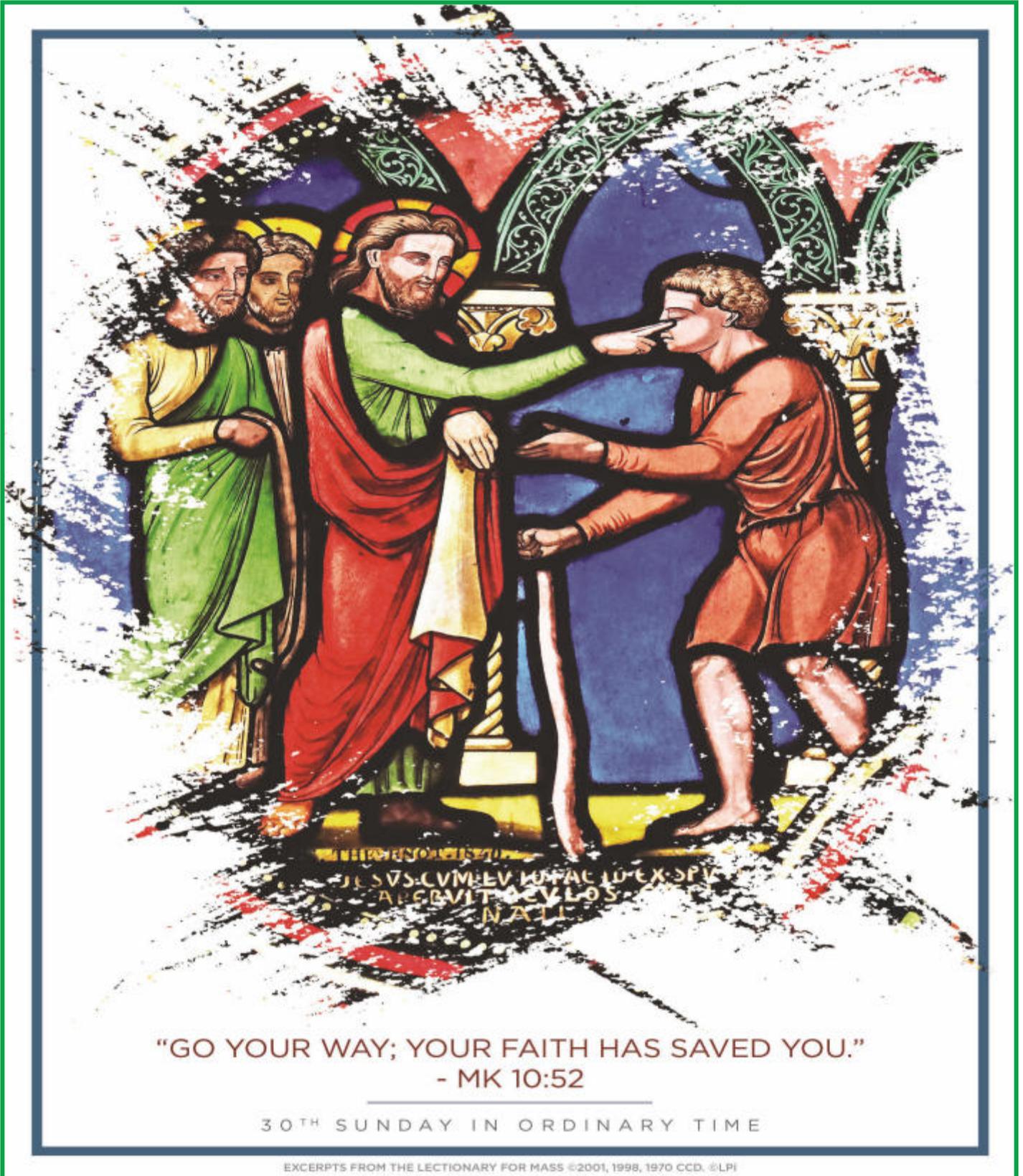




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

October 24, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



"GO YOUR WAY; YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU."
- MK 10:52

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union

with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It’s all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that “to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul.

Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God’s mercy is always available.

It doesn’t matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God’s, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.



There is often a crosshatch of bloody scratches on the right cheek of statues of the suffering Christ in Latin America. It’s called the “Judas Kiss,” a reminder of Judas Iscariot’s act of affectionately greeting Christ and betraying Him in one sinister gesture. No one kneels before a statue of Judas Iscariot in a Catholic church. No one lights a candle to Judas asking that he restore their lost sight or heal their child’s cancer. But Judas Iscariot wasn’t the only Judas among the Twelve Apostles.

Today’s Saint Jude (or Judas) was often confused with his evil contemporary. Since Judas Iscariot was so despised and ignored, and since he shared a name with the good Jude, a tradition gathered over the centuries of petitioning today’s saint

only when all other saints had failed to answer one’s prayers. Saint Jude became the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes, then, probably because of the faithful’s reluctance to seek the intercession of one whose misfortune it was to share a name with Christ’s betrayer. Out of confusion or an abundance of caution, Saint Jude thus became a saint of last resort. When the dam was barely holding, when a pulse could no longer be felt, when the rains wouldn’t come, a candle was lit to Saint Jude, hoping against hope, that he would respond.

Saint Simon the Apostle is called the “Zealot” in Saint Luke’s Gospel. This may describe his zeal for the house of the Lord or denote his membership in a radical Jewish sect. Zeal is, in any case, a virtue. It must be joined with prudence to ensure that it does not offend for the sake of offending. A zealous soul will, however, lovingly provoke others to consider the things of God through his words, actions, and appropriate silences. Zeal for the house of the Lord has migrated to other concerns in many parts of today’s world. While religious zeal has unfortunately come to be understood as a negative virtue, zeal for planet earth and various other more “acceptable” causes are now seen as positive. The intentional disciple, however, understands zeal in its historical sense as a burning concern for perennial truths, not mere fads, and as a proactive form of love for all those things that lead mankind to God. God is a person, after all, and depends on His friends to defend Him.

Saints Simon and Jude disappear from the pages of the Gospels after the brief mentions of their names. Nothing is known of either of them with any certainty, not even where they evangelized or where they met death. As Apostles, however, we know with certainty that they were key actors in laying the deep foundations of the Church in the rock-solid substrata of the Middle Eastern culture in which they lived.

St. Simon and St. Jude, pray for us!



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, October 23, and Sunday, October 24, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively - World Mission Sunday, Collection for Propagation of the Faith

Sunday, October 31
~ HAPPY HALLOWEEN ~

Monday, November 1, All Saints Day, 9 am Mass - This year the obligation to attend Mass on this Holy Day is lifted. However, you are welcome to attend and celebrate!



2021 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

It is hard to believe that we are entering our 19th year of the Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle. Hopefully, we will again meet with success. We ask your participation in purchasing the tickets and especially selling the

tickets. As we slowly recover from the pandemic, an extra effort is needed to reach out to family and friends to make the raffle succeed.

This fundraiser also brings our community together working for a common cause as we combine our energies to raise money for the parish and strive for a balanced budget. In these last 18 years, we have cumulatively grossed \$455,360 in sales, with \$227,680 in winnings with the same amount returned to the parish.

You have received your letter 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.

Due to the health and safety precautions issued by the Archdiocese, we will not hold our catered breakfast on Sunday, December 12, the day of the drawing. There will be a small gathering of parishioners, and the drawing will be live-streamed to allow those who cannot attend experience the event.

More tickets are available after the weekend Masses and at the rectory.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection to day for the Society for the Propagation supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



This is a time for our parishes and communities to do what we do best: rise up. In southeast Michigan, we are no strangers to challenges, and we, with the grace and love of God, have always been resilient, rising from the ashes and overcoming these trials.

We haven't stopped working to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, or equip individuals to know the love of God. We have not stopped sharing the Gospel! But this mission isn't something we can do alone.

Your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal makes all these efforts possible. It powers our Christian Service programs and outreach, helps us learn how to better share Jesus in our diverse and multicultural Detroit community, and helps individuals families grow closer to God even while physically distances. Your gifts to the CSA does all this, and so much more. Make your pledge today! Don't delay!



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

Four hundred sox in a box!

Thanks to all who have donated **new socks** to help keep people in our community warm this winter. Next Sunday is the deadline for donations that will 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.

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. 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. CCSEM and SVP of Wayne County will receive new socks donated in all sizes and colors! There will be many happy feet!

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 will make a difference by **"socking it to us."** *Let's fill another box with sox!*

The Office of Cultural Ministry presents The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir

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Sunday, November 7, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

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For More Information



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

When Jesus asked the blindman, "What do you want from me?" He asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Okay, that is your prayer.

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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
Janet Law	Mike Dulapa
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Lolita Dorado	
Albert Fajardo	
Eduardo Fajardo	
Aurora Guinto	
Jesse Ocampo	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

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

Dan McBride

Sunday, October 31, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Bryan Jones

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 23 - Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - Vaughn and Pat Adams

Sunday, October 24 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Monday, October 25 -

Tuesday, October 26 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Wednesday, October 27 -
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, October 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Friday, October 29 -
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, October 30 - Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan (8th Anniv)

Sunday, October 31 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. - For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and
Consecrated Life



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