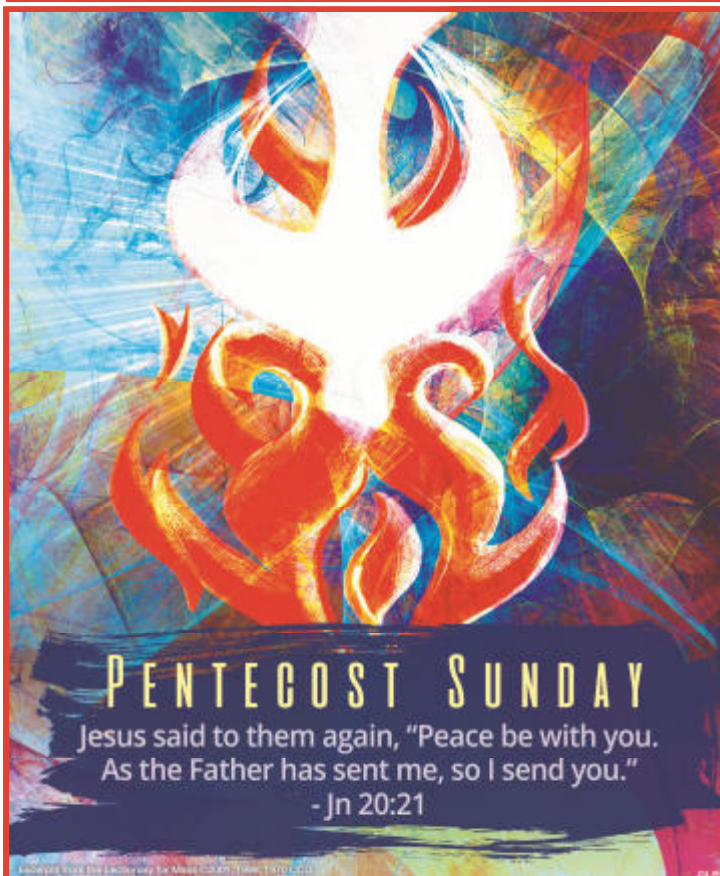
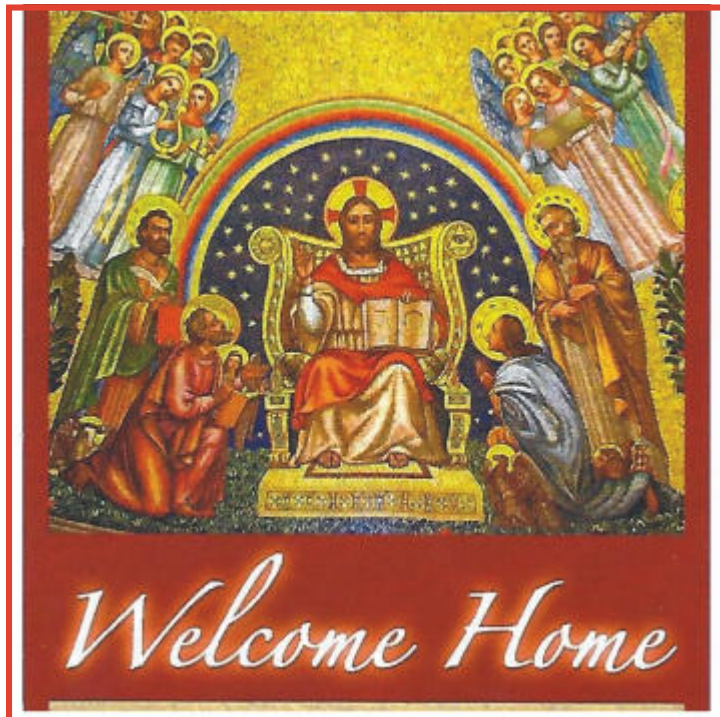




# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

May 31, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



### From Father Duane's Desk

Welcome Home! Welcome Back! After 11 weeks of not gathering together, we are finally back. Albeit, under somewhat different circumstances. But praise be to God for this moment! In these past weeks, I have prayed for your safety and I hope my prayer was answered. We still want to be safe in the midst of this un-

precedented virus that can take our lives so quickly. For this reason, the recommended precautions have been put in place at St. Matthew's. It will be different and perhaps difficult as we move through this gradual re-opening. But it brings us closer to who we want to be, a community "Gathering" in the name of the Lord.

For all these weeks, I have been writing in The Pulse that has been published online in our website. I know many of you may not have been able to read The Pulse or my articles because of a lack of access to the internet or a computer. I tried in these articles to encourage us along the spiritual journey and not give up hope. I, too, made a point to raise you as a community in prayer each day for your protection, your health, and well-being, and in thanksgiving for your constant faithfulness. (We do have limited copies of these editions of The Pulse. If you would like any week, please let us know. Again, they are limited.)

With the re-opening of public Masses, we will not necessarily be open for regular activity yet. This is still to be determined as to how we will conduct meetings, ministry, and so forth. Having said that, weekday Masses will once again be celebrated on June 2nd with our regular schedule on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Of course, all social distancing and masks will be required as well as protocols of Sunday. Again, I want to stress if you feel vulnerable or have an underlying condition, it might be prudent to re-think your attendance.

Over these weeks, I have raised the question, not so much as to why this all happened to society, but rather what have we or will we learn from it. I think it is a good question that we all should ask ourselves. Personally, I reflected on how quickly the pace of our life changed. We were a society running from thing to thing, event to event, need to need, and all of a sudden the only thing that seemed important was our own health. If I learn nothing else from this experience, it is that there are really only a few things that are important in life.

First, how much we depend on God for our protection, health, and well-being. Didn't we all pray fervently for our safety, even as we walked into a grocery store? Secondly, how much we need each other and not to take each other for granted. Away from family and friends, we realized how closely tied we are. Thirdly, how important is our freedom to be able to come and go as we please. With the limits placed upon us, we cannot be fully human, fully alive. Lastly, how delicate life is! Maybe society will learn to be kinder, gentler, and more respectful of one another. Well, we can only hope. We can only pray the world learns from this experience as ongoing as it is.

God bless you!

## Readings for the Week of May 31, 2020

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/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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and  
5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16  
[1]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/  
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/  
Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166,  
168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22  
[cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/  
2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

### ~ Giving Thanks ~

We can't control the world or everything that is in it, for this is completely impossible for us. Yet nothing is impossible for God. What we can do, and what will change everything that we touch or see or feel, is to choose to give thanks to God and to others for whatever happens, easy or hard, and make this such a habit that it becomes natural, like breathing. The greatest goodness that can come to us always takes an openness to receive it, and this door can be opened to us every time we give thanks. What a fitting time to begin today ~ Giving Thanks!

### We Are Never Alone

*My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.*

*Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.*

*Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come. ~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



## Pentecost Sunday

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know.

It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Like the disciples in today's Gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.

**St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings**

**Saturday, May 30, 4:30 pm  
and**

**Sunday, May 31, 10:00 am  
Public Masses Resume at St. Matthew's**

**Saturday, June 13, 4:30 pm Mass,  
Sunday, June 14, 10 am Mass - Rice  
Bowl Returns**

**Tuesday, July 21, Parish Tiger Game  
Outing - CANCELLED**

**Lenten Almsgiving ~ Rice Bowls**

*The Rice Bowls that you have faithfully donated to during this past Lent will be collected on the weekend of June 13 and 14, Corpus Christi Sunday.*

**Please do not return your contribution in the Rice Bowl box.** Place your donation in an envelope marked Rice Bowl and your name with cash (**no coin**) or check made out to St. Matthew Parish. This is important for the safety of those responsible for reconciling this collection. There will be a separate location in church for you to drop off your Rice Bowl donation. Thanks for your generosity.

**Via ~ Patrick Lusch ~ From the Tech Corner**

As we come back to worship under our "new normal," we want to share a new communication platform with you. Please visit the link below and register your email on our *FlockNote* account. This is a diocesan tool to help parishes stay connected with their parishioners. We will use this to communicate timely and relevant information directly to your email.

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Help us build our first ever current email list! Please consider sharing your email address with us. **We promise never to share it!** This will help us immensely as we implement new technology to reduce cost, stay connected, and spread news!

You can also find a quick signup form on our St. Matthew website homepage!



**AS WE "OPEN UP"  
TO A "NEW NORMAL,"  
PLEASE REMEMBER  
TO BRING YOUR OWN  
HAND SANITIZER  
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AND GOOD HEALTH  
AND THAT OF YOUR  
FELLOW  
PARISHIONERS.**

**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.**

**As We Return and Gather ~ Let Us Pray  
A Prayer for the Community**

*Heavenly Father, You gather us  
together in our faith journey.*

*Trusting in You, we join one another  
as a community,  
a community of faith on a journey.*

*A journey to grow ever deeper in  
our faith, in our love,  
and in our desire to long for you.*

*Along the way, remind us of Your love,  
of Your sacrifice for us, and  
of Your ever mindful presence.*

*Let us never lose hope along the way.*

*Help us to be strong ~*

*Strong in faith, strong in love, and  
strong in our desire to be ever  
mindful of your presence.*

*For it is in Your strength and  
love and the graces You bestow  
upon us, that we can go out  
and share in Your love and  
faith with all those in our community.*

*It is in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord, Who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.*

Amen.

**PENTECOST**



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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	Jo Marie Nardi
Lolita Dorado	David Beaupre
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Kathy Bush	Doreen Redman
Glenda Johnson	Dennis Corbett
Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	
Michelle Harter	

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

Saturday, June 6, 2020, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell

Sunday, June 7, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
Bill Ridella

## SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Jermaine Donaldson  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, May 30 - Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:30 p.m. - James Brus, Philip Smith, John Camazzola, George and Rose Godoshian, Maximo Fajardo, Jr.

### Sunday, May 31 - Pentecost Sunday

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

### Monday, June 1 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

### Tuesday, June 2 - Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - For the Faith Community of St. Matthew Parish

### Wednesday, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - For All Healthcare Workers, Father Duane Novelly, (41st Anniv of Priestly Ordination)

### Thursday, June 4 -

### Friday, June 5 - St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Saturday, June 6 - Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:30 p.m. - Paul Coen (6th Anniv) moved from April 26th

### Sunday, June 7 - The Most Holy Trinity

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Pat Urso (33rd Anniv), Angelo Calcaterra (22nd Anniv) moved from March 22, Shirley Goll (12th Anniv) moved from March 22

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