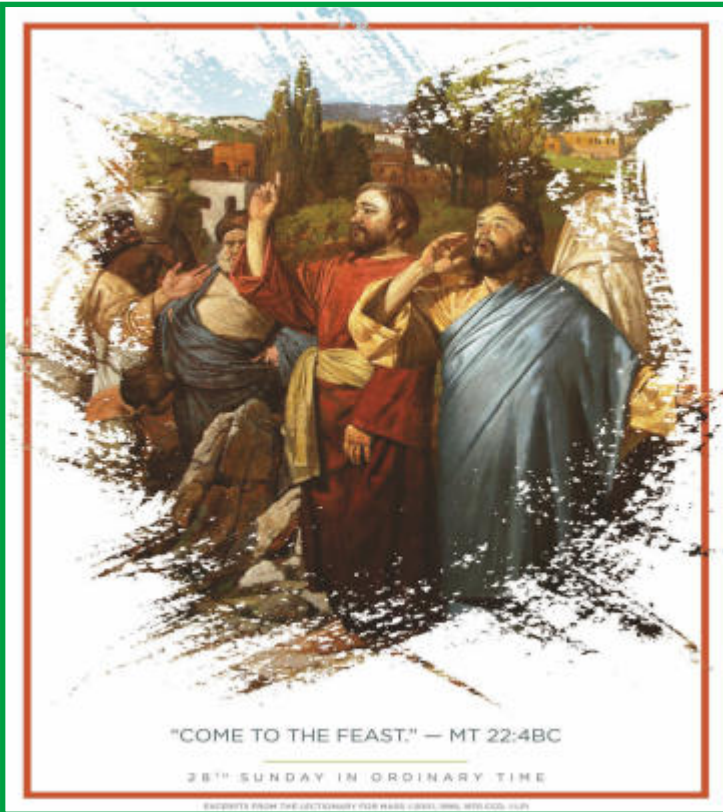




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

October 11, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



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What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?



St. Matthew Parish Report July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020

Budget/13 Weeks:	
@ \$2,442 (rounded)	\$31,750.03
Actual/13 Weeks:	\$24,120.17
Online Giving/13 Weeks:	<u>\$10,585.00</u>
Total Actual/13 Weeks:	\$34,705.17
Overage/Shortfall:	\$2,955.14
Average Collection/Sunday:	\$2,669.63
Average % of Budget/Sunday:	109.31%
Average % over (under)/Sunday:	9.3%
Debt Reduction Envelope/13 Weeks:	\$788.00
Online Debt Reduction Giving:	<u>\$225.00</u>
Total Debt Reduction Giving:	\$1,031.00
NET OVERAGE FOR 13 WEEKS:	<u>\$3,986.14</u>

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### 2020-2021 Report Catholic Services Appeal

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| CSA AoD Goal:                | \$14,358.00       |
| Total Pledged:               | \$12,535.00       |
| Total Paid (October 7, 2020) | <u>\$6,497.23</u> |
| Pledge Balance:              | \$6,037.77        |
| Refund Anticipated:          | \$0.00            |
| Refund Issued:               | \$0.00            |
| Average Pledge:              | \$432.24          |
| Parish Families:             | 214               |
| Pledges Made:                | 29                |
| Pledges Fully Paid:          | 13                |
| Pledges Outstanding:         | 16                |

## Readings for the Week of October 11, 2020

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  
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4,  
5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/  
Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/  
Lk 11:42-46  
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/  
Lk 11:47-54  
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12  
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/  
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?



I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.



## Saint Hedwig ~ Saint of the Day for October 16

Rarely do humans realize the possibilities of the wise use of earthly power and worldly wealth. Saint Hedwig was one of the few.

Born to nobility toward the close of the 12th century, she was married at an early age to Henry, duke of Silesia (now Poland). She bore seven children.

Through her persuasion and personal efforts, several monastic institutions of both men and women were established in Silesia. Several hospitals, one for lepers, were likewise founded. She was personally a great force in establishing peace in the surrounding areas during power struggles. To her great sorrow, she was unable to prevent a pitched battle between the forces of two of her sons, one of whom was dissatisfied over the partition of estates that Henry had made between them.

After she and her husband had made mutual vows of celibacy before the Bishop of Breslau, Hedwig lived mostly at the monastery at Trebnitz where, although not a formal member of the religious institute, she nevertheless participated in the religious exercises of the community. Duke Henry took the tonsure and allowed his beard to grow, like the Cistercian lay brothers (whence his sobriquet of "the Bearded"). Hedwig died in 1243 and was buried at Trebnitz.

Hedwig was canonized in 1267 by Pope Clement IV. She is the patron saint of Poland and several cities in the eastern region of Europe. She is also the patron saint of orphans.

*Reflection: Whatever possessions we have are not for our own needs or personal comfort alone; they are also to be used in assisting others. Use of these goods should always promote, never impede, progress in God's love. It is true that earthly things in no way contradict God's love, but rather are evident of it.*

### Blessing of the Harvest

Almighty Lord God,  
You keep on giving abundance to men  
in the dew of heaven,  
and food out of the richness of the soil.  
We give thanks to Your most gracious majesty for  
the fruits of the field which we have gathered.  
We beg of You, in Your mercy, to bless our harvest,  
which we have received from Your generosity.  
Preserve it, and keep it from all harm.  
Grant, too, that all those whose desires  
You have filled with these good things  
may be happy in Your protection.  
May they praise Your mercies forever,  
and make good use of these good things  
praising Your Holy Name forever.  
Amen.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"

## ***St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings***

**Sunday, October 11, following 10 am Mass** - St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting, St. Matthew Conference, Church Auditorium

**Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively** - World Mission Sunday Collection

**Sunday, October 18, 3 pm** - St. Vincent de Paul Walk with St. Ambrose, St. Clare, and St. Paul Parishioners

### **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, St. Ambrose, and St. Paul 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 "event" to make the SVdP presence known in the neighborhood.

Parishioners will meet at St. Clare Parish for the walk/bike/drive to begin at 3 pm. The event will proceed through the neighborhood and take about 30 to 40 minutes. Please bring with you a donation of non-perishable food or clothing for the bins placed on St. Clare's property. These donations will be used for those in need especially during the winter months.

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

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

### ***World Mission Sunday October 17 and 18***

*Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities.*

*Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.*



**To our newly married couple  
John A. Toth and Alexandra Pierfelice  
who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage  
on Friday, October 2nd!  
Congratulations to you both!**

## **CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**St. Matthew's CSA Goal** - We have several urgent maintenance issues that need to be addressed. Among them are security fencing on the Harper side of the church, tree removal from fallen trees, masonry work, and roof repairs, etc. Because the need is immediate, the Council approved taking the funding from our savings. Now, it is imperative that we replace our savings. Part of that replacement will come from the CSA overage.

Our AoD target this year is \$14,358, but we have set an internal parish target of \$60,000. This is less than we actually generated last year but enough so that after our AoD portion is paid, we will have \$40,000 going back into our savings for operational costs.

We urgently need to take care of the maintenance issues at the parish, and we can only do it with your help and sacrifice. We love coming to our church, celebrating liturgy, experiencing the beauty of the Christmas and Easter seasons, this can only happen if we maintain ourselves.

Please take the time today to make your pledge by mailing in your pledge card, making a phone call to 888-331-8695, or going online to [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org) or [stmatthewdetroit.com](http://stmatthewdetroit.com) and follow the prompts for an easy pledge experience.



**~ CONGRATULATIONS ~  
TO OUR CONFIRMANDA  
FROM ST. MATTHEW PARISH**

**SLOANE O'NEILL**

Parents: Martin and Angela O'Neill

on having received the Sacrament of  
Confirmation on  
Tuesday, September 29, 2020  
By the Most Rev. Robert Fisher

*Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts  
she received in her Baptism and Confirmation.  
She wants 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 her actions be witness  
to Your presence in her life.*

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

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

*Amen.*

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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.<br>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  
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Lolita Dorado  
Albert Fajardo  
Eduardo Fajardo  
Aurora Guinto  
Liz Smith

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, October 17, 2020, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, October 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
Bill Ridella

Jermaine Donaldson  
Cory Fullilove

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, October 10 - Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Gordon Lee (22nd Anniv), Betty Lee (10th Anniv),  
Gordie Lee (18th Anniv)

**Sunday, October 11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Rowe Family, Paul Coen, Jaclyn M.  
Scott

**Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day**

**Tuesday, October 13 -**  
9:00 a.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

**Wednesday, October 14 - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

**Thursday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church**

**Friday, October 16 - St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret  
Mary Alacoque, Virgin**  
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Saturday, October 17 - Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Raphael and Emma Marchi

**Sunday, October 18 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Comiskey Family, Tammy  
Piotrowski, Aurora Guinto, Peter Michael Paxton

"THE CHURCH DOES NOT OFFER TO THE  
[PEOPLE] OF TODAY RICHES THAT PASS,  
NOR DOES SHE PROMISE THEM A MERELY  
EARTHLY HAPPINESS. BUT SHE DISTRIBUTES  
TO THEM THE GOODS OF DIVINE GRACE."

ST. JOHN XXIII





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