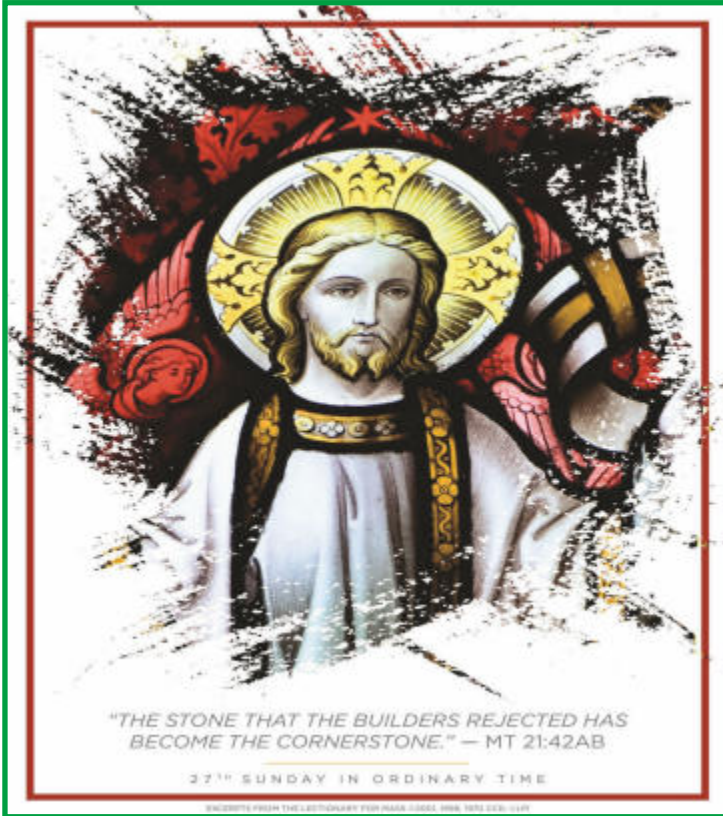




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

October 4, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



September 22, 2020

Dear Fr. Novelly,

Thank you so much for the baby supplies that your parishioners donated to Pregnancy Aid. COVID has added additional challenges for low-income mothers, and the diapers and other baby necessities were enthusiastically received.

We plan to open our new location on October 1st, and although, we technically won't be in your zip code area any more, we're hoping we can still depend on your support. We will be at 15847 E. Eight Mile, right next to an abortion clinic. Eastland Women's Clinic. At this new location, low-income women can still come in for material aid, but also, any woman considering abortion may find respite with us, too.

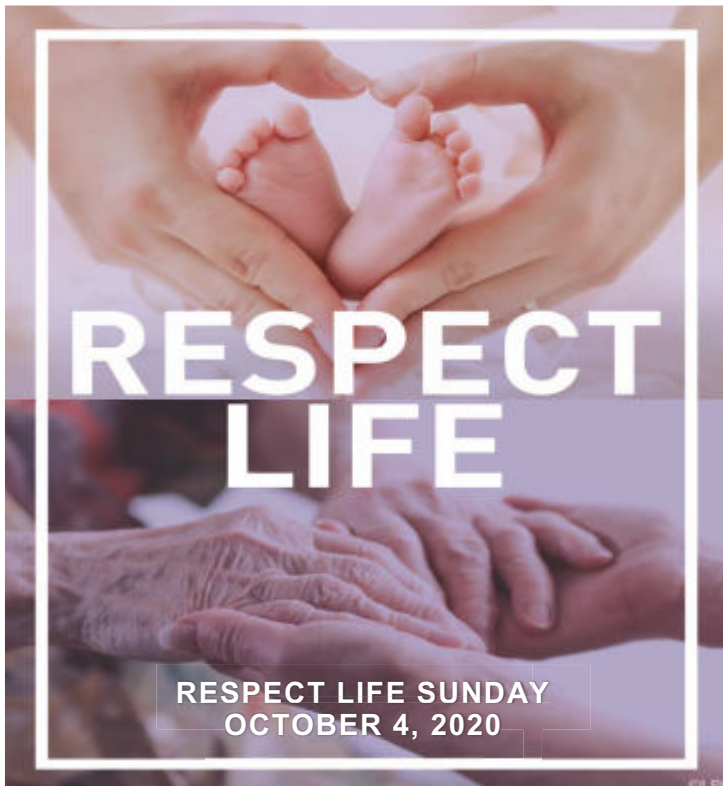
We are grateful for your generosity toward the unborn and their mothers. Please continue to pray for us while we continue to work for the babies!

In Christ's peace,

Nancy Anter

Executive Director

This photograph was taken on the day Ed Comiskey delivered the various items donated and packaged by St. Matthew Parishioners. Many, many thanks for your generosity!



Readings for the Week of October 4, 2020

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
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/
Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
[24b]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/
Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/
Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated,

people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

Life of St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi spent much of his time preaching about animals, exhorting that all creatures are brothers and sisters under God. Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis is today celebrated as Patron Saint of Ecologists. Throughout most of his youth, he served as a soldier, but after a "conversion experience," he renounced his family's wealth and devote his life to God. He was a popular preacher at the time. His death in 1226 brought three million people together for his funeral.

Patron Saint of Ecologists

In 1979, Pope John Paul II declared St. Francis the Patron Saint of Ecologists. In some ways, St. Francis of Assisi could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. Not only did he care for the poor and sick, but he preached multiple sermons on animals, and wanted all creatures on Earth, including humans, to be treated as equals under God. Some of his sermons included stories about birds, fish, and rabbits.

The Feast of St. Francis

This Catholic holiday is celebrated worldwide on October 4th. The event is most heavily celebrated in Italy in Assisi where St. Francis died and earned the title of Patron Saint of Ecologists. The event begins on October 3rd, where the town of Assisi lights oil lamps in remembrance of St. Francis. On the next day, special religious events and services are organized so people from around the world—not just in Assisi, Italy— can bring their pets to have them blessed. Many other events take place during the week to celebrate the life of St. Francis, including nature walks and games for children. The feast is also known for commemorating the food and diet of St. Francis, which included honey almond cake—the saint's favorite.

Why should we care?

With poaching, climate change, unsustainable agriculture, and rampant deforestation for timber all contributing to habitat loss for wildlife around the world, St Francis'—and currently Pope Francis'—messages on caring for the environment still ring true today. St. Francis was a pious figure who cared about the environment and wildlife, and made it his mission to spread awareness through his sermons. Through reforestation, environmental education, climate activism, and the protection of endangered species around the world, St Francis' message and celebration of earth continues today.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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

Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 4 - The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal Campaign Continues

SAVE THE DATE! - Sunday, October 18, 3 pm - St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the



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HANNAH PRZYBYLSKI

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JULIA ZUERBLIS

Parents: William Zuerblis and Theresa Zuerblis

on having received the Sacrament of
Confirmation on

Tuesday, September 19, 2020

By the Most Rev. Robert Fisher

*Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts
they received in their Baptism and Confirmation.*

*They want to receive the fire of Your love
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.*

*Come with wonder and awe,
with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,
with courage and faith in You.*

*Holy Spirit, may their actions witness
to Your presence in their lives.*

*Help them to see the ways their strengths
can serve others in their weakness.*

*In all their interactions, let them radiate
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Breathe new life into the world through them. Amen.*



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



You're invited to make a difference -
The Catholic Services Appeal is essential to the mission of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It funds and supports over 170 ministries that serve our local Church in southeast Michigan.

This year has been like no other, and many of our ministries responded to the pandemic with an inspiring spirit of innovation. Be inspired by seven key ministries in the Archdiocese of Detroit: Vocations, Catholic Schools, Black Catholic Ministries, Hispanic Ministries, Youth and Family Ministries, Christian Services, and Communications.

News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the spirit of comradery and the future Family of Parishes, St. Matthew parishioners along with parishioners from St. Clare of Montefalco and St. Ambrose will come together on Sunday, October 18, at 3 p.m. to continue the tradition of the Walk for the Poor.

In this age of COVID-19, the "official" walk was cancelled. However, as the need to be a visible part of the community outreach embraced by these parishes, it was decided to organize a walk to make the SVdP presence known in the neighborhood.

Parishioners will meet at St. Clare Parish for the walk to begin at 3 pm. The walk will proceed through the neighborhood and take about 30 to 40 minutes. Please bring with you a donation of clothing for the bins that will be placed on St. Clare's property. These donations will be used for the homeless especially during the winter months.

Following the walk, music, food, and beverages will be available for the walkers. This should be the perfect opportunity to meet other Vincentians and neighboring parishioners. **ALL ST. MATTHEW PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO WALK!**

(Please wear your mask for the protection of yourself and others.)

27TH 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
Joe Petrylka
Roger Sharpe
Nenette Ferreria
Anthony Mastronardi
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Glenda Johnson
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
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Bill Solomon
Eloise Parker
Herb and Jeanne Damman
Doreen Redman
Sarah Wagner
Kathy Lozon
Steve Czapski, Jr.
Lolita Dorado
Albert Fajardo
Eduardo Fajardo
Aurora Guinto
Liz Smith

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

Saturday, October 10, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Dan McBride

SERVERS

Jermaine Donaldson

Sunday, October 11, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

William Zuerblis

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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

Monday, October 5 - Blsd. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Tuesday, October 6 - St. Bruno, Priest; Blsd. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

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

Wednesday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 a.m. – For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday, October 8 -

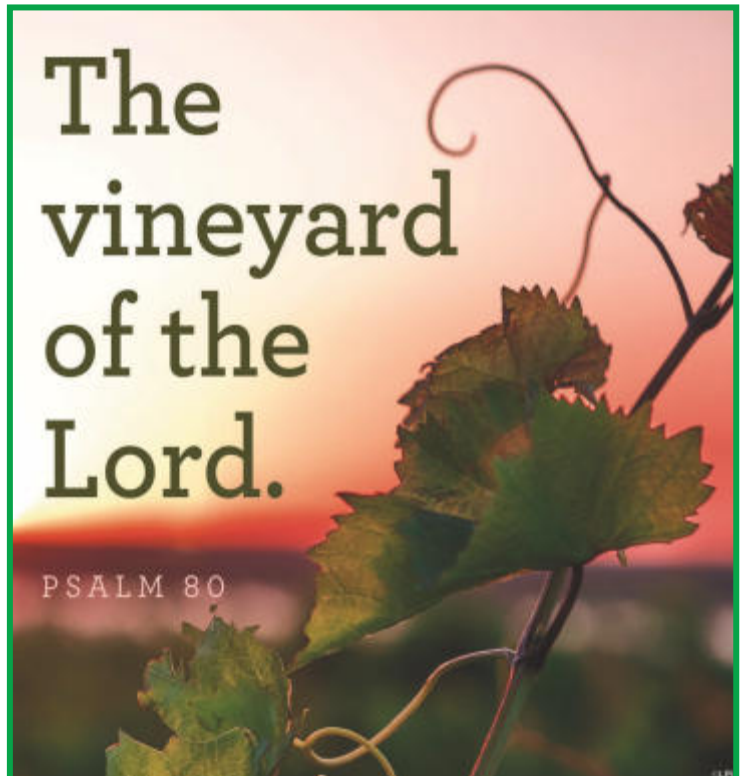
**Friday, October 9 - St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions,
Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest**

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

Saturday, October 10 - Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, October 11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Rowe Family, Paul Coen, Jaclyn M. Scott



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