

Holy Week

St. Matthew Church

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK.....	7:00 p.m.	Communal Penance Service
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK.....	9:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK.....	9:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy
HOLY THURSDAY.....	11:00 a.m.	Chrism Mass at Most Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
	9:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (until 10:30 p.m.)



GOOD FRIDAY	12:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	1:30 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	3:30 p.m.	Acolyte Rehearsal
		Lector Rehearsal



HOLY SATURDAY.....	9:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil
		Easter Food Blessing
		(at conclusion of Vigil Mass)



EASTER SUNDAY.....	10:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Liturgy
		Easter Food Blessing
		(following Easter Mass)



Holy Week 2021 ~ March 28th to April 4th

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/
Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
[52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a,
9a]/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
[cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

5th Sunday of Lent

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world.



The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.



**In Honor of
Women's History Month
We Celebrate
Theresa Maxis Duchemin**
(Founder of the Immaculate Heart
of Mary Sisters, the IHMs)

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia.

A woman of singular achievement and spirituality, Theresa Maxis fought the patriarchal, racist, and sexist Roman Catholic hierarchy of her time to become a crusader for humanity. Born Marie Almaide Maxis Duchemin to a Haitian refugee and a British military officer, she co-founded the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters (IHMs,) with a Redemptorist priest, to educate girls of the Michigan frontier. Despite poverty, pioneer hardships, and the loss of her co-founder, Maxis and her IHM sisters established schools and sheltered orphans. Under her leadership, the IHM order and its social services expanded into Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Maxis fought opposition from church authorities throughout her career. When she had dared to 'pass' as a white woman and established the St. Mary's Academy for young ladies in 1849, the Bishop revoked her superiorship, largely because of her bold initiatives. When she moved East in 1859 to carry on her charitable activities, the church authorities continued their racist resistance. They judged her to have 'all the softness, slyness and low cunning of a mulatto.' Sensing that her presence was harming her sisters and her work, Maxis exiled herself to Canada. In her final years, some church authorities banned Maxis from visiting her sisters in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Monroe, Michigan, for fear she might cause an upset, but she was too frail to fight back.

Today in Michigan 700 IHM members and 100 associates labor in her spirit, committed to the eradication of the oppression of women, the shaping of just social structures, the building of a culture of peace, and a right relationship with the whole earth community. The original two organizations now number four and their 2000 members serve people all over the world.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: Fourth Week of Lent

A Story of Hope from Madagascar: Tomatoes, carrots, pumpkins, and green leafy vegetables, these and other colorful foods are making a big impact on communities in Madagascar. Half of all children in Madagascar are undernourished. The rainbow foods give families, especially children, the vitamins and minerals they need to grow and stay healthy.

Frankline and Labaladezy have a large family. Community health workers trained by CRS hosted a puppet show in their village to teach about rainbow foods, doctor visits, and other ways to support good nutrition. It was a fun way to learn. Frankline and Labaladezy are using these tips, and the children are growing strong.

Frankline is happy that her family is doing so well. Every parent wants their children to reach their full potential, and CRS is helping make sure they can do just that.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Saturday, March 20, 4:30 pm, and Sunday, March 21, 10 am Masses, respectively
- Catholic Relief Services Collection (not Rice Bowl)

Saturday, March 27, 4:30 pm, and Sunday, March 28, 10 am, respectively - Please Remember to Bring your Rice Bowls

SAVE THE DATE
Monday, March 29, at 7 pm
Lenten Parish Communal Reconciliation

Catholic Relief Services Collection ~ Help Jesus in Disguise ~

Asylum seekers coming to the US by way of the southern borders face grave difficulties. Not only do they experience the difficulty of leaving home due to persecution, but they also make arduous journeys through unfamiliar countries where they are vulnerable to assault and exploitation by bandits and local government offices. The journey does not end once they reach the US, as some asylum seekers are returned while their requests are adjudicated.

Asylum seekers have hope, thanks to the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), a legal advocacy organization specializing in informing immigrants and asylum seekers of their rights and referring them to attorneys to handle their cases. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund CLINIC which helps to put Gospel teaching about welcoming the stranger and defending human dignity into action.

Your contribution supports these efforts. Please be generous in your response. Envelopes are in the pews.
Also note: This is not our annual Lenten almsgiving effort, The Rice Bowl.



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



What does the CSA fund? The Catholic Services Appeal benefits parishes and people in the Archdiocese of Detroit by helping to fund more than 100 ministries, programs and services, including: support for men discerning God's call to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary; campus ministry; grants to Catholic schools; and young adult programs. Essentially, CSA dollars help fund the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the greater Detroit area.

Except for six national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), CSA funds remain in the archdiocese. These national collections include: Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications, Catholic Home Missions, Catholic University of America, Church in Latin America, and the Holy Land.

Prayer for Homecoming

Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.

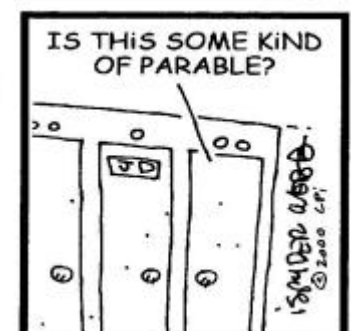
But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame, as distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.

In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored, compassionate,
forgiving and ever caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease,
stretch out your hand in blessing in pardon and peace.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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.

Joe Petrylka
Anthony Mastronardi
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
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Vigil: Palm Sunday, March 27, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Bruce Campbell (N)
Julie Smith (C)
Liz Smith (V)

Ian Campbell, Th
Lauren Smith, B/+

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Liz Foley-Dunstone (N)
William Zuerblis (C)
Bryan Jones (V)

Julia Zuerblis, Th
Cory Fullilove, B/+

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

David Smydra (1st)
Bill Ridella (2nd)

Bruce Campbell, MC
Ian Campbell, Th
Julia Zuerblis, B/+
Cory Fullilove, C

Good Friday, April 2, 2021, Stations of the Cross, Noon

Sr. Marie Cyril, Presider

Gerianne LaPratt, +
Dan McBride, C
Jerry Mielke, C

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 1:30 p.m.

Julie Smith (N)
Dan McBride (C)
Julie Smith (V)

Bruce Campbell, MC
Ian Campbell
Cory Fullilove
Julia Zuerblis

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, 2021, 9:00 p.m.

David Smydra (*Genesis*)
Bryan Jones (*Exodus*)
Liz Smith (*Genesis*)
Julia Smith (*Isaiah*)
William Zuerblis (*Genesis/Exodus*)
Liz Foley-Dunstone (*Exodus*)
Bryan Jones (*Ezekiel*)
David Smydra (*Epistle*)

Bruce Campbell, MC
Ian Campbell, Th
Mary E. Dunstone, B/+
Lauren Smith, C

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Bill Ridella

Julia Zuerblis, Th
Cory Fullilove, B/+
Lauren Gross, C

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 20 - Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, March 21—5th Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Chuck Schuster, Bill Solomon (91st Birthday)

Monday, March 22 -

Tuesday, March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

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

Wednesday, March 24 -

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

Thursday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday, March 26 -

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

Saturday, March 27 - Vigil: Palm Sunday

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

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

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