



Saint Matthew Church

The PULSE

October 23, 2022

Detroit, Michigan

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MATTHEW PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

| <u>INCOME</u> | | \$16,072.85 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Church | | |
| Sunday – Holyday – Monthly | \$152,637.93 | |
| Christmas | \$28,126.00 | |
| Stipends – Donations | \$18,696.00 | |
| Fundraising – Gross | \$116,013.58 | |
| Rental Income – Gross | \$2,300.00 | |
| Withdrawn from Savings | \$210,050.00 | |
| Interest Income | \$2,270.06 | |
| Misc Income | \$3,359.60 | |
| Insurance Proceeds | \$4,400.00 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$537,853.17 |
| Cash Balance June 30, 2021 | | \$16,072.85 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | <u>\$553,926.02</u> |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | | |
| Church | | |
| Administration | \$137,686.47 | |
| Fundraising Expenses | \$20,069.56 | |
| Worship | \$41,170.27 | |
| Maintenance | \$160,076.44 | |
| Buildings-Major Repair | \$118,220.80 | |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$21,768.34 | |
| Income deposited in AOD LDP Acct | \$38,109.74 | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | \$537,101.62 |
| Religious Education | | |
| Instructional and Programs | | \$0.00 |
| Cash Balance June 30, 2022 | | <u>\$16,824.40</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | | <u>\$553,926.02</u> |

Readings for the Week of October 23, 2022

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

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There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and “yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of “status” or “salvation,” they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to “my beliefs,” “my parish,” “my way of thinking,” they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s only between you and God. It is nobody else’s business.

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles Feast Day, October 28th

St. Jude Thaddeus and St. Simon, two of the least known Apostles, are paradoxically among the closest to their Master, two of his cousins. At least, the tradition is quite certain of it as regards Jude Thaddeus, since it is clear from the Scriptures that his father, Alpheus, was the brother of St. Joseph, while his mother, Mary Cleophas, was a cousin of the Virgin. As for Simon, things are shrouded in fog.

Simon, many faces, an Apostle: The Gospel names St. Simon as the tenth apostle, just before Jude Thaddeus. Many identify in Simon the homonymous cousin of Christ, brother of James the Younger. The Byzantines identify in him as Nathanael of Cana and the canteen director at the wedding of Cana. It is thought that Simon and Jude Thaddeus were buried in Suanir, a city in Persia, where they suffered martyrdom. It is almost certainly in this part of the world that Simon, known as the Zealot or the Canaanite, as the evangelists Matthew and Mark call him, crossed paths with Jude Thaddeus, who would be his companion in mission until the end.

Jude, the faithful disciple: When the eleven dispersed from Jerusalem to proclaim the Kingdom of God in other lands, Jude Thaddeus departed from Galilee and Samaria to go into Syria, Armenia, and ancient Persia. In this area, authoritative sources claim, he met Simon, and their missionary partnership won tens of thousands of Babylonians and people from other cities for Christ. As always, the Gospel earned for itself both followers and enemies: for the two Apostles, the hour of supreme witness eventually arrived.

The courage to be called Christians: Arrested and taken to the Temple of the Sun, the sentence imposed on both was to worship the goddess Diana, and so to deny Christ. In refusing, it is said that Jude Thaddeus declared pagan idols false, and that at the same time two horrible demons came out of the temple. Frightened, the people watching the scene are said to have pounced ferociously on the two Apostles, who are brutally killed. Their relics are kept in the Basilica of Saint Peter.

*Saints Simon and Jude,
we ask for your intercession in heaven
as members of the Twelve Apostles.
Approach the Lord Jesus with our needs
in your hands.*

*Answer the prayers we present.
Fulfill the petitions we seek. Amen.*



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Listen to Jesus in today’s Gospel: “who humbles himself will be exalted.” It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.

GOD KNOWS NO FAVORITES



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, October 22, and Sunday, October 23 - Our St. Matthew "Sock it to Us" Continues!

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



2022 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

It is hard to believe that we are entering our 20th year of the Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle. As co-chairs, we are so grateful to those who have made this fundraiser a success. We look forward to another success asking your participation in purchasing the tickets and especially selling the tickets. In this slow recovery from COVID-19, an extra effort is needed to reach out to family and friends to make the raffle succeed. It's time to "take it to the streets."

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 19 years, we have cumulatively grossed \$490,500 in sales, with \$245,250 given out in winnings. Thanks to your efforts!

You should have received your letter 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.

A catered breakfast will be served this year courtesy of Majestic Café on Sunday, **December 4**, the day of the drawing. The drawing will be live-streamed to allow those who cannot attend experience the event.

Returns can be made after the Masses on the weekend. More tickets are available at that time and at the rectory.

World Mission Sunday 2022

In Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday, he quotes the Acts of the Apostles 1:8: "You shall be my witness."

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries, and offers each of us an opportunity to support the presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. Please be generous! Envelopes are in the pews for your use.



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



This is a time for our parishes and communities to do what we do best: rise up.

We haven't stopped working to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, or equip individuals to know the love of God. We have not stopped 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. Your gifts to the CSA does all this, and so much more. Your charitable act in contributing to the CSA also supports the sustainability of St. Matthew Parish. God bless you for whatever you can do!

"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. You will have the opportunity until October 31st 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. 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 2021, 19,336 pairs of sock were collected by 35 different agencies and individuals and then distributed to 18 community organizations.

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. St. Matthew parishioners will make a difference by "socking it to us." **Fill a box with sox!**

St. Paul on the Lake Church

WALKING ROSARY FOR LIFE

Fridays at 7:30 p.m., October 28 and November 4
Rosary Intention: Protect Human Life, Defeat Proposal 3
Meet at the church doors outside of Gathering Space.
If weather is poor, please meet in the church.

Aid for Hurricane Ian Relief Efforts

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking dioceses across the country to support humanitarian and Church needs in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. Archbishop Vigneron supports this call and asks parishes in the Archdiocese to help affected communities in the Gulf Coast region, the Ohio Valley and the Northeast. Donations can be made online at aod.org/hurricanerelief. **OR -**

Cash or check donations can be dropped into the Offerory collection basket on the next couple weekends in an envelope clearly marked: **Hurricane Ian Relief Fund.**

Please continue to pray for those who have been severely affected by the Hurricane Ian. They need your prayers as they recover from damaged homes and businesses.

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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 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
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Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony Crimaudo
Rosemary Schoolcraft
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Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, October 29, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Liz Smith

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, October 30, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

David Smydra

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 22 - Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Sunday, October 23 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Faustina (Nenette) Ferreria, Vaughn and Pat Adams

Monday, October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Tuesday, October 25 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Wednesday, October 26 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, October 27 -

Friday, October 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the War in Ukraine

Saturday, October 29 - Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan (9th Anniv), Gordon Lee (24th Anniv), Betty Lee (12th Anniv), Gordy Lee (20th Anniv), Tim Fitzgerald

Sunday, October 30 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - The Living and Deceased Members of the Daniel Family, Robert Stark, Richard Goll



30th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" - Lk 18:13

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