

Church of St. Matthew - Bulletin Insert

February 19, 2023
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

E-BOX VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE!

"E-Box" is our shorthand way of referring to the overdue replacement of our main electric panel. It's the most important capital project planned for 2023.

Because of its importance, we're focusing Lenten fundraising efforts on the E-Box. To help, talented volunteers created the promotional video now available on our website. It's good. Check it out!

As a new, easy way to give, we've set up a DonorBox campaign. The QR code will take you directly to our DonorBox site. Simply scan with your phone to make an electronic payment.



One caveat: for technical reasons, contributions to DonorBox are not tax-deductible. St. Matt's will still be the beneficiary of your DonorBox donations, however.

Phil Grant
Pastoral Administrator

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To request an annual contribution statement for 2022, call the parish office or email Angela. (According to the IRS, it is the donor's responsibility to ask for such statements.)

These annual contribution statements differ from the contribution acknowledgments we routinely send out for any single contribution over \$250.00. These can happen at any point in the year.

Regardless of how or when you contribute, thank you! We could not sustain our service to our community without your generous support.

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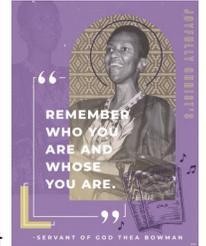
Joann Clemens died on February 7, 2023. Her funeral Mass will be held at St. Matthew on Monday, February 20, 2023.

Please remember Joann and her family in your prayers.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY

Sister Thea Bowman

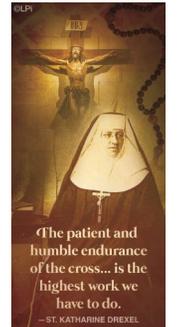
Did you know that a little Methodist girl born, Bertha Bowman, in Yazoo City, Mississippi, grew up to be a renowned Roman Catholic nun, teacher and scholar?



Sr. Thea Bowman became Catholic when she was nine years old. She later went to college and then became the first African American to join the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Wisconsin. After 16 years of teaching at the elementary, secondary and college levels, Sr. Thea Bowman was invited to be a special consultant for the Catholic Church. She gave presentations around the country aimed at bridging racial and cultural divisions. She combined her gifts of singing and gospel preaching, with prayers and storytelling. Sr. Thea Bowman was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1984. Yet, she continued her fight against the evils that drive people apart, from her wheel chair, until her death at age 53 in 1990. Sr. Thea Bowman said she prayed "to live until I die – to live fully." And that she did.

St. Katherine Drexel

Did you know that a canonized saint who described herself as "The mother and servant of the Indian and Negro races" helped finance the first Black Catholic College in the United States?



In 1858, St. Katherine Drexel was born into great wealth in Philadelphia, PA. As she grew up, St. Katherine's parents taught her that their money was meant to be shared with others. St. Katherine took this to the heart throughout her long life, especially in service to suffering Native and African Americans. She gave more than 21 million dollars of her own money to help found dozens of churches, schools, and hospitals across the United States. Besides founding her own religious congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Katherine also established Xavier University in New Orleans, La. It's the only Catholic African American College in the country. St. Katherine Drexel died in 1955 and became a saint in the year 2000.

Sources:

-Archdiocese of Detroit website: <https://info.aod.org/articles/black-saints-and-notable-figures>

Archdiocese of Chicago website: <https://bci.archchicago.org/resources/black-catholic-saints>