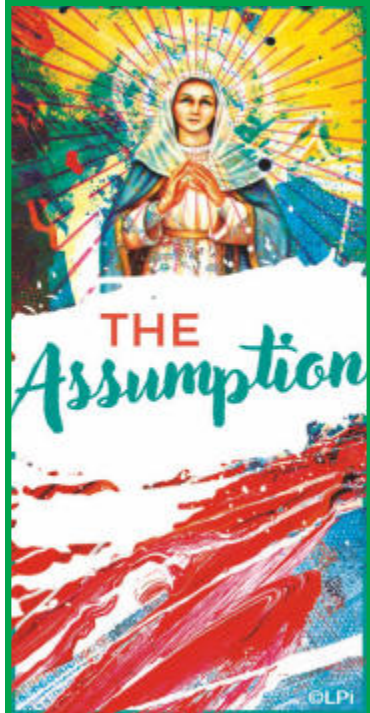
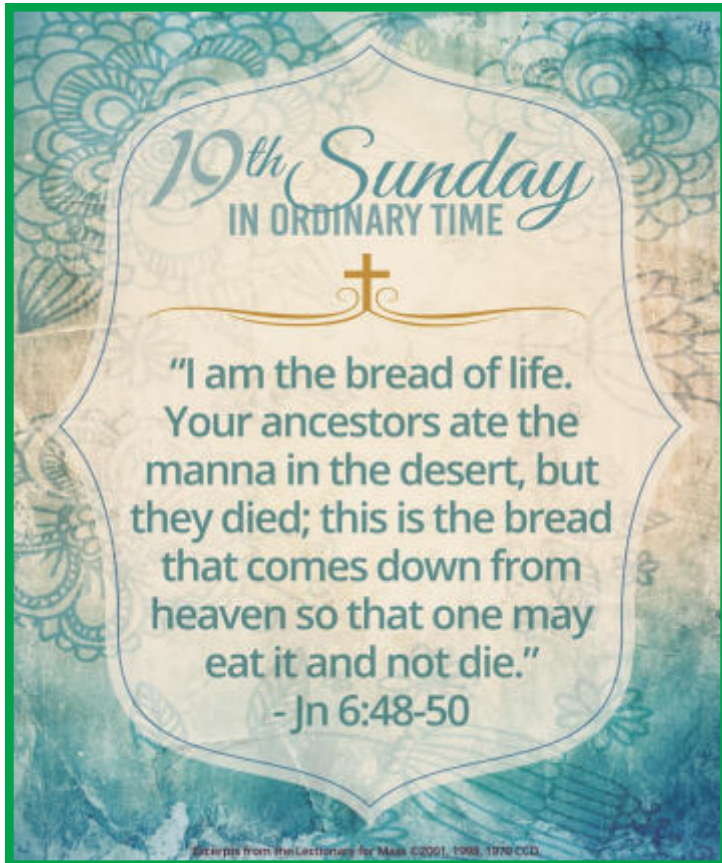




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

August 12, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



**Wednesday
August 15th**
**Assumption
of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary**
**A Holy Day
of Obligation**
**Masses
Celebrated at
9:00 a.m.
and
7:00 p.m.**



From Father Duane's Desk

Farewell -

As students begin returning to school, one of our staff, John Godoshian, our Sunday receptionist in the rectory will be leaving, too. Headed for Indiana University, he begins his first year after graduating from Grosse Pointe North this past June. John has been with us for three years and has managed the front office on Sunday with grace and dignity. I, for one, will miss his presence. But from working with him, I know he will do well in school, and an exciting life lies before him. We are fortunate to have his replacement, Charles (Charlie) Ramsdell also from Grosse Pointe North and a member of St. Paul Parish along with his family. He will be on the front desk on Sundays from now on, and I'm sure you will get to meet him. To John, I and the parish wish you good luck and thanks for the time you served St. Matthew Parish.

CSA -

I am so pleased with the success of our "double down" campaign for CSA. We not only made our self-imposed goal of \$30,000 but exceeded it by \$3,690, and the effort is still on going. Our CSA Committee has reached out to a number of non-participants so that we could reach our goal of CSA pledge givers. As of this writing, we have 106 who responded, and others are still considering. If you can encourage anyone to help us out, our success will be more than appreciated as we continue our sustainability. Again, I want to personally thank all who participated. Some gave very generously; all who gave did so sacrificially. And all are appreciated. God bless you for responding to our effort of "doubling down."

School Supplies -

Last week, Sean O'Connell, from the Boy Scouts of America made a presentation to the parish on his Eagle Scout project. Back in January, he approached me with an idea for the project to collect school supplies for kids throughout the area. He partnered with our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers so that the project would reach a wider area and be more robust than what we could do on our own. Sean is reaching out to other parishes, organizations, and schools to collect the needed supplies. And with the help and direction of our SVdP, he will be able to assist students in our entire east district. Sean is a very capable young man. We wish him good luck in his efforts and his goal of receiving his Eagle Scout award. Not many reach that high honor. So I ask you to support him in his effort and keep him in your prayers.

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Readings for the Week of August 12, 2018

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/
Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
[103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7,
9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11,
12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/
Mt 18:21--19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,
18-19 [12a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
[9a]/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

From Father Duane's Desk (cont'd)

Holy Day -

Remember this Wednesday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Make sure you set time aside for Mass. In the midst of our busy routine, stop, reflect, and pray through Mary's intercession for the gift God gave us in her bearing the Savior of the world. Remember the Assumption celebrates the fact that Mary was **taken up** to heaven without her body seeing corruption. Where she has gone, we hope to follow.

Michigan Catholic -

As of the end of August, the Michigan Catholic newspaper will cease to be published. As is the case with print media, digital communication seems to be undermining it, and the paper is no longer able to survive. This will definitely have an impact upon older parishioners and people who do not receive their news electronically (myself included). Adjustments will have to be made; and next week, I will write about this more extensively.

God bless you
and have a good week!

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Have you ever approached a hushed group and were certain they were talking about you? It's an uncomfortable feeling to catch people murmuring about what you did, said, or didn't do. It breeds division and exclusion. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites

us to just the opposite.

The reading opens with the crowds "murmuring" their doubts about Jesus after he has proclaimed himself the Bread of Life. "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? how can he say 'I have come down from heaven?'" In his response, Jesus brings up the Israelites and the manna God brought them in the desert. If you turn back to the story in Exodus, you'll see another similar word: murmuring. As the going got tough, the Israelites doubted Moses and God's plan to protect and care for them as a chosen people. Here, Jesus proposes a difficult theological concept. Jesus himself is "the living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world."

This is not an exclusive concept. "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Why? Because "the Father who sent me draw[s] him." The next time you're at Mass, take a few moments to watch the communion line. Young and old, families and singles, diverse races and cultures and stories? we are all drawn to the Eucharistic table. Catholic doctrine may require faith, but it is a faith possible for anyone who seeks truth. Christianity does not hide behind locked doors in an exclusive clubhouse, whispering behind the backs of nonbelievers. Jesus compels us to share the love of God the Father for his children, that we one day be joined with Him and "live forever."

Explaining the Assumption

In 1950, Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical *Munificentissimus Deus*, dogmatically defined the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In his teaching he states that "at the end of her earthly course, Mary was assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul." He also wrote that it was not new doctrine he was defining, but rather formalizing the revelation given us through the Apostles. Interesting to note is that the encyclical simply speaks of the end of her life and does not talk about her death. The Church leaves it to pious opinion and does not have a defined position on if or how Mary died.



*Never be Afraid of loving
the Blessed Virgin too much.*

*You can never love her more than Jesus did.
(St. Maximilian Kolbe)*

Courage and sacrificial love mark the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. He became a priest of the Franciscan order. Dedicated with evangelization, he published a magazine to teach the Catholic faith and encourage devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, Fr. Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz. One day a prisoner escaped from the camp. The Nazi punishment was harsh. For one escapee, 10 must die in his place. The guards picked 10 men at random. One began to beg for his life on behalf of his family, and another man stepped forward and offered to take his place. Fr. Kolbe was sentenced, along with the other nine men, to death by starvation. For this "martyr of Auschwitz," a life of devotion culminated in one heroic, Christ like act.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

"Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's Gospel. Complaining is a dead-end, and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better, but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Wednesday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation, 9 am and 7 pm Masses

Farewell!

John Godoshian, our Sunday office assistant. John will be attending Indiana University this fall and will be pursuing studies in Finance and Business Management. We will sorely miss him "at the desk" on Sundays having enjoyed his presence, his faithfulness to the task, and his sense of responsibility for these past three years. We know and trust that he will continue to grow into adulthood as a Christian gentleman and achieve whatever success he seeks. God bless you, John, and good luck!

Welcome

~ We welcome our newest parishioners ~
Valeria Coleman of Detroit
and
Jowanna Edwards of Detroit

We are glad that you decided to join the
St. Matthew Parish Community.
We hope that you find your spiritual home here.
~ God bless you both ~

2018 CSA "DOUBLE DOWN"

~ DOUBLE THE PARTICIPATION ~
~ DOUBLE THE SUCCESS ~
~ PARTICIPATE ~
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~ PAY ~

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.
We ask these blessings through Christ, Our Lord,
Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.
Amen.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Sacred Heart Major Seminary/Institute for Ministry - Many students are registering for classes at Sacred Heart Major Seminary this month, thanks to Parish Empowerment Fund scholarships funded by gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal.

Our major seminary not only prepares men for ordination to the priesthood and the permanent diaconate, it offers degree and certificate programs for lay women and men seeking to be "new evangelists for the new millennium" at the Institute for Ministry. Through discernment and theological reflection, the institute guides and challenges commuter students to deepen their commitment to spiritual growth, attend to their call, and identify their gifts for service in the Church.

For more information about Sacred Heart Major Seminary or the Institute for Ministry, please go to www.shms.edu.



Hello, St. Matthew's Community

Sean O'Connell was here last weekend with a plea for assistance in gaining his Eagle Scout designation. He is a junior at Grosse Pointe South and a Boy Scout from Troop 96 out of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. He is currently working on his Eagle Scout project.

Part of the requirements for achieving the highest rank in Scouting, the Eagle rank, is completing a project benefiting the community.

For his Eagle project, he will be doing a school supplies drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Eastern Conference of which St. Matthew is a part. This will include collecting backpacks, calculators, Trapper keepers, 3-ring binders, 2-pocket folders, spiral notebooks, age appropriate scissors, rulers, crayons, construction paper, glue sticks, pens, highlighters, markers, erasers, and age appropriate books.

This project will benefit 100 Detroit school children in need of school supplies for the 2018-2019 school year with your help and thoughtful donations. There are collection boxes placed on both sides of the church starting this Saturday, August 4, and will continue until Sunday, August 26, for your generous donations.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please contact Sean at eaglescoutproject18@gmail.com. Thank you very much for your contributions.



*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord;
my Spirit rejoices in God
my Savior*

*For he has looked with favor
on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will
call me blessed."
(Luke 1:46-48)*

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The DPD greatly appreciates your financial support with this fundraising effort for the kids of our community. Much fun was had by them as they played water games at Chandler Park Aquatic Center and enjoyed the food and beverages provided. Our community officers were very thankful for your generous donations of **\$500.69** that helped to defray the cost of the event. God bless St. Matthew Parish!

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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
Kurt Beghuyn
Laura Bush-Terry
Sebastiano Stellino
Allen McKee
Teresita Covacha
Janet Law
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Wednesday, The Assumption, August 15, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Volunteer

Marie Vortkamp

Wednesday, The Assumption, August 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bill Zuerblis

Julia Zuerblis

Beverly Goll

Saturday, August 18, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman

Bryan Jones

Ian Campbell

Marie Vortkamp

John Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, August 19, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bill Ridella

Mary E. Dunstone

Dorothy Brooks

Julia Zuerblis

Beverly Goll

Linda Holster

Michael Holster

Debra Nieddu

Joseph Nieddu

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 11th - Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon, Nenita Sanchez (2nd Anniv), Arnel Dorado (5th Anniv), Encarnacion Fajardo (56th Anniv)

Sunday, August 12th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon, Sophie Bush, Annette Laige, Judy Stark, Betty Amara (21st Anniv), Robert Lynn

Monday, August 13th - Sts. Pontain and Hippolytus

Tuesday, August 14th - St. Maximilian Kolbe

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

Wednesday, August 15th - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

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

7:00 p.m. - Robert Gannon

Thursday, August 16th - St. Stephen of Hungary

Friday, August 17th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

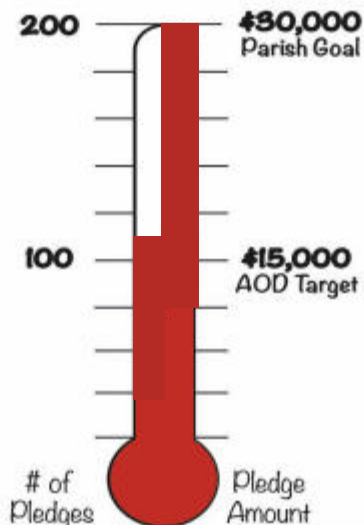
Saturday, August 18th - Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon

Sunday, August 19th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon, Judy Stark, William H. Gracey, Sr.

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