



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

August 14, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



20th Sunday

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

Readings for the Week of August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12,
16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-
36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
Lk 13:22-30



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.



We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the 6th century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the 5th or 6th century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Reflection ~ In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.



St. Maximilian Kolbe

Courage and sacrificial love mark the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. He became a priest of the Franciscan order. Dedicated with evangelization, he published a magazine to teach the Catholic faith and encourage devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, Fr. Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz.

One day a prisoner escaped from the camp. The Nazi punishment was harsh. For one escapee, 10 must die in his place. The guards picked 10 men at random. One began to beg for his life on behalf of his family, and another man stepped forward and offered to take his place. Fr. Kolbe was sentenced, along with the other nine men, to death by starvation. For this "martyr of Auschwitz," a life of devotion culminated in one heroic, Christlike act.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Monday, August 15, 9:00 am Mass -
Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Vir-
gin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this
year.)**



A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today, Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the Gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

How Much Is Enough?

There is some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

There's also some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.

I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.

I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

Kayak the Canals!

An invitation from St. Ambrose Parish

Paddle out to the Detroit River, around Grayhaven Island, past the Fisher Mansion, and by the waterfront residences of Jefferson-Chalmers.

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CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



CSA Update - After many weeks of technical difficulties at the archdiocesan level and at the Gift Processing Center, the Catholic Services Appeal is ready to move forward with the challenges of the 2022 campaign. Reminders are currently being sent out to parishioners from the Archdiocese.

Over the past few weeks, the rectory office received numerous e-mails requesting patience and prayers as they were attempting to handle the backlog of pledge payments from 2021. It appears that they are now on track to earnestly begin and continue the 2022 campaign.

If you remember, the St. Matthew's parish goal was \$18,511. However, with the approval of the Parish and Finance Councils, it was decided that again we would "double-down" and "repeat the success" of our previous years and create an internal goal of \$36,000. Presently, we are short of that goal and expecting that with the reminders from the AoD, we will again experience a renewed interest in contributing to the CSA.

This is the time to prayerfully consider your pledge to the CSA to benefit your parish of St. Matthew. We have been successful in the past, and we can do it again this year with your help and God's.

- SACRAMENTS -



Revive God's desire in you.

20th 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
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Robert Rabe
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Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, August 20, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Bryan Jones

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, August 21, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Dan McBride

Emmanuel Kole-James

Samuel Kole-James

Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 13 - Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. - Marc McEachern Memorial Mass

4:30 p.m. - Betty Amara (25th Anniv), Chet Arnold (11th Anniv)

Sunday, August 14 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Sophie Bush, Clarence Merlo (36th Anniv), Robert Stark

Monday, August 15th - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday, August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary

9:00 a.m. - For Military Families around the World

Wednesday, August 17 -

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

Thursday, August 18 -

Friday, August 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest

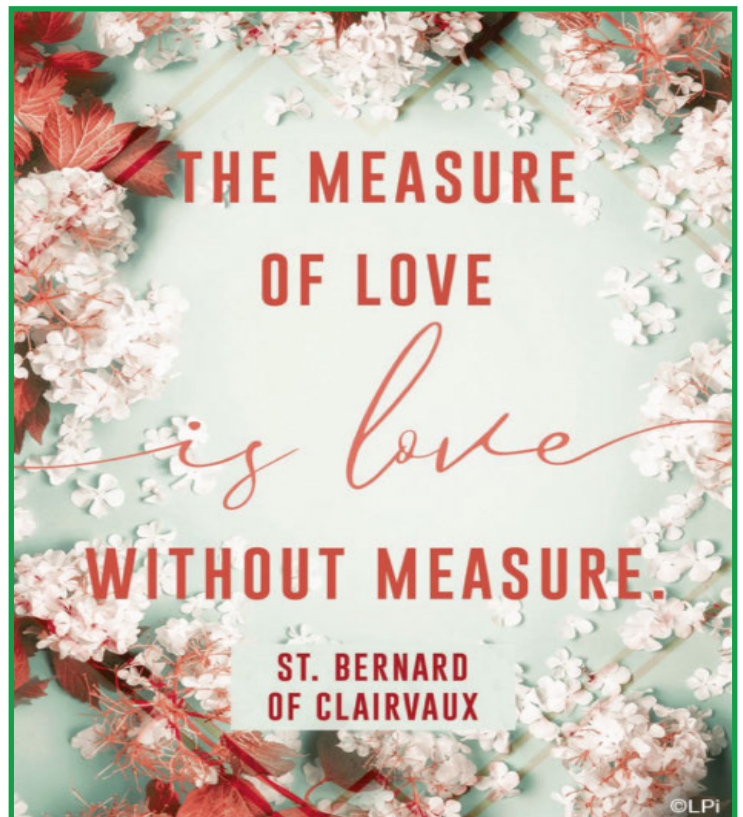
9:00 a.m. - Richard D. Goll

Saturday, August 20 - Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Anna Martinelli

Sunday, August 21 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Faustina (Nenette) Ferreria, Richard D. Goll, Patricia Gargulinski (80th Birthday)



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