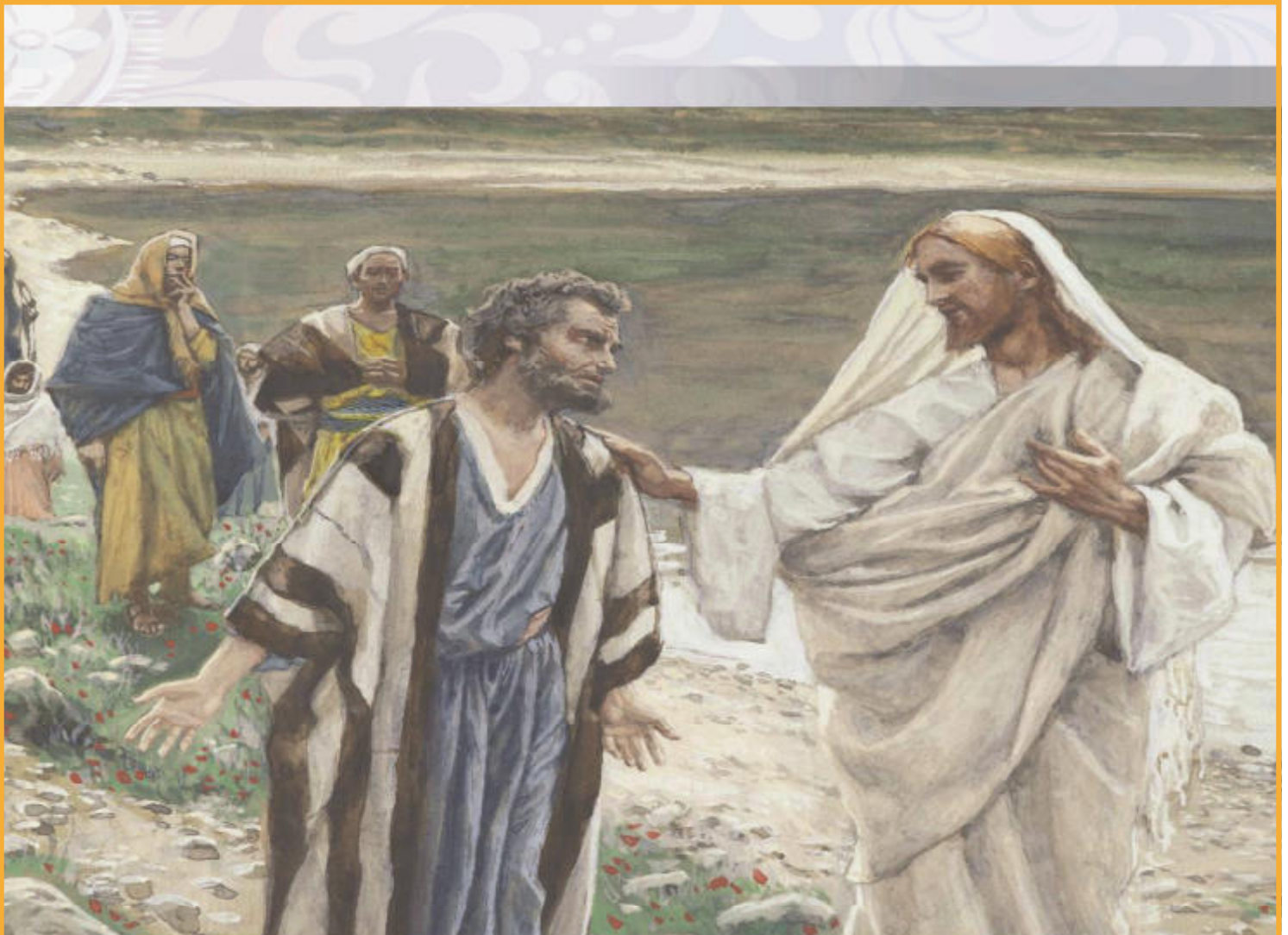




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

May 5, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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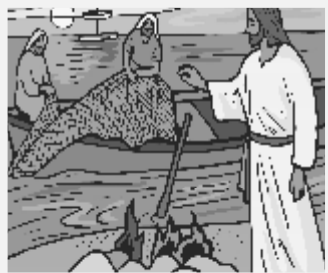
**Hospitality Sunday, following the 10 a.m. Mass
Church Auditorium for Fellowship with your Parish Friends
Breakfast Treats and Coffee or Tea ~ CSA Kick-off**

Readings for the week of May 5, 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

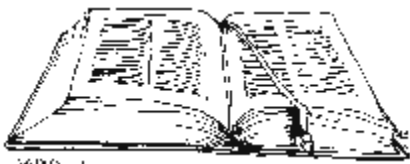
3rd Sunday of Easter

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'" Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them.



And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, understand and support one another.



Sunday, May 5, 2019

National Teacher Day

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

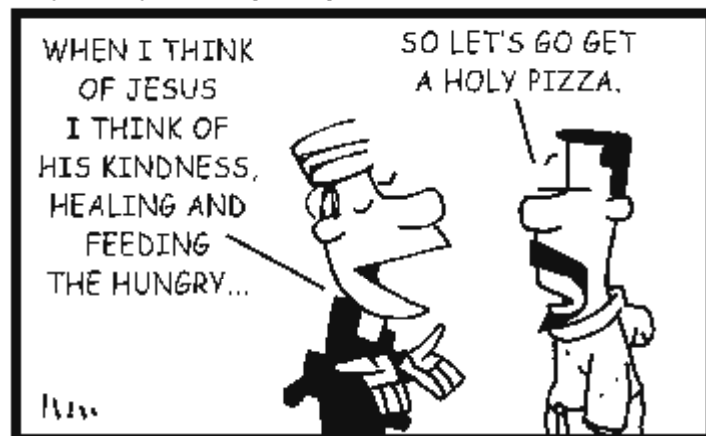
Grant them the grace
 to lead by example,
 to teach with wisdom and authority,
 and to treat every child with dignity.

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

These are a few ways you can thank a teacher.

- ⇒ Write an encouraging note. Kind words can really make a teacher's day!
- ⇒ Buy some classroom necessities; i.e., crayons, colored chalk, construction paper, a sweet treat.
- ⇒ Track down your former educator, through social media if necessary. Find a former teacher who inspired you, send them a message telling them how they affected your life for the better. Been 20 years or more? Never too late to say thank you!

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5,
4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively -
2019 CSA Kick-off**

**Sunday, May 5, following 10 am Mass -
Hospitality Sunday and 2019 CSA Kick-off**

**Tuesday, May 7, 6 pm - Finance Council
Meeting, Rectory Conference Room**

**Sunday, May 12, 10 am Mass - Celebrate
Mom ~ Bring Mom to Church on Mothers' Day**

CSA Kick-off Sunday at St. Matthew's

Please see one of our CSA Co-chairs at the back vestibule on Saturday following 4:30 pm Mass or on Sunday in the Church Auditorium following 10 am Mass to make your pledge for the 2019 CSA campaign. Payment / pledge options are available.

If you have yet to fulfill your 2018 pledge, there is still time to make that happen. All pledges and payments for 2018 must be in by the end of May.

Let's do our best again this year!

Pregnancy Aid Annual Layette Drive

The Baby Bassinet for Pregnancy Aid will be at the Blessed Mother's Altar ready for your donations. Items may be placed there through Sunday, May 19th. The following items are most needed by new and expectant mothers and their babies.



- Boy and girl outfits, size 0-6 months
- Three-pack onesies
- Car seats (for 7 yrs old or younger)
- Bouncy seats (new or gently used)
- Umbrella strollers (new or gently used)
- Pack-n-plays (new or gently used)
- Boppy pillows and gently used breast pumps (for breast-feeding Moms)
- 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 or drop it off at the rectory. **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



CSA Weekend - This weekend is CSA Weekend, which marks the beginning of our annual Catholic Services Appeal. The theme of the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal is *Open Doors to Witness Christ*. As we unleash the Gospel throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit, we witness Christ, and in turn, we open doors so others may also develop a deeper relationship with Him.

Your gift to the CSA helps fund more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that meet the spiritual and physical needs of parishes and countless people throughout the Archdiocese. No one parish or individual could provide all of these blessings alone.

The CSA is a pledge program, which allows you to spread your gift over several months. Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal. You may pledge your gift to your parish online at give.aod.org.

For more information about the Catholic Services Appeal, please go to aod.org/csa.

Clinton River Cruise Thursday, June 27, 2019, 6 p.m.

It's not the Muddy Mississippi, the Beautiful Blue Danube, the Mighty Colorado, or the Sleepy Thames, but it's ours, all of it, the Clinton River; and, we have an opportunity to set sail on a cruise of the winding Clinton River aboard *The Clinton Friendship* on Thursday, June 27. Boarding begins at 6 pm; *The Clinton Friendship* leaves the dock at 6:30 pm sharp!!!

Included in the \$42.50 per person cost will be a dinner buffet of your favorite selections, a cash bar, a DJ for dancing, and views from all decks. Starting in Mt. Clemens, sailing down the Clinton River to Lake St. Clair and back will take three-hours. Please plan on embarking on this unique parish outing. Transportation to the boarding dock is on your own. Directions and details will follow.

If you want to make reservations, please use the form below, place it in an envelope **that is clearly marked River Cruise** with your check made payable to St. Matthew Church or cash. Drop it in the Offertory collection basket or at the rectory either during regular office hours or in the mail slot.



St. Matthew's Clinton River Cruise Outing Ticket Reservation Form Thursday, June 27, 2019, 6:30 pm Sail Time Board *The Clinton Friendship* at 6:00 pm

Name(s): _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Number of Persons Attending: _____ x \$42.50 = _____

Submit completed form to Rectory with full payment (cash or check payable to St. Matthew)
Call the Rectory if you have any questions: 313-884-4470

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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
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Saturday, May 11, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
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Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Debra Nieddu
Veronica Obianwu
Jean Solomon

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 4 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Anna Martinelli (24th Anniv), Dorothy Bielman (5th Anniv)

Sunday, May 5 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Betty Amara, Joseph Comiskey, Sr., Ofelia and Pantaleon Vivo

Monday, May 6 -

Tuesday, May 7 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Wednesday, May 8 -

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

Thursday, May 9 -

Friday, May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

9:00 a.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

Saturday, May 11 - Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, May 12 - 4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, John A. Sasinowski, Mary Merlo, Shirley Goll, Ponina Stellino, Grace Chinnici, Sylvia Novelty, Robert Lynn (17th Anniv)

God of all things, we come before you in thanksgiving
for all that you have created.
For the world and its beauty,
but especially for the people around us.
Bless, protect, and gift us ever anew with your love.



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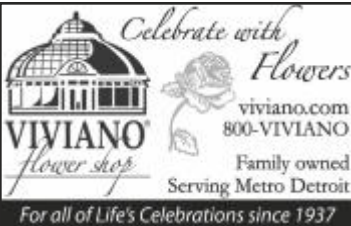
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