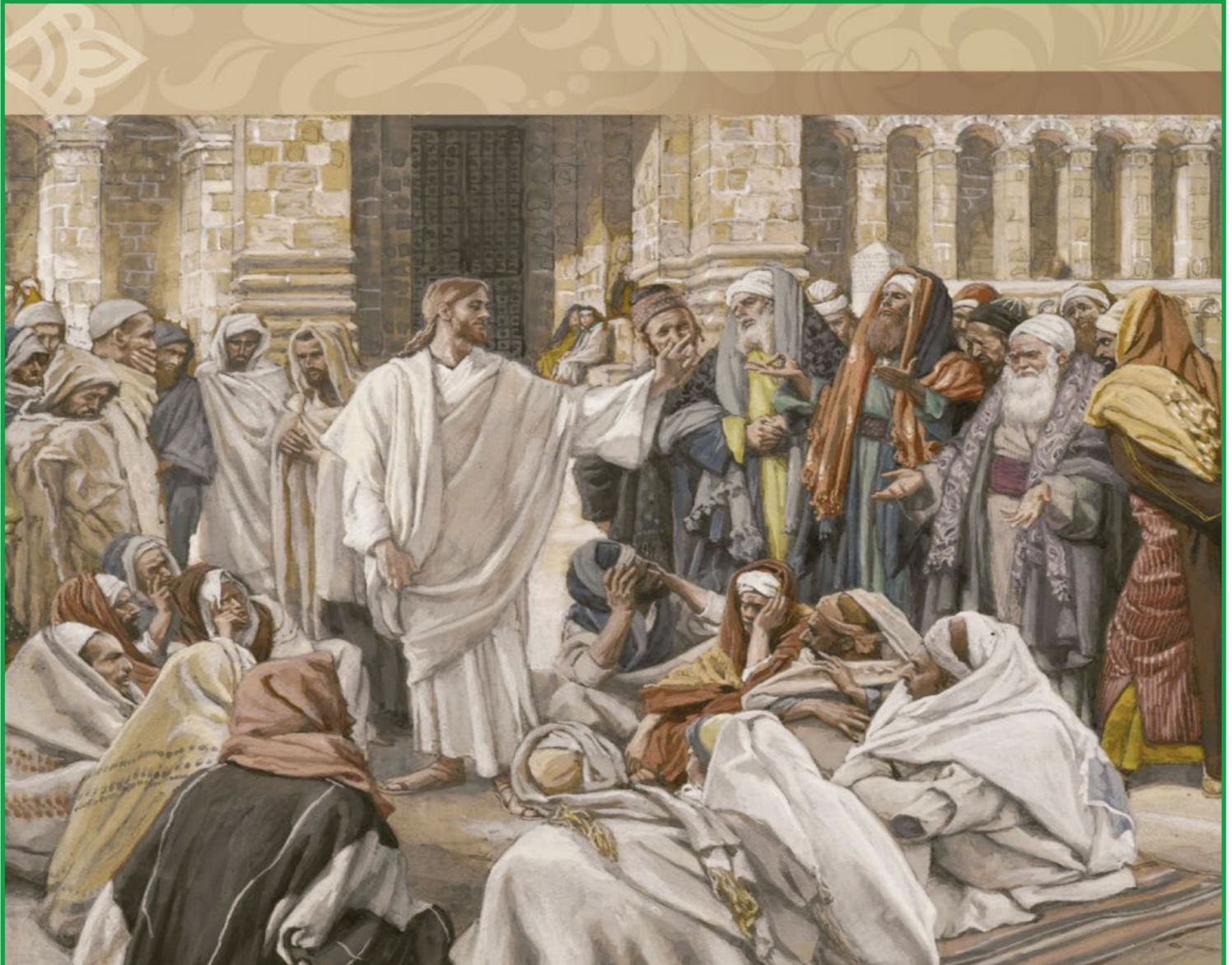




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

July 31, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

Readings for the Week of July 31, 2022

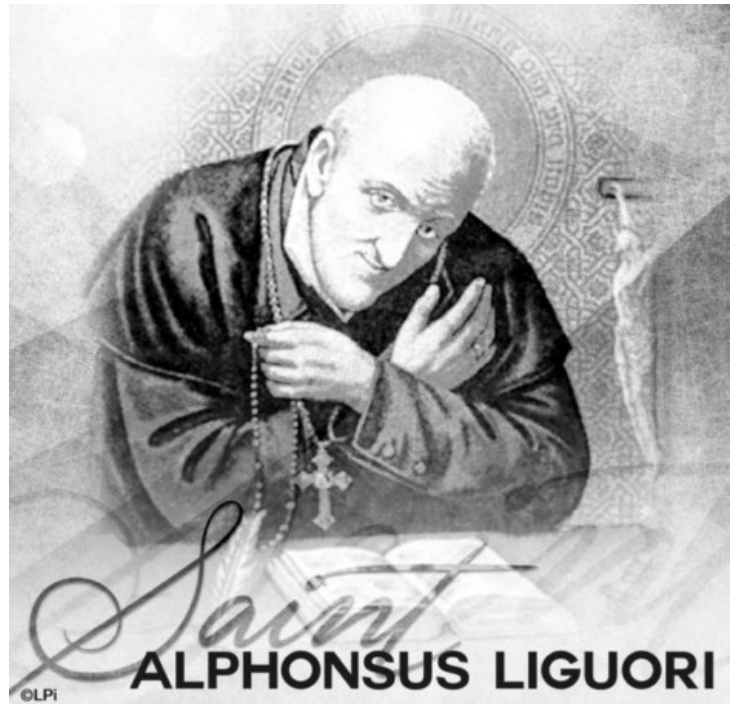
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2,
10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 9abcd,
41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-
19/Lk 9:28b-36
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-
48 or 12:35-40

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.



St. Alphonsus Liguori | August 1

St. Alphonsus was born into a well-respected family in 1696, in Marianella, in the Kingdom of Naples. He received an exceptional education through private tutors and was conferred degrees in civil and canon law at 16. He practiced law for 8 years before he turned to the Church. He was ordained a priest in 1726.

St. Alphonsus traveled for 26 years in Kingdom of Naples preaching. His style of ministry was called "mission among the people." He and a group of priests or lay brothers would go to rural areas, staying for a time to teach, preach, and pray with the people there.

St. Alphonsus was a brilliant preacher, he was able to connect with ordinary people and his teaching and sermons were marked by his compassion. In a time of restrictive Church rule, where fear of God was truly fear, St. Alphonsus taught about God's redeeming love. He also had a special devotion to Mary, praying to her for intercession and including devotions to her in his teaching.

He wrote extensively, more than 100 books which have been through thousands of editions. His books are still available today and have been translated into more than 60 languages.

In 1762, St. Alphonsus was made a bishop by Pope Clement XIII; however, he was eventually allowed to resign his post because of his ill health. He was paralyzed for a time from rheumatic fever in 1775 and had rheumatism so severe it was deforming, bending his head so far forward that his chin rested on his chest.

He died peacefully at the age of 90 in 1787. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI and in 1871, he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX. In 1950, he was declared patron of moral theologians by Pope Pius XII.

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**PERFECT LOVE OF GOD MEANS
THE COMPLETE UNION
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ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Tuesday, August 2, 7 am to 8 pm - Primary Elections

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Be a Sign of Mercy

On the weekend of June 25 and 26, we collected donations for Peter's Pence to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church. This collection helps the Holy Father bring relief to people in need throughout the world especially those on the margins of society including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Your generous support in this collection amounted to **\$400**. If you would still like to give, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence. Thank you!



Of Those Recently Deceased

Richard (Dick) Goll

Husband of Beverly

Father of Karyn Stellino

Alice Rapas

Wife of Steve Rapas

Mother of Anne, Mary, and Joseph

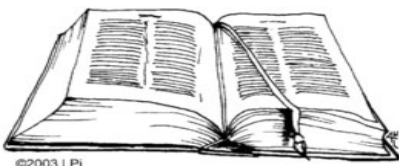
Robert Stark

Father of Gary Stark and Karen Bogle

Grandfather to D.J. Stark

*May the angels carry you to Paradise,
may the martyrs see you safely
on your way and may you rest forever
in the peace of the Lord.*

Amen.



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool," meant for us?

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Stories from the CSA - Beth Spizarmy, Podcast Host, *Encounter, Grow, Witness* - Beth Spizarmy is the co-host of the *Encounter, Grow, Witness* podcast. Growing up, Beth experienced her faith as going through the motions. After high school, she began to explore questions of meaning and purpose. Finding herself one Friday night at a youth ministry meeting, she heard the Gospel proclaimed in a powerful, life-changing way. Beth left very convicted that God had a plan for her life, and upon her graduation she began to hear a very clear call to ministry in the Church.

Beth sees podcasting as an effective means of evangelization and a way to meet people where they are. Beth recognizes it is important for the church to be present in these new mediums and to craft them in a way that meets the expectations of the audience. For Beth, a high level of production communicates to listeners that the message is important, and the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important message ever.

Encounter, Grow, Witness is one of five podcasts produced by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Your gift to the CSA helps bring the Gospel to over one million individuals in Southeast Michigan.

Prayer before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, state, and country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,

live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 Crimauco
Rosemary Schoolcraft
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Robert Rabe
Lynn Simoncini
Joan Nardi

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, August 6, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Dan McBride

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, August 7, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Mary Anne Pilette

Emmanuel Kole-James
Samuel Kole-James
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 30 - Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Alice Rapas, Betty Cummings

Sunday, July 31 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Mary Flood (4th Anniv), Bobby Hanshaw, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Monday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Wednesday, August 3 -
9:00 a.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

Thursday, August 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest

Friday, August 5 - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, August 6 - Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Peter Reyes, Raymond and Sylvia Novelly (12th Anniv)

Sunday, August 7 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - Laura Prizzuoli, Robert Lynn

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