

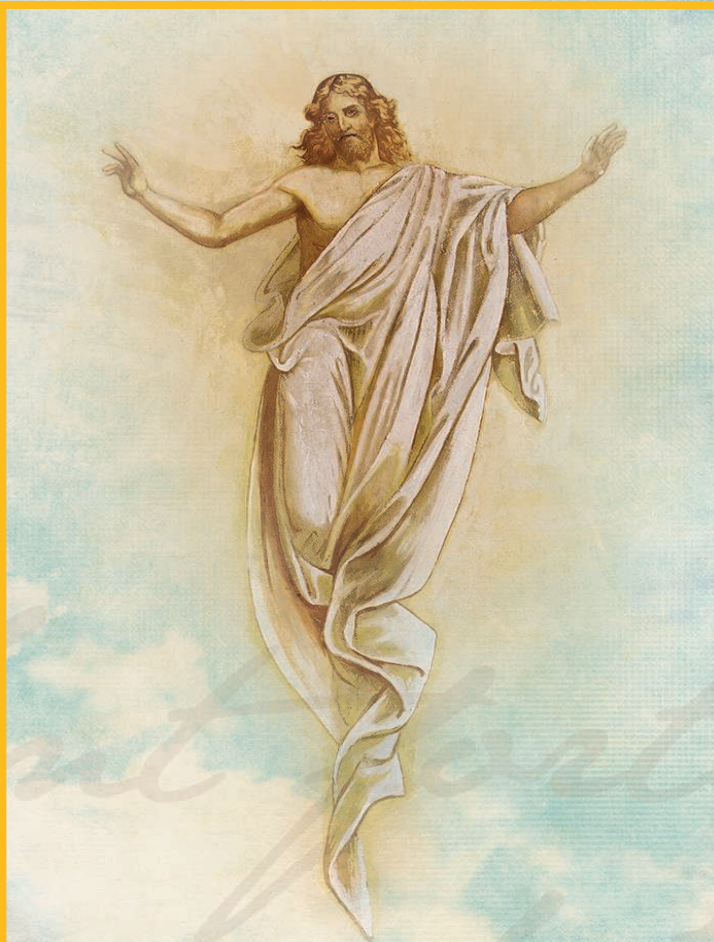


Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

May 13, 2018

Detroit, Michigan

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Feast of the Ascension



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We Honor and Love You

Happy Mother's Day!

To all St. Matthew Parish

**Mom, Mamas, Mommies, Mothers,
Grandmas, Grandmothers, and Nanas!**

**No matter what endearing name
we call them,**

**we are ever grateful for their
constant love, care and support.**

God bless all our mothers, living and deceased.

**Special Mother's Day Wishes to all Mothers
especially Frances Smith,**

Dora Papineau, Yvonne Smith,

Jean Damman, and Julie Smith

from Jeff and Phil Smith

*Mothers
hold their
children's hands
for a while,
but their hearts
forever.*



Readings for the Week of May 13, 2018

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:
Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: *Vigil:*
Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended *Vigil:*
Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension is an interesting feast when you think about it. We celebrate Jesus leaving! Jesus' first departure from the earth was sudden and unexpected, at least to his followers. That Good Friday departure was characterized by sorrow, confusion, and loss. This departure has a different feel: anticipation.

Today's Gospel is full of the mighty deeds Jesus predicts for his followers. "In my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents [with their hands], and if they drink any deadly thing it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." Mark's account of the Ascension is abrupt and succinct. "Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven." Jesus ascends and the Apostles go. "But they went forth and preached everywhere."

The real moment likely had a bit of lag time. Realistically, the Apostles had quite the task in front of them. Can you imagine those first few moments on the hilltop after Jesus disappeared, as the Apostles met each other's eyes? "This is it. He really is gone this time. It's up to us now."

Mark's abrupt transition from Ascension to action makes his meaning clear. The Ascension isn't just about Jesus. It's about us. Are we ready to go? Are we ready to be commissioned? This is the heart of the Ascension message -Jesus leaves so we can go. We might not "go into the whole world," but we all live in a corner of it. The command to "proclaim the Gospel" isn't a call for everyone to be formal preachers of the Word. We do, however, proclaim our beliefs with the way we live our lives. Do our lives proclaim Easter joy?



Stewardship

In the Church, we observe a liturgical calendar that takes us through the life of Jesus and highlights fundamental doctrines of our faith. Starting with this Sunday, our observance of the Easter Season continues for one more week until the celebration of Pentecost. While many outside of the Church only see Easter as a one-day celebration, we celebrate for an entire season, much like we do during Christmas as well. Of course, this calendar only serves to remind us and point to greater realities. We are not called to be more generous at Easter or Christmas than we are on other days. We do not choose to love more during one time of the year. The fact is that Jesus is alive right now and at all times is calling us to give of ourselves.

When we make an intentional decision to follow Jesus and adopt a stewardship way of life, we commit ourselves to this journey 365 days a year. We are an Easter people at all times. The high and low points of our journey are not tied to a liturgical year, but instead to our own experiences of life and shortcomings. A season or holiday may make it easier to have a giving attitude, but we need to do the same when little around us is pointing us in that direction. It is sometimes when few are paying attention that love and generosity are most needed.

The Catholic Services Appeal

As Father Duane mentioned in his Pulse article last week, we are witnessing a different PERSPECTIVE for our CSA Campaign this year. The PERSPECTIVE of utilizing this effort as a fundraiser for the parish to revitalize our savings after the expenses of maintenance repairs needed last year. We have a new theme, "doubling down," that will target those non-givers and lead to a doubling up of participation from years' past.

We are asking that you PREPARE yourselves to see results of these efforts. A CSA Committee has been formed under the leadership of Bill Zuerblis and John Dunstone, CSA co-chairs. This Committee's function is to contact those non-givers via letter, phone call, or even a tap on the shoulder.

Then, we ask that you PARTICIPATE in this effort. An internal parish target of \$30,000, almost twice the amount of \$15,804 established by the Archdiocese, has been set. The parish will do all that is possible to reach this target. Last year, our pledges amounted to nearly \$27,000 with a return of those pledges amounting to approximately \$25,000. ***This we can do!***

*Loving and generous Father,
We ask You to open the doors of our hearts to grow
In our love of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Help us to grow through prayer and the Gospel,
as we strive to spread the Good News
as a band of joyful missionary disciples.
Help us to grow in our love of our neighbor,
as Jesus commanded.*

*Help us to grow in our faithful stewardship of the
boundless blessings You have given us, sharing those gifts
of time, talent, and treasure as we advance Your Kingdom
on earth through prayer and good works.*

*Bless us, Your co-workers throughout the Archdiocese,
as we dedicate ourselves to carrying on the earthly ministry of
your Son through the ministries, programs, and services of our
Catholic Services Appeal*

*We humbly ask these blessings through Christ, Our Lord,
Who lives and reigns together with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, May 12, and Sunday, May 13,
4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively -
CSA Campaign Continues

Wednesday, May 16, 6 pm - Tentative
Jazz Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference
Room (re-scheduled)

Sunday, May 20, 10 am Mass - Pentecost
Sunday, Neophytes Declare their Chosen Parish
Ministry; Installation of New Parish Council
President and Evangelization Chairperson;
**Mother's Day Layette for Pregnancy Aid
ends.**

Jazz Nite 2018 ~ Final Financial Report

Income:

Ticket Sales/Table Sponsorships	\$16,125.00
Special Parisian Sponsorships	\$10,070.00
50/50 Raffle	\$1,154.00
Program Book Advertising	\$2,650.00
Total Income:	\$29,999.00

Expenses:

Marchiori Catering	\$9,129.39
Heart 'n' Soul Combo	\$900.00
Decorations	\$416.53
50/50 Raffle Disbursement	\$577.00
Program Book Development	\$333.93
Office/Administrative	\$172.07
Total Expenses:	\$11,528.92

Total Profit: \$18,470.08

The success of this fundraiser would not have been possible except for the financial support of parishioners, their friends and families. Also, in no small part the time and talent of the Jazz Nite Committee members, who gave all to its success. God bless you, everyone!

Note: If you had your photo taken at the Eiffel Tower during our *April in Paris* event, you may pick it up next weekend in the back vestibule of the church. There are two of each, one for you and one for a friend! They are 8 x 10, and additional copies are available by contacting Patrick Lusch.

Also note: Everyone looks stunning!

Pregnancy Aid Annual Layette Drive Ends Next Week!

The Baby Bassinet for Pregnancy Aid is at the Blessed Mother's Altar ready for your donations. Items may be placed there through Sunday, May 20th. Items needed include 0-6 months outfits, onesies, new or gently used strollers or bouncy seats, crib sheets, and blankets. If you are considering a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope marked *Pregnancy Aid* and place it in the offertory collection basket. **Do not place any monetary donations in the bassinet.** Any donation is gladly accepted! Your support of this effort is part of St. Matthew's community outreach.



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Vocations - "Send Laborers into the Harvest," a symposium on parish vocation ideas, will be held next Wednesday, May 16, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Beverly Hills.

The symposium is designed for anyone interested in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but especially pastors, parish youth and faith formation ministers, parish pastoral councils and commissions, and school principals and teachers. Participants will learn how to stimulate parish prayer programs, establish special devotions and arrange Holy Hours and Adoration for vocations; strengthen the Catholic faith among college students; and organize a parish vocation committee.

This event of the archdiocesan Office of Priestly Vocations and Detroit-Oakland Serra Club is free because of your gifts to the CSA.

PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

*Christ our Teacher,
you conveyed your message through parables
and proclamations, through mighty deeds and miracles,
through silence, sacrifice, and love.*

*On National Teacher Day, may all educators be
inspired by your example of patient invitation to truth.*

*Grant them the grace to lead by example,
to teach with wisdom and authority,
and to treat every child with dignity.*

*May they be strengthened to continue in this necessary work
for the Kingdom of God. Amen.*

YOUR CSA PLEDGE OPTION

You have the option of paying your pledge electronically, by credit card or electronic funds transfer (EFT) from a bank. This process saves paper as well as postage, because it eliminates the need to mail monthly reminders. With thousands of generous donors contributing to the CSA each year, this amounts to a considerable environmental savings and is good stewardship. You can set up your donation or pledge online at www.stmatthewdetroit.com.

Important Note 1: If you plan on making recurring payments to cover a pledged gift, be sure to create an account so you can make payments, receive reminders, and track your payments. If you prefer to make a one-time gift, you may use the "Quick Give" option from the website. If you use "Quick Give", be sure to select St. Matthew Parish from the list of parishes!

Important Note 2: If you currently participate in our Online Giving for your weekly envelopes, you will notice the CSA pledge/payment website is virtually identical. However, it is NOT the same site, and you will need to create a second username/login account to manage your CSA pledge and payments.

You also can call (888) 331-8695 to make an online or EFT request. If you have trouble, please reach out to Patrick Lusch (patrick.lusch@gmail.com) or 313-587-5819.

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

As Jesus appointed apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family: "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always."

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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.

Chuck Schuster
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Regina Butler
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Laura Bush-Terry
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Alice Mocerri
Jean Wright

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Janet Bielman
Janet Law
Marie Vortkamp

LECTORS

Saturday, May 19, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Liz Foley-Dunstone

SERVERS

Mary E. Dunstone

Sunday, May 20, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Beverly Goll
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu
Greg Redman
Jean Solomon

Mary Ann Pilette

Ian Campbell
Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 12th - Vigil: Ascension of the Lord

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, All the Mothers of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, May 13th - Ascension of the Lord

10:00 a.m. - Robert Keyes, Annette Laige, Judy Stark, Shirley Goll, Mary Merlo, Ponina Stellino, Rita Allman, Robert Lynn (16th Anniv), Sylvia Novelly

Monday, May 14th - St. Matthias, Apostle

Tuesday, May 15th - St. Isidore

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Karen Bush-Nutting

Wednesday, May 16th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Thursday, May 17th -

Friday, May 18th - St. John I. Pope and Martyr

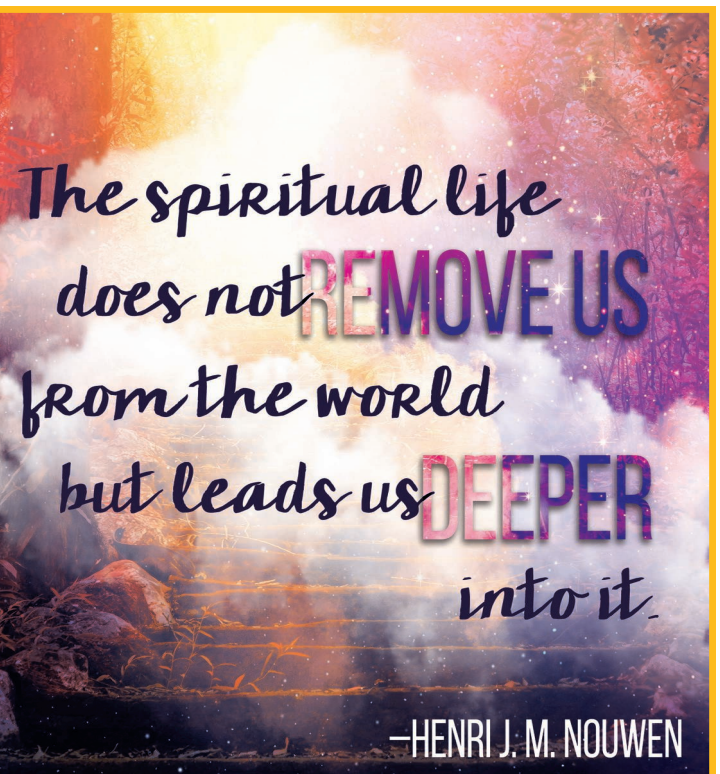
9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Saturday, May 19th - Vigil: Pentecost

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Sunday, May 20th - Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark, Anthony Nardi, Rev. Robert Allman



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