



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

October 16, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



29th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

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**WELCOME TO THE KICK-OFF OF THE
20TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR GOLD'N HARVEST 50/50 RAFFLE
HOSPITALITY SUNDAY, FOLLOWS 10 A.M. MASS, CHURCH AUDITORIUM**

Readings for the Week of October 16, 2022

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/
Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19,
23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

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Brendan wouldn't stop. He continued nagging his mom to let him have a little more time with his phone. He knew the rules but wanted to finish a game and text a few more friends. He begged, had a temper tantrum, pleaded, screamed, pouted, and used every means he could think of to get Mom to change her mind. Mom had a busy day and was tired. At first, she held her ground. Then, her son's persistence got the best of her, and she caved. "Brendan, you can have 30 more minutes and no more!" she retorted. Brendan's determination paid off. He won.

Is this how it works with God too? If we want something enough and feel it is our due, does our persistence allow us to eventually get our way? Judging God by human standards, it would seem so. But is this the way God works? It gets a bit confusing when Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary" and then further tells them how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." If we catch God at the right time, when he's having a weak moment, then our tenacity ought to pay off. What we want, we will get. Really? Sadly, the way many approach prayer suggests that this is precisely how it goes.

Good parents set boundaries and offer proper discipline. They learn the art of being steadfast when presented with determined minds and wills. They know what is best and, at times, have to say "no." God is always there with His full attention and unconditional love showering itself upon us. God also knows what is best. And, as with any good parent, the one constant that is always available and never withheld is love.

We can be as persistent and determined as we want if what we are seeking is God's love. We are never a bother and requests for God's love are never denied. This is the prayer of the heart. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. God is never bothered by this prayer. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life freely flows.



**PRAY
UNCEASINGLY
FOR GOD'S
LOVE**



ST. JOHN DE BREBEUF
— and —
ST. ISAAC JOGUES
OCTOBER 19TH



Sts. John de BreBeuf and Isaac Jogues, October 19th

Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church. As a young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, a man of learning and culture, taught literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron Indians in the New World, and in 1636, he and his companions, under the leadership of Jean de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec. The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were beaten and tortured.

An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Several fingers had been mutilated, but Pope Urban VIII gave him permission to offer Mass: "It would be shameful that a martyr of Christ not be allowed to drink the Blood of Christ." Welcomed home as a hero, Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his safe return, and died peacefully in his homeland. But his zeal led him back once more to the fulfillment of his dreams. In a few months, he sailed for his missions among the Hurons.

Jean de Brébeuf was a French Jesuit who came to Canada at the age of 32 and labored there for 24 years. He went back to France when the English captured Quebec in 1629 and expelled the Jesuits but returned to his missions four years later. Although medicine men blamed the Jesuits for a smallpox epidemic among the Hurons, Jean remained with them.

He composed catechisms and a dictionary in Huron and saw 7,000 converted before his death in 1649. Having been captured by the Iroquois at Sainte Marie, near Georgian Bay, Canada, Father Brébeuf died after four hours of extreme torture.

These Jesuit martyrs along with eight other companions were canonized in 1930 and are the patron saints of North America and co-patron saints of Canada.

Reflection: Faith and heroism planted belief in Christ's cross deep in our land. The Church in North America sprang from the blood of martyrs, as has been true in so many places. The ministry and sacrifices of these saints challenges each of us, causing us to ask just how deep is our faith and how strong our desire to serve even in the face of death.

PRAYER FOR LIFE

Loving Father, giver of all life, we praise you
for the mystery and beauty of all creation,
especially the way you have created us
in your own image.

Deepen our respect for your presence
in every human person from the first moment
of conception until last natural breath.

According to your will, O Lord,
use us as your instruments to bring about the conversion
of all who do not yet share of our vision or commitment
to the dignity of the life of the unborn and the dying,
the chronically ill, the disabled, and migrants.

Make us instruments of your peace and keep us all
from the evils of war and violence.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16 - Our St. Matthew "Sock it to Us" Continues!

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

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

Saturday, October 22, and Sunday, October 23, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - World Mission Sunday Collection



2022 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

We are entering our 20th year of the Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle. It is our hope that we will again meet with success. We ask your participation in purchasing the tickets and especially selling the tickets. We need that extra effort reaching out to family and friends to make the raffle succeed. It's time to "take it to the streets."

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 4. You will be welcome to join your fellow parishioners for the drawing which will be live-streamed allowing those who cannot attend to experience the event. A catered breakfast will be served courtesy of Majestic Café.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday 2022

In Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday, he quotes the Acts of the Apostles 1:8: "You shall be my witness."

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries, and offers each of us an opportunity to support the presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. Please be generous! Envelopes are in the pews for your use.



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



What Your CSA Pledge Supports -

Black Catholic Ministries offers programs and outreach to diverse communities of Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The CSA is committed to improving the spiritual and social needs of black Catholics and joining those needs with the mission of the entire archdiocese—sharing Christ in and through the church. As Christ's disciples, we also attempt to share our culture with others through evangelization and leadership programs.

And remember to please prayerfully consider your pledge to the CSA. Not only are you supporting the ministry work of the archdiocese, but also it is your charitable act towards the sustainability of St. Matthew Parish. God bless you for whatever you can do.

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

Thank you to all who have already donated socks to help keep people in our community warm this winter. You will have the opportunity until October 31st 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 2021, 19,336 pairs of sock were collected by 35 different agencies and individuals and then distributed to 18 community organizations.

This year, St. Matthew Parish is continuing the effort to help keep people warm this winter in Michigan. 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.

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



STOP the Anything Goes Abortion Amendment Defeat Proposal 3

- Vote **NO** either in person on Tuesday, November 8, or by absentee ballot beforehand.
- Check your voter registration status and learn how to vote properly by visiting the Michigan Voter Information Center at mvic.sos.state.mi.us.
- Encourage your relatives, friends, coworkers, and parishioners to register to vote for the election and to vote **NO** on this proposal.
- Pray that the outcome of the election may be one that will protect and uphold the dignity of human life.

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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	William Walker IV
Stephanie Smith	Nancy Clemons
Janet Law	Robert Rabe
Laura Alix	Lynn Simoncini
Jo Marie Nardi	Joan Nardi
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Joanne Papineau	
Elsa Camazzola	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, October 22, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Bryan Jones

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, October 23, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

William Zuerblis

Emmanuel Kole-James

Samuel Kole-James

Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 15 - Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Raphael and Emma March

Sunday, October 16 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - The Rowe Family, Norma Gayer

Monday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday, October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist

9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Wednesday, October 19 - Sts. John deBrebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - Richard Goll, In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for Employment

Thursday, October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Friday, October 21 -

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

Saturday, October 22 - Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 23 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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correspond to
the designs of
God, He will
make a saint
of you.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS



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