

Pledge Balance: \$4,926.66

Refund Anticipated: \$47,214.00

Refund Issued: \$28,469.00

Refund Due: \$13,818.34

Average Pledge: \$570.12

Parish Families: 216

Pledges Made: 111

Pledges Fully Paid: 84

Pledges Outstanding: 27

## Readings for the Week of January 19, 2020

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/  
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34  
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23  
[23b]/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/  
Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10  
[1]/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,  
12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/  
Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,  
2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18  
Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

*"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.' ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'"* Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. *"I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."*

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?



## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Next week, on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, we will celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. Last year, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, "so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people" (*Misericordi et Misera*, 7). The scriptures are treasures filled with countless riches! From Genesis to Revelation, God speaks to us in human language. By speaking to us, God reveals his part in this great love story: God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." (1John 4:36).

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we hear a lot about the power of the Word of God. We speak of the Gospel as something to be unleashed. We recognize that the Word of God has the potential to change hearts. When we proclaim the Word to others, they encounter the *power* of the Word and the *person* of the Word: Jesus Christ. But have you personally spent enough time hearing what Jesus is saying to you through the Word?

Pope Francis is asking everyone in the Church, every diocese, parish, family, and parishioner, to read and listen to the Word of God anew. In preparation for the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God, consider your favorite Scripture passage. How has God used it to speak to you, change your heart, lead you, or bring you peace? Ask yourself how can I be open in these coming days to receive the gift of loving the Word of God more? How can I make my own these words from today's psalm, "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8-9)?

### From Father Duane's Desk



*In response to the Holy Father's request to focus on the Word of God on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, I would like to invite the entire parish to a Reflection and Holy Hour on the Sacred Scripture, on Sunday afternoon, January 26, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in the church. I will examine the question on how to read the Bible and look at its basic structure. Immediately after the presentation, we will have a time of quiet prayer, reflection, and adoration before the blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction.*

*I would ask that you would place this on your calendars. Bring family members, children, and neighbors. We oftentimes gather for social and fundraising events as a parish, let us also gather for this spiritual time. What a great way to relax, be informed, and pray on a Sunday afternoon, the Lord's Day.*

*So before you have your Sunday drive or go out to dinner, come and join us for a Word of God Sunday.*

I cannot thank you as I would for all you've done for me;  
I cannot find the words I should to tell you fittingly  
your kindness has meant so much  
that only One I know can e'er repay a service such  
as this one from here today.  
Therefore, to Him I delegate what I cannot express.  
May God repay you - early or late,  
for all your kindness. Amen.

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Wednesday, January 22, 7 pm - Father Duane, RCIA Sacramental Class, St. Clare of Montefalco Education Room

Sunday, January 26, 3:00 pm - Word of God Sunday, Scripture Appreciation, Reflection, Prayer, Adoration, Benediction, St. Matthew's Church

**SAVE THE DATE!** - Saturday, April 25,  
St. Matthew's 2020 Jazz Nite Event

Over the Christmas Holidays, Father Duane offered to each St. Matthew family and visitor a copy of "Rediscover the Saints" as his Christmas gift to you. Mr. Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic sent a letter to Father and every pastor of the Archdiocese offering free copies to each parish so all could have the opportunity to "rediscover the saints." The cost of publication was underwritten by a generous benefactor allowing this offer to AoD parishes. Enjoy!

### From the Author of "Rediscover the Saints" (excerpts from his letter to Father Novelty)

"I'm writing you to offer your parish, the opportunity for copies of my latest book to distribute to every family that comes to Mass at your parish this Christmas.

You know better than most the difficulties facing the Church today. Apologies and apologetics are necessary, but they can only do so much. What we really need now is hope. We need inspiration.

It is with great joy, humility, and gratitude that I send you these copies of "Rediscover the Saints." I hope you enjoy reading this book, I enjoyed writing it. While we both know the world doesn't need another book about the saints, this is not just another book about the saints. This book is a love letter. It is an invitation.

In time of great doubt and trepidation, is there a better message than this? The saints are not dead and gone. The saints are alive and well, and they want to be a part of your life!"

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**Priestly Vocations** - This January 30 through February 2, men discerning a call to the priesthood have the chance to experience the seminary firsthand at a discernment weekend at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

Men who are high school seniors to age 55 will spend four days living at the seminary, focusing on the aspects of seminary life and the four pillars of formation (spiritual, human, intellectual, and pastoral fellowship), which are the foundation of the seminary formation program.. They will also spend time in fellowship and prayer.

Thanks to gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, the archdiocesan Office of Priestly Vocations offers these up close and stress-free looks at seminary life several times a year. The next discernment weekend will be held March 19 to 22. A discernment overnight, for high school freshmen through juniors, will be held April 17 to 18.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org).

## LOST AND FOUND

Have you lost your reading glasses, a pair of gloves, a bangle bracelet? These items are now located in the Ushers' Room in the back vestibule of the church. Please check to see if any of these items belong to you. Thank you.

### EVENTS AROUND TOWN!

#### Dominican Literacy Center

Free Tutor Training Workshop

Saturday, January 25, from 8 am to 4 pm

This workshop will teach you to work with an adult who needs help with reading, math, or English language skills.

Receive Your ProLiteracy certificate upon completion.

Samaritan Center, Chandler Park Location  
555 Conner, Detroit

Call 313-267-1000 to reserve your spot, or  
e-mail: [thompson\\_dlc@yahoo.com](mailto:thompson_dlc@yahoo.com)

#### St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School Open House

3-year old Preschool to 8th Grade

Thursday, January 30, 6 pm to 8 pm

Stop in and see what a St. Isaac Jogues education can offer your family.

586-771-3525

[www.stisaacjoguesschool.org](http://www.stisaacjoguesschool.org)

Where Christ is our Teacher

#### Our Lady Star of the Sea School Open House

Sunday, January 26, from noon to 3 pm

Featuring: Fine Arts Display and STREAM projects  
Tour the school.

Meet the faculty and staff.

Talk with students and parents.

Learn about the many academic, spiritual, and extra-curricular opportunities available to students.

## ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH DIRECTORY

6021 Whittier, Detroit 48224-2637  
Rectory Office: (313) 884-4470  
Rectory Fax: (313) 884-4276  
E-mail: stmatthew27@aol.com  
Website: www.stmatthewdetroit.com  
Office Hours: Monday through Friday  
10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Duane R. Novelly ~ *Pastor*  
Rick Cucchi ~ *Music Minister / Choir Director*  
Joe Balistreri ~ *Saturday Organist*  
David Troiano ~ *Weekday Organist*

### CLERICAL STAFF

Marilyn Lynn ~ *Secretary*  
Gloria Bermudez ~ *Bookkeeper*

### PARISH COUNCIL

John Dunstone ~ *President*  
Bill Zuerblis ~ *Financial Council Chair*  
Michael Dulapa ~ *Evangelization Chair*  
Patricia Camazzola-Godoshian,  
Bryan Jones, David Smydra ~ *Members at Large*  
Sharon & Jerry Mielke ~ *VPC Representatives*

### PARISH ORGANIZATION

Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*  
Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

### 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.<br>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       |
| Albert Fajardo      | David Beaupre        |
| Virginia Fajardo    | Kenneth Beaupre      |
| Madeline O'Neill    | Anthony Crimauddo    |
| Kurt Beghuyn        | Rosemary Schoolcraft |
| Sebastiano Stellino | Tiffany Gelle        |
| Teresita Covacha    | Robert Stark         |
| Richard Gargulinski | Pauline Williams     |
| Joe Petrylka        | Bill Solomon         |
| Roger Sharpe        | John Allman          |
| Nenette Ferreria    | Eloise Parker        |
| Anthony Mastronardi | Kelly Kranson        |
| Eduardo Fajardo     | Herb Damman          |
| Kathy Bush          | John Reinhardt       |
| Glenda Johnson      |                      |
| Stephanie Smith     |                      |
| Janet Law           |                      |
| Laura Alix          |                      |
| Betty Leone         |                      |

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## EUCCHARISTIC

### MINISTERS

Janet Bielman  
Janet Law

### LECTORS

Bruce Campbell

### SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Saturday, January 25, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn  
Keith Arcicovich  
Beverly Goll  
Patti Hammond  
Linda Holster  
Michael Holster  
Kristen Stark

Bill Ridella

Jermaine Donaldson  
Cory Fullilove  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 18 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:30 p.m. - Emma Langan (2nd Anniv)

Sunday, January 19 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Connie Schuster (5th Anniv)

Monday, January 20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Tuesday, January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr  
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

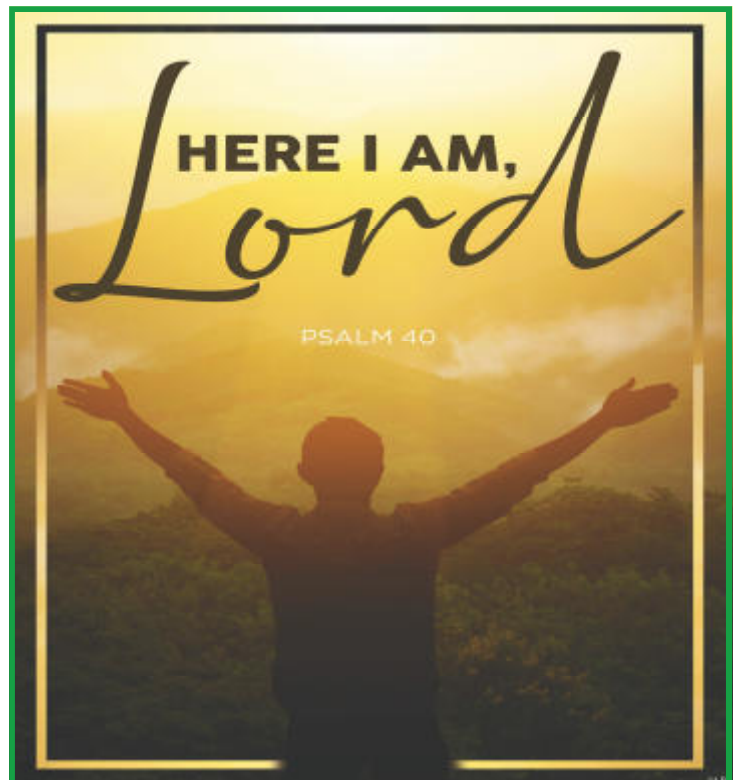
Wednesday, January 22 - Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday, January 23 - St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

Friday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Saturday, January 25 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, January 26 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life





# In Memory of DICK PINT



1935-1999

## Avis Ford

"The Dealership with the

TIMYINGER, Used Car Sales, Parishioner  
29200 Telegraph Rd. at 12 Mile • Southfield, MI 48034  
Direct: (248) 226-2557 • Cell: (313) 575-8640  
tim.yinger@avisford.com • www.avisford.com



SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER A CENTURY

Grosse Pointe Woods  
20705 Mack Avenue  
313-884-1500  
Wares:  
32000 Woodward  
986-271-6037

### Jim's Collision Shop

Complete Body • Mechanical  
Glass • Free Loaner Cars  
**DETROIT**  
313-882-5400 • 16651 Harper  
www.jimscollision.net

## NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)



## HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

With a home security system monitored by ADT professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As an added benefit, installing a Security System may qualify you for a Homeowners Insurance discount.



**CALL NOW! 1-888-331-6501**



### Fert-Scape, Inc.

Fertilizer and Landscape Contracting  
13335 15 Mile Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312  
**(586) 344-9012**  
**(586) 565-1077**

### William O'leary

parishioner Attorney at Law  
Family Law • Criminal Law  
Drunk Driving • Medical Malpractice  
**734-324-5755**

## CHAMPS

ROTISSERIE & SEAFOOD  
DINE IN • CARRY-OUT • CATERING  
**313-886-7755**  
20515 Mack Ave. • Grosse Pointe Woods  
Hours: Mon-Sat: 11:30a - 10p • Sun: Noon - 10p

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME**

## ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Larry Burgett** to place an ad today!  
[lburgett@4LPi.com](mailto:lburgett@4LPi.com) or **(800) 477-4574 x6268**



Celebrate with Flowers  
viviano.com  
800-VIVIANO  
Family owned  
Serving Metro Detroit  
For all of Life's Celebrations since 1937

## HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

With a home security system monitored by ADT professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As an added benefit, installing a Security System may qualify you for a Homeowners Insurance discount.



**CALL NOW! 1-888-331-6501**



### Elite Driving School

23804 Harper Ave. • Between 9 & 10 Mile Rd.  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
**586-778-4934**  
STATE OF MICHIGAN APPROVED AND CERTIFIED  
ROAD TESTING BY ELITE DRIVING SCHOOL  
[www.elitedrivingschoolscs.com](http://www.elitedrivingschoolscs.com)

### PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM



**\$29.95/MO** PLUS SPECIAL OFFER  
BILLED QUARTERLY  
CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772  
[WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM](http://WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM)

### catholicmatch<sup>®</sup> Michigan

  
[CatholicMatch.com/MI](http://CatholicMatch.com/MI)

SUPPORT THE **ADVERTISERS** THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

