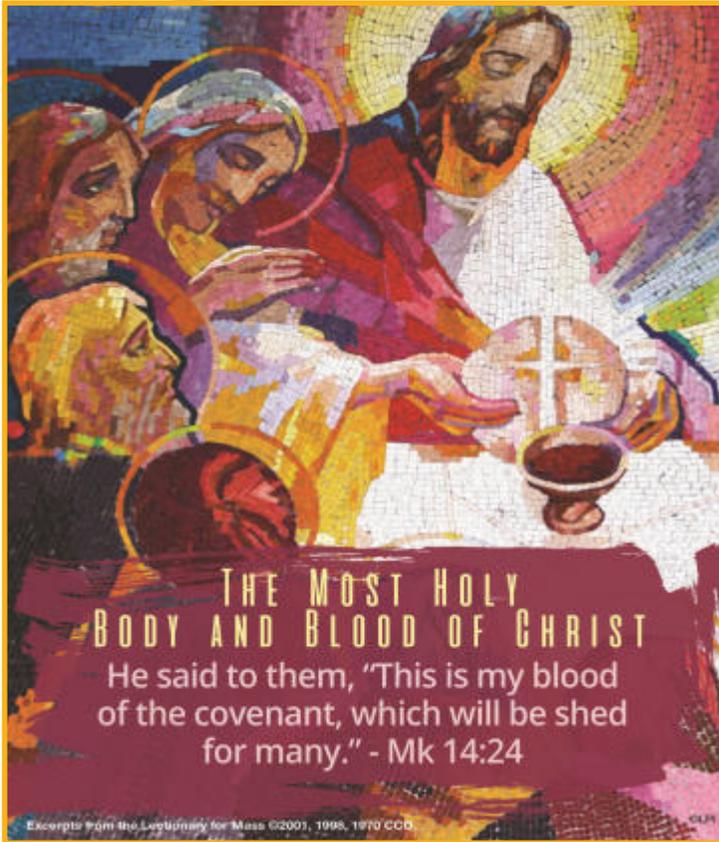




Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

June 6, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



May 22, 2021

Fr. Duane Novelty
St. Matthew Catholic Church
6021 Whittier
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Dear Fr. Novelty,

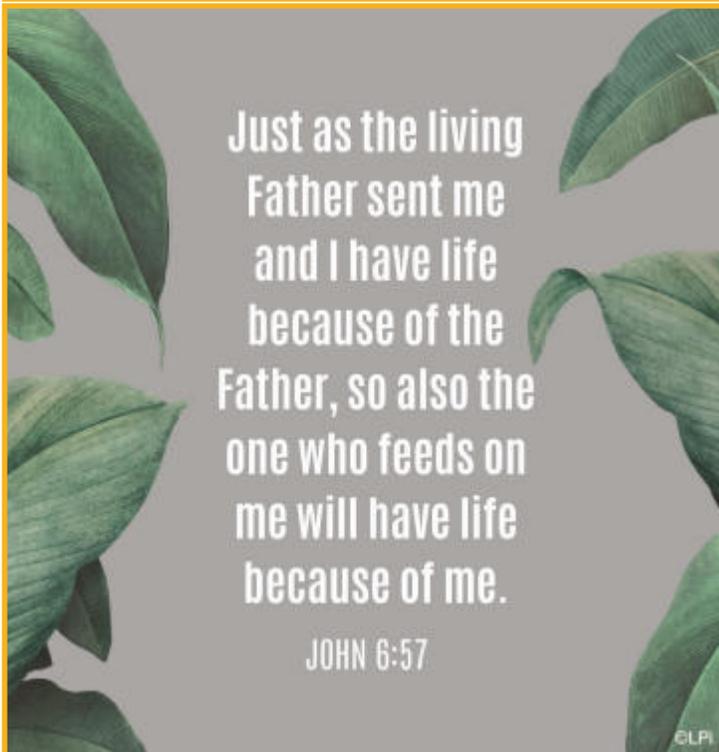
Thank you for hosting a baby shower at St. Matthew's! Ed Comiskey came to Pregnancy Aid Detroit yesterday to deliver the beautiful baby items that your parishioners donated. We are so grateful!

We know that when we attend to a woman's basic needs, she is more likely to choose life. Your donations of clothing, diapers, and wipes does just that. Because of the generosity of donors, we can support moms and babies until the babies' first birthday.

Thank you for being a great warrior for the unborn. Special thanks, too, to Ed Comiskey and Marilyn Lynn for organizing the event and even delivering the baby supplies right to our door. We're feeling blessed!

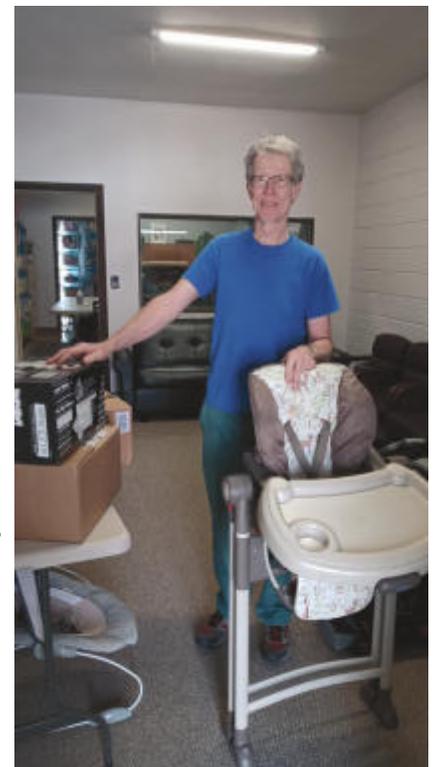
In Christ's Peace,

Nancy Anter
Executive Director
Pregnancy Aid



*Door to Door Service!
Ed delivering the baby items collected during St. Matthew's Mother's Day Layette!*

Thanks to all who donated the clothing, diapers, wipes, hygiene products, and blankets, as well as cash donations. God bless all of you for your generosity!



Readings for the Week of June 6, 2021

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/
Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133,
135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8
-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/
Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
[cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, “the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God’s sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God’s love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. “There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us.” Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God’s unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.



We Can Prepare the Upper Room

We all know that person, don't we? Hey, maybe we've even been that person.

"I have a great relationship with God, but I don't go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own."

There isn't anything false in these statements. It's important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don't matter. Community worship doesn't matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other.

The Body and Blood of Christ — that's what it's all about. If it's not about that, it's not about anything. If we don't have the Eucharist, we're just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don't have the power to redeem anybody.

Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it's in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated.

The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two?

Corpus Christi Prayer

Let us pray for the willingness to make present in our world the love of Christ shown to us in the Eucharist.



**Lord Jesus Christ,
we worship you living among us
in the sacrament of your body and blood.
May we offer to our Father in heaven
a solemn pledge of undivided love.
May we offer to our brothers and sisters
a life poured out in loving service of
that kingdom where you live with the
Father and the Holy Spirit
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion, and learning during the many meals Jesus and the disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today's Gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Enjoy your week, see you next weekend!

PROTECT THE HYDE AMENDMENT

Prevent Taxpayer Dollars from Supporting Elective Abortions

What? Powerful members of Congress are trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

How? The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years, saving 2.4 million babies. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly 50 years.

What happens without these protections? Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

How to stop taxpayer-funded abortions: Massive numbers of people contacting their members of Congress.

Your members are there to serve you, their constituent. They need your votes to be re-elected, so they care about what you think. Every single interaction with any constituent of any party, whether it is a personal email, phone call to their office, or action alert, is traced in their office's database. Even if they are pro-choice, they very well may be on the fence about taxpayer-funded abortion.

Five Ways you can help:

- 1) Sign the petition at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.
- 2) Submit the action alert you should have received in your email once you signed the petition. If you don't see your action alert within a few minutes, check your spam folders! Or, if you don't want to wait, you can go directly to www.bit.ly/no-taxpayer-abortion-action.
- 3) Follow up with your members of Congress. You can find out who they are and how to contact them personally by going to www.bit.ly/find-officials and putting in your mailing address. FYI, your address is not shared with anyone, we just ask for it so we can show you who represents you.
- 4) Tell your family and friends to do steps 1 to 3.
- 5) Raise awareness.

Planting a Vegetable Garden? Remember To

- ◆ Plant three rows of peas
 - 1) Peace of mind
 - 2) Peace of heart
 - 3) Peace of soul
- ◆ Plant four rows of squash
 - 1) Squash gossip
 - 2) Squash indifference
 - 3) Squash grumbling
 - 4) Squash selfishness
- ◆ Plant four rows of lettuce
 - 1) Lettuce be faithful
 - 2) Lettuce be kind
 - 3) Lettuce be patient
 - 4) Lettuce really love one another
- ◆ No garden is without turnips
 - 1) Turnip for meetings
 - 2) Turnip for service
 - 3) Turnip to help one another
- ◆ And you must have thyme
 - 1) Thyme for each other
 - 2) Thyme for family
 - 3) Thyme for friends



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Catholic Services Appeal 2021, "Fuel the Mission" ~ 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 motto this year is "Fuel the Mission" as the Archdiocese continues its work of unleashing the Gospel in South-east Michigan.

Our campaign here at St. Matthew continues until May 2022. 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 of \$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. At St. Matthew's, it will mean "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.

A Catholic Public Service Announcement

Mid-Life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection and purpose, especially during these challenging times? Register today for a REFLECT Day of Reflection at the St. Francis-St. Maximilian Catholic Church in Ray, Michigan (northeast of Detroit in Macomb County) on June 12, 2021. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Cost is \$45 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Visit their website, www.ReflectRetreat.com, or e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call 586-770-1772 for further details.

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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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.

Anthony Mastronardi
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Betty Leone
Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony CrimAUDO
Rosemary Schoolcraft
Tiffany Gelle
Robert Stark
Pauline Williams
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Marie Kane
Mike Dulapa
Kathy Bush
Mary Zainea
Sue Allasio
Richard Goll
Tim Fitzgerald

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

SERVERS

Saturday, June 12, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Dan McBride

Ian Campbell

Sunday, June 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Bill Ridella

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 5 - Vigil: Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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

Sunday, June 6 - Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

10:00 a.m. - Pat Urso, (34th Anniv), Frederick Allman (24th Anniv)

Monday, June 7 -

Tuesday, June 8 -

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

Wednesday, June 9 - St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

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

Thursday, June 10 -

Friday, June 11 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

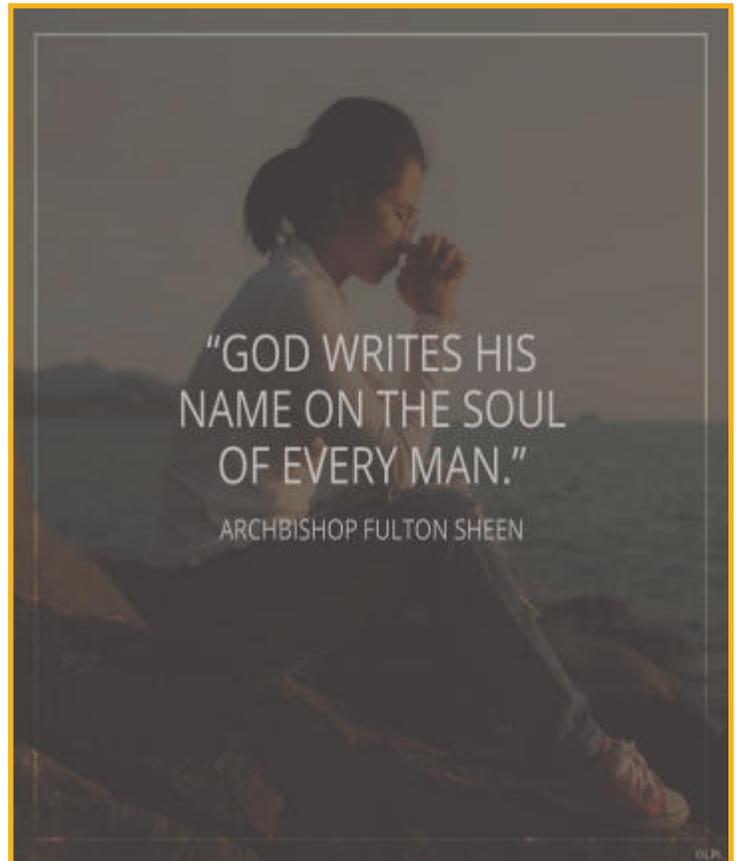
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, June 12 - Vigil: 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - Albino Martinelli

Sunday, June 13 - 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Jack Ment, Chuck Schuster



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