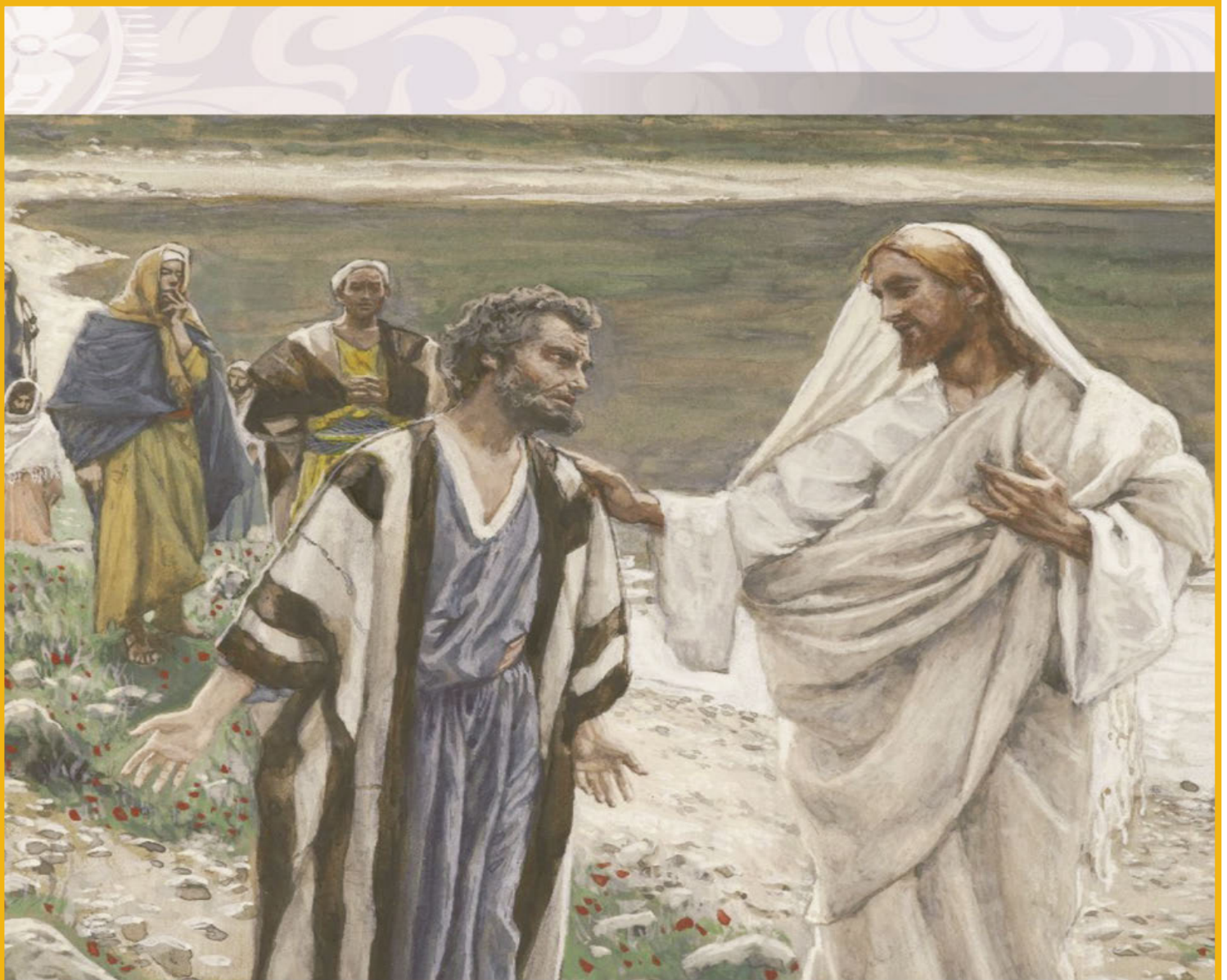




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

May 1, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

3rd Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

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The Story of St. Joseph the Worker

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion.

Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be

productive in their labors. St. Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical, *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and all working people.

Reflection: To capture the devotion to St. Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

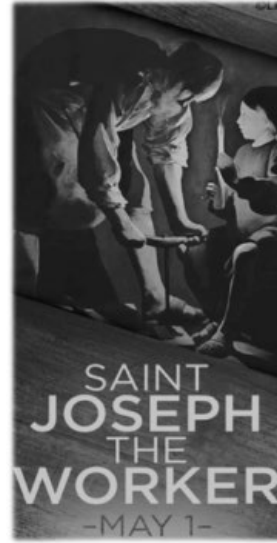
Prayer to St. Joseph

Blessed St. Joseph, patron of all working people, thank you for the opportunity to build up God's kingdom through my labors.

Help me to be conscientious in my work so that I may give as full a measure as I have received. May I do all things in a spirit of thankfulness and joy, ever mindful of the gifts I have received from God that enable me to perform these tasks.

Permit me to work in peace, patience, and moderation, keeping in mind the account I must one day give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vanity of success, so fatal to the work of God.

Glorious St. Joseph, may my labors be all for Jesus, all through Mary, and all after your holy example in life and in death. Amen.



St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 pm - Organ Dedication Concert Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

"ALL THE STOPS"

A CONCERT CELEBRATION OF

Opus 3529

THE ST. MATTHEW ORGAN
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022, 3 P.M.

COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT

COME AND ENJOY!

To celebrate the restoration of Opus 3529, our St. Matthew Church Organ, we are hosting a community-wide dedication concert featuring local renowned organists. This event is being held to raise funds for the parish after a hiatus of our Jazz Nite events due to COVID-19.

You are heartily invited to this once in a lifetime event, a very special opportunity for you to personally experience the glorious sounds of the "King of Instruments."

And so what does **Opus 3529** mean exactly? It could be described this way in general terms. *Opus* can be referenced to a novel but normally is used for musical works. Mendelssohn's Opus 90 is his *Italian Symphony*, for example, and Brahms' Op(us) 77 is his Violin Concerto. Since many composers' works were never given opus numbers in an orderly way, they now often have catalog numbers assigned by later scholars. So Haydn's Symphony No. 104 is Hob.104 (Hob. is short for Anthony van Hoboken, the cataloger), and Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* is K.492 (K. stands for Ludwig Köchel).

Our Wicks organ was assigned an official opus number upon its creation. Each organ built by the Wicks Company has a unique opus number which is permanently inscribed in Wicks' Opus book.

And what about the moniker "King of Instruments?" Well, besides being big, this instrument is capable of sounds outside of the human imagination. Their sound is **huge** and easily fills the spaces of the largest of churches; i.e., cathedrals and basilicas. Organs are unique by design, but many are built, through their unique stops and pedals, pipes and chambers, to replicate the sound of various orchestra instruments, such as trumpets or violins, as well as the sound of the human voice. Hence, we celebrate the "King of Instruments."

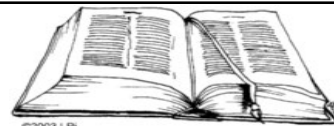
Now, in keeping with the character of a community event, we are asking that you consider volunteering for one of these opportunities - **Greeters** for the entrances, **Ushers** to assist in seating and hospitality questions, **Parking Lot Assistants** to help direct cars for efficient parking, and **Security** for the free-will offering baskets. **Clean up crews** for cleaning the church before the event as well as following the after-glow. Please see our committee member at the back of church to sign up.

We are very excited about this concert and expecting it to be a great success. We are thanking you in advance for your support and for helping to ensure that our organ sings the Lord's praises for years to come!

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ

Thank you for your generous support of CSA through St. Matthew Parish. Your generosity helps St. Matthew maintain its sustainability as a Beacon of Light and a Sign of Hope on the east side of Detroit. Officially, the 2021 CSA Campaign ends the first of May. If you need to fulfill your current pledge, please do so as soon as possible.

CSA 2022 will be starting soon. Please watch this space for further updates.



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, and to understand and support one another.

National Day of

PRAYER

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Thursday, May 5 ~ Pray for the People of Ukraine

Give comfort to those who suffer
because of the violence.

Give comfort to those who mourn their dead,
and strength to neighboring countries
to welcome the refugees.

Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms
and protect those who work to promote peace.

God of hope, inspire leaders to choose peace instead of
violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies.

Inspire compassion in the universal Church
for the Ukrainian people and give us hope
for a future of peace based on justice for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace
and Light of the World. Amen.



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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.

Anthony Mastronardi
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony Crimauco
Rosemary Schoolcraft
Tiffany Gelle
Robert Stark
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Sarah Wagner
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Elsa Camazzola
William Walker IV
Nancy Clemons
Cathy D'Agostini
Madeline Jozwiak
Marc McEachern
John Cassisa

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, May 7, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Bryan Jones

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, May 8, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Liz Smith

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 30 - Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Martha Lewandowski

Sunday, May 1 - Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Marcella Adams, Lorraine Moore, Sally McIntosh,
For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood
and Consecrated Life

Monday, May 2 - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, May 3 - Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

9:00 a.m. - For Healthcare Workers and First Responders

Wednesday, May 4 -

9:00 a.m. - For Military Families

Thursday, May 5 - National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 6 -

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

Saturday, May 7 - Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Betty Amara, Anna Martinelli (27th Anniv)

Sunday, May 8 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Tim Fitzgerald, Mary Merlo, Shirley Goll, Ponina
Stellino, Grace Chinnici, Ofelia and Pantaleon
Vivo, Robert Lynn (20th Anniv)

“For where
two or three
are gathered
together
in my name,
there am I in
midst of them.”



MATTHEW 18:20

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