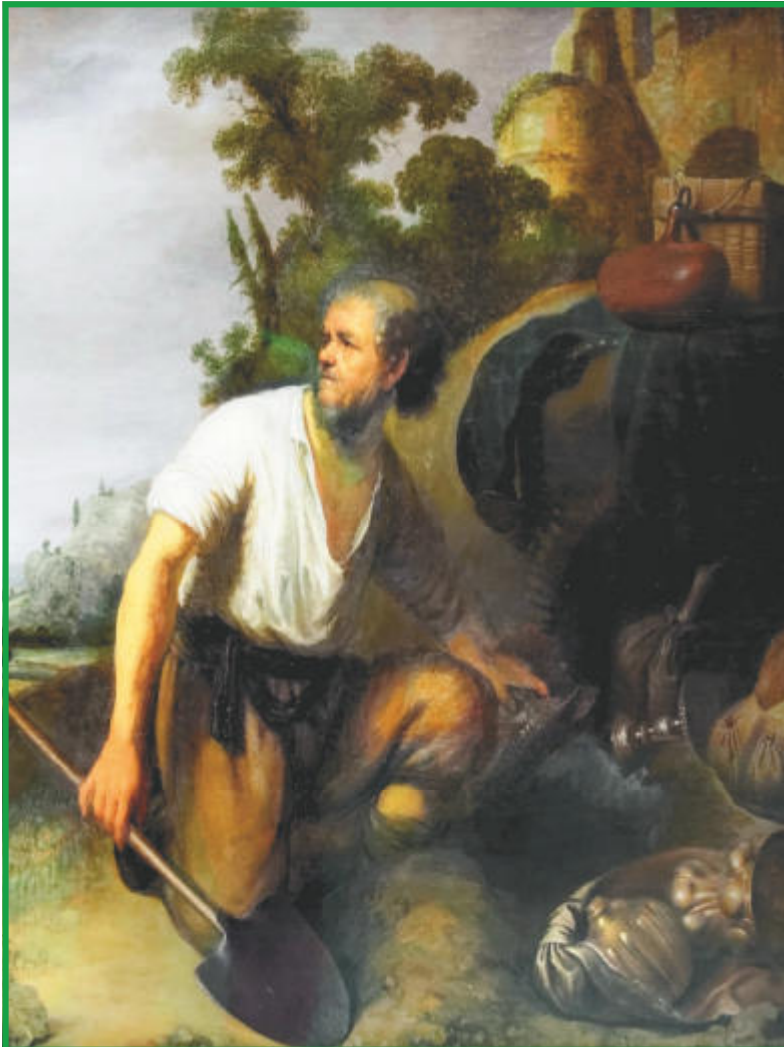




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

July 26, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is
like a treasure buried in a
field, which a person finds
and hides again, and out of
joy goes and sells all that
he has and buys that field."
- Mt 13:44

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Kyran Patrick

AS HE RECEIVES THE SACRAMENT OF
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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*Father Duane Novelly
and the
Faith Community of St. Matthew Parish
Welcome to the Table
and Acknowledge
the First Communion
of*

*Kyran Patrick Lusch
having been received on June 27, 2020
at the Basilica of St. Mary Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

*God bless you, Kyran,
and may He keep this joy in Your heart forever!*

Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
 Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her

joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.



Feast of St. Martha

On July 29th, we celebrate the feast of St. Martha, unofficial patron of workaholics and busybodies everywhere. Martha appears several times in Scripture. One passage we heard in a Sunday Gospel. Jesus has visited the home of Martha and Mary. Mary sits at the feet of our Lord, soaking in his teaching. In the meantime, Martha is washing dishes, preparing hors d'oeuvres, and playing the hostess. Sound familiar?

John's Gospel doesn't shy away from Martha's active nature either. After the death of their brother Lazarus, Martha is the first to greet Jesus, and while she's quite confident in Jesus' power to heal, she's the first to warn him of the possible smell should the tomb be opened.

While Mary often gets the credit for contemplative holiness, we can't forget that pragmatic is a saint, too! As we strive to place Jesus in the right perspective, making him king of our hearts and over all our daily tasks, we can know that we're in good company.

St. Martha, pray for us!

The Shape of our Thoughts

What goes in the most in our thoughts and in our hopes and in our dreams is often is what comes out, even if we are surprised when it does. That is why it is so important to control what it is that we choose to be exposed to the most in our daily lives. If we are being bombarded by fear, violence, failed personalities, corruption, and sexual innuendos all the time in our choice of news and entertainment, then this will fill up our hearts and minds so there is not much room for anything else. Those are poor choices to make for they preclude having hope, peacefulness, exemplary lives, and people to learn about, those of high principle and faith, and innocence and purity in our diet of what is coming in. Then these will share our thoughts and our hearts with goodness which is the beginning of love.

Goodness is much stronger than evil, and Christ has defeated all evil, so there is no contest, just the Light of Christ shining for those looking for it. It is only those opposed to this shining Light that fight against it. This Light even changes how we see struggles and injustice and iniquity even in high places, because we can help change the world the most by becoming united with the source of all peace and love and goodness, and this shining Light. That is what the Apostles did, and it changed the world. That is what the Saints did, and it changed the world. That is what we can do too and in our own little way, and it can still change the world today.

Anger, violence, disdain, hatred, and despair do affect all those around us, and the more that join this narrow-hearted way become consumed by it. It is just the opposite for those who profess Christ not just in words, but in the inner transformation that He preached to the whole world, and the Gospel that still preaches it to this day.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, July 25, 4:30 pm Mass - Kylan Lusch and his family acknowledge his First Holy Communion at St. Matthew Parish

Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - Co-op Mission Weekend, Propagation of the Faith Collection for the Servite Missions.

Tuesday, July 28, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Church Auditorium (Masks required, set-up for social distancing)

The Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites)

The Order was founded in Italy in 1233, and today, there are Servite Friars, Sisters, and Lay Servites on every continent of the globe. Although small, the Servites serve many different apostolates, including the foreign missions.

In 1946, the Servite Friars of the US were entrusted the new mission territory in Zululand by the Holy Father. This land is dry, rugged, and hilly except for a narrow strip bordering on the Indian Ocean where there are sugar plantations. The people are strong and happy with a tradition of farming and cattle raising; however, droughts make it difficult for them to earn much of a living.

The Servites help them as much as they can, but their first mission is to spread the Gospel, baptize and build up the presence of the Catholic Church. Through the grace of God, there has been success. The Zulus have a very strong faith and are deeply devout, praying and worshipping God. Their Masses are filled with music in their Zulu language, making for beautiful native harmonies.

The efforts of the Servite missionaries have brought fruit in the area of vocations. Two Zulu men have been ordained Servite priests, and there are six young Zulu men studying to become Servites. Other areas of success include education where students have excelled and received scholarships to European and USA universities.

There have been successes, but also the Zulu nation is still suffering from the after effects of Apartheid, bringing economic and political challenges. Although abolished, it has resulted in a high unemployment rate for the Zulu Nation and coupled with the hardships of farming and cattle raising makes it difficult to cover the costs of education, construction of schools, transportation to various mission locations, food, and medical supplies.

Today, we have this mission appeal to help the young Church of KwaZulu-Natal with your support, both spiritually and financially. The Servite Missions rely on the support of good people to make the difference in their mission work.

Please be generous!

*Father of all, you sent your Son to carry out
your mission of redeeming the world.*

Many still have not heard his message of truth and love.

*Lord, bless all missionaries throughout the world
that their work may bear fruit.*

*Together with them, may we too share in the
missionary work of the whole Church that
your Kingdom of justice, love and peace may come
in all hearts and in all nations.*

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ

We witness to Christ when we do good toward others. In their pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, the U.S. bishops remind us that, as faithful disciples, we are obligated to witness Christ by blessing others in mercy and love:

"Disciples give thanks to God for gifts received and strive to share them with others. That is why, as Vatican II says of the Eucharist, 'if this celebration is to be sincere and thorough, it must lead to various works of charity and mutual help, as well as to missionary activity and to different forms of Christian witness.'"

The theme of this year's Catholic Services Appeal is, *Rise, Be Not Afraid*. The theme takes inspiration from the city of Detroit's motto given by Fr. Gabriel Richard, "We hope for better things, it will rise from the ashes." These are also the words Jesus speaks to his disciples after the Transfiguration: "Rise and be not afraid." Our support of the ministries, programs, and services to the CSA provides countless spiritual and temporal benefits of Christ's mercy and love to thousands of people in south-east Michigan and beyond.

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron has charged all faithful in our Archdiocese to join together as a "joyful band of missionary disciples" in a spirit of evangelization. Generously sharing ourselves and our gifts through the CSA allows us to witness our discipleship in Christ through our love of one another. This "attitude of gratitude" also provides growth in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The man in today's Gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.



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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	David Beaupre
Lolita Dorado	Kenneth Beaupre
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Kurt Beghuyn	Tiffany Gelle
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Betty Leone	
Michelle Harter	
Jo Marie Nardi	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, August 1, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Bryan Jones

Jermaine Donaldson

Sunday, August 2, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

William Zuerblis

Cory Fullilove
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 25 - Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Daniel Lusch

Sunday, July 26 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, George Machasic, Rita Allman (12th Anniv), Frederick Allman (23rd Anniv), Joseph Comiskey (10th Anniv), Mary Flood (2nd Anniv), John and Astrid Donaldson (in Memoriam),

Monday, July 27 -

Tuesday, July 28 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Wednesday, July 29 - St. Martha

9:00 a.m. - Joseph Comiskey (10th Anniv)

Thursday, July 30 - St. John Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

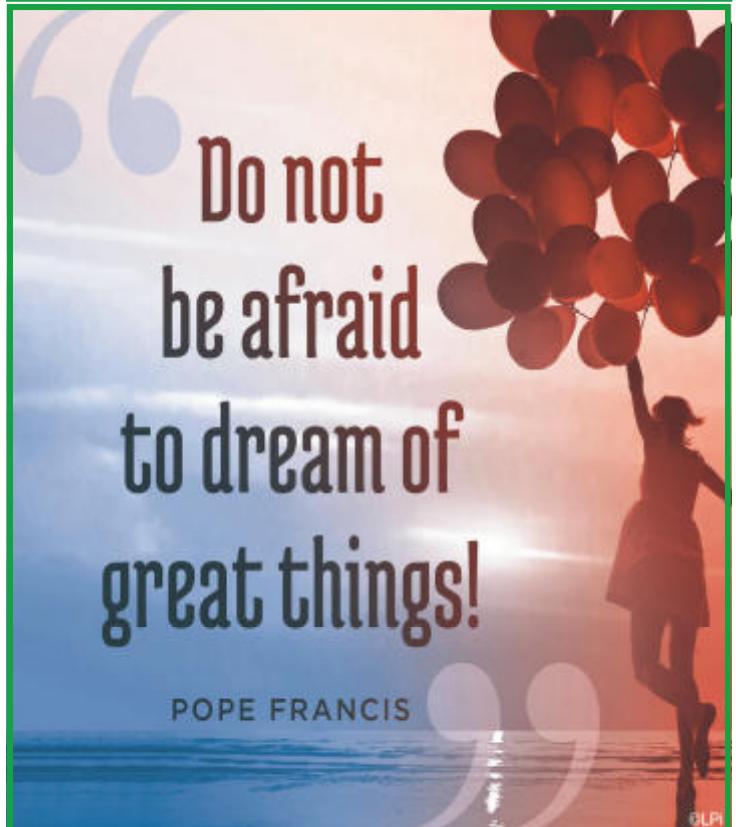
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, August 1 - Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, August 2 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Brother Hugh Denomme, FMMA



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