



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

September 12, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
[1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
[cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37



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We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus'

famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 **PATRIOT DAY**

WE REMEMBER THEM

*In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
We remember them.*

*In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
We remember them.*

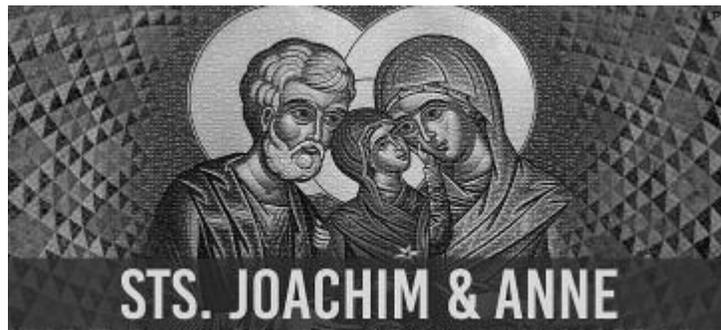
*In the opening of buds and in the warmth of summer,
We remember them.*

*When we are weary and in need of strength,
We remember.*

*When we are lost and sick of heart,
We remember them.*

*When we have joys we yearn to share,
We remember them.*

*So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us,
As we remember them.*



This weekend we celebrate Grandparents' Day. Although the feast of Joachim and Anne is celebrated on July 26, we need to remember that Jesus had grandparents, the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus. There is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So how do we get their names, what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anne indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus, we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human!

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Tuesday, September 14, 6 pm -
Parish Council Meeting, Church Auditorium**

**Saturday, September 18, 11:30 am -
Dubay / Lovins Nuptials**

~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~

**Saturday, October 16,
and Sunday, October 17
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Interested?: Please contact Rick Cucchi at cucchi@umich.edu or come to **rehearsals in the choir loft balcony on any Sunday at 9:15 a.m.** You can also call the rectory to sign up.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves"), we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The Gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

Courage in Hardship

A Prayer of Trust and Intercession

Jesus, in these difficult times,

I renew my faith and trust in You.

*I believe in your tender love for all people
and your absolute sovereignty over world affairs.*

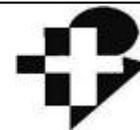
*Send your Holy Spirit to protect the Church
and console all believers,
especially those burdened with fear and anxiety.*

*I pray especially for all bishops and priests,
may they shepherd your people with wisdom
and grace amidst uncertainty.*

*In this time of crisis, open anew the hearts of
young people and raise up new saints
to witness to Your everlasting love. Amen.*

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**~ EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP ~
Can You Walk the Walk?**

You've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it. Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.



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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	Mary Spansky
Stephanie Smith	Marie Kane
Janet Law	Mike Dulapa
Laura Alix	Kathy Bush
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Jesse Ocampo	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

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

Sunday, September 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Bill Ridella

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 11 - Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For the First Responders Who Lost their Lives on September 11, 2001

Sunday, September 12 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Anna Sasinowski, Ross Chinnici (14th Anniv), William and Jean Solomon (59th Wedding Anniv), David Hanshaw, William S. Walker IV

Monday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 a.m. - For Healthcare Workers

Wednesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

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

Thursday, September 16 - Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Friday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

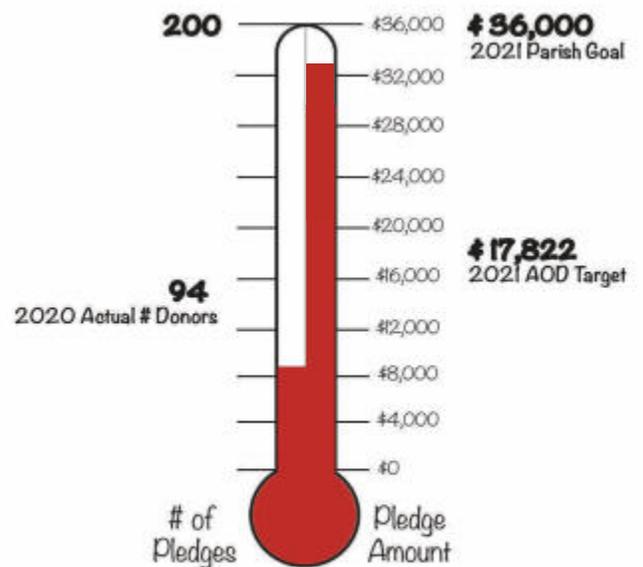
Saturday, September 18 - Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 19 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Frances Stankowski, Joseph Petrylka, In Memory of Raymond and Sylvia Novelly

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