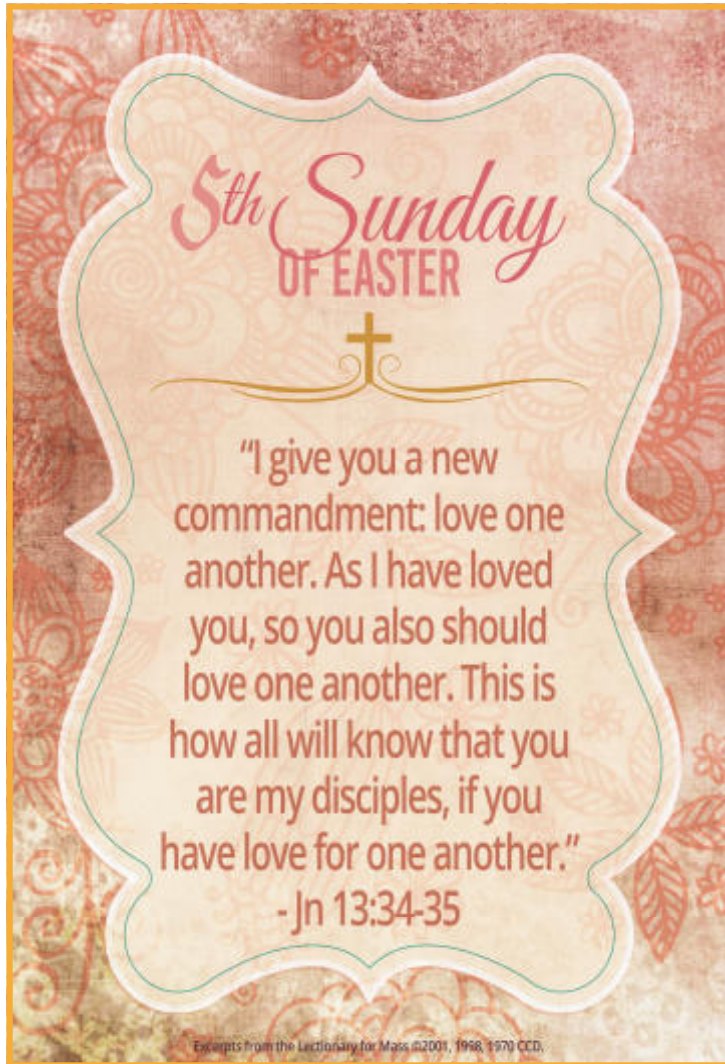




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

May 19, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



From Father Duane's Desk

For a good number of years now, we with the Parish Council's approval have been looking to sell the "old unused" chairs from the auditorium. Over and above what we use even when the auditorium is full, we still had over 400 chairs complete with kneelers stored in the auditorium. Knowing that they would never be used, we put them up for sale. Through the efforts of Patricia Camazzola (council member) and her skills with e-bay, we were able to sell 250 of the chairs at \$10 each. A little extra income for the parish and it opened some storage area. The chairs were heavy and hard to handle.

A company from New York which supplies props for the movie industry bought the chairs, and they tell us the chairs will be featured in an upcoming movie (rumor has it the pre-quel to the "Soprano's"). So watch for a bit of our history in the movies!

If you know of anyone who would be interested in 157 chairs, we have them. Hope you enjoy the pictures below when 10 parishioners helped to load the delivery truck headed for New York.

A special thanks to John Godoshian, Patricia, Ed Comiskey, Dennis Hermann, Jerry Mielke, Mike Hammond, Joe Nieddu, Don Veryser and his friends, Jim and Randy, Father Novelly, and Marilyn Lynn (who showed up for the photo op and to supervise!).

A follow up note to Patricia from the prop supply company: *"Thanks you so much for everything! I appreciate you taking the time and packing the chairs for us. Miccah (her assistant) showed me the photos you sent, so nice. :-)* I'm glad it worked out for all of us. My very best to you! Regina Graves"



Readings for the week of May 19, 2019

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
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/
Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
[cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/
Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/
Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

5th Sunday of Easter

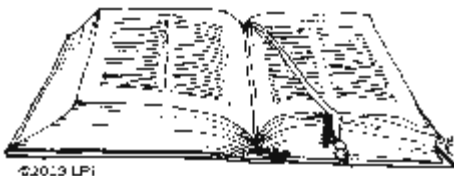
"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere



"common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus tell us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what is *has*, love for one another.

Saint Rita of Cascia's Story

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

Reflection: Although we can easily imagine an ideal world in which to live out our baptismal vocation, such a world does not exist. An "If only ..." approach to holiness never quite gets underway, never produces the fruit that God has a right to expect.

Rita became holy because she made choices that reflected her baptism and her growth as a disciple of Jesus. Her overarching, lifelong choice was to cooperate generously with God's grace, but many small choices were needed to make that happen. Few of those choices were made in ideal circumstances—not even when Rita became an Augustinian nun. Saint Rita of Cascia is the Patron Saint of: Difficult Marriages, Impossible Causes, Infertility, and Parenthood.



From the AoD Department of Communications

Archbishop: No One Above Civil or God's Law

A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal, or religious superior.

"I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority, the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law."

Pope Francis announced the new norms on May 9. They go into effect June 1. To learn more about the groundbreaking new church law, go to detroitcatholic.com.

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's office. Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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



Jazz Nite 2019 ~ Final Financial Report

Income:

Ticket Sales/Table Sponsorships	\$15,385.00
Special <i>City Rhythm</i> Sponsorships	\$16,260.00
50/50 Raffle	\$1,246.00
Program Book Advertising	\$4,000.00
Total Income:	\$36,891.00

Expenses:

Marchiori Catering	\$8,704.23
Heart 'n' Soul Combo	\$900.00
Decorations	\$336.51
50/50 Raffle Disbursement	\$623.00
Program Book Development	\$476.73
Office/Administrative	\$277.44
Total Expenses:	\$11,349.71

Total Profit: \$25,541.29

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 construction street scene during the event, you may pick it up in the back vestibule of the church. There are two of each, one for you and one for a friend! They are 4x6, and additional copies are available by contacting the rectory. **Also note:** Everyone looks stunning!

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



Christian Service - “Finding God in All Things, was the focus of this month’s Christian Service Coordinators Association Retreat.

In our parishes, Christian service ministry helps parishioners put their faith into action. Coordinators ensure a full response to Catholic social teaching and promotes and coordinates actions that eliminate the cause of human need in our society.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help fund this annual retreat for Christian service coordinators as well as the work of the Christian Service Advisory Committee, which advises the Archdiocese in the areas of disabilities, pastoral care to the sick, and parish-based Christian service outreach. Committee members plan and provide training, educational topics, networking opportunities, and materials that strengthen the skills and abilities of Christian service coordinators.

Pregnancy Aid Annual Layette Drive



If you were unable to make your donation to the Pregnancy Aid Layette Drive by this weekend’s deadline, the rectory will happily accept your offering up to Tuesday.

If you are considering a monetary donation, please drop it off at the rectory. Any donation is gladly accepted! Your support is part of St. Matthew’s community outreach.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

**“REPEAT THE SUCCESS” OF 2018 !
PLEDGE CARDS WILL BE MAILED
IN THE COMING WEEKS TO THOSE WHO
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TO PLEDGE FOR 2019**

2018 PLEDGE PAYMENTS DUE BY MAY 31, 2018

Clinton River Cruise

Thursday, June 27, 2019, 6 pm

The \$42.50 per person cost will include a three-hour cruise down the Clinton River to Lake St. Clair and return on the good ship, *The Clinton Friendship*, a dinner buffet of your favorite selections, a cash bar, a DJ for dancing, and views from all decks. Please plan on embarking on this unique parish outing. Transportation to the boarding dock is on your own. Directions and details will follow. Mark your payment envelope clearly as **River Cruise** and drop it into the Offertory collection basket or at the rectory.

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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Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

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
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Mary Bielman
Betty Leone

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Janet Bielman
Mary Bielman

LECTORS

Saturday, May 25, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Dan McBride

SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Sunday, May 26, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu

Bill Ridella

Cory Fullilove
Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Monday, May 27, 2019, Memorial Day, 9:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Beverly Goll

William Zuerblis

Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 18 - Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter
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

Monday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Tuesday, May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Wednesday, May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, May 23 -

Friday, May 24 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Marginalized in our Community

Saturday, May 25 - Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and
Consecrated Life

Sunday, May 26 - 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Joseph Comiskey, Sr. (50th Anniv)

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