



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

September 26, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b

## Readings for the Week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/  
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-  
23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7  
[Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/  
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/  
Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/  
Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/  
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

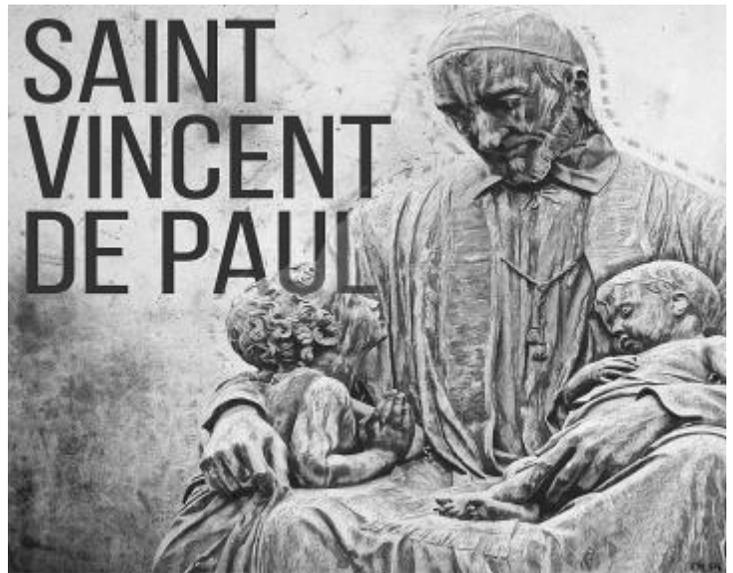
### **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

What are the little ones?  
They are the poor, the marginal-  
ized, the women and men at the  
well, the Zacchaeus' looking for  
Jesus from a tree, those mired in  
sin, the blind who want to see,  
and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the  
different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and  
the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and  
oppression. They are children who want nothing more than  
to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are  
all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already  
brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry  
of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures  
that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the  
cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurt-  
ing? We have the resources and the means to make things  
better. We choose not to. There are still those things called  
greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that  
prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved  
and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things  
to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter  
who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end  
result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always  
unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things  
that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us  
have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the  
world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideolo-  
gies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than  
equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the  
greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and  
believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem,  
does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As  
members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone any-  
thing that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good  
place to start is with our own households and making sure  
their foundations are properly laid.



### **Apostle of Charity Feast Day, September 27**

Vincent de Paul was born in Gascony, France on April 14, 1581, to a family of peasant farmers. He had four brothers and two sisters.

He studied humanities in Dax, France and graduated in theology at Toulouse. He was ordained in 1600, remaining in Toulouse until he went to Marseille for an inheritance. In 1605 on his way back from Marseille, he was taken captive by Turkish pirates, who brought him to Tunis and sold him into slavery. After converting his owner to Christianity, Vincent escaped in 1607.

Upon his return to France, he went onto Rome where he continued his studies until 1609. He was sent back to France to serve King Henry IV as chaplain to Marguerite de Valois. He was also the parish priest at Clichy for awhile, later serving the Gondi family as confessor and spiritual director to Madame Gondi. He began giving preaching missions to the peasants on the estate with her aid.

Vincent de Paul was appointed chaplain to the galleys, and in this capacity, he gave missions for the galley slaves.

In 1625, he founded the Congregation of the Mission, a society of missionary priests commonly known as the *Vincentians* or *Lazarists*. In 1633, with the assistance of Louise de Marillac, he founded the Daughters of Charity. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity.

In 1705, the process of de Paul's canonization was instituted. On August 13, 1729, Vincent was declared blessed by Pope Benedict XIII and canonized eight years later by Pope Clement XII on June 14, 1737.

His body was exhumed 53 years after his death, and it was shown to have little decay. When it was exhumed at his canonization, however, it was determined that decomposition was caused by an underground flood. His bones are preserved in a wax case, and his heart is still incorrupt and displayed in a reliquary in the motherhouse chapel of the Daughters of Charity in Paris.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was established by French university students in 1833 lead by Blessed Frederic Ozanam. The Society is active and present in 132 countries continuing the good work of St. Vincent de Paul.

In our own parish, we give special recognition to those *Vincentians* who serve the poor and marginalized in our eastside community. God bless them for the work that they do!

**St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!**

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~  
Saturday, October 16,  
and Sunday, October 17  
2021 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Kick off!



### "SOCK IT TO US"

Help "sock it to us" and keep people in our community warm this winter.

Until October 31st, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Wayne County sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan are holding their 29th 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. Socks collected 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 2019, 9,868 pairs of sock were collected by 22 different agencies and individuals and then distributed to 18 community organizations.

This year, St. Matthew Parish is joining the effort to continue to help keep people warm this winter in Michigan. It is the goal to collect more socks than ever before, maybe reaching a total of over 10,000 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.

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



TO

MATTHEW DUBAY AND ANNA LOVINS  
WHO ENTERED INTO HOLY MATRIMONY  
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021,  
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
ON YOUR NEW LIFE TOGETHER

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



### Witnessing Christ through Vocations -

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.

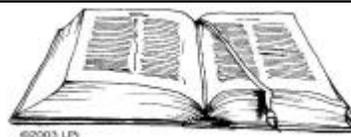
Parents are able to bring their children to these gatherings, but anyone who works with young people can attend as well to learn about engaging in more conversations about vocations, according to Father Joe Horn, director of Priestly Vocations.

"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."



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The words in today's Gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents, we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to parched five-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes, we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

*Prayer in Honor of St. Vincent de Paul*

*O God, your son, Vincent, preached the  
Good News to the poor.*

*May we continue to be effective instruments  
of Christ to those most in need.*

*O God, give us the strength and creativity  
we need to stand in solidarity with  
those who suffer.*

*May our hearts be filled with  
compassion and love.*

*O God, you call us to be followers of  
St. Vincent de Paul,  
grant us the grace to be  
"inventive to infinity"*

*in serving the poor and suffering! Amen.*

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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	Mary Spansky
Stephanie Smith	Marie Kane
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# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, October 2, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Bryan Jones

Sunday, October 3, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Mary Ann Pilette

Lauren Gross  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, September 25 - Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

10:00 a.m. - For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

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

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

9:00 a.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

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

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

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

### Friday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

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

### Saturday, October 2 - Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Sunday, October 3 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

## HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS FEAST DAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

ANGEL OF GOD,  
MY GUARDIAN DEAR,  
TO WHOM GOD'S LOVE  
COMMITS ME HERE,  
EVER THIS DAY  
BE AT MY SIDE,  
TO LIGHT AND GUARD,  
TO RULE AND GUIDE.  
AMEN

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