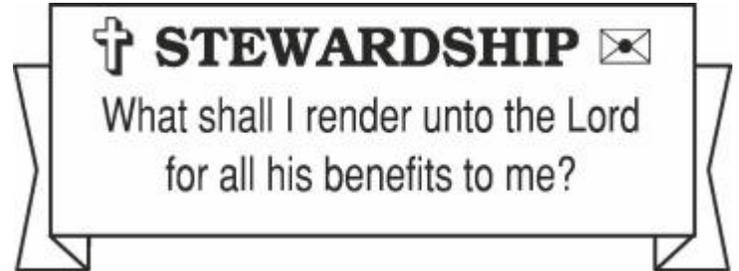
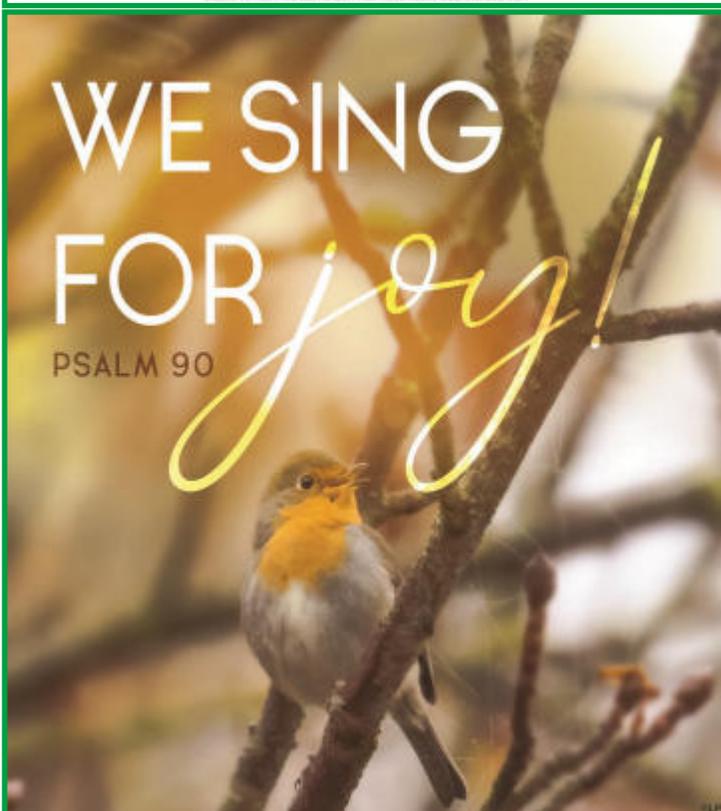
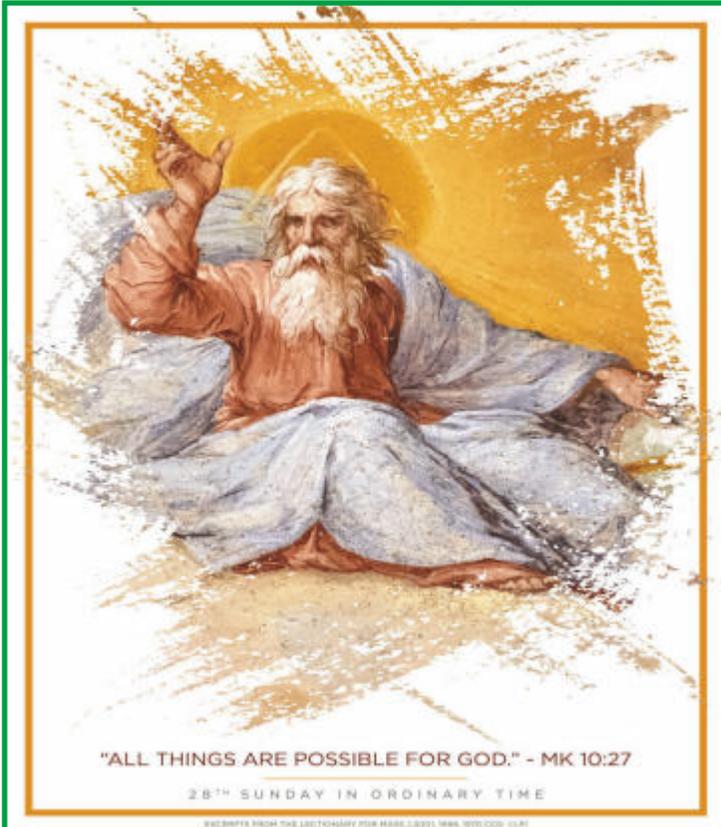




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

October 10, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



St. Matthew Parish Report July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021

Budget/13 Weeks: @ \$2,442 (rounded)	\$31,750.03
Actual/13 Weeks:	\$20,678.21
Online Giving/13 Weeks:	<u>\$11,060.00</u>
Total Actual/13 Weeks:	\$31,738.21
Overage/ Shortfall to Date:	(\$11.82)
Average Collection/Sunday:	\$2,441.40
Average % of Budget/Sunday:	99.96%
Average % over (under)/Sunday:	.04%
Debt Reduction Envelope/13 Weeks:	\$664.00
Online Debt Reduction Giving:	<u>\$260.00</u>
Total Debt Reduction Giving:	\$924.00
Net <u>Overage</u> for 2021/2022 1st Quarter:	<u>\$912.18</u>

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**2021-2022 Report  
Catholic Services Appeal**

*This report is from May 1, 2021 through October 6, 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:  | \$46,259.18        |
| Total Paid:     | <u>\$39,189.18</u> |
| Pledge Balance: | \$7,070.00         |

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Refund Anticipated: | \$28,437.18 |
| Refund Issued:      | \$6,527.18  |
| Current Refund Due: | \$14,840.00 |
| Average Pledge:     | \$571.10    |

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Pledges Made:        | 81  |
| Pledges Fully Paid:  | 62  |
| Pledges Outstanding: | 19  |
| Parish Families:     | 201 |

## Readings for the Week of October 10, 2021

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/  
Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27  
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/  
Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/  
Lk 11:42-46  
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/  
Lk 11:47-54  
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43  
[8]/Lk 12:8-12  
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/  
Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

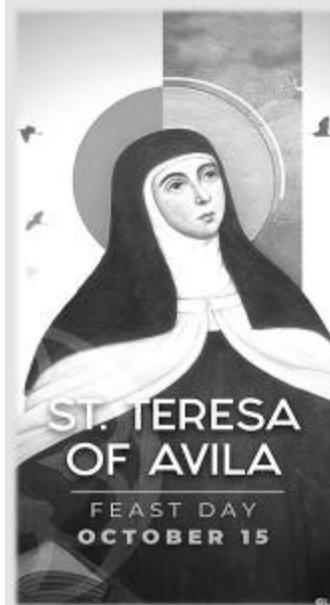
If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar.

Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions.

To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.



### St. Teresa of Ávila Feast Day, October 15

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Ávila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.



**Every October** within the Catholic Church, **Respect Life Month** is celebrated to focus on defending and cherishing life from conception to natural death.

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

*Let us pray...*

*Good and gracious God,  
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.  
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.*

*Give us the courage to take that unpopular position  
of protecting those who have no voice,  
the unborn child in the womb  
to the person taking his or her last breath.*

*The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.  
Embolden us to speak the truth  
about protecting the child, the elderly,  
and the one without a voice in the public square.*

*With thankful hearts,  
we ask all this of the One God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Tuesday, October 12, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Church Auditorium

Saturday, October 16, and Sunday, October 17, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - 2021 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Kick off!

Join your fellow parishioners for a Hospitality Sunday following the 10 am Mass!

### 2021 Gold'n Harvest Raffle



Next week we will have our kick-off for the 2021 Gold'n Harvest Raffle. Your tickets will be in the mail along with a letter of instruction soon. The parish is still in the process of restoring, repairing, and securing our parish property, so it is important that we have full participation to meet these expenses and maintain our sustainability.

We are cautiously moving toward normalcy in our daily lives. To some, our motto "take it to the streets" may not be practical. However, we need your participation.

Our drawing is on Sunday, December 12, at approximately noon. In the interest of safety and the well-being of our parishioners, the parish breakfast prior to the raffle drawing will not take place again this year. Details will be announced later as to how we will celebrate the drawing. One way will be to live-stream the drawing so those who are not able to join us can experience the event.

### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's Gospel, Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn't let go! In families, our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach, and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves.



## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



### What is the Catholic Services Appeal? -

The Catholic Services Appeal is an annual campaign that raises funds for Archdiocese of Detroit ministries, programs and services that benefit all the faithful in southeast Michigan. This archdiocesan-wide campaign communicates that the local Church extends beyond the parish.

Since the CSA was introduced in the early 1980s, it has been conducted through parishes with the support of materials and guidance from the archdiocese. The CSA is an opportunity for the faithful to respond to Christ's command "to love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12) by helping to fund services throughout the broader area of southeast Michigan.

This collaborative, archdiocesan campaign is a way to demonstrate the unity of the larger Church and to fund these vital programs, as opposed to simply increasing the archdiocesan assessment of parish offertories.

### "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 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. A special "laundry basket" has been 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.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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    | Mary Spansky       |
| Stephanie Smith        | Marie Kane         |
| Janet Law              | Mike Dulapa        |
| Laura Alix             | Kathy Bush         |
| Jo Marie Nardi         | Sue Allasio        |
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