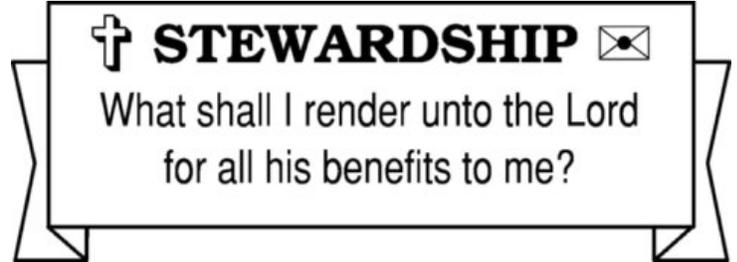
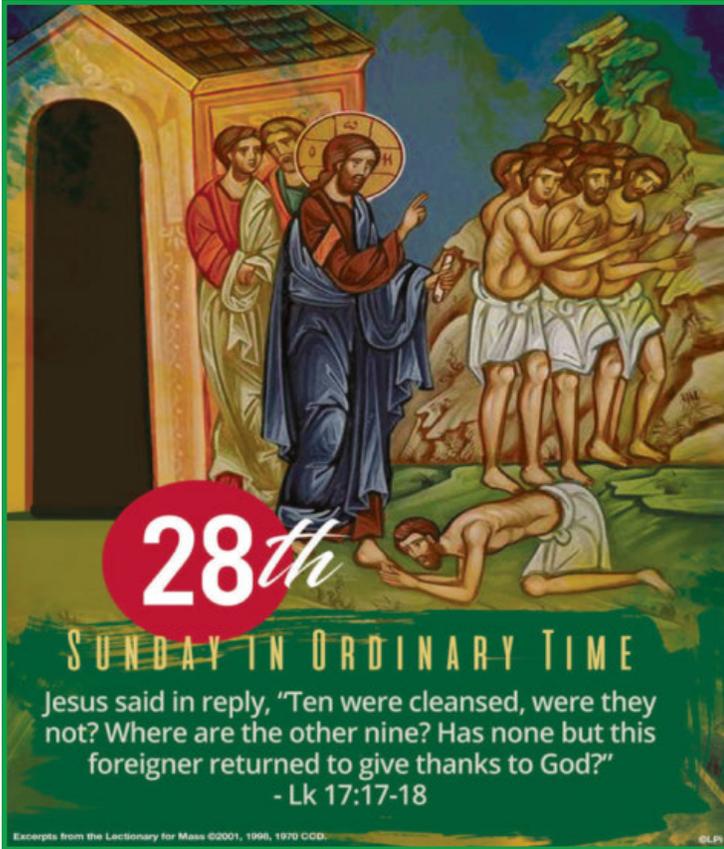




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

October 9, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



St. Matthew Parish Report July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022

Budget/13 Weeks: @ \$2,442 (rounded)	\$31,750.03
Actual/13 Weeks:	\$23,840.44
Online Giving/13 Weeks:	\$11,160.00
Total Actual/13 Weeks:	\$35,000.44
Overage/Shortfall:	\$3,250.41
Average Collection/Sunday:	\$2,692.34
Average % of Budget/Sunday:	110.24%
Average % over (under)/Sunday:	10.24%
Debt Reduction Envelope/13 Weeks:	\$743.00
Online Debt Reduction Giving:	\$490.00
Total Debt Reduction Giving:	\$1,233.00
NET OVERAGE FOR 13 WEEKS:	\$4,483.41

From Father Duane's Desk



Last week, in my article and my Sunday homily, I spoke of not being taken in by the confusing rhetoric surrounding the poorly written Proposal 3 which would enshrine unrestricted and unregulated abortion in our state constitution. On Respect Life Sunday last week, I spoke of the reality of the procedures of abortion. They are not "pretty," and they are not necessary, let alone the fact that this is intrinsically evil. The Fifth Commandment says, "Thou shalt not kill." An intention to end a life is killing, and morally speaking we cannot legitimately participate.

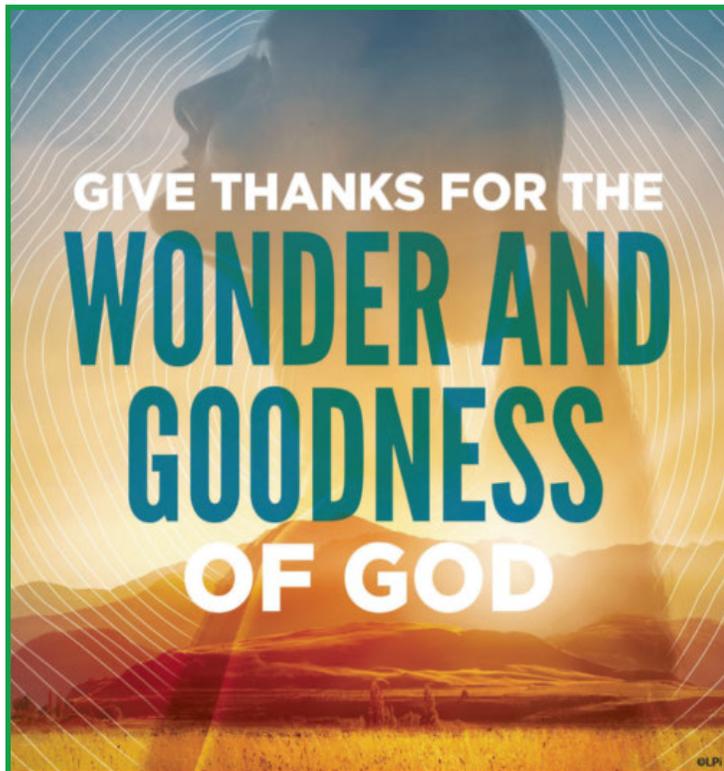
And, this is where the pro-abortion language can be confusing. They make it sound as if we have a right to take a life, or that taking the child's life gives the mother her rights. This is just not true. Morally speaking you cannot do an evil to produce a good. In effect, two wrongs don't make a right.

Myths and misconceptions abound around the issue and in the rhetoric. For example:

Myth No. 1: Abortion is an essential healthcare service.

TRUTH: Abortion is never needed to secure the health of the mother. In difficult pregnancies, proper medical care can address both mother and child.

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Readings for the Week of October 9, 2022

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/
Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4,
5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/
Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to “the gods” to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is “a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” When our hearts “surge” toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God’s Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God’s graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.



From Father Duane’s Desk (*cont’d*)

Myth No. 2: Restrictions on abortion are an intrusion on the relationship between a doctor and a patient.

TRUTH: Most abortion providers have no previous relationship with the patients they see.

Myth No. 3: Unrestricted abortion access is necessary for providing life-saving care for pregnant women.

TRUTH: Elective abortion is not life-saving medical care. OB/GYNs will still be able to offer life-saving medical care to pregnant women. No laws on elective abortion will impact that.

Myth No. 4: Women with ectopic pregnancies and miscarriages won’t receive the care they need.

TRUTH: These circumstances are entirely different than an elective abortion, which purposefully ends the life of an unborn child. The difference between a miscarriage and elective abortion is clear. In a miscarriage, the baby has already died, and therefore any treatment of a miscarriage would not be an abortion. The procedures and treatments used for miscarriage management are not prohibited by abortion restrictions.

An ectopic pregnancy requires removing an embryo to save a mother’s life so that both lives are not lost. This life-saving treatment is not prevented by any current law restricting or banning abortion. Claiming that it is only serves to confuse women and potentially cause critical delays in care.

Myth No 5: Maternal mortality will increase as a result of the Supreme Court’s ruling.

TRUTH: The data clearly shows that restricting abortion does not lead to an increase to maternal mortality.

Myth No. 6: Placing restrictions on abortion will diminish care for women.

TRUTH: Abortion restrictions often improve safety for women.

Myth No. 7: Abortion does not have a long-term impact on a woman’s reproductive health.

TRUTH: Abortions increase a women’s risk of pre-term birth in a future pregnancy.

Myth No. 8: Chemical abortions are a safe and convenient option for women.

TRUTH: The dangerous push in recent years to dispense abortion pills through the mail or without a doctor’s visit presents a great threat to women’s health.

Myth No. 9: Restricting access to abortion will have a negative impact on women’s mental health.

TRUTH: Numerous studies show women suffer from worse mental health outcomes after an abortion.

These are myths and misconceptions around the argument for abortion. Don’t let yourselves be fooled. God did not give wisdom and knowledge to doctors and nurses to eliminate life but to enhance it.

In the coming weeks, I will place more information from the Michigan Catholic Conference in The Pulse. Please get the message out! And don’t forget to vote on November 8th!

God bless all of you, Father Duane



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, October 8, and Sunday, October 9 - Our St. Matthew "Sock it to Us" Continues!

Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16 - 2022 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Kick off!

Sunday, October 16, following 10 am Mass - Hospitality Sunday, Church Auditorium, Flu Shots will be Available Courtesy of Rite-Aid Pharmacy

Saturday, October 22, and Sunday, October 23, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - World Mission Sunday Collection



2022 Gold'n Harvest Raffle

Next week we will have our kick-off for the 2022 Gold'n Harvest Raffle, our 20th Year. Your tickets will be in the mail along with a letter of instruction soon. The parish is still in the process of restoring, repairing, and securing our parish property, so it is important that we have full participation to meet these expenses and maintain our sustainability.

We are experiencing more and more a move toward normalcy in our daily lives. Our motto "take it to the streets" may once again be our mantra.

Our drawing is on Sunday, December 4, at approximately noon. We will be able to provide a wonderful breakfast for our parishioners and guests that day catered by Majestic Café courtesy of Joe Zainea and his sons.

We look forward to your participation. Wouldn't it be grand if we sold all 2000 tickets in our 20th Year of the Gold'n Harvest!? More details will be forthcoming as we move forward.

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Everyone needs "A Round Tuit." The lepers in today's Gospel probably meant to thank Jesus. Excited about being cured, they didn't get "around-to-it." We get caught up in our own interests and fail to appreciate what we have or to say what is in our hearts. This week get yourself a "Round Tuit."

Support our Capuchin Kitchen (SOCK)

For over 90 years, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen has been feeding hungry people, while also nourishing their souls and stimulating their minds. Last weekend, we helped with this effort by holding a Signature Card campaign. For a \$20 donation, one could sign a signature card for a living or deceased loved one or themselves which then would appear in the program booklet for the 50th Annual Capuchin Banquet.

St. Matthew Parish had **25** contributors in the amount of **\$600**. Thank you for your generosity in helping the Capuchins keep up this important ministry to the poor and marginalized.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



What does the CSA fund? - The Catholic Services Appeal benefits parishes and people in the Archdiocese of Detroit by helping to fund more than 100 ministries, programs and services, including: support for men discerning God's call to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary; campus ministry; grants to Catholic schools; and young adult programs. Essentially, CSA dollars help fund the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the greater Detroit area.

Except for six national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), CSA funds remain in the archdiocese. These national collections include: Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications, Catholic Home Missions, Catholic University of America, Church in Latin America, and the Holy Land.

"SOCK IT TO US" or Sox in a Box!

Thank you to all who have already donated socks to help keep people in our community warm this winter. Until October 31st, you will have the opportunity to donate **new socks** so that they can be distributed to veterans and their families and to human services agencies throughout Wayne County. This effort is being sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Wayne County and by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. It is meeting an important need in the community.

Socks, while necessary, are rarely collected and distributed to those in need.

New socks of all sizes, colors, and patterns for men, women, and children are needed. Patterned and colorful socks for pre-school age children are particularly welcome. In 2020, 19,336 pairs of sock were collected by 35 different agencies and individuals and then distributed to 18 community organizations.

This year, St. Matthew Parish is continuing the effort to help keep people warm this winter in Michigan. A special "laundry basket" is placed at the St. Matthew statue for your donations. Please help in this most simple and easy way. If you desire, monetary donations are welcome to help purchase socks. **Please do not remove any labels on the socks.** These are needed for the sorting process.

Let St. Matthew parishioners make a difference by "**socking it to us.**" *Let's fill a box with sox!*

Prayer for Government Leaders

God of power and might,
wisdom and justice,
through you authority is rightly administered,
laws are enacted,
and judgement is decreed.
Assist with your spirit of counsel
and fortitude our government leaders.
May they always seek
the ways of righteousness,
justice and mercy.
Grant that they may be enabled
by your powerful protection
to lead our country, our states, and cities
with honesty and integrity.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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. 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
Herb Damman
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Barbara Foley
Carol Henk
Jim Krause
Michele Stearns

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, October 15, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Dan McBride

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, October 16, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
David Smydra

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 8 - Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Sunday, October 9 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Paul Coen, Robert Stark, Beverly LaBrecque

Monday, October 10 -

Tuesday, October 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope
9:00 a.m. - For First Responders and Healthcare Workers

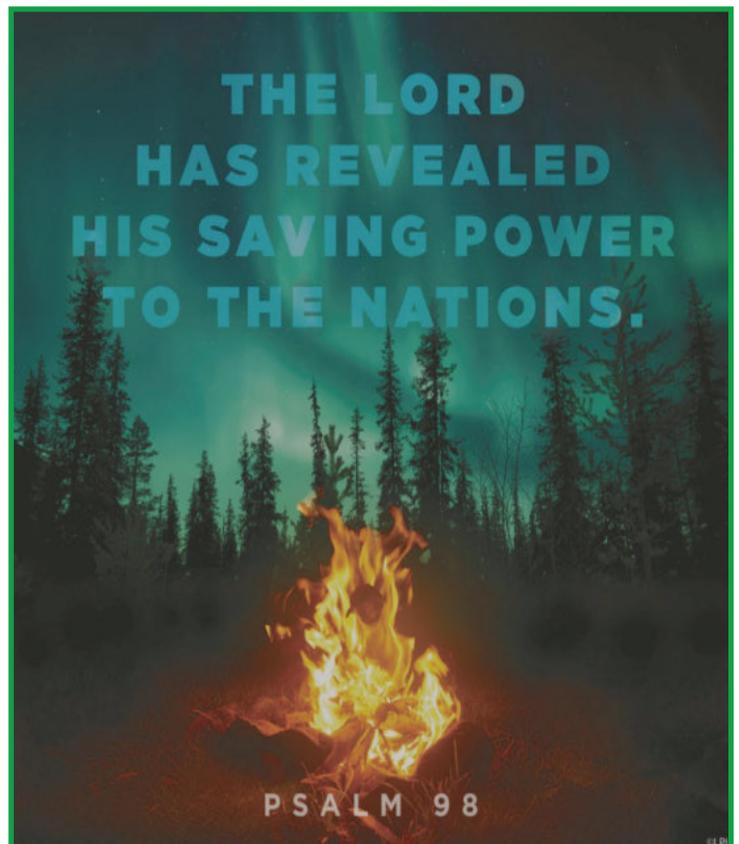
Wednesday, October 12 -
9:00 a.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

Thursday, October 13 -

Friday, October 14 - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the War in Ukraine

Saturday, October 15 - Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Raphael and Emma March

Sunday, October 16 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - The Rowe Family, Norma Gayer



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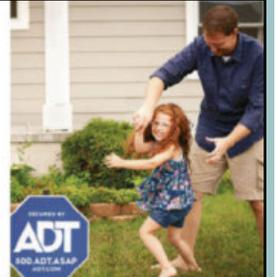
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