



Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

May 16, 2021

Detroit, Michigan

The Ascension
OF THE LORD

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"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
- Mk 16:15b-17, 18c

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The Folding Chair Brigade
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Up from the basement.



All packed and ready to go!

GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE TO SHOUTS OF JOY.

PSALM 47

Part of the St. Matt's Work Crew

Dan
Don
John
and
Dennis
with thanks to everyone for a job well done!



Readings for the Week of May 16, 2021

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-
36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-
10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
[19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and
7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-
13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52,
53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-
2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-
27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
[cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-
25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Why Are We Looking at the Sky?

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?



The Ascension of the Lord



There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

As Jesus appointed Apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family; "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always."

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

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

**May 22 and May 23 - Pentecost Week-
end - Wear your Best Red!**

**Save the Date ~ Tuesday, May 25,
6 pm, Church Auditorium
Parish Council / Finance Council
Combined Meeting**

Catholic Services Appeal 2021

This weekend St. Matthew Parish joins with other parishes of the Archdiocese in launching the 2021 CSA campaign. This year, as with last year's campaign, the look and feel of this effort are different. However, the purpose for the CSA remains the same. The effort this year will "Fuel the Mission" of the Archdiocese as it continues its work of unleashing the Gospel in Southeast Michigan.

Our campaign here at St. Matthew begins today and will continue into the next calendar year. Our goal from the diocese is set at \$17,822; however, the Finance and Parish Councils have approved and established an internal goal for St. Matthew Parish at \$36,000. In the past two years, an internal goal has been set, and parishioners have responded with much generosity, even exceeding expectations.

Our motto for our CSA effort will be "one for you and one for me;" remember, this is how we learned to share in our childhood. Today at St. Matthew's, it means one dollar for the diocese and one dollar for St. Matthew Parish.

We urge you to again be generous, responding prayerfully to the CSA this year making it another success for St. Matthew Parish.



Mother's Day Layette For Pregnancy Aid

This weekend we bring to a close our annual Mother's Day Layette for Pregnancy Aid. If you are still able to donate any of items listed below, your donation will be accepted at the rectory office until Tuesday. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please enclose your check (no cash) in an envelope clearly marked "Pregnancy Aid."

- Gifts cards in any amount to Meier, Walmart, Aldi
- Diapers, sizes 4 and 5
- Girls' clothes, sizes 0 to 12 months
- Receiving blankets
- Baby afghans, caps (knitted, crocheted, 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

Thank you for your generosity; they are truly dependent on the goodness and kindness of others in their ministry.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians, he urges them "Whatever you do, do from the heart" (Colossians 3:23). These words are particularly meaningful since he wrote them from prison, facing persecution and hardship. The faith community at Colossae was facing its own hardships as they strove to live the life Christ called them to whatever their circumstances. Being rooted in the Lord would serve them well as they continued to grow as a faith community, and as the Church continued to grow throughout the world.

Like St. Paul and the Colossians, we too face our own hardships today. But we can also find great wisdom in his words to act from the heart. As an archdiocesan community, we know in faith that even with today's challenges, our mission gives us great hope. In recent years, we have seen our parishes and archdiocese embrace our mission identity in new ways. We have seen the Holy Spirit abundantly at work through our shared work of Unleashing the Gospel.

To continue this work of the Holy Spirit, our 2021 Catholic Services Appeal seeks to Fuel the Mission of our present moment. Each year, the CSA raises critical funds that support more than 170 ministries, services, and programs that fuel the mission. This mission is critical so we can respond to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families throughout Southeast Michigan. This is how we act from the heart, putting Christ and his mission above all else.

I ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 CSA this weekend. When you join me with your support, you help us to fuel the mission in each parish in our archdiocese and serve thousands of individuals and families throughout Southeast Michigan. Every gift makes a difference in our mission.

Entrusting you to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, Detroit's own priest Blessed Solanus Casey, and our beloved patroness St. Anne, I remain,

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Archbishop Allen Vigneron*



CRS Rice Bowl ~ Lenten Almsgiving

As we wrote stories of hope during Lent with respect to the family of Edwin Carlos in El Salvador, the families of Timor-Leste, and Frankline and Labaladezy's family in Madagascar, we remembered them and their need in our Lenten almsgiving. This year, the CRS Rice Bowl collection amounted to **\$1,124.52**. With every penny counted, and hopefully your prayers answered, your generosity is accepted gratefully. Thank you very much!

PRAYER TO MARY

O Mary, my mother,
I offer you my soul, my mind, and my heart.
Make of me God's instrument.
Give me a perceptive mind to discover,
firm to judge,
open to understand,
free to serve the truth;
an honest mind in telling
what it sees rather than what it wants to see;
a tolerant mind which does not dictate to other people,
but which explains what it sees clearly;
a mind infused by the light
and the truth of your Son, Jesus,
patient in faith,
while waiting for the vision of eternal life.
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.

Joe Petrylka
Anthony Mastronardi
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Betty Leone
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Mike Dulapa
Kathy Bush
Mary Zainea
Sue Allasio
Richard Goll
Tim Fitzgerald

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, May 22, 2021, 4:30 p.m.
Bruce Campbell

Ian Campbell

Sunday, May 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
David Smydra

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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

Monday, May 17 -

Tuesday, May 18 - St. John I, Pope and Martyr
9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Wednesday, May 19 -
9:00 a.m. - For Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

Thursday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Friday, May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, May 22 - Vigil: Pentecost Sunday
4:30 p.m. - Roger Sharpe

Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost Sunday
10:00 a.m. - Victor Slabinski, Raymond and Sylvia Novelty

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