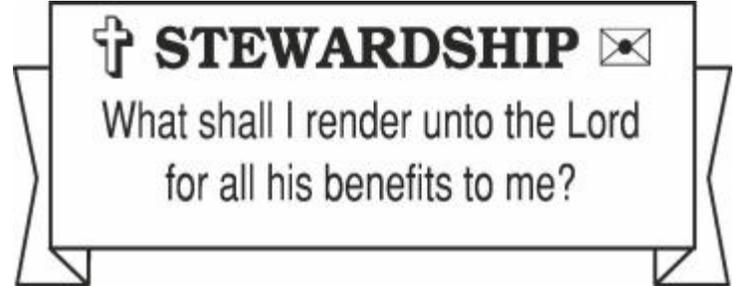
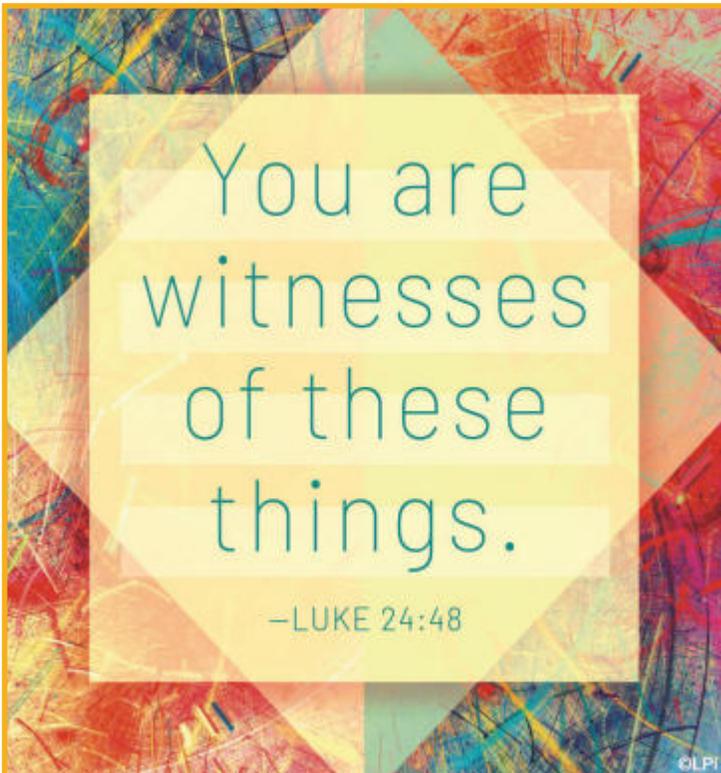
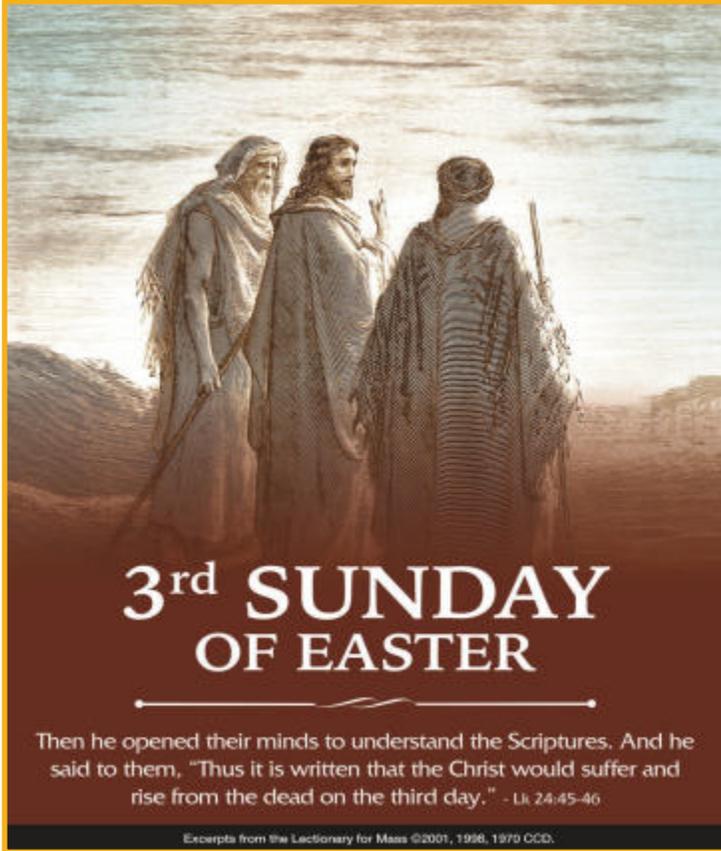




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

April 18, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



St. Matthew Parish Report July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

Budget/39 Weeks:	
@ \$2,442 (rounded)	\$95,250.09
Actual/39 Weeks:	\$73,161.17
Online Giving/39 Weeks:	<u>\$31,825.00</u>
Total Actual/39 Weeks:	\$104,986.17
Overage/Shortfall:	\$9,736.08
Average Collection/Sunday:	\$2,691.95
Average % of Budget/Sunday:	110.22%
Average % over (under)/Sunday:	10.22%
Debt Reduction Envelope/39 Weeks:	\$2,282.00
Online Debt Reduction Giving:	<u>\$700.00</u>
Total Debt Reduction Giving:	\$2,982.00
NET OVERAGE FOR 3rd Quarter:	<u>\$12,718.08</u>

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**2020-2021 Report  
Catholic Services Appeal**

*This report is from September 1, 2020 through April 14, 2021. Payments and pledges for 2020-2021 Campaign are accepted through May 31, 2021.*

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| CSA AoD Goal:   | \$14,358.00        |
| Total Pledged:  | \$45,240.00        |
| Total Paid:     | <u>\$41,171.95</u> |
| Pledge Balance: | \$4,068.05         |

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Refund Anticipated: | \$30,882.00 |
| Refund Issued:      | \$26,918.61 |
| Average Pledge:     | \$526.05    |

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Pledges Made:        | 86  |
| Pledges Fully Paid:  | 73  |
| Pledges Outstanding: | 13  |
| Parish Families:     | 201 |

## Readings for the Week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/  
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/  
Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and  
8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/  
Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29  
[22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



### 3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



There is little information on the early life of St. George. It is mostly based upon ancient narratives of the early pilgrims and the early dedications of churches to St. George going back to the 4th Century, "there seems, therefore, no ground for doubting the historical existence of St. George," one historian is quoted as saying.

The persecutions of Diocletian in 303 were associated with military saints. The persecution was aimed at Christians among the professional soldiers of the Roman army is undisputed history. Although no historical particulars of his life have survived, the widespread veneration for St. George as a soldier saint from early times began in Palestine in what is now Lydda. St. George was apparently martyred there, at the end of the 3rd or the beginning of the 4th Century; that is all that can be reasonably surmised about him.

The **Legend of Saint George and the Dragon** was first recorded in the 11th Century in the Middle East reaching Catholic Europe in the 12th century.

In the Golden Legend, texts written by clerical leaders in medieval times, the tradition tells that a fierce dragon was causing panic at the city of Silene, Libya, at the time George arrived there. In order to prevent the dragon from devastating people from the city, they gave two sheep each day to the dragon, but when the sheep were not enough, they were forced to sacrifice humans instead of the two sheep. The human to be sacrificed was elected by the city's own people. One time the king's daughter was chosen to be sacrificed, but no one was willing to take her place. George saved the girl by slaying the dragon with a lance. The king was so grateful that he offered him treasures as a reward for saving his daughter's life, but George refused it and instead he gave these to the poor. The people of the city were so amazed at what they had witnessed that they became Christians and were all baptized.

St. George is the patron saint of England with many churches and abbey chapels dedicated to him.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The apostles were afraid until he ate with them, and they touched him. In your family, the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, and embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These "ordinary" moments contain the "Extraordinary."

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Tuesday, April 15, 1:30 pm - Family of Parishes Priests' Meeting via Zoom

**Easter thank you** to all who helped in large and small ways to make our Easter Liturgies spiritually meaningful and beautiful.

First of all, our appreciation goes to our pastor, Father Duane, who gives of himself in every matter from the mundane to the majestic. Preparing his homilies, directing the ministers, and putting his personal touch on each and every detail of the Triduum, made us spiritually aware of this most important liturgical season.

Thanks to Theresa Zuerblis who worked tirelessly to make sure we had the flowers needed to decorate the altar. This was no small task as selections were in short supply. But Theresa had her contacts, and she used them well.

Appreciation goes to our maintenance crew, Ed and Dennis, on the spot help with no complaints and working until the tasks were complete.

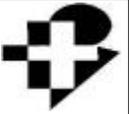
Then, those who helped with the altar decorations, Father, of course, Marilyn Lynn and Bev Goll. Thanks to Karen Bogle for providing the candy-filled Easter eggs displayed and available at the "Easter Bunny." These were treats everyone could enjoy!

The music provided by Rick Cucchi and the instrumentalists added to the solemnity and joy of our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

For those who donated toward our Easter flowers in memory of those loved ones who are deceased or in honor of those loved ones still living. Thank you for your generosity. Hopefully it brought you some comfort to know that they were remembered.



## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**Your Gifts Make a Difference: Witnessing Christ through vocations** - Realizing society's focus on secular careers over vocations, the Office of Priestly Vocations has launched an initiative to encourage young people to discern God's specific plan for them. Held quarterly, "Cultivating the Call" begins with Holy Hour and includes a casual dinner, Adoration, Benediction, inspiring music, and testimonies from priests, religious brothers and sisters, and seminarians.

Parents are able to bring their children to these gatherings, but anyone who works with young people can attend as well to learn about engaging in more conversations about vocations, according to Father Joe Horn, director of Priestly Vocations.

"We don't talk about it, we don't have that conversation, listen to a young person and encourage them to accept God's vocation, or to look at their future as a vocation rather than just a career builder," he explained.

The CSA supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life through regional gatherings like "Cultivating the Call" and "The Watchmen," as well as discernment retreats and a vocation day for junior high students at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and events with Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron.

The Priestly Vocations Office also provides outreach to parishes and schools and vocations literature, brochures, and prayer cards.

"Listening to God's call for your life will lead to your ultimate happiness, not choosing the career that gives you the most money or seems most thrilling," said Father Horn. "A vocation is not something you do, it's who you are."

**Next Sunday, April 25th  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

## 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

I CAN'T FIGURE OUT THIS SCRIPTURE READING ON MY OWN. I THINK I'LL FIND A THEOLOGIAN TO EXPLAIN IT TO ME.



OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE...



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Earth Day  
EVERY DAY

*Gracious God, your amazing love extends through all time and space, to all parts of your creation, which you created and called good.*

*You made a covenant with Noah and his family, putting a rainbow in the sky to symbolize your promise of love and blessing to every living creature, and to all successive generations.*

*You made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, blessing them and their descendants throughout the generations.*

*You made a covenant with Moses and the Israelite people to all generations, giving them the ten commandments and challenging them to choose life.*

*In Jesus, you invite us to enter into a new covenant, in communion with all who seek to be faithful to you.*

*As people of faith, we are called into covenant. Your covenant of faithfulness and love extends to the whole creation.*

*We pray for the healing of the earth, that present and future generations may enjoy the fruits of creation, and continue to glorify and praise you. 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.*

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Joe Petrylka           | Eduardo Fajardo       |
| Anthony Mastronardi    | Aurora Guinto         |
| Stephanie Smith        | Mary Spansky          |
| Janet Law              | Marie Kane            |
| Laura Alix             | Mike Dulapa           |
| Betty Leone            | Linda Holster         |
| Jo Marie Nardi         | Irene McCann          |
| Anthony Crimauddo      | Bing and Jesse Ocampo |
| Rosemary Schoolcraft   | Kathy Bush            |
| Tiffany Gelle          | Mary Zainea           |
| Robert Stark           | Sue Allasio           |
| Pauline Williams       | Richard Goll          |
| Bill Solomon           | Tim Fitzgerald        |
| Eloise Parker          |                       |
| Herb and Jeanne Damman |                       |
| Doreen Redman          |                       |
| Sarah Wagner           |                       |
| Nenette Ferreria       |                       |
| Lolita Dorado          |                       |
| Albert Fajardo         |                       |

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

Saturday, April 24, 2021, 4:30 p.m.  
Liz Smith

Sunday, April 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Liz Foley-Dunstone

## SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Cory Fullilove  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, April 17 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - William Walker IV, Richard Gargulinski (1st Anniv),  
Bobby Hanshaw, Dale Hanshaw

### Sunday, April 18 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Veronica Kaminski, Richard Gargulinski  
(1st Anniv)

### Monday, April 19 -

### Tuesday, April 20 -

9:00 a.m. - For Military Men and Women Serving around the  
World

### Wednesday, April 21 - St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

### Thursday, April 22 - Earth Day

### Friday, April 23 - St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

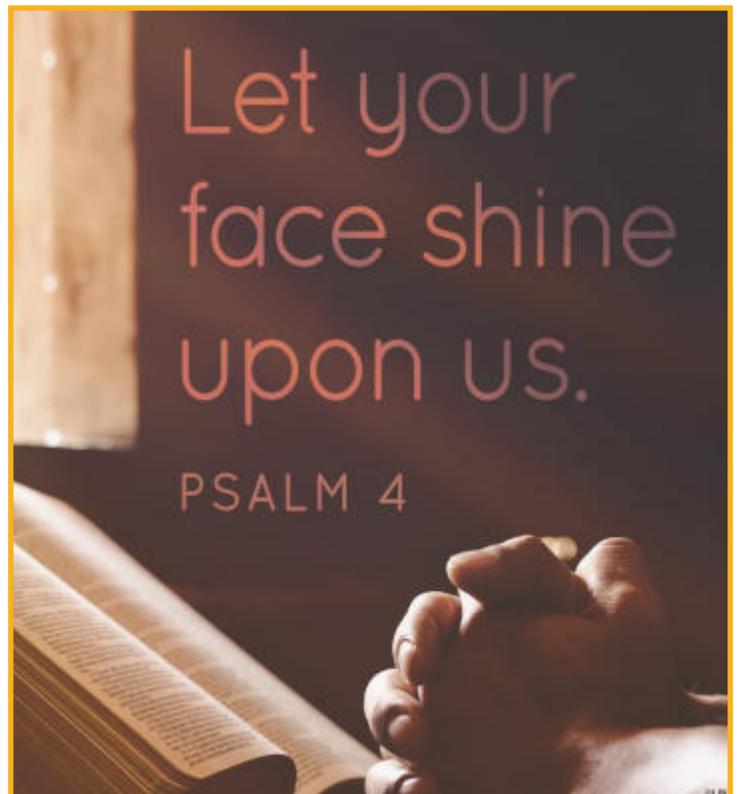
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Saturday, April 24 - Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Roger Sharpe

### Sunday, April 25 - 4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Paul Coen (7th Anniv), Brent Jacob  
(2nd Anniv), Stella Urso (12th Anniv), For an  
Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and  
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