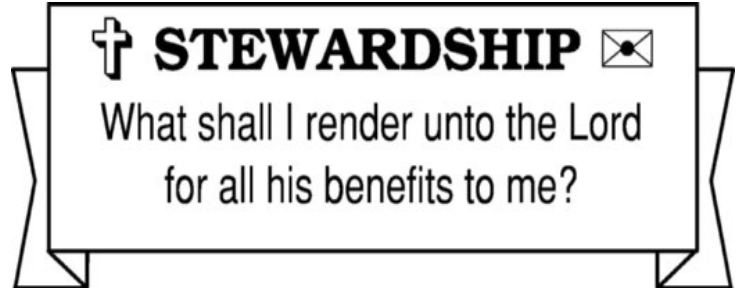
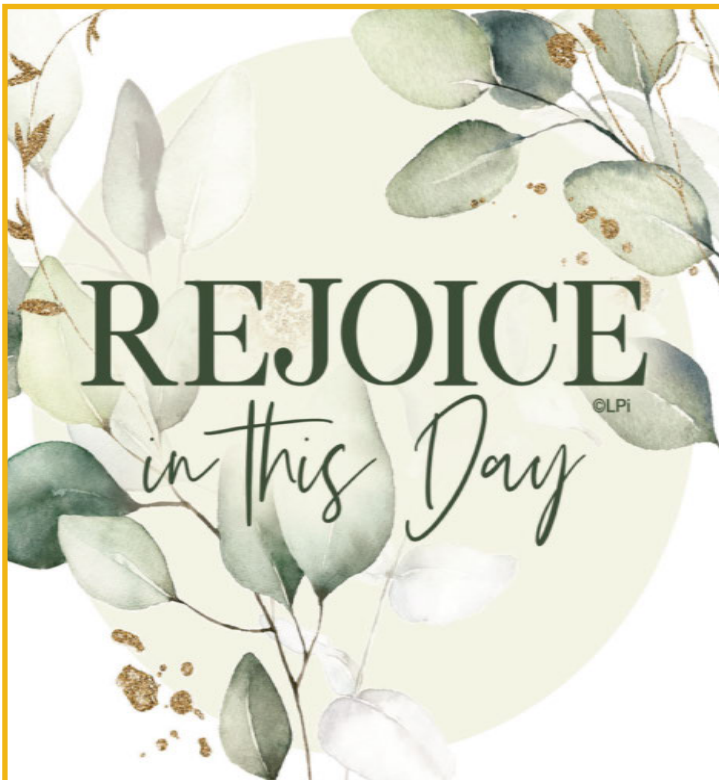
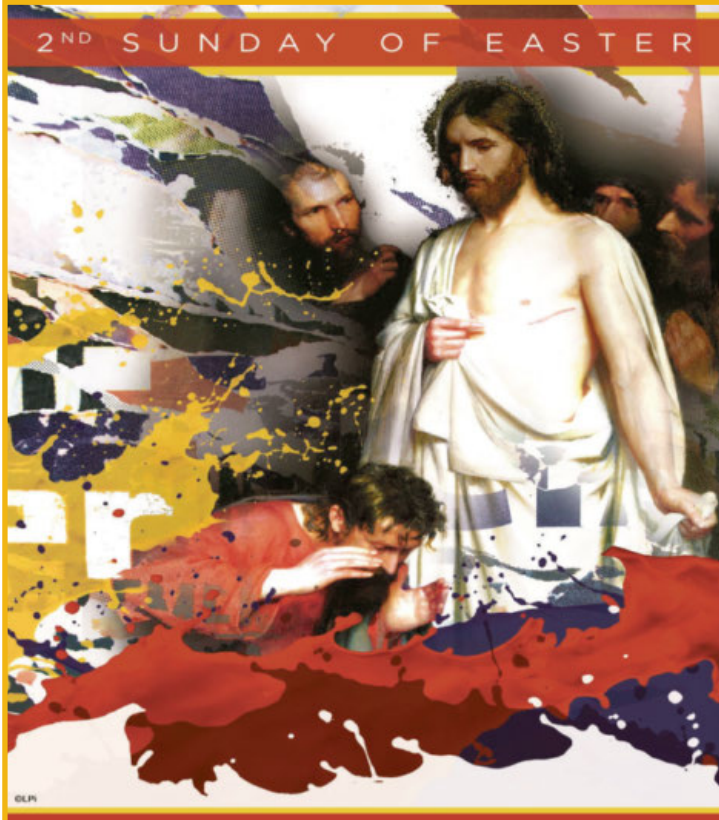




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

April 24, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



St. Matthew Parish Report July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022

Budget/39 Weeks:	
@ \$2,442 (rounded)	\$95,250.09
Actual/39 Weeks:	\$70,617.20
Online Giving/39 Weeks:	<u>\$33,900.00</u>
Total Actual/39 Weeks:	\$104,517.20
Overage/Shortfall:	\$9,267.11
Average Collection/Sunday:	\$2,679.93
Average % of Budget/Sunday:	109.73%
Average % over (under)/Sunday:	9.73%
Debt Reduction Envelope/39 Weeks:	\$2,423.00
Online Debt Reduction Giving:	<u>\$620.00</u>
Total Debt Reduction Giving:	\$3,043.00
NET OVERAGE FOR 39 WEEKS:	<u>\$12,310.11</u>

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2021-2022 Report as of April 22, 2022 Catholic Services Appeal

CSA AoD Goal:	\$17,822.00
Total Pledged:	\$52,734.18
Total Paid (April 22, 2022)	<u>\$51,126.68</u>
Pledge Balance:	\$1,607.50
Refund Anticipated:	\$34,912.18
Refund Issued:	\$32,704.68
Refund Due	\$600.00
Average Pledge:	\$555.10
Pledges Made:	95
Pledges Fully Paid:	86
Pledges Outstanding:	9
Parish Families:	210

Readings for the Week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

2nd Sunday of Easter

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

St. Catherine of Siena's Story

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*. She is also the patron saint of Europe and of Fire Prevention.

Reflection - *Though she lived her life in a faith experience and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. Events which might make us wince or chuckle or even yawn fill her biographies: a mystical experience at six, childhood betrothal to Christ, stories of harsh asceticism, her frequent ecstatic visions. Still, Catherine lived in an age which did not know the rapid change of 21st-century mobile America. The value of her life for us today lies in her recognition of holiness as a goal to be sought over the course of a lifetime.*



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 pm - Organ Dedication Concert Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room



To celebrate the restoration of *Opus 3529*, our St. Matthew Church Organ, we are hosting a community-wide dedication concert featuring local renowned organists.

To commemorate this achievement, a special keepsake booklet is being produced that will be provided to each attendee. This booklet will detail the history of the organ, the restoration journey, full color photos, history, , and documents from the Wicks Organ Company archives. It will certainly be of interest to all who attend.

To raise funds for the parish after a hiatus of our Jazz Nite events due to COVID, we are seeking parishioner sponsorships. Sponsors will be recorded and recognized on dedicated pages in this special booklet. We thank you in advance for your support and for helping to ensure that our organ sings the Lord's praises for years to come!

The first 50 sponsors at the "Pedal Organ" and higher levels will receive a keepsake "stop" knob from the original organ! Since 1954, organists at St. Matthew have used these stop knobs to create the magnificent instrumental sounds on our King of Instruments! This is a rare opportunity to have a unique tangible keepsake reminder of this great celebration!

"Great Organ" Benefactors ~ Gifts of \$1,000 or more

"Swell Organ" Sustainers ~ Gifts of \$500 to \$999

"Choir Organ" Major Donors ~ Gifts of \$250 to \$499

"Pedal Organ" Supporters ~ Gifts of \$100 to \$249

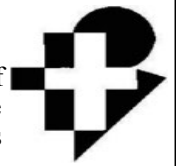
"Friends of the Organ" Advocates ~ Gifts up to \$99

You should have received a letter with a sponsorship form for you to fill out and return to the rectory, or you can visit our committee member at the back of the church who will have sponsorship forms available.

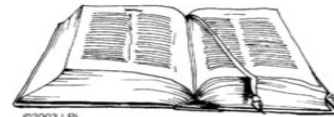
In keeping with the character of a community event, we are asking that you consider volunteering for one or these opportunities - **Greeters** for the entrances, **Ushers** to assist in seating and hospitality questions, **Parking Lot Assistants** to help direct cars for efficient parking, and **Security** for the free-will offering baskets. **Clean up crews** for cleaning the church before the event as well as following the after-glow. Please see our committee member at the back of church to sign up.

We are very excited about this concert and expecting it to be a great success.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Thank you for your generous support of CSA through St. Matthew Parish. You can see by the report on the first page of this week's Pulse that by your generosity St. Matthew can maintain its sustainability as a Beacon of Light and a Sign of Hope. Officially, the 2021 CSA Campaign ends the first of May. If you are interested in participating in the 2021 campaign please contact the rectory or go to aod.org for more information. If you need to fulfill your current pledge, please do so as soon as possible.



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's Gospel. In our families, we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence.

Give comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to neighboring countries to welcome the refugees.

Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms and protect those who work to promote peace.

God of hope, inspire leaders to choose peace instead of violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies.

Inspire compassion in the universal Church for the Ukrainian people and give us hope for a future of peace based on justice for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the World. Amen.

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony CrimAUDO
Rosemary Schoolcraft
Tiffany Gelle
Robert Stark
Pauline Williams
Eloise Parker
Herb and Jeanne Damman
Sarah Wagner
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Elsa Camazzola
William Walker IV
Nancy Clemons
Cathy D'Agostini
Madeline Jozwiak
Marc McEachern
John Cassisa

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, April 30, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Bruce Campbell

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Sunday, May 1, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
William Zuerblis

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 23 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter
4:30 p.m. - Marcella Adams

Sunday, April 24 - 2nd Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. - Paul Coen (8th Anniv), Faustina (Nenette) Ferreria,
Zenon Kolasa

Monday, April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

Tuesday, April 26 -
9:00 a.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

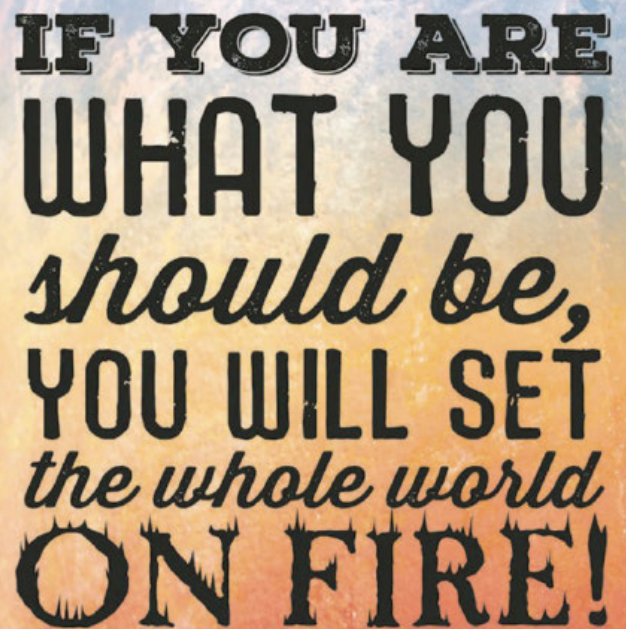
Wednesday, April 27 -
9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Thursday, April 28 - St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Friday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, April 30 - Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter
4:30 p.m. - Martha Lewandowski

Sunday, May 1 - Third Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. - Marcella Adams, Lorraine Moore



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WHAT YOU
should be,
YOU WILL SET
the whole world
ON FIRE!**

—St. Catherine of Siena

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