



Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

October 25, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



ST. MATTHEW PARISH WAS WELL REPRESENTED

From Father Duane's Desk



I was so proud of our parish last Sunday! In place of the larger SVdP Walk for the Poor on Belle Isle which was cancelled due to the pandemic, the local parishes of St. Clare of Montefalco, St. Ambrose, St. Paul, and St. Matthew joined together to walk for unity and for the poor. Asked to bring non-perishable food as a donation, St. Matthew had 40 people that participated in the event.

Embarking on a beautiful fall afternoon, the Lord provided us with good autumn weather to walk the neighborhoods of Detroit and Grosse Pointe to show our sense of unity and care for the poor in these difficult times. Of course, we were all masked and respected our distancing.

Father Andrew from St. Clare sent us off with an invocation, and I shared a benediction at the end to conclude the afternoon. The walk was brisk, and for some like me (It was the first time I walked since my ankle surgery.) fast paced. But everyone found their rhythm, and good conversation was shared along the way between participants and neighbors as well. It was a wonderful experience, and thank you to all the St. Matthew parishioners who participated. You made us proud!

On another matter, I feel that at Mass during the announcements, I'm asking for a lot of donations. What with Peter's Pence, World Mission Sunday, CSA, and the Gold'n Harvest Raffle, all jammed into the fall season due to the COVID-19 shut-down, we are weary of all the solicitations. I know, I feel it, too. I am simply asking you to do your best. Mostly to get the word out in any way you can, i.e., phone calls, e-mails, letters, or notes, to those parishioners we haven't seen in a while due to the shut down. I am especially concerned about the CSA and the Raffle.

We certainly need the Raffle to be successful so as to sustain our budget, and the CSA to make our AoD target but also to offset the expenditures for immediate maintenance issues that could no longer be postponed. We set a higher parish internal target for ourselves of \$60,000, based on our great success last year of \$64,000 raised. All of which was over our \$14,000 AoD target comes directly back to us. It is a mechanism already in place, and if we contribute to it will raise funds to keep us sustained as a parish.

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Readings for the Week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/
Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
[cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a



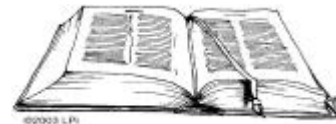
From Father Duane's Desk (cont'd)

As for the Raffle, I am offering to you the method I use personally for generating ticket sales. Simply put, a letter! Send to friends, relatives, businesses, etc., it is a way of approaching tickets sales that can reach many. Whatever comes back is more than if we did nothing, and the letter is a great way to contact others during this pandemic without compromising our health. To that end, a sample letter is available for you to follow, adapt, or create your own. Perhaps, you would like to share the letter via e-mail. Whatever is your choice. Tickets are always available after Mass on the weekends.

Again, you have made me so proud to be your Pastor, and I know you will do it again!

P.S. It is also so good to see so many coming back to church. We are still at a safe level, and all protocols are in place. It is my hope that people will return to experience the fullness of the Eucharist! As convenient as live-streaming is, it is not the same as the Real Presence!

God bless all of you, Father Duane



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, the Pharisee was talking about commandments (something we are forced to obey by external pressure), and Jesus was talking about love (an internal exhortation to give our heart, soul, and mind to another). One demands allegiance, the other requires personal commitment. In our families, we daily lay down our lives for each other not because we "gotta" but because love compels us.

Prayer before an Election

*Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues
and concerns that confront our city, state, and country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond
as faithful citizens in our community.*

*We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence,
deceit and poverty.*

*We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn
and those abandoned, men and women oppressed
because of race or creed, religion or gender.*

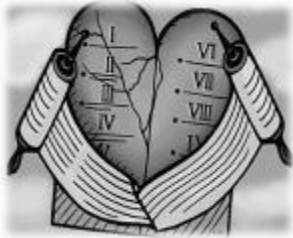
*We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing
the voice of leaders who will bring us closer
to your Kingdom.*

*We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders
who hear your Word, live your love,
and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow
in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.*

*We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and
through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul.

We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, October 24, and Sunday, October 25, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - World Mission Sunday Collection

Sunday, November 1, 10 am Mass - Feast of All Saints



2020 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

We are entering our 18th year of the Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle. It is our hope that this year we will again meet with success. We ask your participation in purchasing the tickets and especially selling the tickets.

In this age of COVID, we know that an extra effort is needed to reach out to family and friends to make the raffle succeed.

This fundraiser also brings our community together working for a common cause as we combine our energies to raise money for the parish and strive for a balanced budget. In these last 17 years, we have cumulatively grossed \$423,460 in sales, with \$211,730 in winnings, and the same amount returned to the parish.

You should have received your letter by now with the five tickets to be sold or bought by you. If all 2,000 tickets are sold, the top prize will be \$12,000. There will be a Seller's Drawing following the drawing of the three major winners in the amount of \$200.

Because of the pandemic, there will be no parish breakfast on Sunday, December 6, the day of the drawing. However, the drawing will be live-streamed to allow the parish and friends to experience the event. More tickets are always available after the weekend Masses and at the rectory.



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



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.

Over the past year, even amidst trial, we haven't stopped working to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, or equip individuals to know the love of God. This pandemic has not stopped us from sharing the Gospel! But this mission isn't something we can do alone.

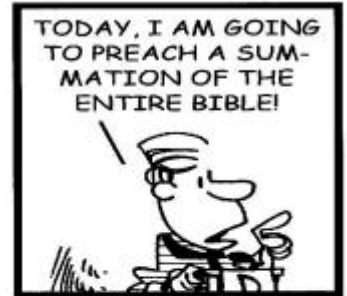
Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal makes all these efforts possible. It powers our Christian Service programs and outreach, helps us learn how to better share Jesus in our diverse and multicultural Detroit community, and helps individuals families grow closer to God even while physically distances. Your gifts to the CSA does all this, and so much more. Make your pledge today! Don't delay!

Daylight Savings Ends

*A Reminder to Set Your Clocks
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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**Drawing: Sunday, December 6, 2020
Noon ~ 1:00 PM
Need not be present to win**

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Maximum Prize
1st - \$12,000
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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.

Chuck Schuster	Robert Stark
Madeline O'Neill	Pauline Williams
Sebastiano Stellino	Bill Solomon
Teresita Covacha	Eloise Parker
Joe Petrylka	Herb and Jeanne Damman
Roger Sharpe	Doreen Redman
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Kenneth Beaupre	
Anthony Crimardo	
Rosemary Schoolcraft	
Tiffany Gelle	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, October 31, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Bryan Jones
Jermaine Donaldson

Sunday, November 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Liz Foley-Dunstone
Cory Fullilove
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 24 - Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Maria Zanese, Mark Baumgart (1st Anniv)

Sunday, October 25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Comiskey Family, Robert Frost, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Monday, October 26 -

Tuesday, October 27 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Wednesday, October 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, October 29 -

Friday, October 30 -
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, October 31 - Vigil: Feast of All Saints
4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan (7th Anniv)

Sunday, November 1 - Feast of All Saints
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Esther and Walter Wilk

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