



Saint Matthew Church *The PULSE*

April 15, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



3rd

SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30[1ab]/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and
8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

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

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44
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Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/
Jn 6:52-59

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

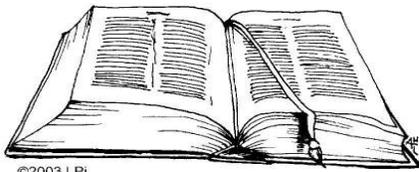
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
[22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

3rd Sunday of Easter

"Why do questions arise in your hearts?" After the Resurrection, the Apostles experienced their fair share of incredulity. Jesus had died-John had been there-and now the tomb was empty. What should they believe? Was the Jesus before them truly real? And who was Jesus really? It's no surprise that the Apostles were initially "startled and terrified" to the extent that they "thought that they were seeing a ghost."

Jesus has compassion on his confused friends. Once he affirms his non-ghostly identity--"look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself"--Jesus gets down to business. He has risen from the dead, but life would not continue as normal. Throughout Jesus' ministry, he spoke in parables and veiled prophetic language. His followers likely thought much of his words were metaphors, some symbolism for the person and their relation to God. Now Jesus has something else in mind. He "opened their minds to understand the scriptures," making known the connections between his own words and deeds and "everything written about [him] in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms."

Why now? Why this increased depth of understanding? The answer lies in the shifting role of the Apostles. "You are witnesses of these things." The treasury of truth is no longer Jesus' responsibility alone but our own. Then and there, the Apostles are appointed to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins and the mercy of God. This message is no longer for only the Jewish people but "all the nations." This is our invitation! We have the rich heritage of the Church's teaching. By sacramental grace, God's "peace" is "with [us]." We, too, are sent to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and the hope that belongs to his call.



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The Apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family, the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, and embracing, not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These "ordinary" moments contain the "Extraordinary."



The Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit.

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The New Evangelization (A Dilemma)

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!



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Everywhere is sacred. The Universe is God's revelation of the interrelatedness and kinship of all creation. Our oneness is the primary essence of the spirituality of sustainability.

- *We are Earthlings, part of a whole Earth community, seeking a transformative vision for this planet.*
- *We focus our personal and communal growth on the common good, i.e., not only concern that "I" may survive, but that all may thrive.*
- *We value contemplative time in nature as silent communion with Holy Mystery.*
- *We seek to cultivate a meditative spirit that honors a gentleness in life; i.e., walking lightly upon Earth and with compassion toward all.*
- *We live with ambiguity, with change emerging out of chaos, and with faith-filled surrender and trust in a loving, relational God.*
- *We set priorities that give hope, kindness and positive support to others.*

As a human family, we are now awakening to Divine Presence everywhere.

"I have given them the glory you gave me that they may be one - I living in them, you living in me - that their unity may be complete." (Jn 17:22-23)

B.J. Schlachter, IHM Associate

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Saturday, April 14, 6:30 to 11 pm -
2018 St. Matthew Parish Jazz Nite Event,
"April in Paris", a jazzy soiree! Ooh la la!**

**Sunday, May 5, following the 10 am Mass
- Hospitality Sunday, CSA Kick-off!**

Congratulations! And the Best of Luck!

Julie Smith gives new meaning to the phrase "You go, girl!". Julie qualified for and will be participating in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 16th. We wish nothing but the best in her efforts.

The Boston Marathon is hosted by several cities around Boston and is held on Patriots' Day, the third Monday of April. Started in 1897, the event was inspired by the success of the first marathon competition in the 1896 Summer Olympics. It is the world's oldest annual marathon and ranks as one of the world's best known road racing events.

So, Julie, we will be thinking of you and wishing you well as you take on this challenge!



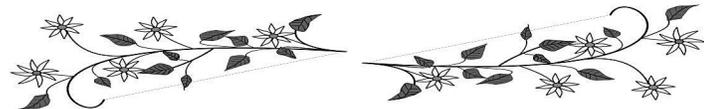
April in Paris "A Jazzy Soiree"



Ooh la la! Mon Ami!

Our event was held this weekend at the Greek Orthodox Banquet Center. Results of the evening's activities will be presented at a later date. You can be sure that all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the music, food, and comradery!

Ooh la la! Mon Ami!

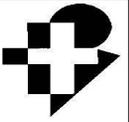


THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you for your generous contributions to the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe!** As a parish, we collected **\$355.46** to help restore the Church and build the future in over 20 countries.

Thanks for your generous support of the **Catholic Relief Services Collection** and for helping Jesus in Disguise. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. St. Matthew collected **\$407.55** for this important cause.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Parish Nursing - Parish nurses and those who minister in healthcare across the Archdiocese of Detroit gathered this week for a retreat focusing on how to "Be the Visible Sign of Jesus."

The retreat included a presentation by Karen Moore, CEO of Sanctum House, on understanding human trafficking and identifying and interacting respectfully with victims. The program, "We are the visible sign of Jesus," featured Dr. Patricia McDonald, OP, talking about creating our reality with the choices we make and how our actions create our destiny.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal support parish nursing in our Archdiocese. Parish nurses, who encourage the faithful to care for themselves and others as an expression of God's love, serve as pastoral staff members, as well as spiritual caregivers, health counselors, and educators, and health resources and advocates.

2018 CSA "DOUBLE DOWN"

~ GRAND OPENING ~

WEEKEND OF MAY 4TH & 5TH

~ WATCH ~

~ WONDER ~

~ WIN ~

Prayer for the Soul of our Nation

Lord, God of all peoples, in the springtime as we remember the death of our brother, Martin, awaken in us a fresh and renewed hope that the Spirit of Justice will flow down the mountain of despair that so many feel in our nation.

Awaken the Soul of the Nation that the hungry, the poor, the downtrodden, the refugee, and the immigrant may find what they need to live in dignity and peace free from violence and injustice.

Through our spiritual and temporal efforts, may we be strengthened to make our nation a place of hope and human gathering.

May the Soul of the Nation where we live, work, and play, be ever drawn to your light and life. Amen.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

I CAN'T FIGURE OUT THIS SCRIPTURE READING ON MY OWN. I THINK I'LL FIND A THEOLOGIAN TO EXPLAIN IT TO ME.



OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE...



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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman
Mary Bielman
Janet Law

Marie Vortkamp

Ian Campbell
Lauren Gross

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Patti Adams
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu

Mary Ann Pilette

Kiley Dulapa
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 14 - Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Maximo Fajardo, Julie Smith

Sunday, April 15 - Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Annette Laige, Lincoln Chrysler, Judy Stark, Patricia Kelly, Julie Smith, All Living Priests, Deacons, and Bishops

Monday, April 16th -

Tuesday, April 17th -

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

Wednesday, April 18th -

9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, April 19th -

Friday, April 20th -

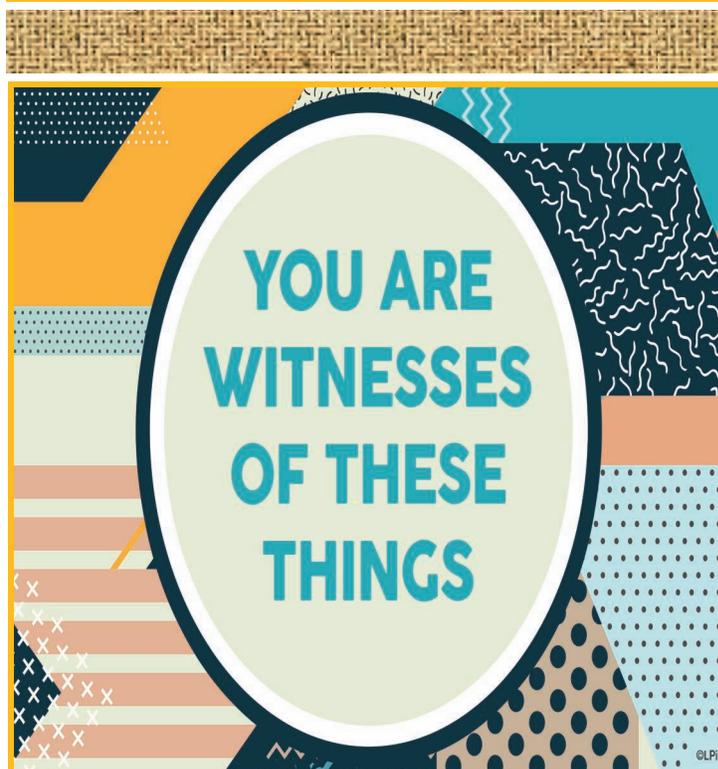
9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday, April 21st - Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, April 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Lincoln Chrysler, Judy Stark, Stella Urso, Arthur Pilette, Ursula Otto



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