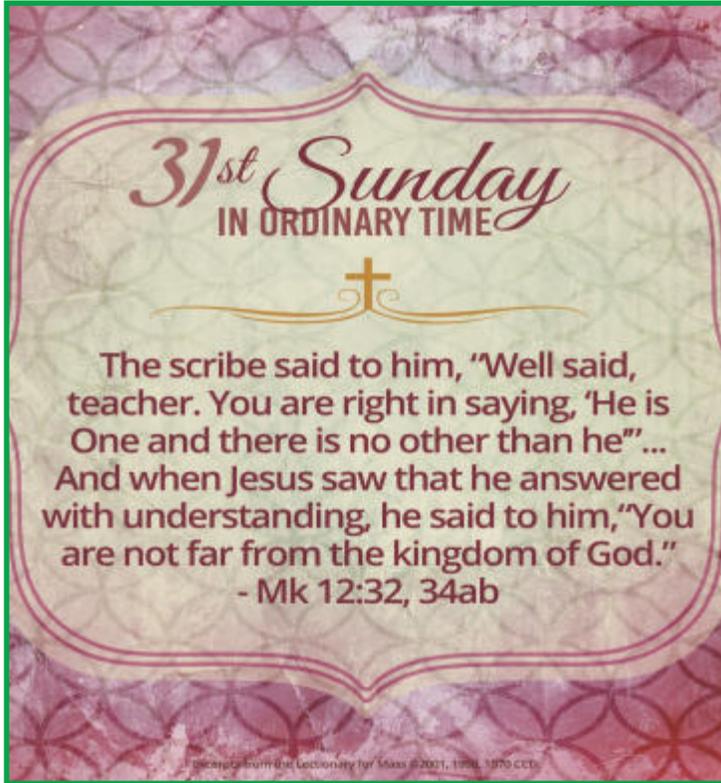




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

October 31, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



From Father Duane's Desk

You will obviously notice on the front page of The Pulse pictures of the removal of our organ. We will be presenting a series of these pictures throughout the next few weeks, so that you can see the work being done and the "rough shape" our organ console was in.



We knew this day would come sooner or later and we "kicked it down the road" as long as we could. But it had gotten to the point where we had to address the issue. We could no longer patch it up. Couplers were not coupling, stops stopped playing, dampers no longer damped, and organists were not just frustrated but were actually cutting their fingers on broken keys as they played. It was time for a **re-build**.

As luck would have it, God did send an angel to help us. It came in the form of St. Philomena's patrimony. As unfortunate as it was for St. Philomena to close, the fine people of St. Philomena's, thanks to the good administration by Msgr. Pete Lentine having kept their parish property in good order, the Archdiocese was able to sell their buildings at fair market value.

At the closing of St. Philomena's, St. Matthew Parish received 25% of the geographical territory of the parish while St. Paul on the Lake received 30% and St. Clare 45%. Based on these percentages, the parishes divided up the patrimony from the sale of the buildings. Thus, we were able to invest in re-building our organ.

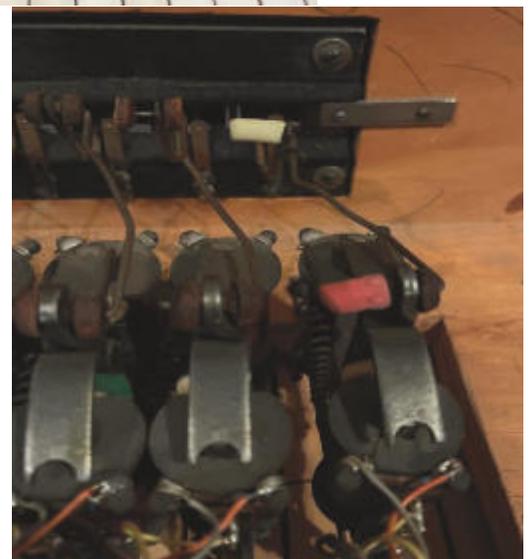
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The organ restorers dismantling the organ, preparing it for transportation to their shop for the rebuild.



Broken coupler tablets. Take note of the missing ivory cover plates and splintered keys.

A coupler mechanism that Joe patched together with two pencil erasers.



Readings for the Week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or
4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-
40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/
Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
[cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

From Father Duane's Desk (cont'd)

It is nice to know that St. Philomena's parishioners who came here to St. Matthew's can feel proud that their long standing efforts helped a neighboring parish and its worship environment.

The rebuilt organ console will last long into the future, and I am happy that we were able to take on this long overdue project. Again, I will keep you updated through pictures and descriptions in the coming weeks.

The completion of the organ and re-installation is expected sometime during the Advent season. Therefore, we will have our organ back for Christmas. Pray that all goes well.

However, maintenance issues always plague an older facility, and we ran into a major plumbing issue in these past few weeks. It began with a leaking pipe embedded in the wall of the lady's rest room in the auditorium. In order to fix it, the entire water system in the church and rectory had to be shut down. However, we were not able to close the main valve due to age and corrosion. We quickly realized this was a major problem. For if we ever needed to shut the water off for a major break in a line, we could not do it. The valves needed to be changed.

After the City of Detroit shut down the main line to our complex, the valves were changed, and the rest of the bathroom work could go forward. But these issues do cost and the price came to just over \$5,000. It seems nothing is cheap!

We are now safe from another catastrophe as we continue to wait for the rectory basement; i.e., tile, carpeting, wallpaper to be put back in place. We pray the next issue, and there will be one, will not be as expensive.

God bless all of you,
Father Duane

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe

there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and side-tracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own well-being and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

November 1st, All Saints Day is a special feast day on which we as Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. While most saints have a particular feast day on the Catholic calendar (usually, though not always, the date of their death), not all of those feast days are observed. And saints who have not been canonized — those who are in Heaven, but whose sainthood is known only to God — have no particular feast day. In a special way, All Saints Day is their feast.

All Saints Day is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored.

By the late 4th Century, this common feast was celebrated in Antioch, and Saint Ephrem the Syrian mentioned it in a sermon in 373. In the early centuries, this feast was celebrated in the Easter season, and the Eastern Churches, both Catholic, and Orthodox, still celebrate it then, tying the celebration of the lives of the saints with Christ's Resurrection.

The current date of November 1 was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741), when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Gregory ordered his priests to celebrate the Feast of All Saints annually. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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!

Tuesday, November 2 - General Election Day, 7am to 8 pm

Saturday, November 6, 2:30 pm - Wisniewski / Lozon Nuptials

Sunday, November 7 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Tuesday, November 9, 6:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Church Auditorium



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the gift of Father Duane, who responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on his behalf. Fill him with the sure knowledge of your love. Open his heart to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead him to new depths of union with your Son, Jesus.

Increase in him profound faith in the Sacraments he celebrates as they nourish, strengthen, and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that Father Duane may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of his example, as a man of prayer who ponders your word and follows your will.

*St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests,
pray for us and for our priest, Father Duane Novelly*



2021 Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle

Our 50/50 raffle is underway. The letters are out enclosed with tickets, and as is expected this early in the raffle, sales are slow. However, in spite of this time in the COVID aftermath, you can contact all your friends and family and ask them to participate.

Returns can be made and additional tickets are available after the weekend Masses and at the rectory. Mark your calendars for the day of our drawing, Sunday, December 12. There will be a small gathering of parishioners and a virtual streaming of the drawing. The three lucky winners will be announced as well as the Seller's winner.

Keep up your good work, as we look forward to another successful year!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



How is the archdiocesan assessment different from the Catholic Services Appeal?

Introduced in the early 1980s, the CSA funds most of the ministries of the Archdiocese of Detroit, while the assessment supports Archdiocesan Operations. In other words, the assessment primarily covers the administrative expenses of the archdiocese, whereas the CSA funds ministries.

Numerous parish ministries benefit from CSA-supported archdiocesan departments and institutions, including Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools, and Parish Life and Services. The Office of Priestly Vocations, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, archdiocesan-wide Rite of Christian Initiation for adults (RCIA) programs, and the long-running, locally-produced televised Mass for Shut-Ins receive CSA funding. Because gifts to the CSA enable the Detroit Archdiocese to offer these ministries, programs, and services, parishes do not need to self-fund these efforts, which would be beyond the resources of any one parish to establish and sustain.

The CSA also funds contributions from the Detroit Archdiocese to six national and international Catholic ministries, which benefit from annual appeals issued by the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Because contributions to these ministries are made through the CSA, special collections for these ministries are not conducted in parishes of the Detroit Archdiocese. The six annual appeals funded by the CSA include:

- 1) Church in Latin America, 2) Black and Indian Missions, 3) The Holy Land, 4) Catholic Home Missions Appeal, 5) Catholic Communication Campaign, and 6) The Catholic University of America.



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

Four hundred and eighty-seven pairs of sox in a box! All colors, all stripes, polka-dots, and curly-ques in all sizes. Your generosity has no bounds! Many folks will be so grateful to you for your donations of **new sox** to help keep people in our community warm this winter.

We are wrapping up our "sock it to us" effort this weekend. Catholic Charities will be collecting all the socks soon to prepare them for delivery 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 sox 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 sox.** 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!**



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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
Laura Alix	Kathy Bush
Jo Marie Nardi	Richard Goll
Anthony Crimauco	Tim Fitzgerald
Rosemary Schoolcraft	Kristen Freiburger
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