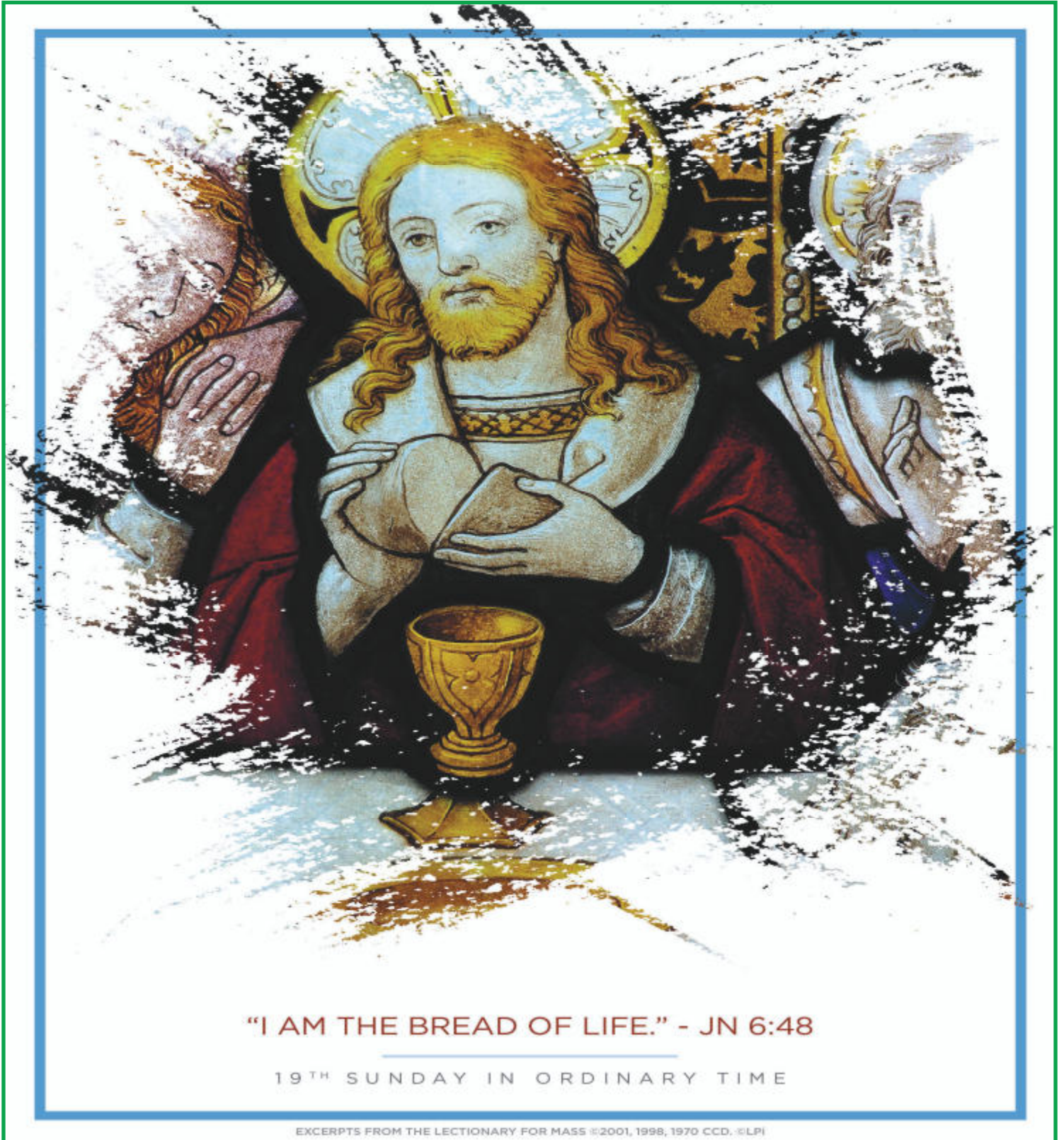




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

August 8, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE." - JN 6:48

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/
Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a
and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/
Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7,
9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11,
12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to



be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin and Martyr Feast Day, August 9th

Edith Stein, born in 1891 in Breslau, Poland, was the youngest child of a large Jewish family. She was an outstanding student and was well versed in philosophy with a particular interest in phenomenology*.

Eventually, she became interested in the Catholic Faith, and in 1922, she was baptized at the Cathedral Church in Cologne, Germany.

Eleven years later, Edith entered the Cologne Carmelites. Because of the ramifications of politics in Germany, Edith, whose name in the religious order was Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was sent to the Carmelite convent at Echt, Holland. When the Nazis conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested; and, with her sister, Rose, was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Teresa died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942 at the age of 51.

In 1987, she was beatified in the large outdoor soccer stadium in Cologne by Pope John Paul II. Out of the unspeakable human suffering caused by the Nazis in western Europe in the 1930's and 1940's, there blossomed the beautiful life of dedication, consecration, prayer, fasting, and penance of Saint Teresa. Even though her life was snuffed out by the satanic evil of genocide, her memory stands as a light undimmed in the midst of evil, darkness, and suffering. She was canonized on October 11, 1998.

*In philosophy, the science or study of phenomena, things as they are perceived, as opposed to the study of being, the nature of things as they are.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Enjoy the Summer and
have a nice week.
See you next weekend at Mass
~ Feast of the Assumption ~

St. Vincent de Paul Call Center Volunteers

Our St. Vincent DePaul East District is seeking one or more volunteers to help with the district's call center help line. The commitment would be once every 8 weeks for about three hours of work spread out over a week's time. That amounts to a total of about 18 hours in a year. And the best part is that you can fulfill your volunteer commitment on your own time from the comfort of your home.

The volunteer work entails picking up phone messages from our East District phone line and forwarding the information to one or more of the six parish conferences that are part of our SVDP East District. It would be very helpful for someone to contribute a little of their time with this very important work which indirectly benefits those persons that contact our SVDP organization asking for assistance to help address an urgent need often faced by lower income individuals and families living in our community on the east side of the city.

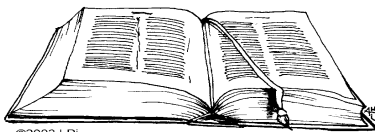
If you are able to offer your services to assist our SVDP conferences, please let me know by leaving a message at the parish rectory (313 884 4470) or by sending me an email at dennisrcostello@msn.com. For those that volunteer, a short training for the job at hand will be provided remotely at a mutually convenient time. Thank you very much and hope to hear from you soon.

Dennis Costello
St Matthew Conference of SVDP



Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support of the recent Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected **\$355**. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

"Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's Gospel. Complaining is a dead-end, and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better, but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Fuel the Mission - Soon Archbishop Vigneron will be mailing a letter to those who have not as yet pledged to the 2021 CSA Campaign. In his letter, the Archbishop indicates that "*the CSA raises critical funds that support more than 170 ministries, services, and programs that Fuel the Mission. This mission is critical so we can respond to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families throughout Southeast Michigan. This is how we act from the heart, putting Christ and his mission above all else.*"

Your pledge not only supports the above archdiocesan ministries, but also any monies received over and above the AoD targeted goal for the parish, is returned to the parish for its use. As you are aware, St. Matthew is facing several maintenance issues, many of which have been postponed due to lack of funds. Now, it is critical for the parish to repair and restore these areas of need.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the CSA. You won't regret it. It is an act of charity for the sustainability of St. Matthew Parish and in support of the ministries of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

St. Vincent De Paul School Supplies Drive



Now that schools are opening up, albeit with certain health safety protocols, our conference of St. Vincent de Paul is asking for your help this year with donations of school supplies for elementary and middle-school age students. Any items you can purchase to include backpacks, calculators, Trapper keepers, 3-ring binders, 2-pocket folders, spiral notebooks, age appropriate scissors, rulers, crayons, construction paper, glue sticks, pens, highlighters, markers, erasers, and age appropriate books would be greatly appreciated.

Many of our SVdP families have school age children and simply can't afford to buy these items themselves so they turn to us for help. Please place your donations in front of the St. Matthew statue from now to August 29th. During the week of August 29th, volunteers will gather to sort the supplies for distribution to deserving families on Sunday, September 5th.

Thank you again and again for all you do each and every time we ask ... Please know that many families and many children were assisted by your generous donations in the past.

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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 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.

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| Anthony Mastronardi | Jesse Ocampo |
| Stephanie Smith | Mary Spansky |
| Janet Law | Marie Kane |
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| Jo Marie Nardi | Sue Allasio |
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| Pauline Williams | |
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| Sarah Wagner | |
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| Lolita Dorado | |
| Albert Fajardo | |
| Eduardo Fajardo | |
| Aurora Guinto | |

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, August 14, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Ian Campbell

Sunday, August 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

William Zuerblis

Jermaine Donaldson

Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 7 - Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, August 8 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Sophie Bush, Peter Reyes, Joseph Petrylka, Robert Lynn

Monday, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday, August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

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

Wednesday, August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

9:00 a.m. - For First Responders and Frontline Healthcare Workers

Thursday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Friday, August 13 - Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Martyrs

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

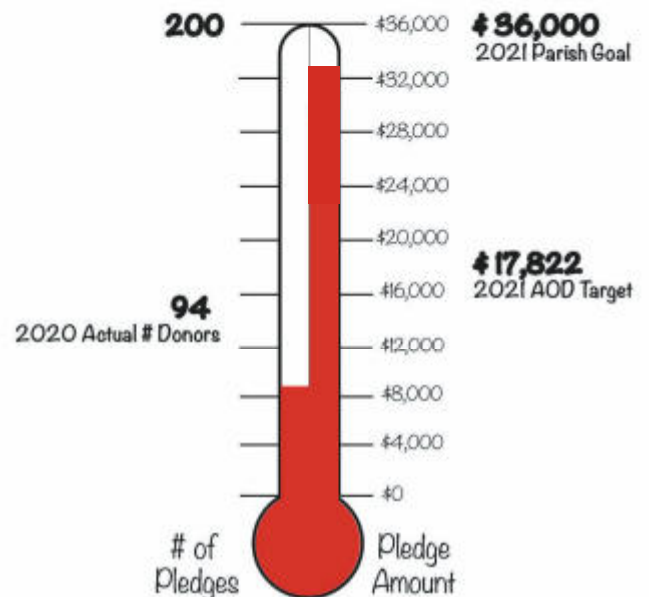
Saturday, August 14 - Vigil: Feast of the Assumption of Mary

4:30 p.m. - Betty Amara (24th Anniv)

Sunday, August 15 - Feast of the Assumption of Mary

10:00 a.m. - Anthony Nardi, Encarnacion Fajardo, Nenita F. Sanchez (60th Anniv)

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