



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

May 24, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



7th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your
son, so that your son may glorify you."

- Jn 17:1

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
7th Sunday of Easter:
Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/
Jn 17:1-11a

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 I 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/Ex 19:3-
8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/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/Jn 20:19-23

Everyday Stewardship ~ The Ascension of the Lord ~

I travel a good bit, which means I am away from my wife and children for decent periods of time. But what makes it easier for me, besides being able to share the Good News of Jesus with people all over, is that I know I will not be gone forever. I will return, and then all will be well again. I have been called by God to be away from them at times, but God always brings me back to them.

Each liturgical year, we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. The feast speaks much to who Jesus is theologically. But in a very practical way, we also acknowledge that he has gone to be with the Father, but will return someday. Just as I return after a conference or visit with a parish to those God has entrusted to me and I love, Jesus will return to those entrusted to him and whom he loves.

But just like when I am away, there are things to be done. Life goes on for my wife and children with school, work, activities, and the basic responsibilities of family. In good stewardship, they are called to give generously to each other and devote themselves to God. Without them tending to things, upon my return I would find everything in turmoil and disarray. Then when I return, we become one again, and we are about the Lord's work together.

The Lord ascended into heaven, but we are not to sit by quietly awaiting his return. Much needs to be done. He has entrusted much to us, expecting us to be good stewards. If you think that you have all the time in the world to complete the tasks at hand, think again. His return will be when we least expect it. It is time to be about our Father's work.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



From Father Duane's Desk

As I write this article, we are preparing to send out a letter to all parishioners as we prepare to re-open for public Masses on Pentecost Sunday, May 30 and 31. We are also preparing our worship space to accommodate the re-opening with careful attention to our safety from the coronavirus. The letter will indicate the protocols and directives we need to follow for a safe return. Even as I implement these protocols, it all seems surreal. When did we ever think we would have to celebrate Mass in this fashion?

But, this is our reality for the time being, and I am looking forward to seeing you again. I pray that you return! Let us return with a renewed spirit and love for our church and for our parish of St. Matthew and its people. My sincere prayer is that upon our return, the state and country will not have a spike in COVID cases, and that our community will remain healthy.

So, I wish to welcome you back. It may look and feel different. But our love for the Lord is still the same and His for us. Faithful and merciful is the Lord! We will adapt, and we will continue. Pentecost celebrates the birth of the church. Let this be a new birth in a new spirit of discipleship for all and a re-commitment for the works of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you!

Seventh Sunday of Easter

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Monday, May 25, Memorial Day
The Rectory Office will be Closed
Saturday, May 30, 4:30 pm
and
Sunday, May 31, 10:00 am
Public Masses Resume at St. Matthew's



A Family's Prayer For Memorial Day

*Heavenly Father,
 On this Memorial Day weekend,
 we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom.
 May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Bless the families of our fallen troops,
 and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.
 In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.*

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Catholic Services Appeal for 2020 will be organized in the fall. Please pray for our continued success and how you can best make a pledge.

From the Archdiocese Department of Communications

The Department of Communications has received a report that parishioners at one parish are receiving fraudulent emails which appear to be from the pastor. In the email, the pastor asks for a reply because he is in need of a favor. Very often, messages such as this are an attempt to obtain money from the recipients.

While these types of scams are now new, it has been several months since we have heard of such attempted scams involving one of our parishes. Parishes are encouraged to periodically remind their parishioners of the ways in which the pastor will contact them and for what purposes.

Any parishes or parishioners receiving fraudulent messages as described in the first paragraph above may simply disregard them.

Kroger Community Rewards

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local neighborhoods. The period of February 1 to April 30, 2020 brought a monetary reward of \$231.77 back to St. Matthew Parish thanks to the participation of 70 households.

Please go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up today. Every little "bite" helps. The account number for St. Matthew Parish is **AW497**.

Observances for the Week of May 24, 2020

- Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
7th Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day
- Monday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
St. Gregory VII, Pope;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin;
Memorial Day
- Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
- Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- Thursday:
- Friday:
- Saturday:
- Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

As Jesus appointed apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family: "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always."

THE SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*
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	Jo Marie Nardi
Lolita Dorado	David Beaupre
Albert Fajardo	Kenneth Beaupre
Virginia Fajardo	Anthony Crimardo
Madeline O'Neill	Rosemary Schoolcraft
Kurt Beghuyn	Tiffany Gelle
Sebastiano Stellino	Robert Stark
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Glenda Johnson	Dennis Corbett
Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	
Michelle Harter	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

Saturday, May 30, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Bryan Jones

SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Sunday, May 31, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

David Smydra

Cory Fullilove
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 30 - Vigil: Ascension Sunday

4:30 p.m. - James Brus, Philip Smith

Sunday, May 31 - Ascension Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, John Camazzola, Rose and George Godoshian, Raymond and Sylvia Novelly, Bill Solomon (90th Birthday Blessing)

~ Prayers of the Faithful ~ Ascension Sunday

For all church leaders, especially Archbishop Vigneron, our auxiliary bishops, and our pastors during this time of pandemic, that the Holy Spirit will fill their hearts with courage, wisdom, and hope.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those in our faith community, that we may be drawn closer to the Lord in this time of sorrow and find the fullness of grace.

Let us pray to the Lord

For all healthcare workers who are selflessly treating coronavirus patients, may they feel the presence of God walking alongside them, giving them the strength they need throughout their day. Keep them safe!

Let us pray to the Lord

For all the sick of the parish, and those whom we love, especially Herb and Jeanne Damman, Steve Czapski, Jr., Doreen Redman, and Father Duane Novelly. May they know the healing presence of Christ through his Church.

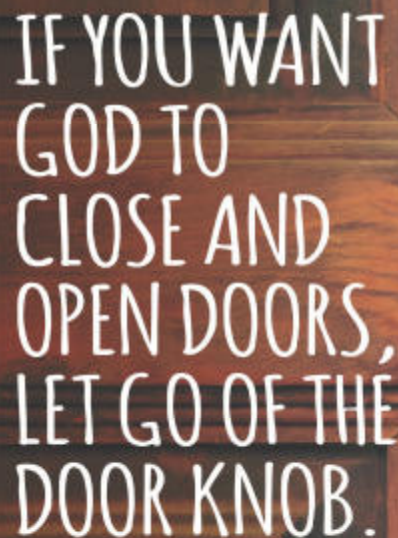
Let us pray to the Lord

For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and a hope for a future of peace and security.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those who have died marked with the sign of faith, those who have died from the coronavirus pandemic, and all our deceased loved ones, may the mercy of God cleanse them so they may enjoy the fullness of his kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord



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