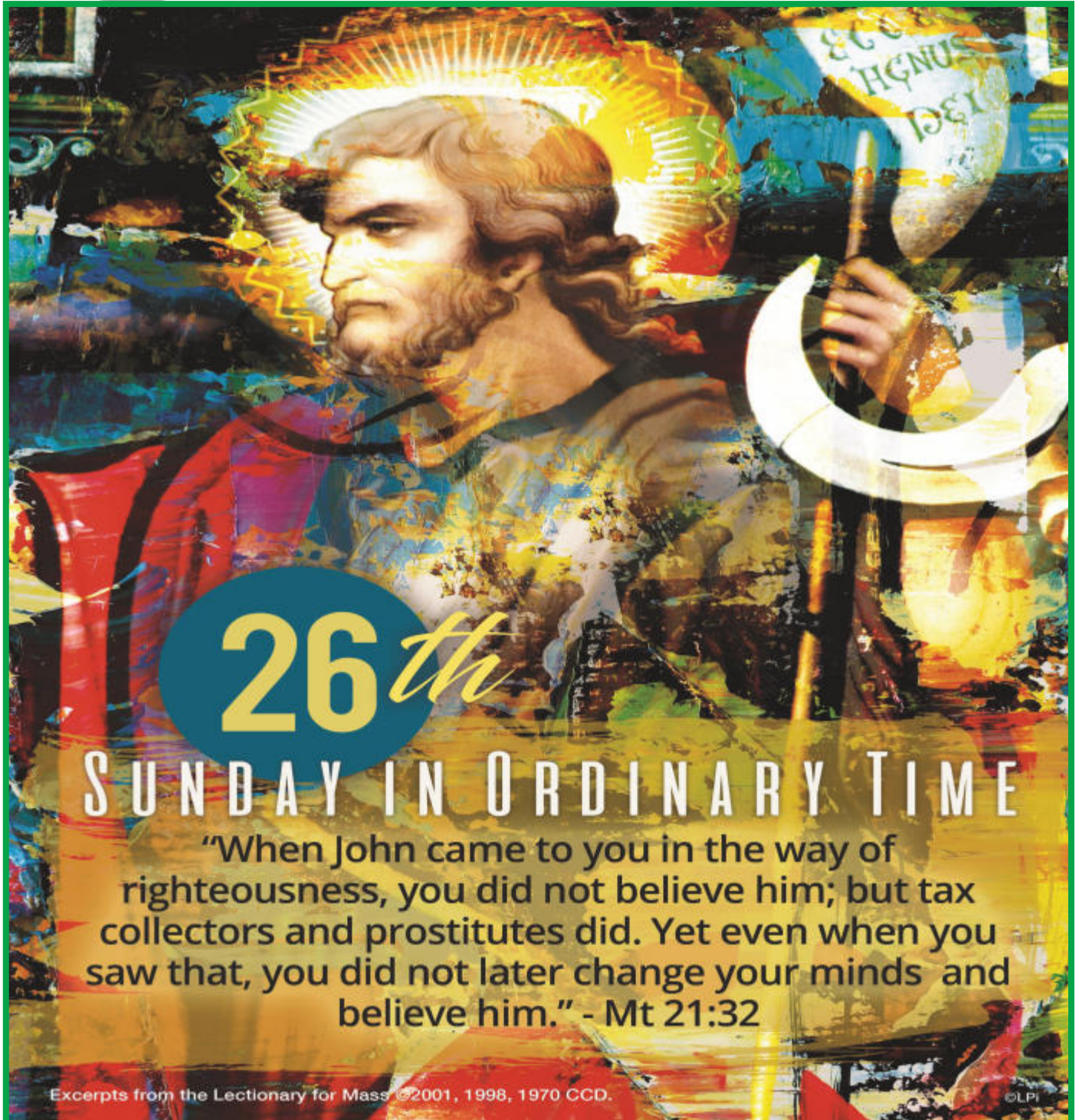




# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

September 27, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



**26<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY**

## Readings for the week of September 27, 2020

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/  
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,  
2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51  
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15  
[3]/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/  
Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6,  
10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,  
125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24  
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20  
[Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or

the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation, or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."



### FEAST DAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The Church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple. But obviously the greatest concern of the Church must be for those who need the most help—those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance, or cruelty.

St. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which many of God's children are forced to live.

*"Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God.  
But let it be with the strength of our arms  
and the sweat of our brow."  
St. Vincent de Paul*

**Heavenly Father,**

**You have given us  
archangels to assist us  
during our pilgrimage  
on earth.**

**Saint Michael  
is our protector,  
I ask him to come to my aid,  
fight for all my loved ones,  
and protect us from danger.**

**Saint Gabriel is a messenger  
for the Good News,  
I ask him to help me clearly  
hear your voice,  
and to teach me the truth.**

**Saint Raphael  
is the healing angel,  
I ask him to take my need  
for healing and that  
of everyone I know,  
lift it up to your throne of  
grace and deliver back to us  
the gift of recovery.**

**Help us, O Lord, to realize  
more fully the reality  
of the archangels  
and their desire to serve us.  
Holy Angels, pray for us.  
Amen.**



## *St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings*

**Sunday, September 27**, following the 10 am Mass - Flu Shots available courtesy of RiteAid Pharmacy, Back Vestibule of the Church.

**Saturday, September 26, and Sunday, September 27** - The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal Campaign Continues

**Friday, October 2, 3:30 pm** - Nuptials for John Toth and Alexandra Pierfelice

### **From the CAPUCHIN SOUP KITCHEN SOCK Campaign SOCK Telethon and Silent Auction October 1st**

As you are aware, special events and large gatherings have been cancelled widely in an effort to maintain social distancing and slow the spread of COVID-19. The same is true for Capuchin Soup Kitchen events.

Traditionally held at TCF Center, this year's physical SOCK (Support Our Capuchin Kitchen) Dinner has been replaced with a SOCK Telethon and virtual auction. The SOCK Telethon will air October 1, 2020 on WDIV (Channel 4) from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. While we need to shift the focus of our event, we hope that you will consider joining many of our longtime friends and community partners who are contributing to the donation match that will be announced during the SOCK Telethon. We would be most grateful for any gift that you can give in support of our mission of helping those most in need.

As part of the SOCK Telethon, we will also host a virtual auction. **Early bidding is now open!** View the virtual auction by visiting [www.socktelethon.org](http://www.socktelethon.org). The virtual auction closes at 3 p.m. on October 5. Bid on amazing auction items and support the work of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen!

SOCK (Support Our Capuchin Kitchen) is our signature fundraising event and is an important source of funds for the programs and services of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph.

**The theme for this year's Telethon is  
"Be a Friend"**



## *Rest in Peace*

~ May they rest in the peace of Christ ~

Peter Michael Paxton  
Brother of Laurie Paxton Streibel

Tammy Piotrowski  
Former Member of St. Matthew's Choir

Rose Barressi  
Father Duane's Former Secretary at  
St. Joan of Arc Parish

May the Lord bring comfort and healing  
to the families and friends of these  
departed loved ones.

## **CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**We need your support** to continue our mission. It is through your kindness and generosity that we are able to meet the needs of individuals and families in our communities, parishes, and schools. Hundreds of thousands of lives are impacted every year by the programs and ministries sponsored by the Catholic Services Appeal. We must continue to bring Christ to those lives.

Our mission of sharing Christ's saving Word must continue. In these difficult days, we are called to bring to our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces the kind of hope that does not disappoint. We have been sent by Christ to be his light in the world. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "What the world needs is God's love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him."

Would you prayerfully consider your support and possibly increase it on behalf of those who are not able to do so this year. Support the Catholic Services Appeal by responding today: [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org), calling 888-331-8695, or returning your pledge card.

### *The Gift of Our Guardian Angels*

It's good to know we're not alone. This October 2nd we celebrate the feast of our guardian angels. This ancient belief has roots in Scripture. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus implies the special guiding care of the angels. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10).

Our guardian angels are given to us by God to protect and watch over us from the moment of our conception until the hour of death.

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side  
to light, to guard, to rule, and to guide. Amen.

### **26TH 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.*

Chuck Schuster  
Madeline O'Neill  
Sebastiano Stellino  
Teresita Covacha  
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Steve Czapski, Jr.  
Lolita Dorado  
Albert Fajardo  
Eduardo Fajardo  
Aurora Guinto

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

Saturday, October 3, 2020, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell

Sunday, October 4, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
David Smydra

## SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Cory Fullilove  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, September 26 - Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Sunday, September 27 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Rose Marie Zajac, Kathryn Veryser, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

### Monday, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

### Tuesday, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

9:00 a.m. - William Dee

### Wednesday, September 30 - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

### Thursday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

### Friday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

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

### Saturday, October 3 - Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Sunday, October 4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Comiskey Family

“  
WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME  
IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS  
AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.  
”

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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