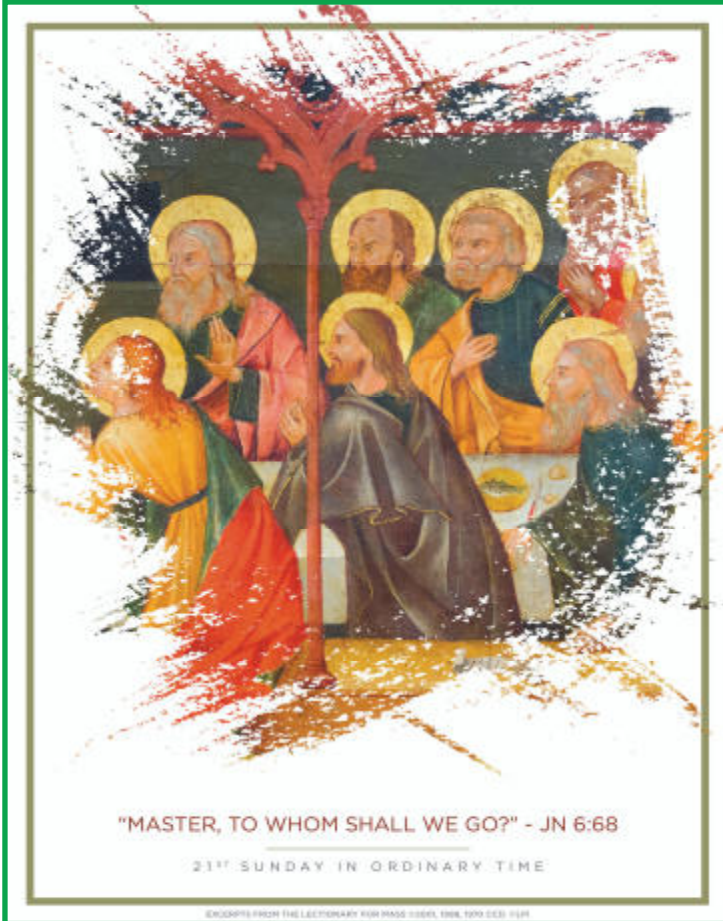




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

August 22, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



More than a Fond Farewell

This week, we say good-bye to two very talented and blessed young people of our parish. Marella Piazza has graced us with her voice at the 10 am Sunday Mass for over a year. We will miss her dedication to this ministry, her kindness, and her generosity.

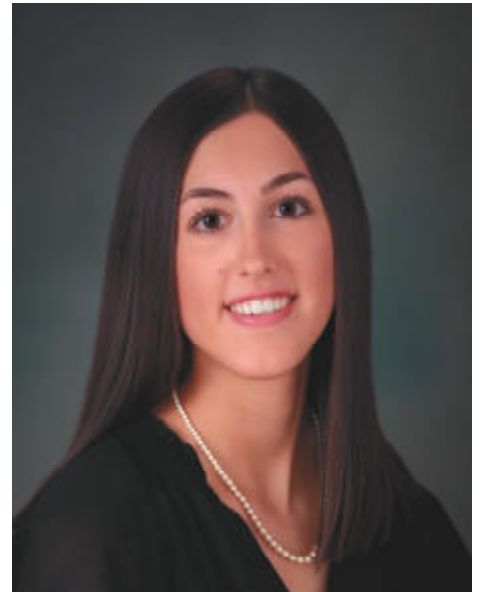
Ian Campbell has been an altar server since the 4th grade. He has always been willing to share his ministry whenever asked outside of his scheduled dates. His respect for the liturgy and his role in it was evident.

We wish both these young people the best of God blessings in their future years. Let us not forget them!

**MARELLA
PIAZZA**

*Graduate from
Grosse Pointe
South High
School
Continuing
her Formal
Education at
Hope College
Holland,
Michigan*

*God Bless You,
Marella,
in all your
Future
Endeavors!*



A Farewell Prayer

*As you go, dear ones,
you walk upon a bed of love,
on which our prayers will fall softly every day.*

*As you go, remember that
our hearts will hold you close.
You're treasured, and we will cheer you on your way.*

*As you go, dear ones,
you travel with Christ at your side.
His light will show a path and be your guide.*

*As you go, be hopeful that
you're following your dreams.
We celebrate this new season of your life.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.*

**IAN A.
CAMPBELL**

*Graduate from
U of D / Mercy
High School
Continuing
his Formal
Education at
The University
of
Michigan
Ann Arbor,
Michigan*

*God Bless You,
Ian,
in all your
Future
Endeavors!*



Readings for the Week of August 22, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17[14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.



St. Rose of Lima, Feast Day, August 23rd

Historians remember St. Rose of Lima for her piety and chastity. Born in 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, and named Isabel Flores de Olivia, she was exceptionally beautiful. Her beauty was so great that she was nicknamed “Rose,” a name that remains with her to this day. At her confirmation in 1597, she officially took the name of Rose.

From an early age, Rose wanted to become a nun. She often prayed and fasted in secret. She performed secret penances, some of which were painful and severe. She performed daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and took daily communion. She became known for both her life of cultivation of beauty and her care of the poverty stricken of the city through her own private efforts.

As a young woman, her beauty began to attract suitors. To deter these men, St. Rose marred her face, rubbing it with pepper to make it blister. She cropped her hair short. Her parents opposed her plan to take a vow of chastity. This resulted in a clash of wills, because her parents wanted her to marry. Her father eventually relented and gave her a room to herself. St. Rose kept herself cloistered in her room, spending long periods in prayer. It was said she slept only two hours per night so as to have more time for prayer. She quit eating meat altogether, an extreme dietary restriction for that time.

When she turned 20, she was permitted to join the Third Order of St. Dominic. She continued a life of extreme prayer, fasting and penance. She was known to wear a heavy silver crown, with spikes that could pierce her flesh. The spikes reminded her of the Crown of Thorns. At one point, one of the spikes became so lodged in her skull that the crown was removed with great difficulty.

St. Rose died in on August 25, 1617, at the age of 31. According to legend, she accurately predicted the date of her death. Her funeral was a major event attended by all the city’s authorities. She is the patroness of Peru, and her image is featured on the highest denomination banknote of Peru.

Pope Clement IX beatified her in 1667, and Pope Clement X recognized her as a saint, canonizing her in 1671. Her feast day is August 23 around the world, although in some countries, like Peru, celebrate her on August 30.

St. Rose is also the patroness, embroiderers, gardeners, florists, those who suffer ridicule for their piety, and people who suffer family problems.

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

**~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~
Saturday, October 16, and
Sunday, October 17
The 2021 Gold'n Harvest
50/50 Raffle Kick off!**

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

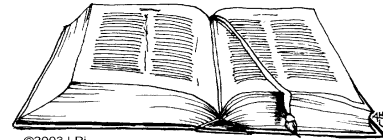


A letter from Father Novelly will be sent soon to parishioners who have not donated or pledged to the 2021 CSA Campaign. This letter will explain the importance of pledging or donating to the Catholic Services Appeal. If you have already done so, please know that your financial sacrifice will mean a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



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

"Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult," he did not back down. In our families, it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love, and guide with understanding.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the recently deceased members of the Parish.

May they rest in the peace of Christ both now and forever. Amen.

William Solomon, Husband of Jean
Rita McBride, Mother of Dan McBride

Betty Leone, Mother of
Prudy, Frank, Joe, and Bill

May the Lord bring comfort and healing to their family and friends.

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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	Mary Spansky
Stephanie Smith	Marie Kane
Janet Law	Mike Dulapa
Laura Alix	Kathy Bush
Jo Marie Nardi	Sue Allasio
Anthony Crimaudo	Richard Goll
Rosemary Schoolcraft	Tim Fitzgerald
Tiffany Gelle	Kristen Freiburger
Robert Stark	
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Nenette Ferreria	
Lolita Dorado	
Albert Fajardo	
Eduardo Fajardo	
Aurora Guinto	
Jesse Ocampo	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, August 28, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Dan McBride

Jermaine Donaldson

Sunday, August 29, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Liz Smith

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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

Monday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Tuesday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Wednesday, August 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

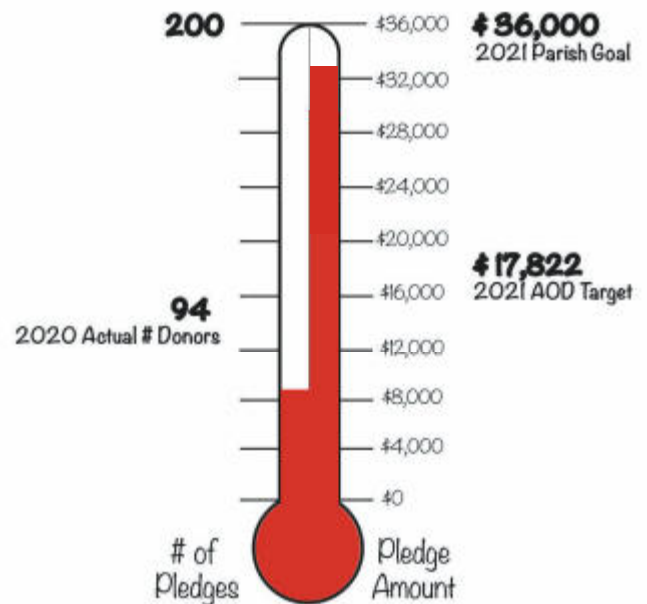
Thursday, August 26 -

Friday, August 27 - St. Monica
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, August 28 - Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, August 29 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - For Those Suffering from Natural Disasters and Civil Unrest

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