

Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

May 12, 2019

Detroit, Michigan





Beatitudes for Mothers

Blessed are the mothers who did without for us ~ they will be rewarded.

Blessed are the mothers who lost sleep when we were sick ~ they will find their rest.

Blessed are the mother who taught us to pray ~ they will share God's heavenly kingdom.

Blessed are the mothers who comforted us ~ they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the mothers who taught us right from wrong ~ they will know justice.

Blessed are the mothers who showed us the Christian life by their own example ~ they will live forever.

Blessed are the mothers who shared with us the meaning of peace ~ they shall know peace.

Blessed are the mothers who taught us the importance of loving God and loving each other ~ they shall see God.

Happy Mother's Day to all St. Matthew Parish Mothers, Moms, Mamas, and Mommies!

We Honor and Love You and Ask God to Bless all Mothers Both Living and Deceased.



Readings for the week of May 12, 2019

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/

Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

[8]/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/

Jn 12:44-50

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 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

[cf. 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

4th Sunday of Easter

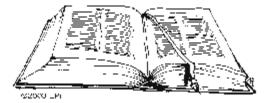
We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our



personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice," what message do they hear?



This year the annual celebration of Mother's Day occurs on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. What a wonderful day to celebrate those women in our lives who cooperated with God to create new life and those in our lives who have nurtured our lives with love and compassion. Yes, we believe that when we are open to children we have cooperated with God in creation. In addition, those women who have said yes should be recognized. The "Book of Blessings" has a profound blessing of mothers that recognizes that all blessings come from God.

The most recognized date for the first Mother's Day in our country was in 1908. It was created by Anna Jaris. She worked tirelessly to make this day a national day in the United States. She even incorporated herself as "Mother's Day International Association" and worked for the rest of her life against the commercialism that had taken over her commemorative day. There are many instances of marking certain days for mothers in world history. However, for us it has deeper meaning because it falls during the Marian month of May. We hold our earthly mothers in high esteem and hold our heavenly mother, the Virgin Mary, in high esteem also.



Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary Celebration

Lucia was now ten years old, Francisco would be nine in June and Jacinta had just turned seven in March, when on May 13th, 1917, they chose to pasture their sheep in a hilly depression owned by Lucia's father and known as the Cova da Iria, or Cove of Irene.

It was there, with one exception, that the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary appeared on six occasions in 1917, and a seventh time in 1920 (to Lucia alone).

As important as the place and the time is the situation of the world. At that moment the First World War raged in Europe, introducing mankind to the most savage forms of warfare seen to that date.

In far off Moscow Lenin prepared the revolution that would overturn the

Russian social order in November 1917 and eventually engulf almost half the peoples of the earth. It was in that context that heaven condescending to earth to provide the antidote to the moral and social evils of the world - the message of Fatima.

The most important dimension of the Fátima event was not the supernatural and preter-natural phenomena but the content and the meaning of the message communicated to the children. By following this message, their spiritual lives were elevated to the heights of sanctity, to which the beatification of Jacinta and Francisco testifies, and the hope and possibility of the conversion of the world from its ruinous course was offered to mankind.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, May 11, and Sunday, May 12, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively -2019 CSA Campaign Continues; Mother's Day Layette Donations Continues

Tuesday, May 14, 6 pm - Parish Council/ Finance Council Combined Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

May 18 and 19 - Last Weekend for Mother's Day Layette Donations

Catholic Services Appeal "Repeat the Success"

Good and Loving God,
Be with us, Lord, as we strive to witness
Your Good News in these challenging times through
our words and actions each day.
Give us the strength of Your presence so,
as faithful stewards, we may show gratitude for Your
many gifts and share them with those we
encounter, guided by the love You have given us.
Help us to understand that we serve You when
we serve others, especially our sisters and brothers
most in need of kindness, comfort,
and compassion.

Grant us wisdom to comprehend that through our support of the Catholic Services Appeal, and the benefits it provides to so many in the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are unleashing the Gospel as a joyful band of missionary disciples. Make us courageous witnesses of our faith so we may show this troubled world the transforming love of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray this through Your Son, Jesus, Who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Grosse Pointe South Choir Presents

"Broadway"

Under the Direction of Christopher Pratt and Featuring the Graduating Class of 2019

Thursday, May 23, Friday, May 24, at 7 p.m. Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center 707 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods Tickets available online at *gpsouthchoir.org*

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ

Young Adult Ministry - Young adults throughout the Archdiocese are gathering this Easter season in small group Bible study, creating authentic friendships while growing closer to the Risen Jesus.

The six-week series, which began at the end of April, is an opportunity for shared encounters with God through prayerful reading and discussion of His Word with other young adults. A leader is facilitating each group, which are separate for men and women, and the Holy Spirit is expected to do great things!

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal support the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Office, which provides young adults with opportunities to grow in their faith through evangelization, catechesis, spiritual growth, liturgical formation, social events, and service.

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.



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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.



Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

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Saturday, May 18, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

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> Sunday, May 19, 2019, 10:00 a.m. Mary Ann Pilette

Marilyn Lynn Keith Arcicovich **Beverly Goll**

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Michelle VandenBrooks

Mass Schedule

<u>Saturday, May 11 - Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter</u> 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, Anna Kolasa, Bernice Urban, Sylvia Novelly, Robert Lynn (17th Anniv)

Monday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday, May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle 9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

<u>Wednesday, May 15 - St. Isidore</u> 9:00 a.m. – For those Seeking Justice and Peace

Thursday, May 16 -

Friday, May 17 - 9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

<u>Saturday, May 18 - Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter</u> 4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, May 19 - 5th Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Daniel Lusch, Jaclyn Scott



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