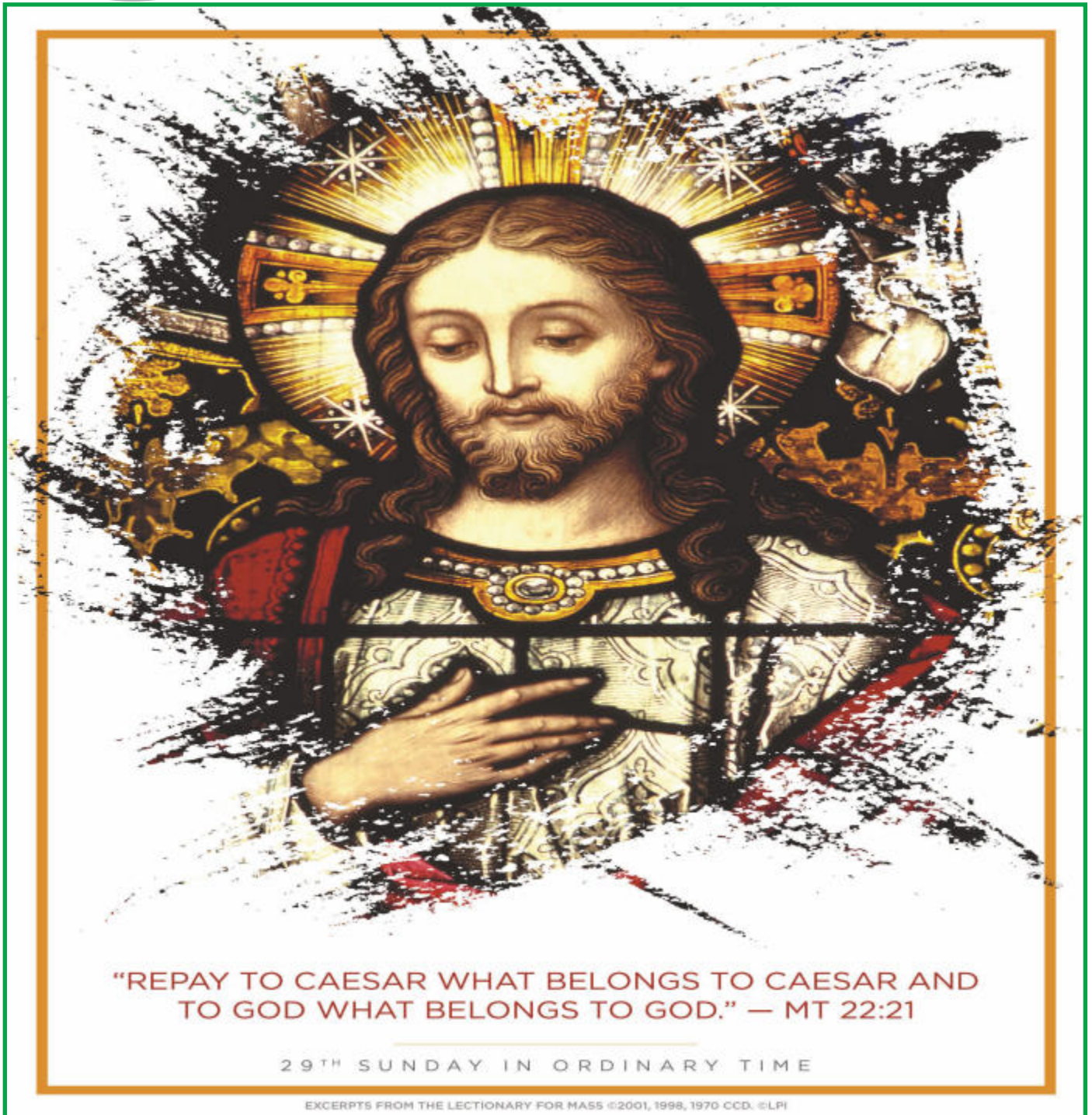




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

October 18, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



**~ MERCY IN ACTION DAY ~ OCTOBER 18, 2020
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FRIENDS' WALK
STARTS AT 3 PM ~ MEET IN ST. CLARE'S PARKING LOT**

Readings for the Week of October 18, 2020

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

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14
[cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/
Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/
Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption

really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

The feast day of **St. John Capistrano is celebrated on October 23**. He is the patron saint of chaplains, military chaplains, and judges.

St. John was born in 1386. He was the son of a German knight. He was well educated studying civil and church law. By the age of 26, he became governor of Perugia. When a battle broke out against the Malatestes, he tried to broker peace, but he became a prisoner of war. During his time in prison, he encountered St. Francis of Assisi in a dream and experienced a conversion. After his release from prison, he joined the Franciscans of Perugia. Four years later, he was ordained a priest.

St. John Capistrano was known for his preaching. Great crowds gathered to hear him. He was instrumental in reviving the faith. He was a student of St. Bernadino of Siena who introduced him to the devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

During the crusades, he preached in Hungary. He visited the kings of Europe uniting them and their armies against invading forces. In 1456, he led a Christian army to Belgrade. When it appeared that they would be overpowered by the Muslims, he ran to the front line holding a crucifix crying, "Victory, Jesus, Victory!" The Christian army won a great victory, and Belgrade was freed from the siege. Several months later, St. John died at Villach in Austria after a painful infection. He was canonized in 1724.

The following quote is taken from the treatise written by St. John Capistrano called "Mirror of the Clergy".

Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness that comes from the good example of a praiseworthy and blameless life.

They must completely remove from their lives the filth and uncleanness of vice.

Their upright lives must make them like the salt of the earth for themselves and for the rest of mankind.

The brightness of their wisdom must make them like the light of the world that brings light to others.

They must learn from their eminent teacher, Jesus Christ, what he declared not only to his apostles and disciples, but also to all the priests and clerics who were to succeed them, when he said: "You are the salt of the earth.

But what if salt goes flat? How can you restore its flavor?

Then it is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules, and values. Be like Jesus in today's Gospel; he was firm, honest, and direct.

**HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE,
BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN
AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB.
HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US SINNERS, NOW
AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH. AMEN.**



~ OCTOBER ~
THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, October 17, and Sunday, October 18, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - The 2020 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Kick-off

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

Mercy Action Day ~ October 18 **News from the St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Today, 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 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.

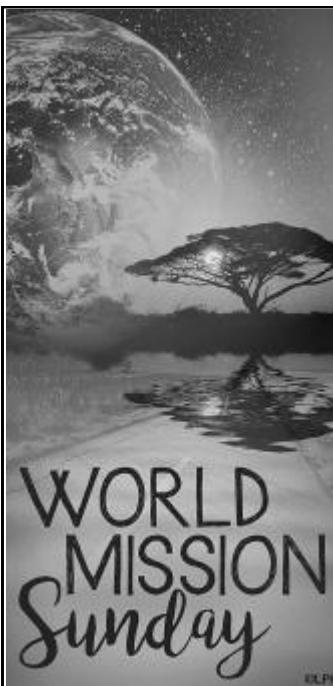
Following the event, music, food, and beverages will be available for the participants. This should be the perfect opportunity to meet other Vincentians and neighboring parishioners. **ALL ST. MATTHEW PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

(Please wear your mask to protect yourself and others.)

NEXT SUNDAY **World Mission Sunday**

In Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday, he asks us to respond to our baptismal call to mission by saying, "Here I Am, Send Me." This is the mission that all Christians have received, and God gives us the grace to live it out wherever we may be.

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries, and offers each of us an opportunity to support the presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. Please be generous!



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



What Your CSA Pledge Supports -

Black Catholic Ministries offers programs and outreach to diverse communities of Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit.

We are committed to improving the spiritual and social needs of black Catholics and joining those needs with the mission of the entire archdiocese—sharing Christ in and through the church. As Christ's disciples, we also attempt to share our culture with others through evangelization and leadership programs.

Our ministry works closely with the National Black Catholic Congress and black Catholic ministries from other dioceses throughout the United States. Also, find information about Black Catholic Ministries through the U.S. Bishops' Subcommittee on African American Affairs.

2020 Gold'n Harvest Raffle



COVID-19 can't keep us down! We are moving forward with our fall fundraiser, the Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle.

Your tickets are in the mail along with a letter of instruction, and you should be receiving them soon. We are still in the process of restoring and securing our parish property, so it is important that we have full participation to meet these expenses and maintain our sustainability.

The raffle this year will need to have a different approach. Our motto "take it to the streets" may not be practical. However, your participation is more important than ever.

We ask that you make every effort to contact your family, friends, and neighbors to sell tickets. Flyers will be available soon for you to take to businesses for display in their stores.

Our drawing is on Sunday, December 6, at approximately noon. Due to the pandemic and the restrictions on large crowd gatherings, the parish breakfast prior to the raffle drawing will not take place. The breakfast was always a wonderful event, bringing fun and fellowship. We are hoping to live-stream the drawing as a way to encourage parishioner involvement.



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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
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Lolita Dorado
Albert Fajardo
Eduardo Fajardo
Aurora Guinto
Liz Smith

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

Saturday, October 24, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Julie Smith

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Liz Smith

SERVERS

Lauren Smith

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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

Monday, October 19 - Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday, October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross
9:00 a.m. - For our Military Families Serving around the World

Wednesday, October 21 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday, October 22 - St. John Paul II, Pope

Friday, October 23 - St. John of Capistrano, Priest
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, October 24 - Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Maria Zanese

Sunday, October 25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, The Comiskey Family, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

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