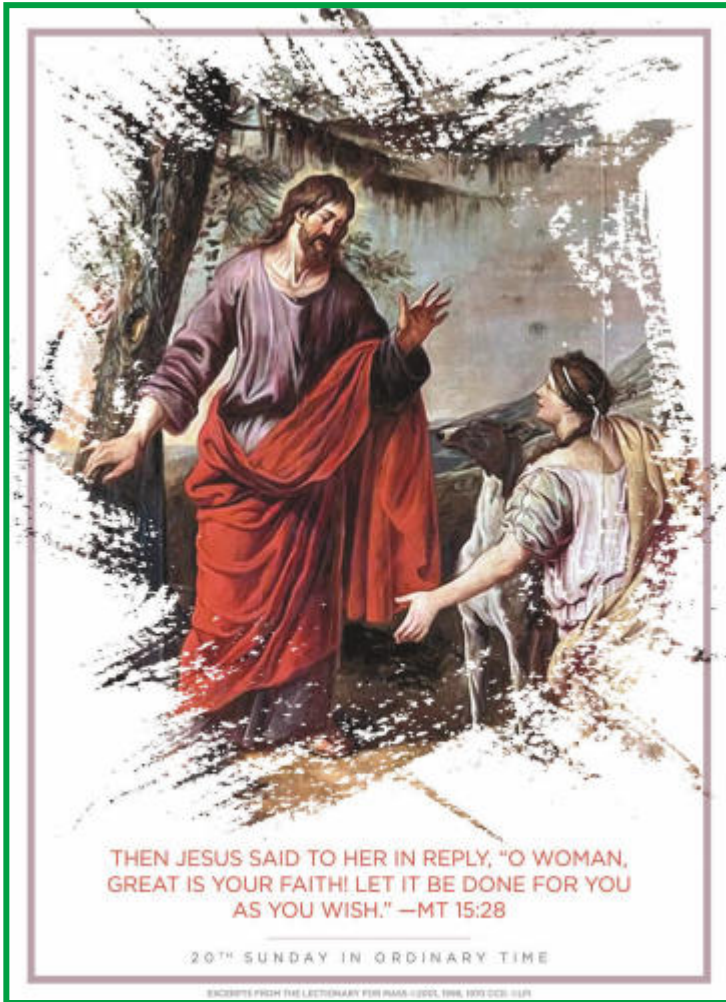




# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

August 16, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



### From Father Duane's Desk

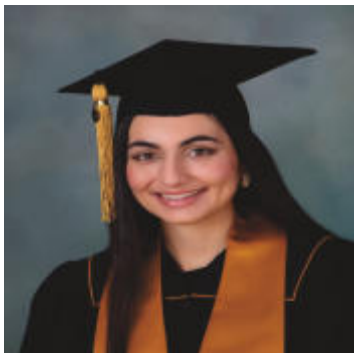
It was disheartening to receive word at the end of July from the Michigan Catholic Conference that our efforts here at St. Matthew's and across the state, through the Michigan Values Life Petition Initiative, to end dismemberment abortion came to a disappointing conclusion. The petition gathered more than 400,000 signatures. After a thorough review, 379,419 signatures were presumed to be valid. The law required 340,047 valid signatures. When submitted for verification to the Secretary of State, an initial sample of 500 signatures was challenged by Planned Parenthood, with Right to Life counter-challenging thus triggering a second larger sample pulled by the Board of Canvassers. This, too, was challenged, and too many signatures were deemed invalid. For example, some signers were unaware that they were not registered voters, some signed twice. As a result, the petition could not be certified, and the citizen-initiated legislation could not go before the legislature.

As difficult as it is to see our efforts dashed, it does indicate by the interest and dedication of workers and signers that there is a strong pro-life witness.

We prayerfully look forward to the day when we can be successful in the ongoing effort to protect human life.

I personally want to thank Mr. David Gross for taking up this task at St. Matthew and for the work he did in coordinating our portion of the signature campaign.

God bless all of you,  
Father Duane



*Congratulations to Stephanie Godoshian on receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University*

*Stephanie will be continuing her studies this fall working toward a Master of Engineering Management Degree.*

*Stephanie is the daughter of Charlie Godoshian and Patricia Camazzola Godoshian*

*God bless you, Stephanie, and good luck in all your future endeavors!*



## Readings for the Week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28  
 Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22  
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30  
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16  
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14  
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40  
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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### 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, “I’m tired of struggling with

this cold, I can’t wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better.” Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

## Thoughts for our Prayer Life

Let us live this way with prayer and love for all, and seeking the peace that passes all understanding in our lives. Then our thoughts will clear to be able to see the inner worth of every man and woman naturally, as their most inmost portrait of the Image and Likeness of God is revealed in our sight. Anyone who looks and opens themselves most of the time to this goodness and this Light will begin to see this way.

Let us choose today to follow the Apostles, for their greatest preaching was not with words only but with their deeds, and even more with themselves shining His Image out into the world where it changes anyone who wants to touch that Light. It is a clear path, and it is a good path, and it is a brave path, and it is a full path, and this path is right before us. Thankfulness and gratefulness open the gates of the heart to receive Him and to receive active blessings in our lives.

### Order of Friar Servants of Mary Servite Mission Co-Op Sunday Collection

The Mission Co-Op Sunday Collection in support of the Servite Missionaries in Zululand, South Africa, totaled **\$711.00**. The Servites will be grateful for this generous amount as they continue to minister to the people of South Africa. Thank you for your generosity!



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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The mother in today’s Gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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ROM 11:13-15,  
 29-32

***St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings***

**Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16 - Pregnancy Aid Baby Layette Drive**



**Pregnancy Aid Layette**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we, as a parish, were unable to collect donations for our annual Mothers' Day Layette Drive. The parish office contacted Nancy Antner, the Director of Pregnancy Aid, to ask if there was anything that St. Matthew Parish could do to help them during this time as they minister to

mothers in need.

Nancy explained that they were very low on all sorts of supplies and noted those items most needed. St. Matthew is having the layette drive on this weekend of August 15 and August 16 in honor of the Feast of the Assumption the Mary. This is the most fitting time since we did not hold it during the month of May, Mary's month.

The following are the items that are most needed. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please enclose a check (no cash) in an envelope marked "Pregnancy Aid" and place it in the collection basket, drop it off at the rectory, or give it to Father or Marilyn.

- ◆ Baby bibs and infant caps (knitted, crocheted, or purchased)
- ◆ Receiving blankets
- ◆ Baby afghans
- ◆ Onesies or baby sleepers (size 0 to 6 mos)
- ◆ Diapers (size 5 and 6)
- ◆ Baby bottles
- ◆ Baby hygiene products and baby wipes (*no talcum powder*)
- ◆ Pack and Plays (new or gently used)

The Pregnancy Aid Layette Drive will start on Saturday, August 16, and continue through to Sunday, August 23. A baby basinet is placed at the Blessed Mother's altar for your donations. Any thing you can do will be most appreciated.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**David and Marty  
Smydra**

*on your*

**50th Wedding  
Anniversary**

**May you enjoy forever  
your life and love together.**

**God bless you both!**



**CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**

CSA 2020 will be starting soon! Watch for further details in The Pulse and Father Duane's pulpit announcements.



**Congrats**

***Congratulations to Devin Smith  
on receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree  
from  
Madonna University***

***Devin is the nephew of Dean Johnson.  
God bless you, Devin,  
and good luck in all your future endeavors!***

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***Congratulations to Charles Ramsdell  
on his graduation from Grosse Pointe North  
High School***

***Charlie is the son of Michelle Ramsdell  
and Sunday's Office Assistant at St. Matthew Parish.***

***Charlie will be continuing his formal education at the  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.***

***God bless you, Charlie,  
and good luck in all your future endeavors!***

**Eternal God, bless these graduates who have completed  
their course of study**

**and now begin a new part of their lives.**

**Let them not be troubled  
about the past or anxious about the future,  
but let them be concerned**

**about the moment they must now live.**

**Strengthen their faith and ease their fears  
that they may courageously follow your Spirit  
and live fully the life you give them. 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.<br>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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| Stephanie Smith     |                        |
| Janet Law           |                        |
| Laura Alix          |                        |
| Betty Leone         |                        |
| Michelle Harter     |                        |
| Jo Marie Nardi      |                        |



# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, August 22, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Liz Smith

Ian Campbell

Sunday, August 23, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Liz Foley-Dunstone  
Donaldson

Jermaine

Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, August 15 - Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Nancy Bergamin

**Sunday, August 16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Clarence Merlo (34th Anniv), David and Marty Smydra (50th Wedding Anniversary)

**Monday, August 17 -**

**Tuesday, August 18 -**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

**Wednesday, August 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

**Thursday, August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

**Friday, August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope**  
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic


**Saturday, August 22 - Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Anna Martinelli

**Sunday, August 23 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark

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AND EVIDENCE OF  
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