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July 3, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



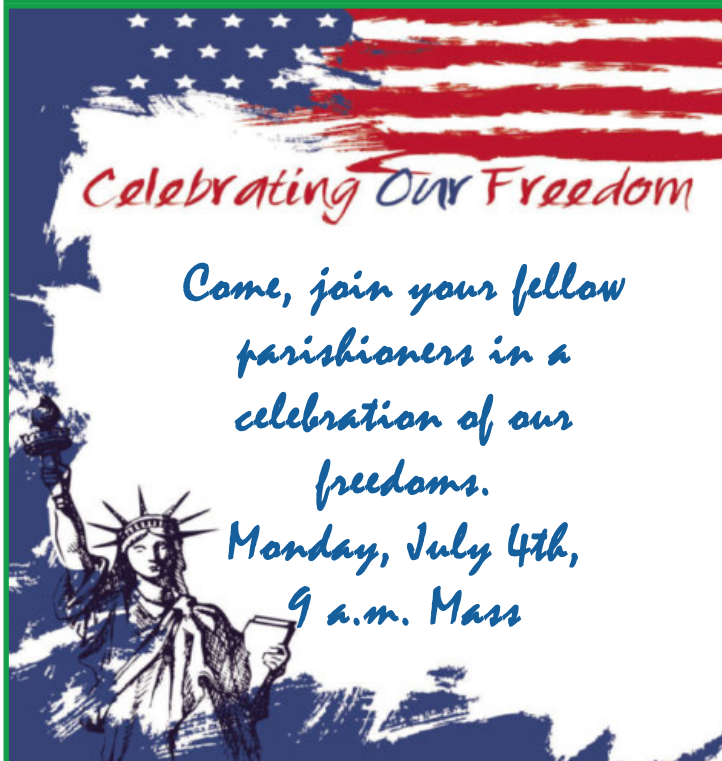
14th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

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Celebrating Our Freedom

Come, join your fellow parishioners in a celebration of our freedoms.

*Monday, July 4th,
9 a.m. Mass*

Invocation by Fr. Duane at the Press Conference June 23, 2022

"Father in Heaven, as we gather here on the eastside of Detroit, on the campus of St. Matthew, we ask that your presence be with us as we embark on a new venture to revitalize and re-purpose these former school buildings for the well-being of those who seek the warmth and security of a home.

As this good work unfolds through the efforts of many people, let our hope soar, our fear disappear, and our dreams come into being. Give us the strength, courage, and insight we will need to make this vision a reality.

For it is only through your grace that the fulfillment of our efforts can fulfill the hopes and dreams of others. As the psalmist says, "For unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it. Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchmen stay in vain." (Ps. 127, v1.)

May this our prayer be heard and received through Christ our Lord. God bless the City of Detroit! Amen."



Catholic Charities of SE Michigan Press Release: Affordable Housing Will Transform a Closed School in Detroit

Catholic Charities, Ascension Michigan and St. Matthew Parish join to improve lives

A former Catholic school on the city's east side, vacant for more than a decade, will get new life as an affordable housing complex, thanks to a unique collaboration among church, state, and a host of allies.



The Residences at St. Matthew is a \$17-million, two-year project to repurpose the former St. Matthew School and its activity center into a 46-unit housing complex. It is being led by a collaboration between Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM), St. Matthew Parish, and Ascension Michigan. The affordable housing complex will serve individuals facing housing instability.

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Readings for the Week of July 3, 2022

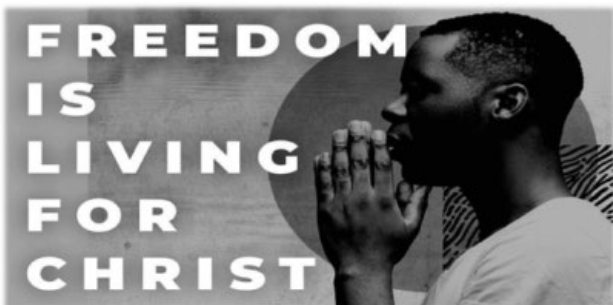
Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-
10//Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and
17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36,
37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/
Lk 10:25-37

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, “the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited.” That same dictionary defines liberty as, “the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to.” Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that “the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ.” There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one’s soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one’s character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. “I am sending you like lambs among wolves,” Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That’s what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.



CCSEM Press Release: Affordable Housing Will Transform a Closed School in Detroit

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The project received a boost on June 15, 2022, with the award of over \$1 million in low-income housing tax credits from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. This will result in over \$10 million in equity financing for the project.

“Being able to provide affordable housing not only helps us align with our national mission, more importantly it helps to address a significant need in the MorningSide community,” explained Paul Propson, executive director of CCSEM. “We are proud to lead this effort and to have partners who will help provide other means of support.”

The announcement comes on the heels of a University of Michigan study detailing that affordable housing continues to be a challenge for many Detroiters. Before the pandemic, almost half of renters and nearly one in five homeowners spent more than 30 percent of their salary on housing, according to MSHDA. Beyond housing, the school’s repurposing will have additional benefits for the east side. Ascension Michigan will provide on-site health care. The former gym will be converted into a community center.

“It’s critical that we have on-site access to care because we know there is a strong correlation between housing instability, health and the social determinants of health,” says Dr. Stacy Garrett-Ray, Ascension senior vice president and chief community impact officer. “This model is all about providing housing stability as well as access to quality care so that we can create healthier outcomes.”

St. Matthew Parish has maintained the building since closing the school more than 10 years ago. The church is proud to find a new way to revitalize the site, explained Father Duane Novelty.

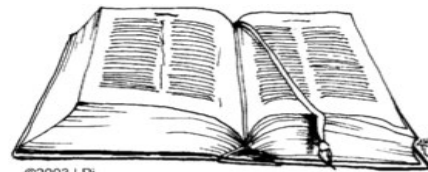
“The parishioners of St. Matthew are delighted to partner with CCSEM/Ascension, having our former school buildings repurposed for affordable healthy housing,” said Father Novelty.

“The long history we have on the east side of Detroit will continue in a renewed fashion as we develop our ministry, helping to meet the needs of those seeking affordable housing in order to bring a greater dignity to their lives.”

CCSEM has done community outreach and fundraising over the last three years to turn the housing vision into a reality. In addition to the MSHDA tax credits, the project has received \$3 million in HOME funds from the City of Detroit as well as funding support from private grants.

“The MorningSide community is excited to welcome these new residences, which will add to the wide range of quality affordable housing in our diverse neighborhood,” said Eric Dueweke, president of the MorningSide Community Organization.

Other partners on the development include Ethos Development Partners and Cinnaire Solutions, who will provide project management, logistics, and technical support. Construction is to be completed within the next 18 months. For more information, go to <https://ccsem.org/residences/>



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Just like the 72 disciples sent out by Jesus in today’s Gospel, families are expected to be MISSIONARIES. By our lives, words, and lifestyle, we proclaim peace, commitment, fidelity, and respect to a culture caught up with violence and gratification.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Monday, July 4, Independence Day, 9 am
Mass - Celebration of our Freedoms**

**Monday, July 4, Independence Day
Rectory Office Closed
Re-opens on Tuesday, July 5, 10:30 am**

June 20, 2022

Dear Father Duane;

Thank you so much for the baby shower your parish had for Pregnancy Aid Detroit. Your timing is perfect too, as we are just about to open another pregnancy resource center in Warren. When that center opens at the end of June, we will need twice the amount of diapers, baby clothes, and formula. We will also meet double the number of moms with unplanned pregnancies seeking positive alternatives to abortion.

Even during this current nationwide formula shortage, Pregnancy Aid has been able to provide formula to babies in need. Because of generous donors like you our shelves are stocked. ALL Pregnancy Aid babies are being fed. We receive no government funding, so consistent community support is the only way providing a basic need, such as food, can happen. You make that happen.

We couldn't do what we do without you!!!

In Christ's peace,

Nancy Anter, Executive Director
Pregnancy Aid Detroit

Pregnancy Aid 2021 Annual Report

180 Moms chose life	118 Pregnancy tests given
493 maternity clothes given	205 ultrasounds given
358 cans of formula given	532 moms helped
7,146 outfits and supplies given	640 packs of diapers given

Love grows at Pregnancy Aid!



RICE BOWL 2022

Help the Catholic Relief Services continue what we started with our almsgiving through the Rice Bowls during Lent - caring for our global family and addressing the injustices that prevent people from thriving. Hope and life are promised through Jesus' Resurrection. Let us be instruments of His peace and share this hope with the world by working together to end hunger.

Your generosity in our Rice Bowl collection this Lent amounted to **\$1,437.64**.

Heavenly Father, thank you for leading us closer to you during this past Lent, helping us to experience your love by loving our sisters and brothers in need.

We pray that our sacrifices may give glory to you by helping communities access nutritious food and other resources necessary to flourish.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Stories from the CSA - Anna Picasso, Missionary, Detroit Catholic Campus Ministry.

Anna Picasso is a missionary at Wayne State University. Although growing up in a Catholic family, Anna had fallen away from her faith by her sophomore year of college. While studying a semester abroad, Anna found herself living in a community with 19 other students, many of whom were strong Catholics. She distinctly remembered thinking, "they have something that I do not." It was their authenticity, charity, joyfulness, and gentleness that began to warm her heart, and led her to personally meet and fall in love with Jesus and His Church.

Anna received so much from the people who ministered to her during her college years that she decided to apply to be a missionary herself and answer the call of Jesus to make disciples. As a part of the team serving at Wayne State, Anna works closely with their chaplain, Father Matthew Hood, forming authentic friendships with students and inviting them to live lives of virtue, as well as encounter Jesus in prayer, the sacraments, and Sacred Scripture.

Your gift to the CSA allows Anna and others involved in Campus ministry to help hundreds of college students find meaning and purpose in knowing and loving Christ.



Prayer before Departing on a Trip

O God, You called Abraham your servant out of Ur and kept him safe and sound in all his wanderings.

If it is Your will, protect Your servants.

Be for us a support when setting out, friendship along the way, a little shade from the sun, a mantle against cold and rain, a crutch on slippery paths.

Bear us up in fatigue, and protect us from harm.

Under Your loving care,

let us fulfill the purpose for our trip and return safe and sound to our home. Amen.

14TH 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
Pauline Williams
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Joan Nardi

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Independence Day, Monday, July 4, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
William Zuerblis
Saturday, July 9, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Liz Foley-Dunstone
Sunday, July 10, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Liz Smith

Julia Zuerblis
Bruce Campbell
Emmanuel Kole-James
Samuel Kole-James
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 2 - Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, July 3 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Rita Allman (14th Anniv), Frederick Allman

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day
9:00 a.m. - Salustino Guinto, Cesar Garcia (1st Anniv)

Tuesday, July 5 - St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Wednesday, July 6 - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, July 7 -

Friday, July 8 -
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, July 9 - Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Amy Marie Lisiecki

Sunday, July 10 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - The Misuraca Family



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