



Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

November 21, 2021

Detroit, Michigan

November 1, 2020 to
November 1, 2021

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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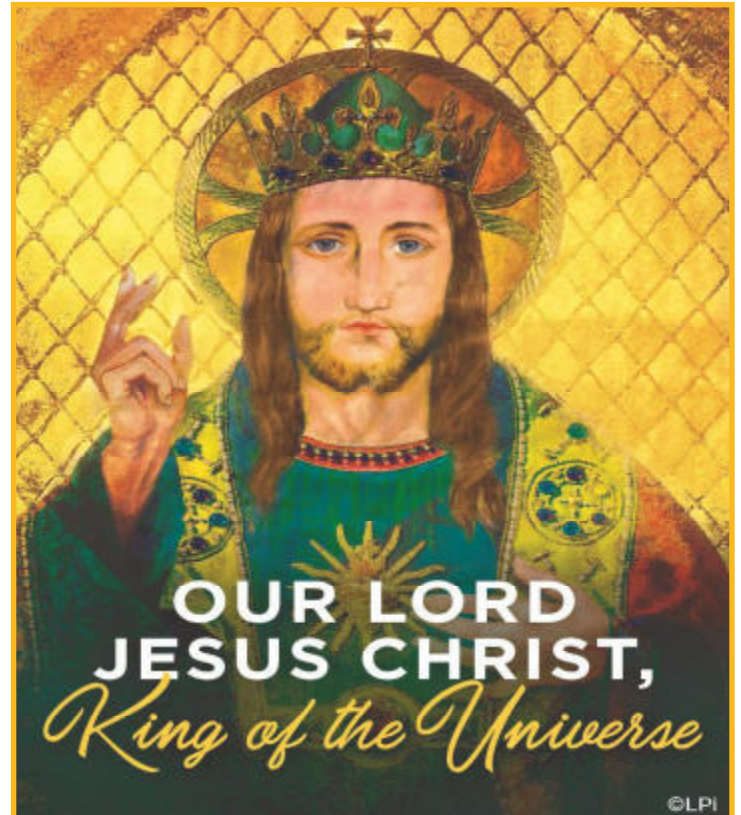
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Readings for the Week of November 21, 2021

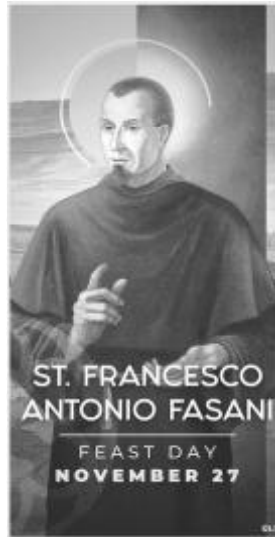
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/
Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/
Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/
Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,
64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74
[59b]/
Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/
Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-
36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5,
8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.



St. Francesco Antonio Fasani Feast Day, November 27

St. Francesco Antonio Fasani (1681 - 1742) lived his whole life as a loving, devout, and atoning man. He entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1695, and 10 years later taught philosophy to younger friars, served as guardian of his friary, and eventually became provincial minister.

When his term of office ended, St. Francesco became master of novices and finally pastor in his hometown of Lucera.

Known throughout his various ministries as being loving, devout, and penitential, he was also a well-known confessor and preacher.

St. Francesco was a loyal friend of the poor and worked tirelessly to find ways to support them. He was a mystic with such a profound prayer life and supernatural gifts that he was known to levitate during prayer. He was canonized in 1986 by Pope John Paul II.



THANKSGIVING - Our Eucharistic Vocation

Although Thanksgiving is a national holiday, its celebration can certainly be enhanced because it echoes the basic orientation of our Christian faith. As St. Paul so eloquently reminded the bickering Corinthian community, "What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?" (1Cor 4:7).

We might say then that this attitude of gratitude is deeply rooted in our Christian DNA, and consequently is naturally expressed in our central defining ritual as Christians—the Eucharist, which is the Greek word for Thanksgiving.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we remind ourselves that all we have and all we are comes from God. As the priest prays at Mass, "It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ..."

So as we celebrate this Thanksgiving day, we not only thank God for the abundance of goods and freedoms we share as citizens, but also for the gift of God's abiding presence in our lives through the risen Jesus and through the power of the Holy spirit to sanctify our world.

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS
MASS ON THURSDAY AT 9:00 A.M.
RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING DAY
AND ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH,
OPENING AGAIN ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 29TH.**

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, November 20, 4:30 pm and
Sunday, November 21, 10 am Masses, re-
spectively - Collection for Catholic Charities
of SE Michigan**

**Thursday, November 25, 9 am - Mass for
Thanksgiving Day**

**Friday, November 26
Rectory Office Closed**



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 28th.

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.

2021 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

In this uncertain time trying to "get back to normal," 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 recover from the effects of the pandemic. 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!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Have you considered that in these uncertain times, it 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!

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

Archbishop Vigneron asks that a special collection be taken in parishes each year to benefit the important work of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM). Your support is critical to the success of this collection and the continuation of diverse programming serving more than 20,000 individuals annually. As the charitable arm for the corporal works of mercy throughout the six counties of the Archdiocese, your support helps feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide companionship to the lonely care for the sick, welcome the stranger, and more. This will be the second collection this weekend. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Please be generous.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus," and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents' faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks,
mindful of your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one, we are opened
to the abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others,
as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks. Amen.



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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
Ernie and Laura Alix
Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony Crimauco
Rosemary Schoolcraft
Tiffany Gelle
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Kristen Freiburger
Joanne Papineau
Elsa Camazzola
William Walker IV
Nancy Clemons
Cathy D'Agostini

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 25, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Liz Smith

Saturday, November 27, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Liz Smith

Sunday, November 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Lauren Gross

Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 20 - Vigil: Feast of Christ the King

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

Sunday, November 21 - Feast of Christ the King

10:00 a.m. - Irene and John Ridella, Elsie Daniels Fryer, John Fryer

Monday, November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

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

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

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

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

Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. - Raymond and Sylvia Novelty

Friday, November 26 -

Saturday, November 27 - Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday, November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. - Salvatore Urso (1st Anniv), Stella Urso, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

I WILL OFFER
A SACRIFICE
OF PRAISE
AND CALL ON
THE NAME OF
THE LORD.

PSALM 116:17

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