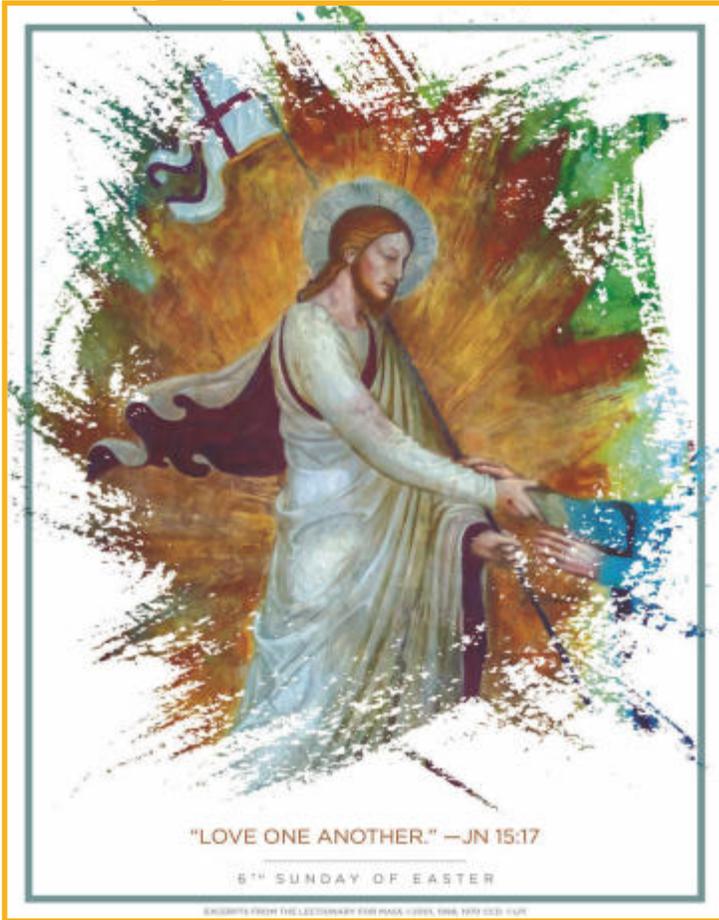




# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

May 9, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



## From Father Duane's Desk



I announced last week the sale of our extra folding chairs from the auditorium. For over 40 years, we have never used them; and I was so glad for the effort of Patricia Camazzola-Godoshian for pursuing a sale online. We sold in total 358 chairs. The first 200 sold two years ago to a movie production company; and last week, we sold 158 to a banquet venue outside of Columbus, Ohio. The chairs will be used for weddings and banquets. Such a good use for them to live on. The last 158 chairs were sold for \$5 a piece; and, although that may seem cheap, I think it was a good price given the fact that it took us three years in an attempt to sell them.

The biggest problem in moving was bringing them up from the auditorium. But thanks to 11 men from the parish, the work was made easy. I want to thank them (please see the list below) for all the good work and good spirit they had. In fact, the man who picked up the chairs said he was so pleased to meet us. We were such a hospitable friendly group. I personally was so delighted! Again, thanks guys!

On another matter, I want to indicate to the parish our CSA target for this year. The "official" kick-off will be May 15 and 16 with an in-pew solicitation from those parishioners who did not receive an AoD pledge card through the mail. One of the reasons we are conducting the in-pew solicitation is so that we can increase participation. We have always been successful in meeting our AoD target, but the level of participation has usually remained the same or in some years has fallen. We cannot continue on that path, so we would appreciate an increase in participation. Even if you can only give a little, if you have not participated before or not in a few years, please join in this year as the funds we raise are critical to our overall effort to be a Beacon of Light and Sign of Hope—proclaiming the Gospel message. Having said this, I want to share with you our AoD target, which is \$17,822. However, in the last three years, we have set an internal target for ourselves that helps to offset our budget deficit and take care of long overdue maintenance. So, this year, we set an internal target of \$36,000. This is lower than the last two years. In effect, it doubles what the AoD is asking for. We might say that we are seeking \$1 for the AoD and \$1 for St. Matthew Parish. This additional \$18,000 will be an absolute gift to our overall budget and help us to meet our expenses. Your help and contribution are appreciated.

I also want to thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to last year's CSA pledge drive. You saw in the Pulse two weeks ago the CSA Report. We pledged over \$45,000 and to date have received \$41,833. With a \$14,358 AoD target, we had \$27,475.95 returned to us.

God bless all of you, Father Duane

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| <i>Patricia Camazzola-Godoshian, Coordinator</i> |                                     |
| <i>Don Veryser</i>                               | <i>Dan Veryser and Friend, John</i> |
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| <i>Ed Comiskey</i>                               | <i>Bill Ridella</i>                 |
| <i>Bob Ternes</i>                                | <i>Father Duane Novelty</i>         |

### Readings for the Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/ Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20  
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/ Jn 15:9-17  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/ Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk 16:15-20  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/ 1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

## We Honor and Love You Happy Mother's Day!

To all St. Matthew Parish  
Moms, Mamas, Mommies, Mothers,  
Grandmas, Grandmothers,  
and Nanas!

No matter what endearing name  
we call them,

we are ever grateful for their  
constant love, care and support.

God bless all our mothers,  
living and deceased.

### An Irish Blessing

*There is but one and only one,  
Whose love will fail you never.  
One who lives from sun to sun,  
With constant fond endeavor.  
There is but one and only one  
On earth there is no other.  
In heaven a noble work was done  
When God gave us a Mother.*

### 6th Sunday of Easter

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.



Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.



### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today’s Gospel challenges us to “love one another as I have loved you.” Jesus is our model, and he asks us to “lay down our life” (our time, attention, opinions, and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

## St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

**Weekend of May 8 and May 9 - Mother's Day Layette for Pregnancy Aid**

**Tuesday, May 11, 6 pm - Finance Council Meeting, Church Auditorium**

**Weekend of May 15 and May 16 - Launching the 2021-2022 CSA Campaign**



### Mother's Day Layette For Pregnancy Aid

This year we will hold our annual Mother's Day Layette this weekend, May 8 and 9, for Pregnancy Aid who offer new mother services, counseling, medical help, and, of course, the necessities for baby care.

The bassinette is placed at the Blessed Mother's altar to accept your donations. It has also been suggested that gift cards to Meier, Walmart, and Aldi would be welcome in any amount. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please enclose your check (no cash) in an envelope clearly marked "Pregnancy Aid." The most needed items are below, but anything you can do is most appreciated.

- Diapers, sizes 4 and 5
- Girls' clothes, sizes 0 to 12 months
- Receiving blankets
- Baby afghans, caps (knitted, crocheted, or fabric)
- Onesies or baby sleepers, sizes 0 to 6 months
- Baby bottles
- Baby hygiene products; wipes, shampoos, soaps, and lotions (*no talcum powder*)
- Baby bibs, wash cloths, and towels

Please be generous in this effort for they are truly dependent on the goodness and kindness of others in their ministry.

### Beatitudes for Mothers

Blessed are the mothers who did without for us ~ they will be rewarded.

Blessed are the mothers who lost sleep when we were sick ~ they will find their rest.

Blessed are the mothers who taught us how to pray ~ they will share God's heavenly kingdom.

Blessed are the mothers who comforted us ~ they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the mothers who taught us right from wrong ~ they will know justice.

Blessed are the mothers who showed us the Christian life by their own example ~ they will live forever.

Blessed are the mothers who shared with us the meaning of peace ~ they shall know peace.

Blessed are the mothers who taught us the importance of loving God and loving each other ~ they shall see God.

## CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Each year, we have the opportunity to unleash the Gospel through our Catholic Services Appeal. The valuable ministries, programs, and services our CSA funds benefit so many in our parish and across the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond. When we support the CSA, together we *Fuel the Mission* to unleash the Gospel. We, at St. Matthew Parish, will take up the Catholic Services Appeal during Masses on CSA Weekend, May 15 and 16.

You will soon, if you haven't already, receive information about the CSA from Archbishop Vigneron to join him in supporting the CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services. We invite all parishioners to reflect on God's blessings in their lives and make a pledge to our 2021 CSA as Christ's disciples.

*Loving and Generous Father,  
We praise you and give you thanks  
for the gifts of our faith and your abundant grace.  
We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus,  
in the Eucharist,  
the source and summit of our faith  
and the nourishment for our life's journey.  
This Precious Gift energizes us in the Holy Spirit  
as we embrace our mission to Unleash the Gospel.*

THE MONTH OF MAY IS THE  
MONTH OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER,  
MARY.  
PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY!

### 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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.<br>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  
Laura Alix  
Betty Leone  
Jo Marie Nardi  
Anthony Crimauco  
Rosemary Schoolcraft  
Tiffany Gelle  
Robert Stark  
Pauline Williams  
Bill Solomon  
Eloise Parker  
Herb and Jeanne Damman  
Doreen Redman  
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Mike Dulapa  
Kathy Bush  
Mary Zainea  
Sue Allasio  
Richard Goll  
Tim Fitzgerald

# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

Saturday, May 15, 2021, 4:30 p.m.  
Bruce Campbell

Sunday, May 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Mary Ann Pilette

## SERVERS

Ian Campbell

Cory Fullilove  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, May 8 - Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Betty Amara, Anna Martinelli (26th Anniv), John (Jack) Brehmer, Gaston Carlesso

### Sunday, May 9 - 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - John Sasinowski, Chuck Schuster, Ponina Stellino, Mary Merlo, Shirley Goll, Pantaleon Vivo, Ofelia Vivo, Robert Lynn (19th Anniv)

### Monday, May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

### Tuesday, May 11 -

9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

### Wednesday, May 12 - Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

9:00 a.m. - For Migrant and Refugee Families

### Thursday, May 13 - Ascension of the Lord (celebrated on Sunday, May 16)

### Friday, May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle

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

### Saturday, May 15 - Vigil: Ascension of the Lord

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

### Sunday, May 16 - Ascension of the Lord

10:00 a.m. - Chuck Schuster, Casimir Kleinsmith, Mark Baumgart

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mother’s prayers  
and they have always  
followed me.  
They have clung to  
me all my life.”

—  
*Abraham Lincoln*

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