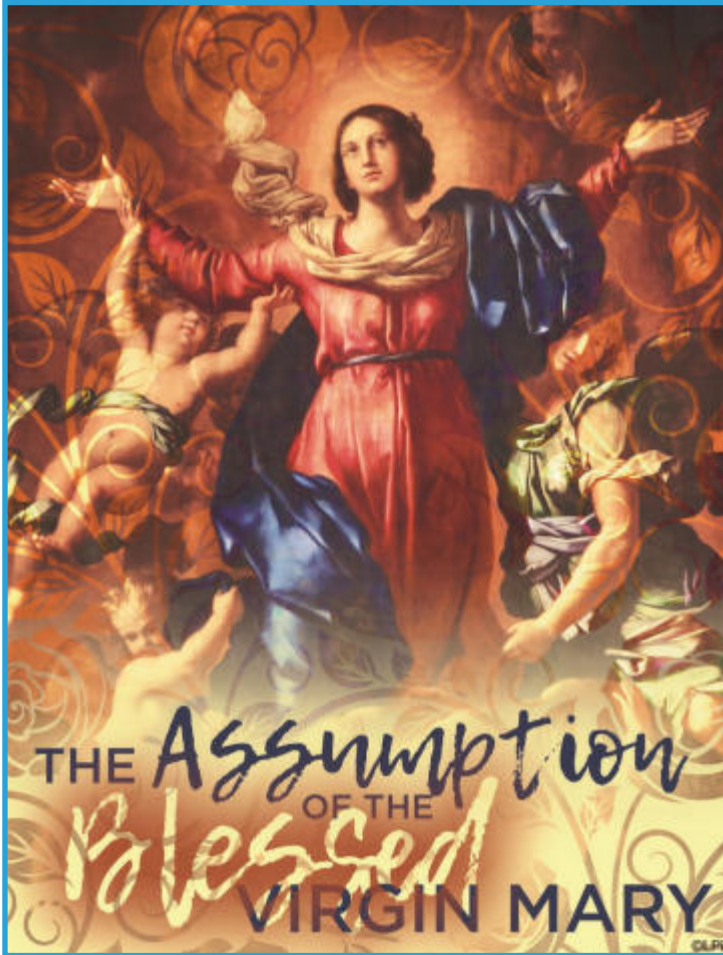




# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

August 15, 2021

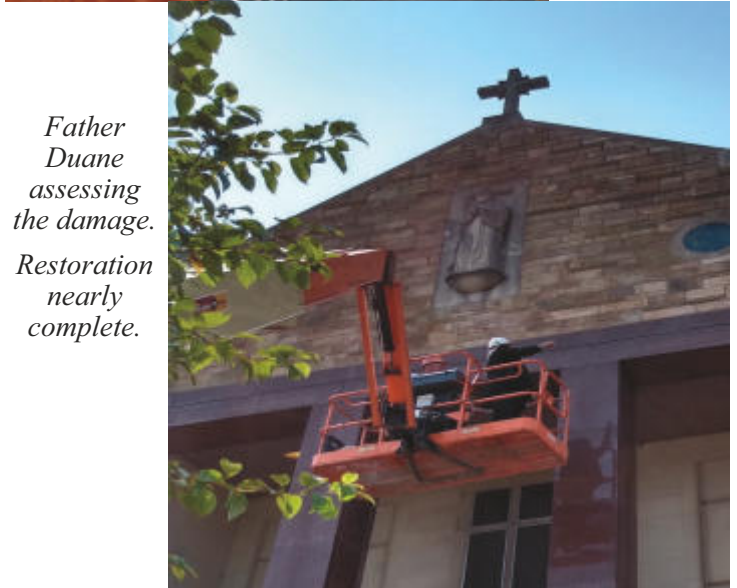
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*Father Duane and Eric preparing to board the lift.*



*Up so high!  
Almost at their destination.  
A nice view through the trees.*



*Father Duane assessing the damage.  
Restoration nearly complete.*

## Readings for the Week of August 15, 2021

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



*Lord Jesus Christ, You have destroyed the power of death and given the hope of eternal life for body and soul. You granted your Mother a special place in your glory, and did not allow decay to touch her body. As we rejoice in the Assumption of Mary, grant us renewed confidence in the victory of life over death. Amen.*



### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through chal-

lenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.



The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over to the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son." The Feast Day Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time, as it does this year.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates on **August 15th**. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven. While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the 6th Century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974).

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life. The celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed are you among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, August 21, and Sunday, August 22, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively** - A Presentation to the Parish regarding the Current Status / Plans of the Catholic Charities of SE Michigan (CCSEM) / St. Matthew Project

### 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.



## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



A letter from Father Novelly will be sent soon to parishioners who have not donated or pledged to the 2021 CSA Campaign. This letter will explain the importance of pledging or donating to the Catholic Services Appeal. If you have already done so, please know that your financial sacrifice will mean a great deal to St. Matthew Parish.

Your pledge or donation to the 2021 CSA helps the Archdiocese support over 170 ministries, services, and programs. These are important to the life of the Church in the Archdiocese. Also, your pledge or donation is vital to the sustainability of St. Matthew Parish. The theme of our campaign is "one (dollar) for the Archdiocese, and one (dollar) for St. Matthew's." Any money over and above our AoD target (\$17,822) is returned to the parish for its use.

St. Matthew's is a vital part of this eastside neighborhood. Not only do we have charitable outreach programs, but more importantly, we serve the spiritual needs of our parishioners, family, and friends. We need the physical presence of our church on the corner of Harper at Whittier. It is truly a Sign of Hope and a Beacon of Light in this community.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to CSA. You won't regret it. It is an act of charity for the life of your parish, St. Matthew's.

### 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](mailto: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

*The Queen*  
TAKES HER PLACE  
AT YOUR  
RIGHT HAND.

Psalm 45



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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.*

Anthony Mastronardi	Jesse Ocampo
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Lolita Dorado	
Albert Fajardo	
Eduardo Fajardo	
Aurora Guinto	

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, August 21, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

David Smydra

Jermaine Donaldson  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

**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), Clarence Merlo (35th Anniv), In Memory of Michael and Eileen Hatty

**Monday, August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary**

**Tuesday, August 17 -**  
9:00 a.m. - For Refugee and Migrant Families

**Wednesday, August 18 -**  
9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

**Thursday, August 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest**

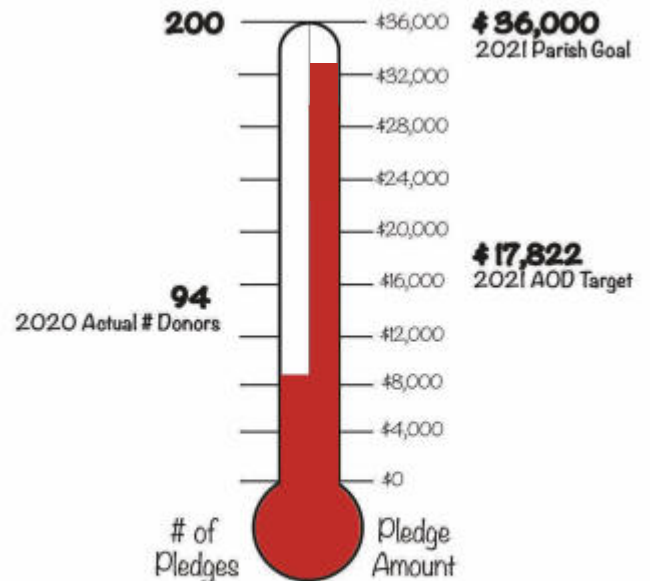
**Friday, August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

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

**Saturday, August 21 - Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Anna Martinelli

**Sunday, August 22 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

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