



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

June 19, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



**THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

Readings for the Week of June 19, 2022

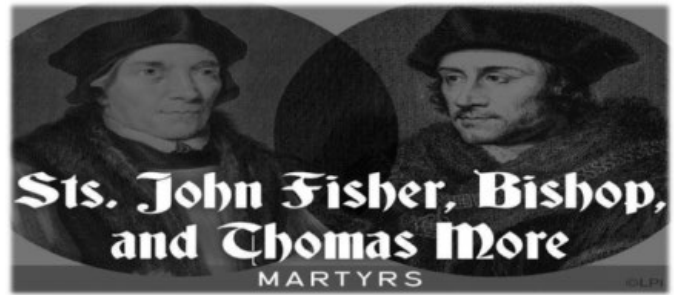
Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus went to those most in need. He forgave the sinner, ate with the outcast, defended, and fed those who were poor and hungry. He worked for true justice, risked being unpopular, willingly accepted suffering and death, and always stayed connected with his Abba, Father. Jesus also consistently reminded folks that God's compassion, love, and mercy trump everything, even the law. This is the Christ that the Eucharist calls us to be. As we look around our churches, our towns and cities, and our world, there are many people who need to see the face and body of Christ. Some of those most in need may be right within our families. But it is always in the poorest of the poor and those most vulnerable that we find the greatest need. There are many who cannot function on their own. When the gift of the Eucharistic Christ takes root in our hearts, we can more readily see the face of Christ in others.

Many people are vulnerable. Highest on that list are the homeless. They show us the face of Christ. Whatever the cause, to have no place to go and no place to call home takes a toll on the human spirit. For Jesus when there were hungry people, they were fed. God asks us to do the same ... feed people. There are many who are hungry physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Gifted by the Eucharistic presence of Christ, we can bring them Christ. Who are the hungry around us and how can we feed them?

When someone is hurting, you comfort them. When someone is hungry, you feed them. When someone needs clothes, you provide them. When someone is cold, you warm them. When someone is in prison, you visit them. With over a million people who are homeless and over a quarter of them children, it is important to ask the question, "why?" and strategize for ways to lessen or alleviate the problem. Nevertheless, we are not off the hook for responding to the immediate needs that present themselves at our doors. Whether a person's current station in life is self-imposed or the result of being victimized, they are sacred vessels. We cannot lock the door and send them away and still believe we bear the Eucharistic presence of Christ. It doesn't work like that.



Sir Thomas More was a humanist and statesman in Tudor England. He is still widely known today as the author of *Utopia*. More was a prolific writer and theologian. A true martyr of the Church, he was beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1886, and canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 19, 1935.

More was born in London in 1478, the son of Sir John More, a lawyer and judge. He attended Oxford where he studied Latin and Greek, as well as formal logic. He left Oxford in 1494 to train as a lawyer in London. After attaining the Bar, he spent time discerning a call to the priesthood. Though attracted to the Franciscan order More remained a lay Christian, continuing to fast, pray, and wear a hair shirt. He was married twice, the loving father of three daughters, a stepdaughter by his second marriage, and one son. More wrote many letters to his children when he was away on business and his daughters were known for their academic abilities, as they received the same education as his son, an anomaly at the time.

More rose to the Privy Council in 1514. He became the good friend and advisor to Henry VIII, and in 1521 he was knighted. In 1529 he was made Lord Chancellor of England. However, this appointment was the beginning of the end for the saint. He could not support the break with the Church in Rome when Henry failed to receive from the Pope the annulment of his first marriage to Katherine of Aragon to wed Anne Boleyn. More resigned as Lord Chancellor and continued to refuse to accept Henry as the head of the Church in England. Eventually he was imprisoned, tried, and sentenced to a traitor's death, to be hanged, drawn, and quartered. Henry commuted the sentence of his former friend to the more humane beheading. More was executed at Tower Hill, on July 6, 1535, before his death he famously proclaimed that he was "*the king's good servant, but God's first.*"

St. John Fisher was born in Beverly, Yorkshire, in 1459, and educated at Cambridge, from which he received his Master of Arts degree in 1491. He occupied the vicarage of Northallerton, 1491-1494; then he became proctor of Cambridge University. In 1497, he was appointed confessor to Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII, and became closely associated in her endowments to Cambridge; he created scholarships, introduced Greek and Hebrew into the curriculum, and brought in the world-famous Erasmus as professor of Divinity and Greek. In 1504, he became Bishop of Rochester and Chancellor of Cambridge, in which capacity he also tutored Prince Henry who was to become Henry VIII. St. John was dedicated to the welfare of his diocese and his university. From 1527, this humble servant of God actively opposed the King's divorce proceedings against Catherine, his wife in the sight of God, and steadfastly resisted the encroachment of Henry on the Church. Unlike the other Bishops of the realm, St. John refused to take the oath of succession which acknowledged the issue of Henry and Anne as the legitimate heir to the throne, and he was imprisoned in the tower in April 1534. The next year he was made a Cardinal by Paul III and Henry retaliated by having him beheaded within a month.

A half hour before his execution, this dedicated scholar and churchman opened his New Testament for the last time, and his eyes fell on the following words from St. John's Gospel: "*Eternal life is this: to know You, the only true God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ. I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave me to do. Do You now, Father, give me glory at Your side.*" Closing the book, he observed: "*There is enough learning in that to last me the rest of my life.*"

These two brave men of God are celebrated together on June 22nd each year.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Tuesday, June 21, 6 pm - Parish Council and Finance Council Combined Meeting, Church Auditorium

Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26, 4:30 pm and 10 am Masses, respectively
- Peter's Pence Collection



*To all our Fathers, Daddies,
Papás, Grandfathers,
Grandpas, and Great-Grandfathers*

~ A Blessing ~

*God our Father,
In your wisdom and love you made all things.*

*Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian fathers.*

*Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.*

*Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.*

*Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Father's Day Trivia

The concept of Father's Day was actually born on Mother's Day in 1909. In a church service that Sunday, a woman asked a very simple question...if mothers deserved a day in honor of their loving service, why not fathers? Her father who was married twice and widowed twice "was both father and mother to me and my brothers and sisters."

The first Father's Day celebration took place in 1910. However, due to the perseverance of one Sonora Smart Dodd to make the day nationally recognized that finally in 1972 President Richard Nixon signed a congressional resolution making the third Sunday of June a celebration called Father's Day.

Peter's Pence Collection ~ Be a Sign of Mercy

Your contribution to the Peter's Pence Collection funds not only the activities of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry, but also special projects that are in need of his special response.

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See which helps Pope Francis carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous, envelopes are in the pews for your use.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Respond, Repeat, and then Rejoice! -

St. Matthew Parish has changed our promotion of the CSA these past three years by setting an internal target over and above that of the Archdiocese of Detroit target. This year our internal target is \$36,000 double that of the AoD target of \$18,500. Let's "Repeat the Success," "Double-down," and give "One Dollar for the Archdiocese and One Dollar for St. Matthew."

As reports come in from the archdiocese, we will publish the progress of our CSA Campaign. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Did You Know? that our own parishioner, Marella Piazza, has been named *Pointer of Interest* by the Grosse Pointe News. Marella, who is currently attending Hope College, has set her sights on a career as an orthodontist. But that is not all, Marella has been sharing her love of singing not only here at St. Matthew Church for our 10 a.m. Sunday Mass but also at other venues such as performances at the Ford House, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club where they plan to host dental specialists, and the Ralph F. Sommer Endodontic Symposium chaired by her current dentist, Dr. George Goodis.



Marella was a member of the award-winning Grosse Pointe South Show Choir while attending high school. During that time, she took professional vocal lessons driven by her love of music.

But her strong interest in science is leading her to consider a career in dentistry. Home for the summer, Marella works for a local orthodontist learning the basics of her future career, spends time with her family and friends, and her beloved dog, Stella, as she continues to sing in the St. Matthew Choir.

Good work, Marella, we are your biggest cheerleaders!

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

NOTICE THAT
WHEN JESUS FED
THE MULTI-
TUDES, HE GAVE
THE BREAD TO
HIS DISCIPLES
TO DISTRIBUTE
RATHER THAN
DOING IT
HIMSELF...



REMEMBER
THAT, THE NEXT
TIME YOU ASK
JESUS TO HELP
A HOMELESS
PERSON.



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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
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Joan Nardi

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, June 25, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Liz Smith

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, June 26, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Mary Anne Pilette

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 18 - Vigil: Feast of Corpus Christi

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

Sunday, June 19 - Feast of Corpus Christi

10:00 a.m. - Faustina (Nenette) Ferreria, Clarence Merlo,
Richard Goll, Gaspare Stellino, Raymond
Novelly, All the Fathers of St. Matthew Parish

Monday, June 20 -

Tuesday, June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

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

Wednesday, June 22 - St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - Walter J. DeWaelche

Thursday, June 23 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Friday, June 24 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

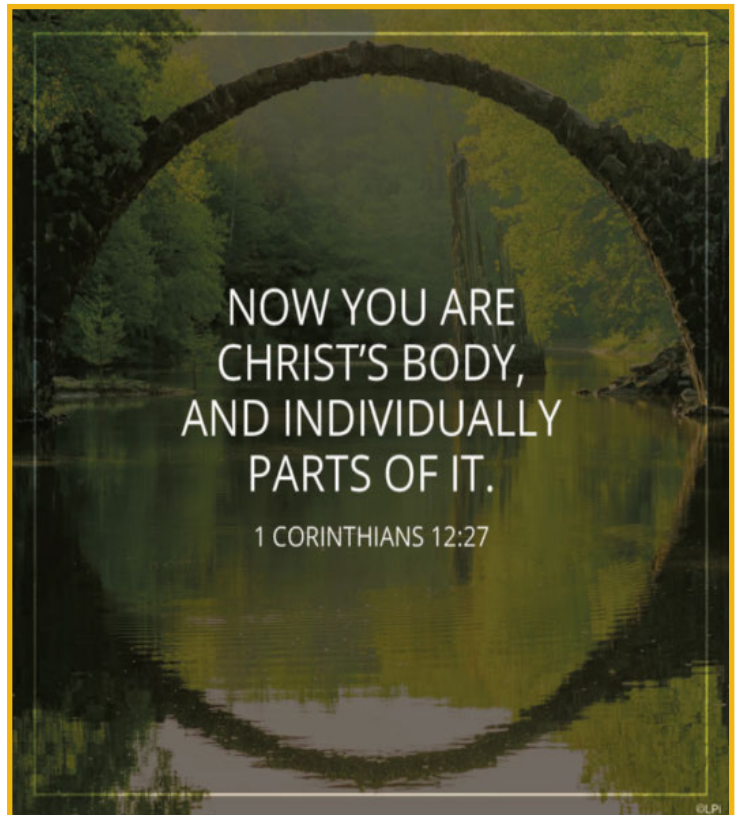
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, June 25 - Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - John P. Langan

Sunday, June 26 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish



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