

Dear Friend;

With apologies to Mr. Dickens - "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." The **best of times** is for your personal reflection. The worst of times is evident.

We all have been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. It has affected families, businesses, and all types of professions; no less than our parish of St. Matthew. With the slow return of parishioners, our Offertory collections are down. The spring fundraiser, Jazz Nite, was cancelled. At this time, we are struggling.

So, our parish of St. Matthew is sponsoring a fall Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle to help in its sustainability in these difficult times. We want our parish to succeed.

We have continually been a Beacon of Light and a Sign of Hope on the eastside of Detroit; and, now more than ever, our presence is needed to reach out to the poor and to continue as an anchoring institution in the neighborhood.

Knowing it is a difficult time, I want to reach out to you for help. Can you help us in our effort? Our goal is to sell 2,000 Gold'n Harvest Raffle tickets. If all the tickets are sold, you or a lucky winner can take home \$12,000 as a maximum prize. The cost of the ticket is \$20.

If you would like to request one, two, five or more tickets, it would be helpful. Simply fill out the stub on the sample ticket below and indicate how many tickets you would like. Send your request along with a check payable to **St. Matthew Catholic Church** to my address below. **Your tickets and check will be turned into the parish.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

I will fill in your tickets for you and hold your stubs to await the Raffle Drawing on Sunday, December 6, 2020, at noon.

Thank you for your consideration and Good Luck. The drawing will be live-streamed this year.

Please send me _____ tickets @ \$20 each Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Thank you!

The image shows a sample raffle ticket for the Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle. The ticket is rectangular with a black border. On the left side, there is a vertical line of numbers '0000'. The top left corner contains the text: 'St. Matthew Church', '6021 Whittier, Detroit, MI 48224', and 'Ph 313-884-4470'. The top right corner contains the text: 'Drawing: Sunday, December 6, 2020', 'Noon ~ 1:00 PM', and 'Need not be present to win'. The center of the ticket features the text 'Gold'n Harvest' in a large, stylized, golden font with a wheat stalk background, and '50/50 RAFFLE' below it. To the right of the center, there is a yellow oval containing the prize list: 'Maximum Prize' (1st - \$12,000, 2nd - \$5,600, 3rd - \$2,400) and 'Minimum Prize' (1st - \$1,200, 2nd - \$560, 3rd - \$240). On the right side, there is a vertical line of numbers '0000' and a section for personal information: 'Name: _____', 'Address: _____', 'Phone: _____', and 'Seller: _____'. A large, diagonal watermark 'Sample Ticket' is overlaid across the center of the ticket.