



# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

September 18, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



## *25<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

“If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?” - Lk 16:11

## Readings for the Week of September 18, 2022

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/  
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13  
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35,  
44/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and  
17bc/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and  
17/Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/  
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real “god” we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon’s influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over “never having enough,” and “I can’t afford it” mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

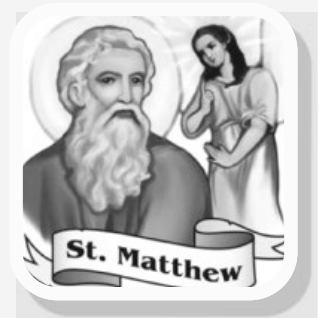
Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money, and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world’s problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

“Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God’s will, it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)” This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God’s kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God’s kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.



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### St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Feast Day, September 21



Among the early followers and apostles of Jesus, Matthew is mentioned in the gospels as a publican who, while sitting at the “receipt of custom” in Capernaum, was called to follow Jesus. Matthew was a 1st Century Galilean (presumably born in Galilee), the son of Alpheus. As a tax collector, he would have been literate in Aramaic and Greek. His fellow Jews would have despised him for what was seen as collaborating with the Roman occupation force.

After his call, Matthew invited Jesus home for a feast. On seeing this, the Scribes and the Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” (Mark 2:17, Luke 5:32)

Through Matthew’s Gospel, we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

It was many years following the death of Christ that Matthew wrote his Gospel account, around 41 and 50 AD. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. This was an important message at the time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.

It is believed that he departed for other lands (perhaps with St. Thomas) to escape persecution sometime after 41 AD, possibly Parthia, Persia, or Ethiopia. We do not know how he died, whether a natural death or martyrdom.

St. Matthew is often depicted with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7 which reads, “The first living creature was a like lion, the second like a bull, the third living creature had a human face, and the fourth living creature was a flying eagle.” St. Matthew’s symbol is an angel (the human face). His relics were supposedly discovered in Salerno in 1080. As a tax collector, he is the patron of financial professionals.

*O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel  
You portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah  
who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant  
and as the new Lawgiver who founded a  
Church of the New Covenant.*

*Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church  
and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth  
so that we may live forever with him in heaven.*

### CATHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

*The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.*

*The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community.*

*It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.*

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18 - Our St. Matthew "Sock it to Us" Campaign Continues!**

**~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~**

**Saturday, October 15,  
and Sunday, October 16,  
2022 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Kick off!**

**Sunday, October 16, following 10 am Mass - Flu Shots will be Available Courtesy of Rite-Aid Pharmacy, Church Auditorium**



### "SOCK IT TO US"

Keep people in our community warm this winter. Until October 31, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Wayne County sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan are holding their 30th annual sock collection.

This effort is meeting an important need in the community. Socks, while necessary, are rarely collected and distributed. The socks we collect will be distributed to veterans and their families and human services agencies throughout Wayne County.

**New socks** of all sizes, colors, and patterns for men, women, and children are needed. Patterned and colorful socks for pre-school age children are particularly welcome. In 2021, 19,336 pairs of sock were collected by 35 different agencies and individuals and then distributed to 18 community organizations. Your generosity last year yielded 568 pairs of socks which covered 1,136 feet.

Again, we are joining this effort to continue to help keep people warm this winter in Michigan. Their goal is to collect more socks than ever before, maybe reaching a total of over 20,000 socks!

A special "laundry basket" is placed at the St. Matthew statue for your donations. Please help in this most simple and easy way. If you desire, monetary donations are welcome to help purchase socks. **Please do not remove any labels on the socks.** These are needed for the sorting process.

St. Matthew parishioners can make a difference by "socking it to us." With thanks from Catholic Charities of SE Michigan and RSVP.



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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this, we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**St. Matthew Parish** is only \$6,000 from our internal goal of \$36,000. Your pledge or donation is vital to the sustainability of your St. Matthew's Parish. We have met our CSA archdiocesan goal of \$18,511; however, our internal target of \$36,000 needs to be met. The theme of our campaign being "one (dollar) for the Archdiocese, and one (dollar) for St. Matthew's". Any money over and above our AoD target is returned to the parish for its use. So, let's "double down" and "repeat the success."

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to CSA. You won't regret it. It is an act of charity for the sustainability of St. Matthew Parish. God bless you for whatever you can do.



In accordance with the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Archdiocese of Detroit, St. Matthew Parish held a special collection on Mission Appeal Sunday for the missionary work in the Diocese of Guntur, India. The Diocese of Guntur is very poor; but thriving in the number of Baptisms that occur each year.

Some towns and villages have no chapel or church, so Mass is held in private homes. Many challenges face the missionaries of the Guntur diocese. Programs are needed to improve the living conditions of the people, and these need funding.

You were generous in your response to the Mission Appeal this year. The amount collected was **\$786** which was forwarded to the Propagation of the Faith Office for distribution to the mission in Guntur.

### WALKING ROSARY FOR LIFE

**Join St. Paul on the Lake Life Issues Committee  
for a "Walking Rosary for Life"  
Friday, September 30, 7:30 p.m.**

**Please meet at the Church doors outside of the  
Gathering Space.**

**If the weather is poor, please meet in the Church.**

**Rosary Intention: Protect Human Life  
From Conception to Natural Death**

### 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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  
Laura Alix  
Jo Marie Nardi  
Anthony Crimauco  
Rosemary Schoolcraft  
Tiffany Gelle  
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Joan Nardi  
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Jim Krause  
Michele Stearns

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, September 24, 2022, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell

Sunday, September 25, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
David Smydra  
Emmanuel Kole-James  
Samuel Kole-James  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

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

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

**Sunday, September 18 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 a.m. - Anna Sasinowski, Faustina (Nenette) Ferreria

**Monday, September 19 - St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

**Tuesday, September 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 a.m. - In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for Employment

**Wednesday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

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

**Thursday, September 22 -**

**Friday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

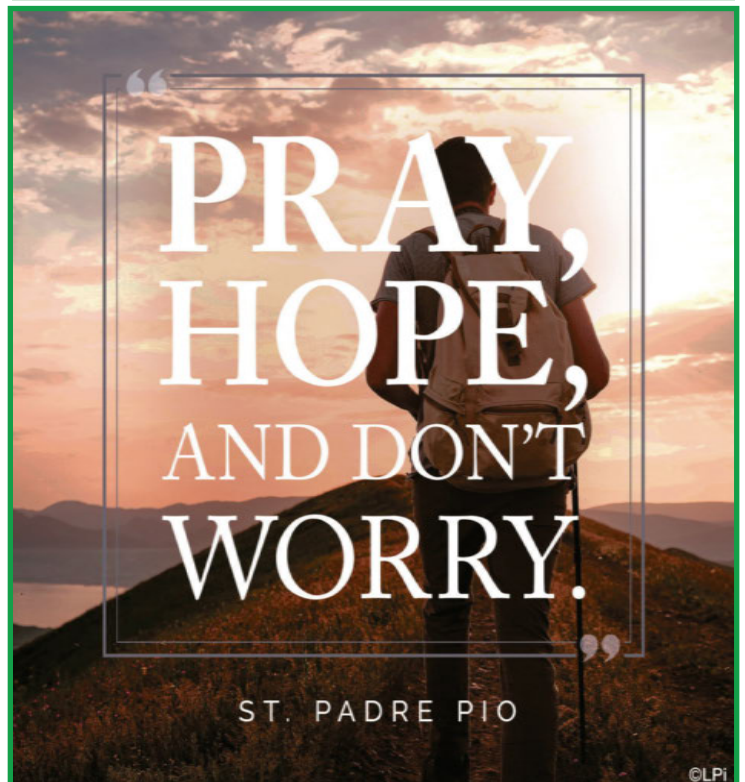
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the War in Ukraine

**Saturday, September 24 - Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, September 25 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 a.m. - Fred Przybylski, Eloise Parker



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