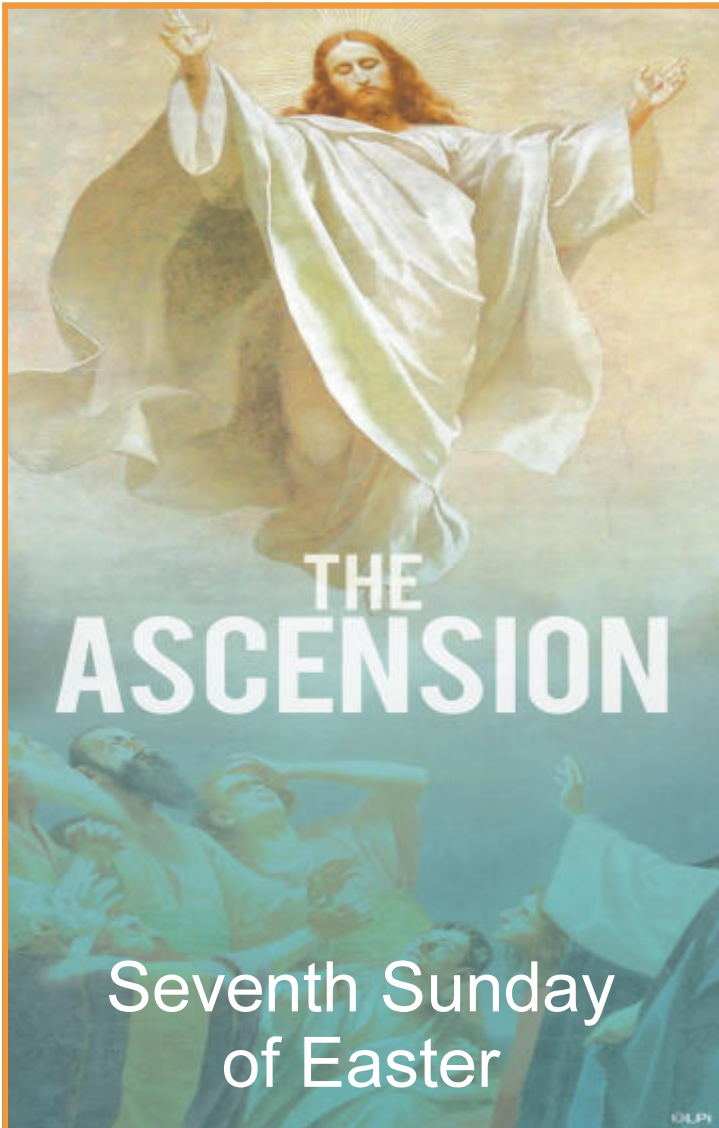




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

June 2, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



"So that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me." Does technology bring us together, or does it remind us of distance and differences and keep us apart? With the constant inundation of news from across the world, it can be easier to tune out the sufferings and the joys of people we'll never meet, in places we'll never visit. But is this the invitation of Jesus?

Over the centuries, our Church has become truly universal across the globe. There are Christians across nations and cultures, across lines of rich and poor. There are Christians who live behind white picket fences, and Christians dying in conflict zones. "That they may all be one," Jesus prays. One in what? Love. "That the love with which you loved me may be in them." This is easier said than done, of course. But that doesn't mean we can't try.



"I Am About My Father's Work"

June 3, 1979 to June 3, 2019

*Congratulations! Father Duane
as you celebrate your
40th year of priestly ordination.
Thank you for being our pastor,
shepherding us and leading us
to Christ through Liturgies
and the Sacraments for 30 years!*

*Thank you for being a
loving Father to your parishioners
and to our Eastside community.
May God bless you in mind, body,
and spirit this day, this year,
and for many more years to come.*

*Lord God, most holy,
we approach you in gratitude
for your holy ordained priesthood.
You have called Father Duane Novelly to be set
apart and to shepherd your people,
as you shepherd your entire church.*

We pray for him in his daily work.

*Grant him an increase in spiritual gifts and grace,
so he may be prepared for the tasks at hand.
Protect him from evil and any bodily harm.*

*It is through the sacraments he confers
that we encounter the divine
in a real and profound way.*

*May we never lose sight of his ministry and
never fail to cherish the gift of his life,
which he has freely given to you
and your holy church.*

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

Amen.

Readings for the Week of June 2, 2019

Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/
Lk 24:46-53

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7,9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab[19a]/
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf.7b]/
Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [12]/
Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 37:1-14/
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2,
24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



The Ascension of the Lord

What is the most common image you've seen of the Ascension? It's typically Jesus hovering above the earth surrounded by brilliant light. The Ascension is a beautiful feast, but it's about more than the distant glory of God. It's about the blessing of God and the transformative power of trust.

"You are witnesses to these things." Before he ascends, Jesus reminds the disciples of the basic message of the Gospel and of the disciples' own important role. They are to proclaim the Gospel message by their personal witness to the saving power of God. "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you...clothed with power from on high." Jesus promises to equip the disciples for this important mission. Not only are they receiving a command, but they're receiving the empowerment they need to move. "He...raised his hands, and blessed them." Even now, though the fulfillment of Pentecost is still to come, Jesus gives them a parting gift before he ascends into heaven. Finally, "They...returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."

The disciples faced an unknown future. Their teacher had left them, and the political and religious authorities weren't exactly thrilled about Jesus and his growing movement. But the memory of our Father's redemptive love, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of Christ sustained them. Jesus trusted them to act in his name. They could trust him in return. Do you face uncertainty in your own life? Remember, we are all called to be disciples and witnesses. We have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at our baptism. We are blessed by Christ beyond imagining in the sacraments. This Ascension feast, we too can trust in God! With this firm trust, we too can return to our daily lives, praising God with great joy!



† STEWARDSHIP ✉

What value do we place on our membership in the community of the church?

We were created for community. Human beings are not meant to be alone. As each of us grows in our relationship with Jesus, we find ourselves drawn further into community. Our stewardship never reflects just on us, but on the Body of Christ to which we belong.

When speaking to his Father, Jesus always spoke about all of us as a whole. Jesus has a unique relationship with each and every one of us, but he also sees us collectively as one. When the Holy Spirit was sent to assist us until the Second Coming, he ascended upon a multitude, not just one person at a time.

We are called to live a fruitful stewardship way of life. It is by that fruit that we can tell if we are really giving of ourselves in a generous manner. However, the fruits that result from an individual's stewardship will never amount to more than what we can produce together.

As you try ever harder to cultivate what God has given you and offer it back to Him with an increase, what does your relationship with your parish community look like? How has your stewardship helped enable your community to become a clearer reflection of God?

The Catholic Services Appeal

The CSA Committee Co-chairs, Bill Zuerblis and John Dunstone, have mailed out letters and CSA pledge cards to those who did not have the opportunity to participate in the first two weeks of the campaign. You should have received your letter and card at this writing.

Please remember the importance of this CSA campaign to our parish. Last year, we were successful in our "double down" efforts, so much so that we "blew the top off" our CSA thermometer! Although, our theme has changed to "Repeat the Success," we intend to bring our Archdiocesan target of \$16,069 to its "doubling" point of at least \$32,000.

There will be a CSA Committee formed by our co-chairs that will work toward that goal by following up with our non-givers with a phone call or a tap on the shoulder. Every little amount helps St. Matthew attain its goal. We are looking to double our participants from **118 last year to 200 this year**. This we can do!

Whatever is pledged and paid over and above our AoD target is kept here in the parish and is non-taxable to the archdiocese. This is vitally important to help maintain our sustainability and presence in our neighborhood community. God bless you for whatever you do!

JOYFUL
WITNESS



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, June 2, 10 am Mass - Father Duane's 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

Saturday, June 8, 4:30 pm; Sunday, June 9, 10 am Masses - Pentecost Sunday (wear your best red!)

Sunday, June 9 - St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting follows the 10 am Mass, Church Auditorium

Remember to pledge to CSA and "Repeat the Success"

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Cathedral Cultural Series - The Cathedral Cultural Series' "Ascension Choral Concert" will feature the Archdiocesan Chorus and Grosse Pointe Schola at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit this Sunday, June 2.

The choirs will combine with the cathedral's two pipe organs for a rare performance of Widor's Mass for Two Choirs and Two Organs. They will also sing festive music from their repertoires for the feast of the Ascension.

Sacred music is an important part of the new Evangelization. Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal fund music ministries throughout the Archdiocese, including the Cathedral Cultural Series and the Archdiocesan Chorus. This performance begins at 4 p.m., and a free-will offering will be collected.

Re: Your Michigan Catholic Yellow Envelope

Your packet of 2018 / 2019 envelopes contains a yellow envelope for the payment of The Michigan Catholic that would have been delivered to your homes. Last year, the Archdiocese decided to discontinue the publication of this newspaper.

Consequently, you do not need to provide payment. So please disregard the "yellow envelope."

You will find all the important information regarding Catholic life in the Archdiocese and Michigan by accessing the website: DetroitCatholic.com.

Clinton River Cruise Thursday, June 27, 2019, 6 pm

Don't be left at the dock! Please join us and family and friends for a trip on *The Clinton Friendship*, a three-hour cruise down the Clinton River to Lake St. Clair and return. The \$42.50 per person cost includes 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.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus tells us today, "you are my witnesses" and guarantees the "promise of the Father" to "clothe us" with the power to accomplish this mission. It is not worldly power which dominates and manipulates. It is the power of the Kingdom of God to live in peace, forgiveness, compassion, service to others, love of enemies, and care for the poor and defenseless.

Volunteer at the Solanus Casey Center

Volunteers are needed! There is something truly peaceful and holy about the Solanus Casey Center. Would you like to spend more time there? Would you like to help share Blessed Solanus' story?

With an influx of visitors to the Solanus Casey Center, there is a need for additional docents to guide tour groups through the Center and share Blessed Solanus' charisms. Contact Sally McCuen to find out more at 313-579-2100, ext. 149, or at smccuen@thecapuchins.org.

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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	Daniel Adams
Bienvenido Fajardo	Robert Stark
Lolita Dorado	Stephanie Smith
Rita Moroni	Alice Mocerri
Albert Fajardo	Janet Law
Virginia Fajardo	Jesse Ocampo
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Kathy Bush	
Glenda Johnson	

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Janet Bielman
Michelle VandenBrooks

LECTORS

Saturday, June 8, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

SERVERS

Lauren Smith

Sunday, June 9, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Keith Arcicovich
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Patti Hammond
Linda Holster
Michael Holster

William Zuerblis

Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 1 - Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord

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

Sunday, June 2 - The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Brent Jacob, Frederick Allman (22nd Anniv)

Monday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions,

Martyrs

Tuesday, June 4 -

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

Wednesday, June 5 - St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

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

Thursday, June 6 - St. Norbert, Bishop

Friday, June 7 -

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

Saturday, June 8 - Vigil: Feast of Pentecost

4:30 p.m. - Albino Martinelli

Sunday, June 9 - Feast of Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Jack Ment, Mary Louise Merlo, Pat Urso



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