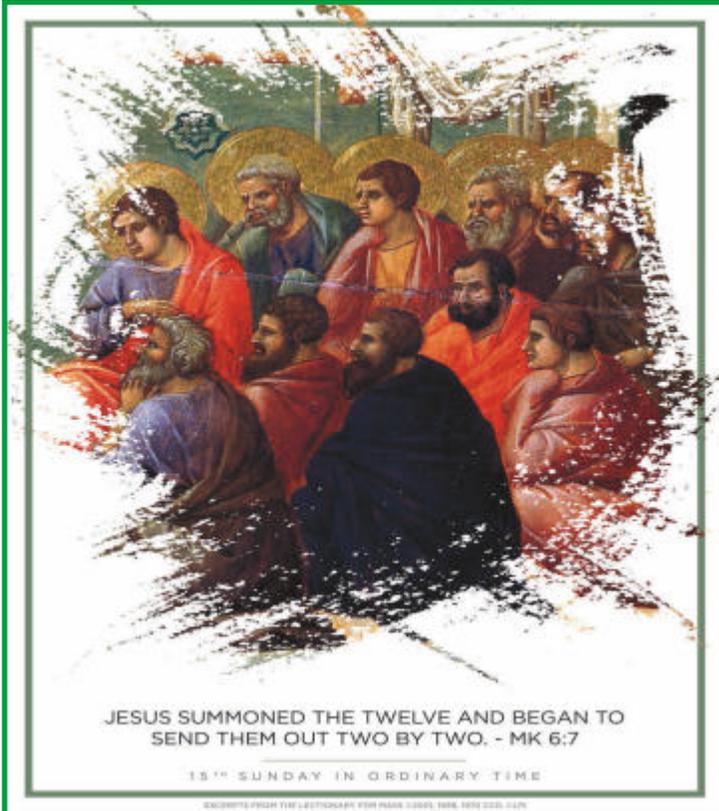




# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

July 11, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



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What shall I render unto the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?



### St. Matthew Parish Report July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Budget/52 Weeks: @ \$2,442 (rounded)	\$127,000.12
Actual/52 Weeks:	\$103,122.89
Online Giving/52 Weeks:	<u>\$40,795.00</u>
Total Actual/52 Weeks:	\$143,917.89
<b>Overage/Shortfall:</b>	<b>\$16,917.77</b>
Average Collection/Sunday:	\$2,767.65
Average % of Budget/Sunday:	113.32%
Average % <b>over</b> (under)/Sunday:	<b>13.32%</b>
Debt Reduction Envelope/52 Weeks:	\$3,048.00
Online Debt Reduction Giving:	<u>\$935.00</u>
Total Debt Reduction Giving:	\$3,983.00
<b>NET OVERAGE FOR FY 2020-2021:</b>	<b><u>\$20,900.77</u></b>

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### 2021-2022 Report Catholic Services Appeal

*This report is from May 1, 2021 through July 7, 2021. Payments and pledges for 2021-2022 Campaign are accepted through May 31, 2022.*

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| CSA AoD Goal:   | \$17,822.00        |
| Total Pledged:  | \$17,520.00        |
| Total Paid:     | <u>\$13,225.00</u> |
| Pledge Balance: | \$4,295.00         |

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|---------------------|----------|
| Refund Anticipated: | \$0.00   |
| Refund Issued:      | \$0.00   |
| Average Pledge:     | \$380.87 |

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| Pledges Made:        | 46  |
| Pledges Fully Paid:  | 37  |
| Pledges Outstanding: | 9   |
| Parish Families:     | 201 |

## Readings for the Week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/  
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13  
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/  
Mt 10:34—11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/  
Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/  
Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27  
[8a]/Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,  
17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-  
15/Mt 12:14-21  
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-  
18/Mk 6:30-34



### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true.

The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

## From Father Duane's Desk



God certainly has been good to us through the support that so many and so generously have given to St. Matthew's. Please take note of the "smiley face" report. It is a full fiscal year end report of the Sunday envelope contributions which include the debt (deficit) reduction envelope. You can see that we surpassed our budgeted figure for envelope income. I am so pleased, and I want to say thank you!

Now, what does that exactly mean for our overall budget? Well, as good as it is, we still do not have a balanced budget, but through additional donations and withdrawals from our savings, we are able to pay all our bills and make necessary and planned maintenance expenses. In short, we did not have to withdraw as much from our savings account. In fact, we only had to take \$35,000 from our account to make operational expenses, the lowest in over 10 years. That means with the extra CSA money we generated the last two years and from special donations we received from generous contributors, we were also able to take care of the maintenance projects we scheduled last year and can address those we are scheduling for this year. (In the fall, I'll make a complete listing of what we have accomplished through the ongoing decisions of the Parish and Finance Councils.)

Regarding our current CSA, we have 46 parishioners who have pledged giving us a total of \$17,520. We are still shy of our goal by \$302. I am a little disappointed. In the past two to three years, we have exceeded our goal and were able to offset our expenditures as I indicated above. This year, we set a theme of *\$1 for the AoD and a \$1 for St. Matthew's*, thus internally doubling our target. In fact, this was a much lower target than the last three years. Those that pledged did a great job, but many have not yet responded to this year's CSA. In fact, 157 parishioners have not responded to either the AoD or St. Matthew's appeals. If you have not made a pledge, I hope you reconsider. I know this administration of the CSA is different this year coming from the AoD, but I do make an appeal to please respond with what you have done in the past when it was administered at the parish level. If you are having trouble responding, we will help you locally. Just call the parish for help or materials in order to respond.

On the matter of the flood damage, the insurance company and the contractors have reviewed everything, and the claim is being filed. The church auditorium needs a good and heavy cleaning and disinfecting. But, the rectory may require more extensive work. Carpeting will need to be replaced in two basement conference rooms, and the tile is popping up off the floor and will need to be removed. Unfortunately, the tile is asbestos, and abatement will be required. I am afraid that the auditorium and rectory basements will not be able to be used for some time. We are just coming out of the pandemic, and now this issue occurred. Well, that's life! Please say a prayer for our community of St. Matthew.

God bless all of you,  
Father Duane

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Enjoy the week.  
See you next Sunday!

### What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.



### St. Kateri Tekakwitha Lily of the Mohawks

Lord God, you called the virgin, Kateri Tekakwitha, to shine among the American Indian people as an example of innocence of life. Through her intercession, may all peoples of every tribe, tongue, and nation, having been gathered into your Church, proclaim your greatness in one song of praise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen



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### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus sent out his apostles without a lot of "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things." Garage sales only transfer "things." We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



**Witnessing Christ through Vocations - Your Gifts at Work** - Realizing society's focus on secular careers over vocations, the Office of Priestly Vocations has launched an initiative to encourage young people to discern God's specific plan for them. Held quarterly, "Cultivating the Call" begins with Holy Hour and includes a casual dinner, Adoration, Benediction, inspiring music, and testimonies from priests, religious brothers and sisters, and seminarians.

Parents are able to bring their children to these gatherings, but anyone who works with young people can attend as well to learn about engaging in more conversations about vocations, according to Father Joe Horn, director of Priestly Vocations.

"We don't talk about it, we don't have that conversation, listen to a young person and encourage them to accept God's vocation, or to look at their future as a vocation rather than just a career builder," he explained.

The CSA supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life through regional gatherings like "Cultivating the Call" and "The Watchmen," as well as discernment retreats and a vocation day for junior high students at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and events with Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron.

The Priestly Vocations Office also provides outreach to parishes and schools and vocations literature, brochures, and prayer cards.

"Listening to God's call for your life will lead to your ultimate happiness, not choosing the career that gives you the most money or seems most thrilling," said Father Horn. "A vocation is not something you do, it's who you are."

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBER  
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GO OUT INTO  
THE WORLD TO  
DO GOD'S  
WORK THEY'RE  
NOT ALL  
GOING TO  
LOVE YOU.



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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.<br>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    | Jesse Ocampo       |
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| Eduardo Fajardo        |                    |
| Aurora Guinto          |                    |

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, July 17, 2021, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, July 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Mary Anne Pilette

Jermaine Donaldson  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, July 10 - Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

**Sunday, July 11 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 a.m. - The Misuraca Family, Chuck Schuster

**Monday, July 12 -**

**Tuesday, July 13 - St. Henry**

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

**Wednesday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

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

**Thursday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Friday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

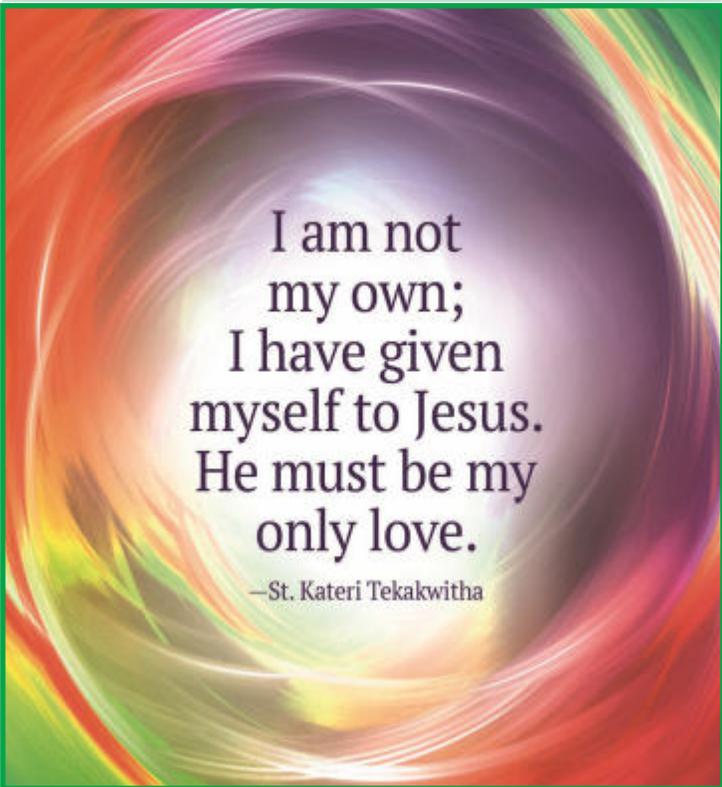
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Saturday, July 17 - Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2:00 p.m. - Nowicki / Novelty Nuptial Mass  
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Church

**Sunday, July 18 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 a.m. - Mary Noreen Kaminski, James Brus, Jr. (9th Anniv)



I am not  
my own;  
I have given  
myself to Jesus.  
He must be my  
only love.

—St. Kateri Tekakwitha

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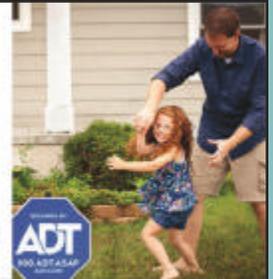
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