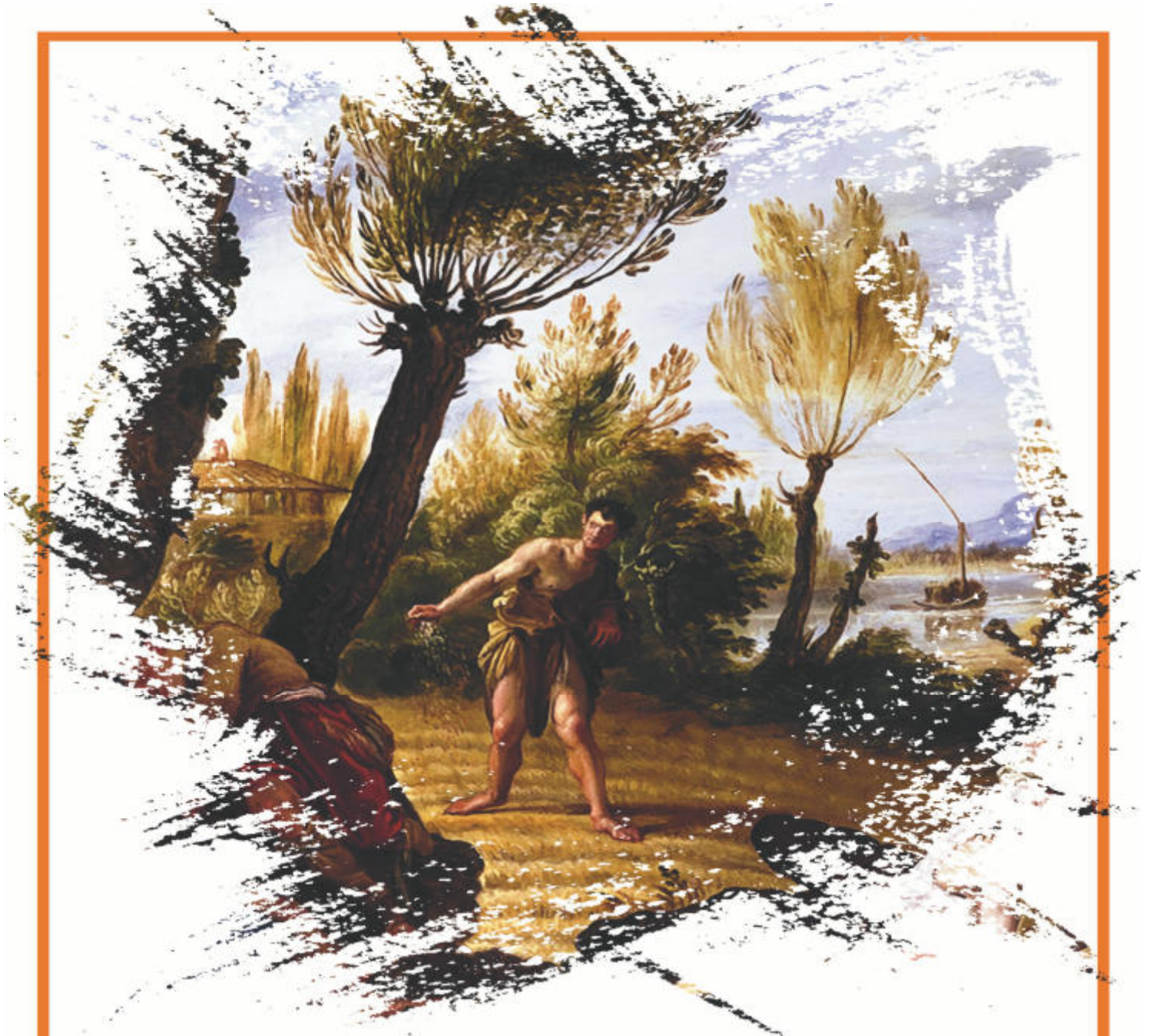




Saint Matthew Church *The PULSE*

July 19, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



“THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE LIKE THE SUN IN THE
KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER.” —MT 13:43A

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings for the week of July 19, 2020

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/
Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,
8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11
[10a]/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
[5]/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-
128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-
52 or 13:44-46

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone. Weeds can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

~ BULLETIN ALERT ~

THE RECTORY OFFICE
EXPERIENCED A TECHNOLOGICAL
BREAKDOWN THIS WEEK.
THE MAIN OFFICE COMPUTER
CRASHED
(IN FINE STYLE AS IS FITTING
FOR A RECTORY OFFICE.)
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CERTAIN GRAPHICS
AND OTHER ENHANCEMENTS.

PLEASE BEAR WITH THE
STAFF AS A NEW AND MORE
RELIABLE COMPUTER IS
INSTALLED AND CONFIGURED
FOR ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!



Why Patience is a Virtue!

"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus."

Among the very first words given to us about finding love in the Holy Scriptures are patience and kindness, so this is very important for us.

We live in a time of instant demands and because this is so commonplace we have forgotten that often good things, and especially very good things, take time to be carefully made and delivered, and to be best appreciated, we need to be in a good receptive state to receive those gifts. There is a great difference between Fast Food and what is considered really excellently made food, or even when we would take the time to cook something special ourselves from scratch. And this is just about food. What about the more important things of life?

Important people tend to annoy everyone around them, and often there is really no good reason for their impatience. We can all see and feel this. In spiritual things (and this can be applied with a spiritual outlook to everything that we do) patience is a virtue because that way we can appreciate the fact that often cheap or easy things to get are easily despised or at least not valued enough at all. To find the most lovely and important things in life takes time. Mostly this requires our own inner change to be more receptive and thankful when they come, and so we value them even more. Christ Himself told us to possess our own souls through this practice of patience. May we find this secret to getting the best out of life by the real blessing of patience each!



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, July 25, 4:30 pm Mass - Kylan Lusch and his family celebrate his First Holy Communion at St. Matthew Parish

Propagation of the Faith Mission Co-op Sunday

Next weekend, July 25 and 26, there will be a special mission collection for the Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites), USA Province, for the KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

The Servites are one of the mendicant orders and were founded in the 13th Century in Florence, Italy. At the present time, they serve all over the world in every type of apostolate.

The USA Province of Servites is responsible for the missions in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The main task of the missionaries today continues to be the proclamation of the Gospel and the establishment of viable Catholic communities. The idea that the people are the church is strong, and participation in the liturgy and the work of the Church is very good. Other ministries, include education, primary health care centers, providing funding to improve the water system to root out malaria, and the formation of their young Zulu seminarians. They are also involved in the digging of wells in areas that do not have clean water and the building of homes for the very poor. They are in need of prayers and material help to carry on these ministries.

Due the protocols established by the CDC for our health and safety and the risk of travel at this time, Brother Michael Callary will be not joining us for a personal plea for the Servite missions. Envelopes are at the entrances to the church for you to use, and a collection basket will be at the communion railing for your donation next weekend. God bless you for your prayers and financial assistance.



To our New Parishioners
~ Jim and Marie West ~
of Grosse Pointe Farms

We sincerely hope that you find your spiritual home with our St. Matthew faith community!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment, and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become "a safe haven" to many.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



We witness to Christ when we do good toward others. In their pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, the U.S. bishops remind us that, as faithful disciples, we are obligated to witness Christ by blessing others in mercy and love:

"Disciples give thanks to God for gifts received and strive to share them with others. That is why, as Vatican II says of the Eucharist, "if this celebration is to be sincere and thorough, it must lead to various works of charity and mutual help, as well as to missionary activity and to different forms of Christian witness."

The theme of this year's Catholic Services Appeal is, *Rise, Be Not Afraid*. The theme takes inspiration from the city of Detroit's motto given by Fr. Gabriel Richard, "We hope for better things, it will rise from the ashes." These are also the words Jesus speaks to his disciples after the Transfiguration: "Rise and be not afraid." Our support of the ministries, programs, and services to the CSA provides countless spiritual and temporal benefits of Christ's mercy and love to thousands of people in southeast Michigan and beyond.

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron has charged all faithful in our Archdiocese to join together as a "joyful band of missionary disciples" in a spirit of evangelization. Generously sharing ourselves and our gifts through the CSA allows us to witness our discipleship in Christ through our love of one another. This "attitude of gratitude" also provides growth in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

*Congratulations
to
June and Earl
Tomlinson
on their
70th Wedding Anniversary*

*May you enjoy forever
your life and love
together.
God bless you both!*



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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.

Chuck Schuster	David Beaupre
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Madeline O'Neill	Rosemary Schoolcraft
Kurt Beghuyn	Tiffany Gelle
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Joe Petrylka	Bill Solomon
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Eduardo Fajardo	Doreen Redman
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Glenda Johnson	Alice Rapas
Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	
Michelle Harter	
Jo Marie Nardi	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, July 25, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, July 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Liz Smith

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 18 - Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Yvonne Smith

Sunday, July 19 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, James Brus (8th Anniv), Gary Pilette,
June and Earl Tomlinson (70th Wedding Anniv)

Monday, July 20 - St. Apollinaris, Bishop

Tuesday, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Wednesday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Thursday, July 23 - St. Bridget, Religious

Friday, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, July 25 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, July 26 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, George Machasic, Rita Allman (12th
Anniv), Frederick Allman (23rd Anniv), John
Donaldson (in Memoriam)



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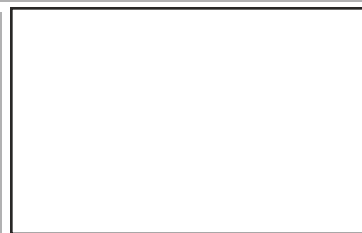
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