



# *Saint Matthew Church* **The PULSE**

September 11, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



## *24<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

*"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:7b*

## Readings for the Week of September 11, 2022

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/  
1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10  
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/  
Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/  
Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/  
Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/  
Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/  
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”



### Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy,  
in your word of Scripture,  
you instruct us to  
“Do to others as you would have  
them do to you.”

Give us today the courage  
to assist those around us  
who may need our assistance.

Give us patience  
when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those  
who perished on  
United Airlines 93,  
American Airlines 11,  
United Airlines 175,  
American Airlines 77,  
and those in the Twin Towers  
and Pentagon.

Give us a heart  
thankful for those who gave their lives  
as first responders, as did the men and women  
who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One  
who first responded to our need for a savior,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.



The month of September is  
dedicated to the Seven Sorrows  
of Mary.

This devotion dates back to  
the 12th century, when it made  
its appearance in monastic circles  
under the influence of Sts. An-  
selm and Bernard.

The feast day is celebrated  
on September 15. The title, Our  
Lady of Sorrows, given to our  
Blessed Mother focuses on her  
intense suffering and grief dur-  
ing the passion and death of our  
Lord. Traditionally, this suffer-  
ing was not limited to the passion  
and death event; but it com-  
prised the seven sorrows (dolors)  
of Mary, which were foretold by  
the Priest, Simeon, who pro-

claimed to Mary: “This child [Jesus] is destined to be the  
downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be op-  
posed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that  
the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare.” (Luke 2:34-35)

This Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows grew in popularity in  
the 12th century, although under various titles. By the 14th  
and 15th centuries, the feast and devotion were widespread  
throughout the Church. The feast was inserted into the Roman  
calendar in 1814 when Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of  
September 15, now simply called the Feast of Our Lady of  
Sorrows.

1. “You yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the  
thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare.” (Luke 2:35).

2. “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to  
Egypt.” (Mt 2:13).

3. “You see that your father and I have been searching  
for you in sorrow.” (Luke 2:48).

4. Meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary;

5. “Near the cross of Jesus there stood His moth-  
er.” (John 19:25).

6. Jesus being taken from the Cross; and

7. At the burial of Christ.



## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, September 10, and Sunday, September 11 - Our St. Matthew "Sock it to Us" Campaign Begins!

~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~  
Saturday, October 15,  
and Sunday, October 16,  
2022 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Kick off!

### St. Vincent De Paul School Supplies Drive

Thank You Everyone!

Our St. Matthew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express our gratitude to everyone that contributed to the success of our recent school supply collection. Many parishioners generously gave of their time by purchasing and donating much needed school supplies for families that have been served by our SVdP conference members.

For financially challenged families living in our community that may not have adequate furniture for their homes and working appliances in their kitchens, the expense of providing sufficient school supplies for their children who are returning to school after the summer break can be difficult. With all your kind donations our parish family was able to provide 30 students with backpacks full of school supplies that included notebooks, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, folders, glue, rulers, calculators, and age appropriate books to help them get a good start on the school year.

It's always very gratifying to see the looks on the faces of the students when they're handed these backpacks with an assortment of much needed school supplies graciously donated by St. Matthew parishioners to this annual initiative of ours. The families we see are very thankful for what we're able to provide.

Thank you again to all in our parish for answering the call and making life a little brighter for those we serve. Your generosity and kindness is very much appreciated!

St. Matthew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Parents are like that shepherd in today's Gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.

### "PROJECT HOPE"

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IN THE BACK VESTIBULE!**

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



St. Matthew Parish is only \$6,000 from our internal goal of \$36,000. Your pledge or donation is vital to the sustainability of your St. Matthew's Parish.

We have met our CSA archdiocesan goal of \$18,511; however, our internal target of \$36,000 needs to be met. The theme of our campaign being "one (dollar) for the Archdiocese, and one (dollar) for St. Matthew's". Any money over and above our AoD target is returned to the parish for its use. So, let's "double down" and "repeat the success."

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to CSA. You won't regret it. It is an act of charity for the sustainability of St. Matthew Parish. God bless you for whatever you can do.



### "SOCK IT TO US"

Help "sock it to us" and keep people in our community warm this winter. From now until October 31, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Wayne County sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan are holding their 30th annual sock collection. This effort is part of "A National Day of Service and Remembrance" Project and is meeting an important need in the community. Socks, while necessary, are rarely collected and distributed. The socks we collect will be distributed to veterans and their families and human services agencies throughout Wayne County.

**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 2021, 19,336 pairs of sock were collected by 35 different agencies and individuals and then distributed to 18 community organizations. Your generosity last year yielded 568 pairs of socks which covered 1,136 feet.

Again this year, we are joining this effort to continue to help keep people warm this winter in Michigan. Their goal is to collect more socks than ever before, maybe reaching a total of over 20,000 socks!

A special "laundry basket" will be 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.

St. Matthew parishioners can make a difference by "socking it to us." With thanks from Catholic Charities of SE Michigan and RSVP.

### On the Lighter Side

An elderly woman was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. When she put the heavy package on the counter, the postal clerk asked, "Is there anything breakable in here?" "Just the Ten Commandments," the lady replied.

St. Teresa of Avila, upon slipping and falling into a mud puddle, reportedly stood up and cried to the heavens, "If this is how you treat your friends, then it's no wonder you have so few of them!"

Pope John XXIII, when asked how many people work at the Vatican, replied, "About half of them."

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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  
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# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

Saturday, September 17, 2022, 4:30 p.m.  
Liz Foley-Dunstone

## SERVERS

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, September 18, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
Bill Ridella

Lauren Gross  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, September 10 - Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

### Sunday, September 11 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Robert Stark, Betty Cummings, Paul Shepard

### Monday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

### Tuesday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

### Wednesday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 a.m. - For First Responders and Healthcare Workers

### Thursday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

### Friday, September 16 - St. Cornelius, Pope, St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - For an End to the War in Ukraine

### Saturday, September 17 - Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

### Sunday, September 18 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Anna Sasinowski, Faustina (Nenette) Ferreria



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