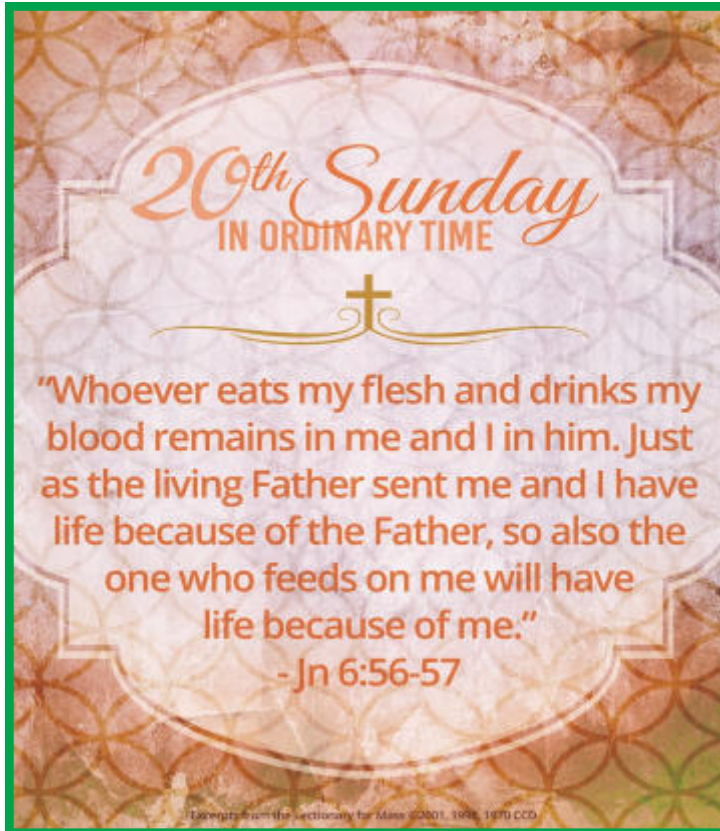




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From Father Duane's Desk

As indicated last week, I want to let you know about The Michigan Catholic newspaper. It will be ceasing publication with its last issue on August 24, 2018. It seems that print news is falling on hard times, and the circulation of the paper was diminishing. Michigan Catholic subscribers will receive two Catholic publications free of charge: Our Sunday Visitor Weekly for three months and The Word Among Us, Catholic Mass edition magazine, for six months in order to fulfill your subscription. Since last week, the Archbishop has written an article regarding this matter. I would like to share it with everyone as he speaks about the transition of how Catholic news will be presented to us. Please see the accompanying insert in today's paper.

On another matter regarding our "vigil lights." As you know, the lighting of candles is a long standing tradition in the Church. The lighting of a candle is typically accompanied by a personal prayer intention for an individual, one who is sick, or for a personal favor. The practice is carried on here at St. Matthew; and in so doing, we provide the candles for your spiritual convenience. The cost of the candles has been \$2 each, and we have been losing money on them each year. *Root Candle*, our distributor, tells me the going rate at most parishes for our sized candle is \$5. However, I think that would be a big increase. So, I would like to raise the cost modestly to \$3. We will evaluate this after a year; and hopefully, we will at least break even. Thank you for your understanding. It seems the price of everything is going up!

Again, I want to thank everyone who has pledged or who is still thinking of pledging to the CSA drive. It would be so good to raise the participation side of our goal. Even though we have reached it monetarily, participation at whatever level you can help is appreciated. We will continue our active effort until Labor Day.

Have a good week and
may God's love be with you,

Father Duane

Readings for the Week of August 19, 2018

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd -36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life Discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically. Jesus doesn't

seem to help, however, and only drives his point home with more emphasis. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Jesus would later institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper. There he would definitively establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially his own Body and Blood. We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.

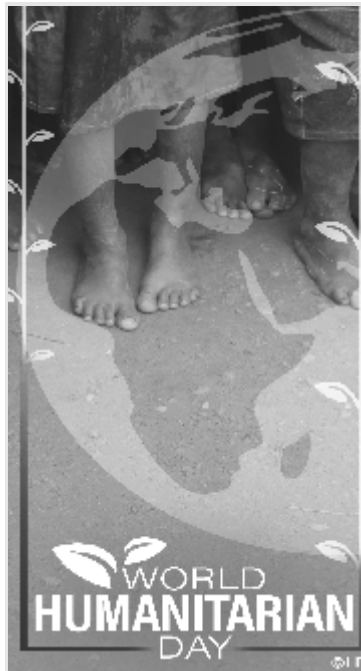
Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive. "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." What is the essence of food and drink? Food nourishes our bodies, providing essential calories for our survival. Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints, regulate body temperature, and protect sensitive tissues like the brain. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the spiritual equivalent of these essential elements. Like water, the Eucharist strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The Eucharist connects us intimately to Jesus and confirms our union with him. That is why we abstain from the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin. It would be a contradiction and deep disrespect to these words of Jesus. To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is not a right but a gift we receive with deep humility.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of eating his flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.



World Humanitarian Day August 19th

This World Humanitarian Day, we continue to bring attention to the millions of civilians affected by armed conflict every day. People in cities and towns struggle to find food, water, and safe shelter, while fighting drives millions from their homes. Children are recruited and used to fight, and their schools are destroyed. Women are abused and humiliated. As humanitarian workers deliver aid, and medical workers treat the wounded and sick, they are directly targeted, treated as threats, and prevented from bringing relief and care to those in desperate need.

The humanitarian concerns described here can't possibly capture the lives of all those affected by conflict around the world. From people with disabilities, to the elderly, migrants, and journalists, all civilians caught in conflict need to be protected.

Throughout its history, the Church has paid special attention to the needs of the vulnerable and the transformation of society according to the plan of God. In the midst of the industrialization and interconnection of recent centuries, popes have spoken out more boldly in defense of the human person and developed Catholic Social Teaching.

On World Humanitarian Day, we remember our Church's robust tradition of care for the poor, defense of justice, and advocacy for peace. This week, consider how you, too, can contribute and be Jesus' hands and feet to the world. Will you serve at a soup kitchen or donate to clean water projects across the globe? How is God inviting you to make a life-changing impact for His children today?

The Queenship of Mary

Pope Pius XII established this feast on August 22 in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she



is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the 4th Century, St. Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th Centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is celebrated on the octave day of that feast.

In his 1954 encyclical, "To the Queen of Heaven," Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

This Fall - Read Rick Cucchi's article on an invitation to join the St. Matthew Choir.

This Fall - Watch for information on the SOCK Campaign and our own Gold'n Harvest Raffle.

Welcome

As Father Duane mentioned in his article for The Pulse last week, we now formally welcome Charles (Charlie) Ramsdell to our rectory office staff. Charlie will be at the front desk on Sundays to assist with Mass intentions and other office business that comes his way. Charlie is a student at Grosse Pointe North, and his family are members at St. Paul on the Lake Parish. We sincerely hope he enjoys his work here.

CUCCHI'S CORNER

Rick's Notes from the Loft POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Choir Members Wanted: Positions open to soprano, alto, tenor and bass. No others need apply.

Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director.

Experience: No application will be accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the bathtub or shower at some or any time.

Beginning Wage: Increased satisfaction and joy in the service to God.

Fringe Benefits: Social Security. We promise you the security of social fellowship with other choir members. Bonus: Year-end Choir Member Picnic!

Hours: Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15. There are occasional opportunities for overtime.

Retirement: Generally determined by printed notes getting too small; the hymnal too heavy; notes too high; sanctuary too hot or too cold; or the organist is unable to play the notes you sing!

Interested?: Contact Rick Cucchi at cucchi@umich.edu or come to the first rehearsal in the choir loft balcony on September 9th at 9:15 a.m. or call the rectory to sign up.

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this suffering world.

You know our misery and our weakness. You who are our Mother, save us in the hour of peril, in these days of trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace; and through you He grants us pardon and mercy.

In these anxious hours, your children come to you as their hope.

We recognize your Queenship and desire your triumph.

You are for us the dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life.

Obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her as Mother and as Queen. Amen.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools - An orientation for new directors of religious education will be held on Tuesday, August 28, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

The purpose of the day is to acquaint new faith formation leaders with archdiocesan policies and procedures, methods of effective leadership, and the vision for faith formation in our Archdiocese. The schedule includes an overview of the role of the DRE, available tools, and catechist certification;

Not only are gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal helping fund this orientation, they regularly support religious education directors and their staffs through the work of the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Schools.

School Supplies Drive

Sean O'Connell was here at the parish 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 this highest rank in Scouting is completing a project benefiting the community.

Sean has chosen organizing 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.

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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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Saturday, August 25, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 26, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Jean Solomon
Kristen Stark

Mary Ann Pilette

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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.

Monday, August 20th - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, August 21st - St. Pius X, Pope

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

Wednesday, August 22nd - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Thursday, August 23rd - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Friday, August 24th - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

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

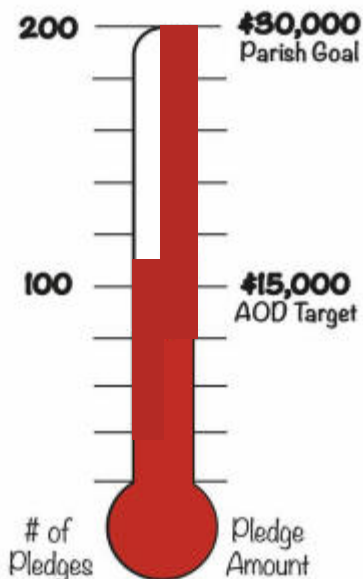
Saturday, August 24th - Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, August 23rd - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Robert Gannon, Elizabeth Angle,
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