



Saint Matthew Church *The PULSE*

April 22, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

Readings for the Week of April 22, 2018

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/ Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/ Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/ Mk 16:15-20
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/ Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/ Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

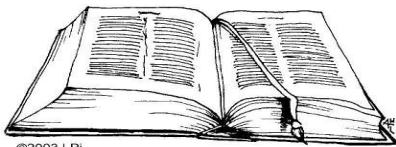
4th Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader. "I am the Good Shepherd? I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. "I lay down my life in order to take it up again? I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again." Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world.



Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the "hired man" who "runs away" from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences. The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. "I know mine and mine know me." We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, "sheep not of this fold." Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives.

While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep. In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people, the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."



April 25th, St. Mark the Evangelist

Much of what we know of St. Mark comes from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. Mark the Evangelist is believed to be the "John Mark" referred to in the Acts of the Apostles. Mark was the son of Mary of Jerusalem whose home became a meeting place

for the apostles; he is also a cousin of Barnabas.

He joined St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their first missionary journey to Antioch in 44 AD. He soon returned to Jerusalem missing his home city. Paul believed that Mark would not be a good missionary if he was missing his home. Paul refused to allow Mark to accompany him on his second journey to the churches of Asia Minor. This mistrust ended upon Paul's imprisonment in Rome when Mark visited him frequently while he was planning a return trip to Asia Minor.

Mark did return to Asia Minor and in time came back to Rome and was probably there when Paul was martyred. Mark's own martyrdom came at the hands of a mob dragging him through the streets of Alexandria where he lived for many years and established the Church of Alexandria. Mark wrote his Gospel between 60 and 70 AD which was based on the teachings of St. Peter. Mark, like Luke, was not an apostle but learned of Jesus's teachings through Peter.

In 828, the relics of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice. They are enshrined in the beautiful cathedral dedicated to him. Mark's symbol is a winged lion. He is often depicted as writing or holding his Gospel. He is also shown as a bishop on a throne or as a man helping Venetian sailors. St. Mark is the patron saint of Venice.



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A Prayer to the Living God of the Cosmos

*Abiding Presence of Love,
Your Universe is a pathway to revealing
Your Divine Presence everywhere.
Evolution is a cosmic roadmap,
charting out of chaos, Your creative expressions of Love.
I am an Earthling, life and beauty surround me.
With childlike wonder and awe, I seek to know You.
What my mind cannot comprehend,
my spirit surrenders and trusts as Holy Mystery.
Where do You dwell? How do I find You?
Silence is Your dwelling place, stillness your habitat,
Your breath of life fills sacred presence in all.
I often feel Your ever-present communion,
creative energies, abiding love, enduring peace
when I honor my kinship with all that is.*

*O, Divine Spirit, I open my mind and heart,
to listen
to hope
to respect all beings,
to live as one global family. Amen!*

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, May 5, following the 10 am Mass
- Hospitality Sunday, CSA Kick-off!

Tuesday, July 31 ~ SAVE THE DATE ~
Parish Tiger Game Outing: Tigers vs Red Sox

April in Paris "A Jazzy Soiree"

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CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Christian Service - Next week's Christian Service Coordinators Association Retreat will focus on "Making Time for Jesus."

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal provide funding for this retreat, which will help Christian service coordinators - through prayer, conversations, presentations, and quiet time - explore some simple but life-changing habits and prayerful practices so their lives are deeply and constantly rooted in their friendship with Jesus. Sister Janet Schaeffler, OP, will serve as presenter.

The retreat will be held at St. Mary's Retreat House in Oxford on Wednesday, April 25, and is hosted by the Archdiocese of Detroit along with Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

2018 CSA "DOUBLE DOWN"

~ GRAND OPENING ~

WEEKEND OF MAY 4TH & 5TH

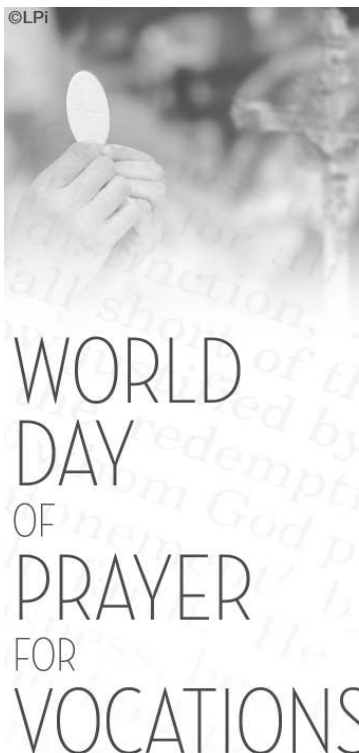
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~ EXCITE ~

~ EXCEL ~

Congratulations!

Julie Smith, you had a fabulous run in the Boston Marathon in spite of the challenging weather. You are truly a winner! Your family and your fellow parishioners are proud of your accomplishment.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God, You call each person by name and invite them to follow you.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may each person hear and respond to the call they have received.

We pray for all discerning marriage, the chaste single life, consecrated life, or ordained ministries, that your Holy Spirit would guide, inspire, and strengthen them. May your Church and the world be enriched by the "yes" of your children. Amen.

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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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.

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SERVERS

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Marie Vortkamp

Liz Smith

Ian Campbell

Sunday, April 29, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Veronica Obianwu
Greg Redman
Jean Solomon
Kristen Stark

Bryan Jones

Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 21st - Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Zenon Kolasa, The People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, April 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Lincoln Chrysler, Judy Stark, Stella Urso, Arthur Pilette, Ursula Otto

Monday, April 23rd - St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday, April 24th - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

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

Wednesday, April 25th - St. Mark, Evangelist

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

Thursday, April 26th -

Friday, April 27th -

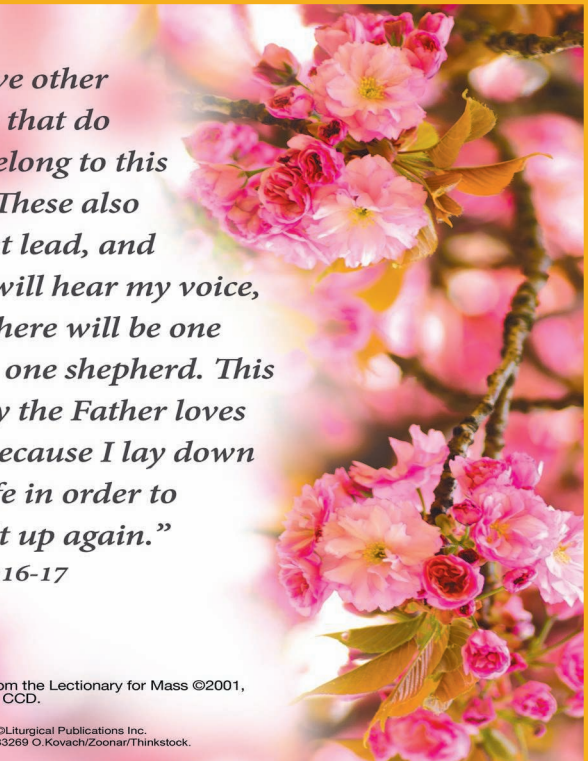
9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday, April 28th - Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Paul Coen (4th Anniv), Aurora Guinto

Sunday, April 29th - Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Peppino Moroni, Lincoln Chrysler, Judy Stark, For an Increase in Vocations and the Consecrated Life



*"I have other
sheep that do
not belong to this
fold. These also
I must lead, and
they will hear my voice,
and there will be one
flock, one shepherd. This
is why the Father loves
me, because I lay down
my life in order to
take it up again."*

- Jn 10:16-17

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