



# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

September 25, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



26<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31

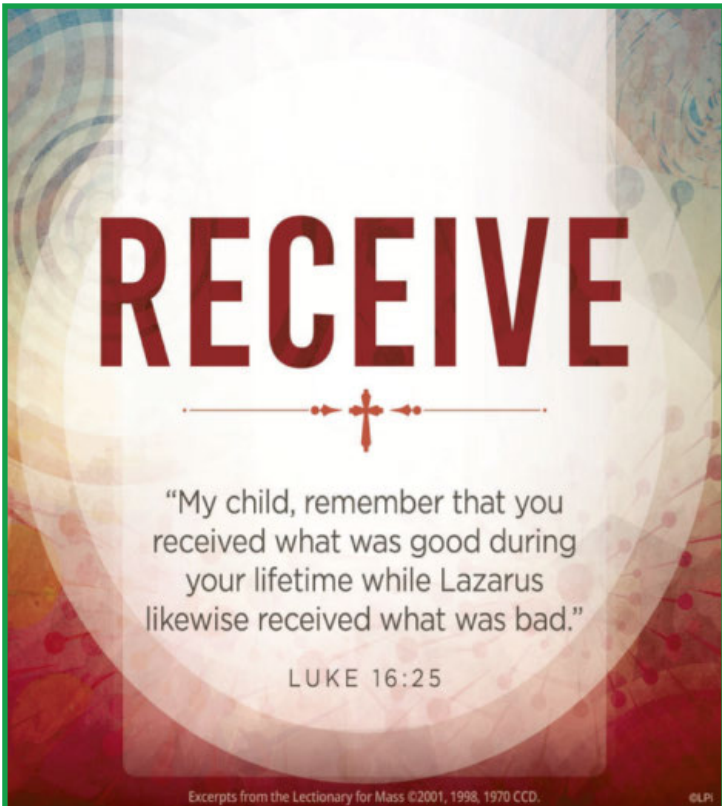


### From Father Duane's Desk

As we approach Election Day, the citizens of Michigan need to fully inform themselves about the reality of abortion. I explained last Sunday during my homily that abortions are not only morally evil, but it is unnecessary in today's culture. We, as Catholics, should be on the forefront of getting that message out to as many as we can, so that people will vote **NO** on Proposal 3.

I was intending to write a more in-depth article on this issue this week, but in the meantime Archbishop Vigneron sent a letter to all the faithful. In lieu of my comments this week, I would ask everyone to read the Archbishop's inserted letter in The Pulse today. The Archbishop states it very well. Lest we become inundated, let us reflect and speak out on the Archbishop's thoughts this week. I'll keep writing to you or putting information in The Pulse in the weeks to come until the vote is takes place.

But it is important that Proposal 3 is not passed in our State. Otherwise, as I mentioned Sunday, we will be in the ranks with North Korea and China as to our "liberal" abortion law.



RECEIVE

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad."

LUKE 16:25



**Congratulations!**  
**Jazmyne Reese**  
as She  
**Graduates with**  
**Honors from**  
**South Lake**  
**High School**

Jazmyne is the granddaughter of Josephine Beamer.

She graduated #5 in her class with a 4.0 GPA, was on the Honor Roll for four years, and served as President of the National Honors Society.

She was also a council member of Wayne State University's Statewide Program and will be attending Hampton University this fall to major in Nursing.

**God bless you, Jazmyne, and we wish you the best in your future endeavors!**

## Readings for the Week of September 25, 2022

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]  
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31  
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/  
Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/  
Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-  
2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51  
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10,  
13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,  
125, 130/Lk 10:17-24  
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-  
8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become “all about me,” preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are “useful” to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as “the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges.” In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel “entitled” to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life’s challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. “The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas).” Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.



## Feast Day, September 29th

The Catholic Church confirms the existence of angels, and that they are active in our lives. So, what is an angel? What is an archangel? And what makes them so special?

The Catechism states, “The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith,” (paragraph 328). The word, “angel,” comes from the Greek word, “aggelos,” which means, “messenger.”

The Bible recognizes, “nine choirs” of angels. Each choir has a name and a purpose. The Bible also mentions archangels. Archangels are recognized as leaders, and they are entrusted by God with special duties.

The Bible and the Church recognizes seven archangels, although just three are known by name, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael whose feast we celebrate this week.

### Archangel Michael

Archangel Michael is a powerful Archangel of protection. Michael oversees guardian angels, and he will help you to release lower energies of fear or worry, so that you can be open to experience the incredible love and light of Heaven and live a fulfilling life. Archangel Michael is one of the easiest Archangels to understand, and also one of the best known.

### Archangel Gabriel

Gabriel is the Archangel of communication, new beginnings, and strength. When called upon, Gabriel will bring you inspiring messages to assist you in finding your highest calling. Gabriel also works closely with authors, teachers, artists, councilors and more!

### Archangel Raphael

Archangel Raphael is the archangel who oversees healing for those of living on Earth. He is a well known and incredibly powerful angelic being, who is ready, willing, and waiting to help with daily fears. Through his guidance and your prayer to Archangel Raphael, you are able to strengthen yourself against physical difficulties.

### Prayer to the Three Archangels

*Heavenly King,*

*You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.*

*Saint Michael is our protector;*

*I ask him to come to my aid,  
fight for all my loved ones,  
and protect us from danger.*

*Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News;*

*I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice  
and to teach me the truth.*

*Saint Raphael is the healing angel;*

*I ask him to take my need for healing  
and that of everyone I know,*

*lift it up to Your throne of grace and  
deliver us back to the gift of recovery.*

*Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality  
of archangels and their desire to serve us.*

*Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.*

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, September 24, and Sunday, September 25** - Our St. Matthew "Sock it to Us" Continues!

**Saturday, October 1, 9 am** - 15th SVdP Annual Friends Walk, Belle Isle Park

**Saturday, October 1, and Sunday, October 2, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively** - SOCK Signature Card Campaign

**Sunday, October 2, following 10 am Mass** - St. Matthew St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting, Church Auditorium

~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~

**Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16, 2022 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Kick off!**

**Sunday, October 16, following 10 am Mass** - Flu Shots will be Available Courtesy of Rite-Aid Pharmacy, Church Auditorium

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul 15th Annual Friends Walk**

On Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 10 am, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 15th Annual "Friends Walk" will take place at Belle Isle. This event allows the entire metropolitan Detroit St. Vincent de Paul organization to proudly walk in support of our mission – hands on charitable work for people in need.

Walkers from our own parish here at St. Matthew's will participate in this event. All from our parish are welcome to join our conference members for this day of friendship and solidarity. If you're interested in walking, please contact the rectory office. A representative from our St. Matthew conference will be back in touch with you to fill you in with all the details.

Pledges are now being accepted by our SVDP Conference for the Friends Walk. Your donation in a fixed amount will help our conference provide much needed assistance to individuals and families living in our community. Donations in any amount are welcomed and will help us serve the less fortunate who reach out to us on a regular basis for such things as food, clothing, furniture, appliances, rent and utility assistance.

Your financial support will directly impact in a positive way those in the surrounding area of our parish that are struggling. All donations raised by St. Matthew's will be kept and used for charitable work by our parish SVdP conference. A pledge can be made by leaving a message at the rectory office to have one of our conference members arrange with you a time to collect your pledge.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. And please, come join us if you can on Saturday, October 1st, for our "Friends Walk". We would love for you to be a part of this inspiring event. All registered participants will receive a t-shirt and lunch immediately after the walk.

And to all parishioners who would like to know more about the work our SVDP conference does throughout the year, please plan to join us at our next meeting in the church auditorium right after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, October 2nd. We would welcome your input and energy to help serve our neighbors in need. If you're interested in possibility becoming involved with our conference but unable to attend our meeting please let us know and we'll find a time to talk and answer the questions you may have.

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



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.

### **2022 SOCK (Support our Capuchin Kitchen)**

Many people in our community are hungry. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen strives to satisfy not only physical hunger, but spiritual, social, and intellectual hungers as well. They are asking our parish to participate in their annual Parish Signature Drive in support of their programs and services.

On the weekend of Saturday, October 1, and Sunday, October 2, following the Masses, there will be a volunteer in the back vestibule to collection signatures and donations to support the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. **This is the only weekend we will have this opportunity!**

For a tax-deductible donation of \$20, you can join parishioners from throughout the Archdiocese in having your signature printed in the 2022 50th Anniversary SOCK program book.

Please help represent our parish in supporting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen!

### **A Family Perspective**

**by Bud Ozar**

In today's Gospel, the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently, ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?



### **"SOCK IT TO US"**

Keep people in our community warm this winter. 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 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, 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" is 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 CCSEM and RSVP.

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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  
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# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, October 1, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, October 2, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Mary Anne Pilette

Lauren Gross  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, September 24 - Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

### Sunday, September 25 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Fred Przybylski, Eloise Parker, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

### Monday, September 26 - Sts. Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs

### Tuesday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

### Wednesday, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

### Thursday, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

### Friday, September 30 - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

### Saturday, October 1 - Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Sunday, October 2 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - The Gerald Novelly Family

“  
WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME  
IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS  
AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.  
”

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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