



# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

October 17, 2021

Detroit, Michigan

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. Matthew Parish Cash Balance Report Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Cash Balance July 1st, 2020

**INCOME**

**Church**

Sunday – Holyday – Monthly	\$ 153,117.89	
Christmas	\$ 35,026.49	
Stipends – Donations	\$ 127,801.93	
Fundraising (Net Income \$35,048.61)	\$ 67,495.45	
<i>Kroger (Net) \$ 969.47</i>		
<i>Gold'n Harvest (Net) \$33,225.00</i>		
<i>Jazz Nite (Net) \$ 734.14</i>		
<i>100K Club (Net) \$ 120.00</i>		
<i>* Includes CSA (\$32,422.34) &amp; CLT (\$24.50) (see Expenditures below)</i>		
Rental Income	\$ 2,600.00	
Withdrawn from LDP Savings		
<b>General Savings - Operational</b>	<b>\$ 63,000.00</b>	
Interest Income	\$ 1,922.77	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3,530.00	
PPP Forgiveness Loan	\$ 25,400.00	
Sale of Assets	\$ 175,333.85	\$ 655,228.38
		<u>\$ 655,228.38</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$ 655,228.38</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Church Administration	\$ 133,306.05	
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 17,156.58	
<i>Gold'n Harvest \$16,458.55</i>		
<i>Restore and Secure \$ 698.03</i>		
Worship	\$ 39,113.96	
Maintenance – Utilities	\$ 141,279.99	
<b>Buildings-Major Repair</b>	<b>\$ 29,001.00</b>	
Assessment	\$ 16,541.36	
Deposits in LDP Account	\$ 34,369.61	
<i>CSA overage \$32,422.34</i>		
<i>CLT income \$ 24.50</i>		
<i>Interest income \$ 1922.77</i>		

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** \$ 410,768.55

Cash Balance June 30, 2021 \$ 244,459.83

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 655,228.38**

## Readings for the Week of October 17, 2021

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/  
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45  
Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/  
Lk 10:1-9  
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10,  
17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/  
Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/  
Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/  
Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9  
Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-  
6/Mk 10:46-52



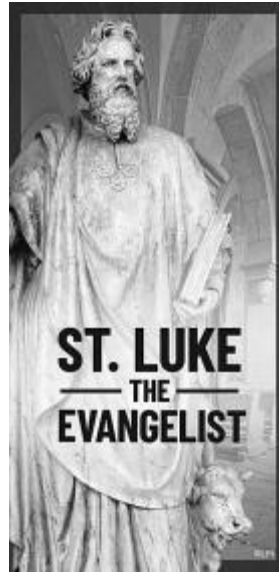
### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our

hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.



**Saint Luke** was born a Greek and a Gentile in Antioch, Syria. He was a physician, and it is believed that he may have also been a slave, as it was not uncommon in his day for slaves to be educated in medicine so the family would have a resident physician.

Luke joined Paul at Troas in the year 51, accompanying him from Macedonia to Philippi.

It is very possible that Luke provided medical assistance to Paul when he had been beaten, stoned or nearly drowned while evangelizing to the Western Roman Empire. Luke explains in the introduction to his gospel that his writings were inspired by close association with Paul and his companions.

In this image of Luke, he is holding a book which represents his Gospel. In

his other hand, he holds a plant representing healing herbs. Luke remained with Paul to the end of his life, even during his imprisonment and sufferings, “Only Luke is with me” (2 Timothy 4:11).

Luke is the only Gentile to have written books in the Bible. He is the writer of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles and his writings have been proven to be historically accurate. In the third Gospel, Luke emphasizes Christ’s compassion for sinners and for those who suffer. The gospel of Luke focuses on the poor and oppressed, encouraging tenderness and compassion for the less fortunate. The story of Lazarus and the Rich Man who ignored him is told in Luke’s gospel, as is the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Unlike the Jewish writings, women have an important place in Luke’s gospel. Luke writes about the women who accompanied Jesus, such as Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and Martha and Mary and “many other women who used their own resources to help Jesus and his disciples” (8:1). Luke also writes about the birth of Christ from Mary’s point of view, and she is especially important in Luke’s gospel.

It is only in the Gospel of Luke that the story of Mary’s Annunciation, her visit to Elizabeth, the Magnificat, the Presentation and Jesus’ remaining in Jerusalem are told. In Luke’s Gospel, we learn the words spoken by the angel to Mary at the Annunciation, “Hail Mary, full of grace” and Elizabeth’s words to Mary, “Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.”

Luke’s Christian ministry can be followed in the book of Acts. Up until the 16th Chapter, the story of Acts is written in the third person, much like an historian recording facts. The voice of the narrator then changes to first person, and scholars believe this is done at the time Luke first joined Paul at Troas in the year 51. The book of Acts switches back to third person and scholars believe that this reflects a period in time when Luke was not present during the events that are recorded.

Though some historians claim that St. Luke was martyred after the death of Saint Paul, others say he lived a long life, dying at the age of 84 after settling in Greece to write his Gospel.

He was the first Christian physician and was venerated by the Catholic Church as the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. Saint Luke is also considered the patron saint of painters because, according to tradition, he had painted images of Mary and of Jesus. However, this was later proven to be incorrect.

Saint Luke’s feast day is celebrated on October 18th.



## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, October 16, and Sunday, October 17, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - 2021 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Kick off!**

**Join your fellow parishioners for a Hospitality Sunday following the 10 am Mass!**

**Saturday, October 23, and Sunday, October 24, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - World Mission Sunday, Collection for Propagation of the Faith**



### 2021 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

We are entering our 19th year of the Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle. It is our hope that this year we will again meet with success. We ask your participation in purchasing the tickets and especially selling the tickets. As we try to return to "normal," we will need that extra effort to reach out to family and friends to make the raffle succeed.

This fundraiser also brings our community together working for a common cause as we combine our energies to raise money for the parish and strive for a balanced budget. In these last 18 years, we have cumulatively grossed \$455,360, with \$227,680 in winnings, and the same amount returned to the parish.

You will be receiving your letter next week with the five tickets to be sold or bought by you. If all 2,000 tickets are sold, the top prize will be \$12,000. There will be a Seller's Drawing following the drawing of the three major winners in the amount of \$200.

The date of drawing is Sunday, December 12. Due to the health and safety precautions issued by the Archdiocese, we are eliminating our catered breakfast for the parish this year. However, you will be welcome to join some of your fellow parishioners for the drawing which will be live-streamed allowing those who cannot attend to experience the event.

Remember, there are always more tickets available after the weekend Masses and at the rectory.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

"Advice" books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "getting," it's about "giving" ourselves. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and spouse, then you are doing it right.

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**What does the CSA fund?** - The Catholic Services Appeal benefits parishes and people in the Archdiocese of Detroit by helping to fund more than 100 ministries, programs and services, including: support for men discerning God's call to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary; campus ministry; grants to Catholic schools; and young adult programs. Essentially, CSA dollars help fund the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the greater Detroit area.

Except for six national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), CSA funds remain in the archdiocese. These national collections include: Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications, Catholic Home Missions, Catholic University of America, Church in Latin America, and the Holy Land.

### "SOCK IT TO US" or Sox in a Box!

**Thank you to all who have donated socks** to help keep people in our community warm this winter. Until October 31st,

you will have the opportunity to donate **new socks** so that they can be distributed to veterans and their families and to human services agencies throughout Wayne County. This effort is being sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Wayne County and by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. It is meeting an important need in the community. Socks,

while necessary, are rarely collected and distributed to those in need.

**New socks** of all sizes, colors, and patterns for men, women, and children are needed. Patterned and colorful socks for pre-school age children are particularly welcome. In 2019, 9,868 pairs of sock were collected by 22 different agencies and individuals and then distributed to 18 community organizations.

This year, St. Matthew Parish is joining the effort to continue to help keep people warm this winter in Michigan. A special "laundry basket" has been placed at the St. Matthew statue for your donations. Please help in this most simple and easy way. If you desire, monetary donations are welcome to help purchase socks. **Please do not remove any labels on the socks.** These are needed for the sorting process.

Let St. Matthew parishioners make a difference by **"socking it to us."** **Let's fill a box with sox!**

### St. Basil the Great Harvest Dinner and Raffle

Saturday, October 23, 4 to 8 pm

Meaty main course with

cheesy macaroni and other side dishes.

Dessert is Pumpkin Pie for a free will offering.

Tickets are \$20, children under eight (only)

\$5 for Cheesy Macaroni and an Apple Compote.

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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.*

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Anthony Mastronardi    | Mary Spansky       |
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| Nenette Ferreria       |                    |
| Lolita Dorado          |                    |
| Albert Fajardo         |                    |
| Eduardo Fajardo        |                    |
| Aurora Guinto          |                    |
| Jesse Ocampo           |                    |

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

Saturday, October 23, 2021, 4:30 p.m.  
Julie Smith

Sunday, October 24, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Liz Smith

## SERVERS

Lauren Smith

Lauren Gross  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, October 16 - Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Gordon and Betty Lee, Gordy Lee (70th Birthday)

**Sunday, October 17 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - Laura and Alex Coronel, Celedonio Puga

**Monday, October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist**

**Tuesday, October 19 - Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**  
9:00 a.m. - For Homeless Teens and Children

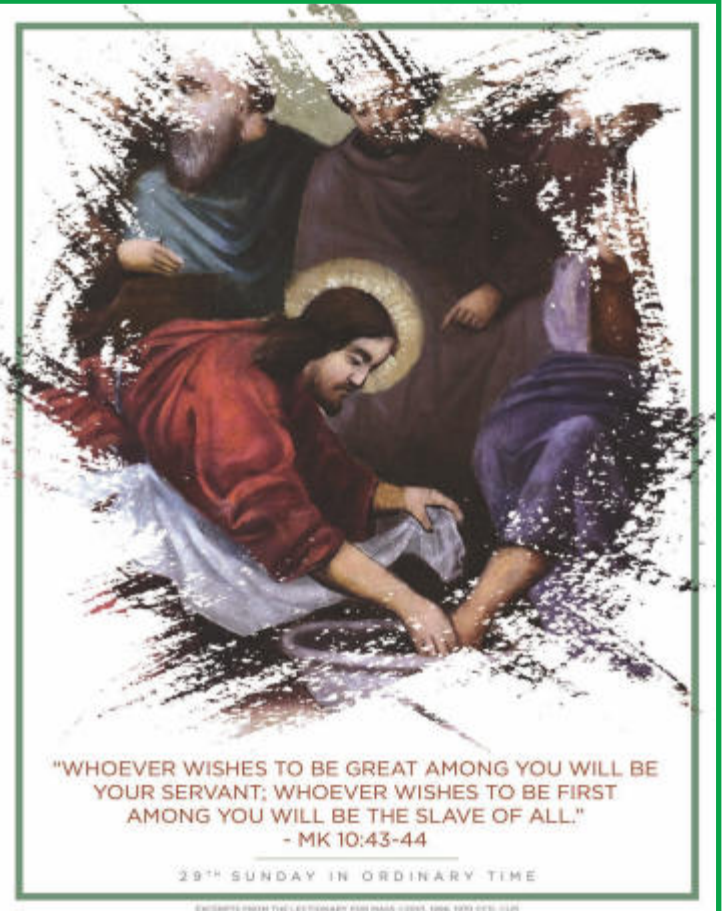
**Wednesday, October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross, Priest**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

**Thursday, October 21 -**

**Friday, October 22 - St. John Paul II, Pope**  
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Saturday, October 23 - Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - Vaughn and Pat Adams

**Sunday, October 24 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish



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