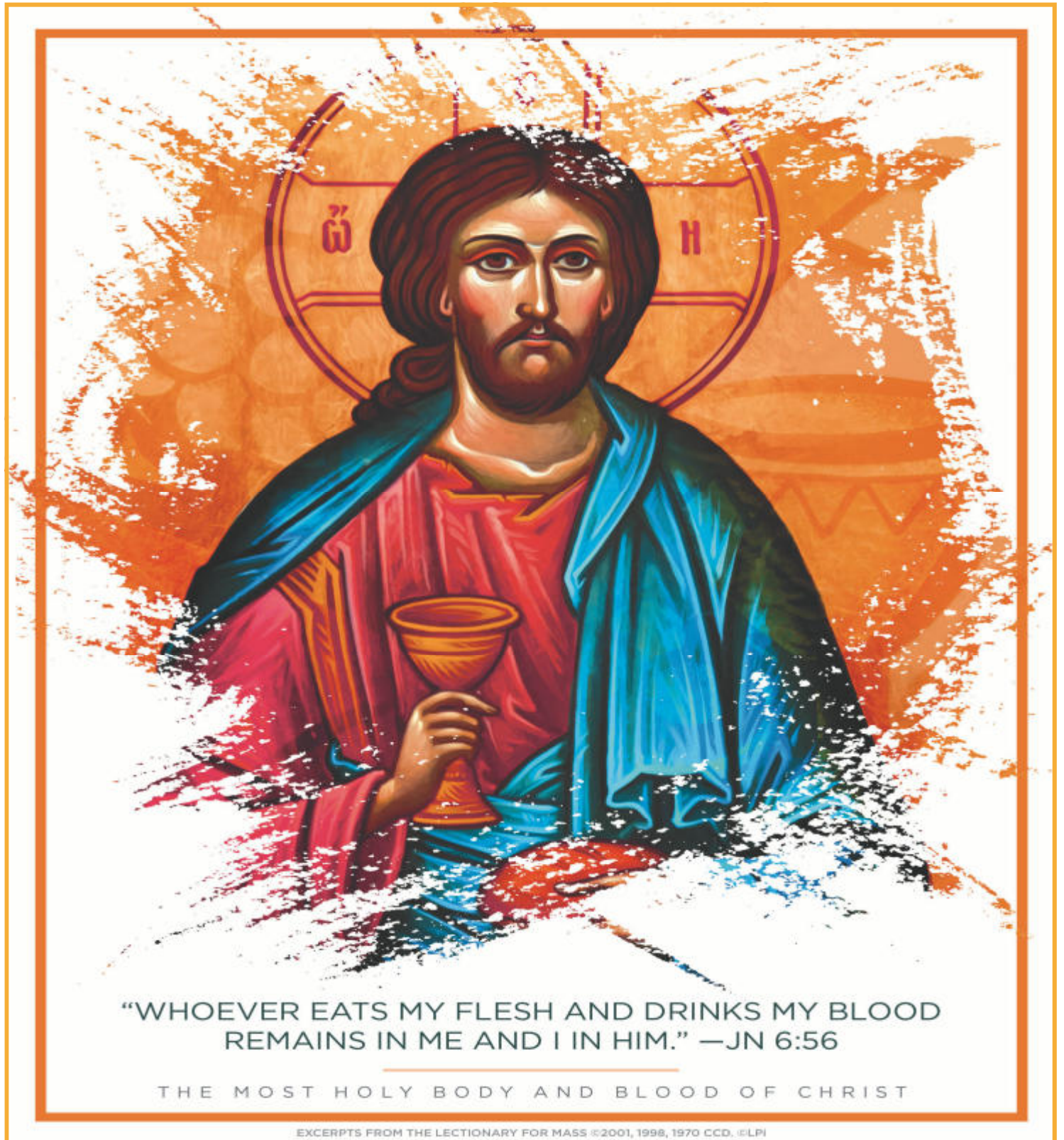




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

June 14, 2020

Detroit, Michigan



**“WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD
REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM.” —JN 6:56**

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Readings for the Week of June 14, 2020

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
 Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
 Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ab/cd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51
 Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.



OPENING UP

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

In so many places all over the country, stores and businesses are opening up more. Lowering the curve of infections with the more serious symptoms that needed hospitalization in order not to overcome our medical community was the very first concern. This was the one with the greatest consequence in other epidemics before, and in many places this has presently been achieved.

The best lesson to take away from such a terrible and unexpected disaster that has affected so many people is two-fold: first, to not live in fear because we are Christians; and everything can by God's Providence become a blessing if we will use it this way. And yet secondly, to be as careful as we can and still keep and grow a most generous heart. Times of troubles are also times when many can, and now have, risen to the occasion and practice this with great mercy to others.

As we give with such a generous and open heart, so God will give this to us when we will have attained such mercy ourselves which is His active working love in this world. May we all be open to His love and mercy today; and, consequently, ourselves in giving this to others.

June 19, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

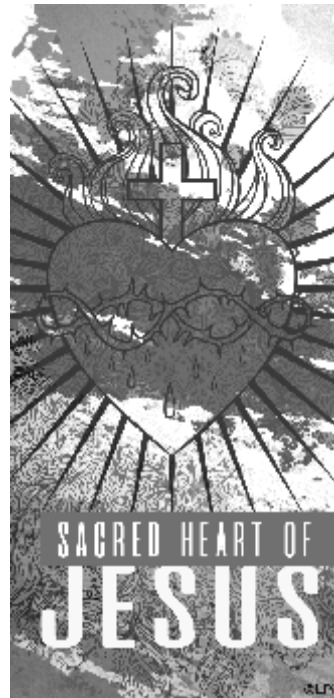
O most holy Heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,

I adore you, I love you
and pray for sorrow for my sins.
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure,
and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, good Jesus, that I may live
in you and for you.

Protect me in the midst of danger;
comfort me in my afflictions;
give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessings on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.

Within your heart I place
my every care.

In every need let me come to you
with humble trust saying,
Heart of Jesus, help me.
Amen.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Parenting is a Eucharistic activity because from the first moment of conception, children consume us, our flesh, blood, energy, time, and resources. If we don't sacrifice ourselves, our children would not have life. This is the priesthood of parenting. Christ is present in this self-sacrifice.

HAVE YOU
PRAYED TODAY?



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St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, June 13, 4:30 pm Mass, Sunday, June 14, 10 am Mass, respectively - Rice Bowl Donation Collection

Sunday, June 14, following 10 am Mass - St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference Meeting, Church Auditorium

Saturday, June 20, 4:30 pm Mass, Sunday, June 21, 10 am Mass, respectively - Father's Day Blessing for the Fathers of St. Matthew Parish

Lenten Almsgiving ~ Rice Bowls

The Rice Bowls that you have faithfully donated to during this past Lent are being collected this weekend. There will be a special collection basket at the altar for you to use for your envelopes. **Please do not return your contribution in the Rice Bowl box.** This is important for the safety of those responsible for reconciling this collection.

Place your donation in an envelope marked Rice Bowl and your name with cash (**no coin**) or check made out to St. Matthew Parish. If you miss this opportunity, you may drop off your donation at the rectory or bring it next week.

Thanks for your generosity.



U.S. AIR FORCE

It is with great pride that we, as St. Matthew's faith community, congratulate

Sean O'Connell on his acceptance into the

United States Air Force Academy.

Today, at the 10 a.m. Mass, Father Duane bestowed a special blessing on Sean in the presence of his family and friends. We wish him success in his future as an Air Force cadet.

Sean, may you fly high and sure in your new career!



**FLAG DAY, JUNE 14TH
FLY THE FLAG PROUDLY
AND OFTEN**

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Catholic Services Appeal will start planning its 2020 campaign in mid-August. More information on the details regarding pledges and gift-giving will appear in this article in the coming weeks.

Please pray for our continued success and how you can best make a pledge.

Your generosity in the past has been a gift from God and much appreciated.



**TO GEMMA AND GARETH KRAUS
Former Parishioners
ON THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

God bless you!

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. <http://stmatthewdetroit.flocknote.com>

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 St. Matthew's website homepage!



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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	David Beaupre
Lolita Dorado	Kenneth Beaupre
Albert Fajardo	Anthony Crimauto
Madeline O'Neill	Rosemary Schoolcraft
Kurt Beghuyn	Tiffany Gelle
Sebastiano Stellino	Robert Stark
Teresita Covacha	Pauline Williams
Joe Petrylka	Bill Solomon
Roger Sharpe	Eloise Parker
Nenette Ferreria	Kelly Kranson
Anthony Mastronardi	Herb and Jeanne Damman
Eduardo Fajardo	Doreen Redman
Kathy Bush	Dennis Corbett
Glenda Johnson	Maximo Fajardo, Jr.
Stephanie Smith	
Janet Law	
Laura Alix	
Betty Leone	
Michelle Harter	
Jo Marie Nardi	

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, June 20, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, June 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Bryan Jones

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 13 - Vigil: Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi)

4:30 p.m. - Albino Martinelli

Sunday, June 14 - Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi)

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Jack Ment, Maroun Hakim moved from March 29, Robert Lynn (18th Anniv) moved from May 10

Monday, June 15 -

Tuesday, June 16 -

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

Wednesday, June 17 -

9:00 a.m. - For All Healthcare Workers

Thursday, June 18 -

Friday, June 19 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

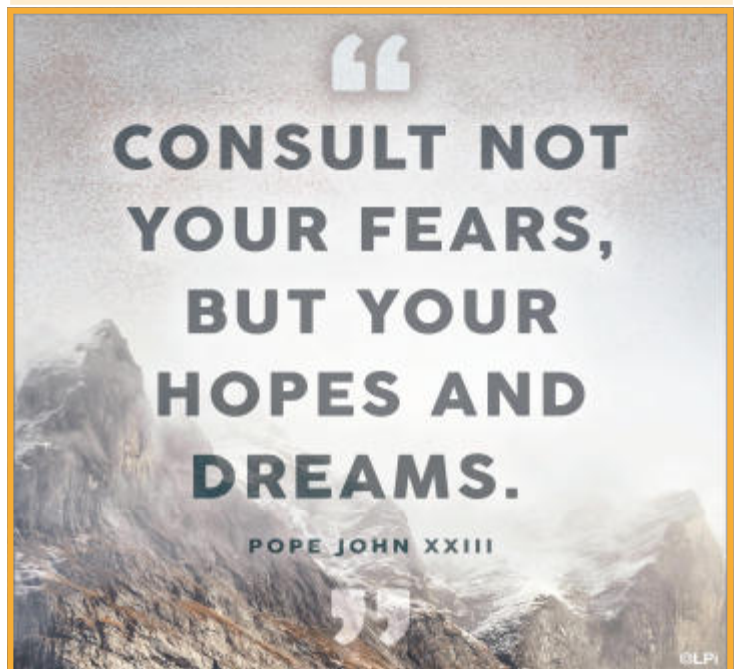
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, June 20 - Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, June 14 - Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi)

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Betty Amara moved from May 9, Daniel Lusch (1st Anniv) moved from April 12, Mark Baumgart moved from May 17, Raymond Novelty, Bill Solomon (90th Birthday) moved from March 22



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