



Saint Matthew Church
The PULSE

May 23, 2021

Detroit, Michigan



Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/ Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

A Saint of our Time ~ Pope Paul VI's Story

Over the two millennia of its storied existence, the papacy has piled prestige upon power upon privilege like so many bricks in a high, impregnable, theological fortress. The Bishop of Rome is without doubt the world's greatest institutional defender of tradition telescoping into one man all that is meant by the phrase "Western Civilization." Giovanni Baptista Montini, Pope Paul VI's baptismal name, was perfectly prepared by education and experience to carry the torch of tradition handed to him by his predecessor, Pope John XXIII. The mid-1960s demanded of the Pope a mix of lace-like delicacy and raw political power alien to his sensitive character. The unity of the Church after the Council was quickly unwinding under potent centrifugal forces. In order to keep the core intact, it was no longer enough for the Pope to be just the bearer of the great tradition. Paul VI had to be Peter, a man of office and authority, a tireless missionary like St. Paul, and a silently courageous disciple and sign of contradiction like Mary, the Blessed Virgin.

Paul VI became the first pope ever to travel to other continents, going on apostolic pilgrimages to the Holy Land, India, Colombia, the US, Portugal, and Uganda. Paul also continued the Second Vatican Council and shepherded it to its conclusion in 1965. After the Council, Paul VI promulgated a new liturgical calendar, missal, breviary, and simplified rites for all the sacraments, thus impacting the lives of Catholics the world over in a personal way that few popes had ever done before. Paul VI was also deeply immersed in the theological and moral deliberations over the Church's response to new technologies.

St. Paul VI was in many ways a tragic figure, tasked with leading a huge, complex Church in a confusing time. Paul's confessor, said, after the Pope's death, that "if Paul VI was not a saint when he was elected Pope, he became one during his pontificate." The Church was Paul VI's perennial love and undying concern. He died on the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6, and was buried, at his request, in a simple casket placed directly in the earth in the grottoes under St. Peter's Basilica, near many of his predecessors who sat on the same Chair of Peter.

*Lord God, we thank You for raising Your Servant
to be numbered among the Saints.
May his example of faith, courage and patient endurance
inspire us in our daily living of the Gospel
and in our witness to Jesus Christ. Amen.*

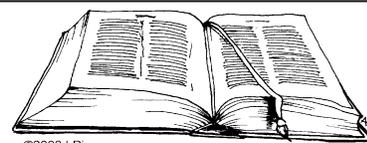
Pentecost Sunday



Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family, and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to truth."

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

May 22 and May 23 - Pentecost Weekend - Wear your Best Red!

Tuesday, May 25, Family of Parishes Leadership Team Meeting, 6 pm, Church Auditorium (includes Leadership Team Members, Parish Council, Finance Council)

Sunday, May 30, 10 am Mass - Recognition of St. Matthew Parish Graduates

Monday, May 31, 9 am Mass - Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 31, Memorial Day Rectory Office Closed

PROTECT THE HYDE AMENDMENT

Prevent Taxpayer Dollars from Supporting Elective Abortions

From the Michigan Catholic Conference - Beginning in 1976, members of Congress and the White House have consistently supported the Hyde Amendment, a federal policy which has prevented taxpayer dollars from paying for elective abortions. This language has been approved every year since then, regardless of which political party has been in control of Congress or the presidency. In addition to wide legislative support, the general public is highly favorable of the Hyde Amendment and similar provisions. Many public opinion surveys demonstrate that a strong majority of individuals in the country, including those of different income levels, races, and positions regarding abortion, oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortion.

Despite public opinion, pro-abortion groups and certain elected officials are campaigning to rescind the Hyde Amendment and to instead implement a policy that would require every federal health program to cover, and every federal health facility to provide, elective abortions. If adopted, the new policy would go as far as to nullify state and local policies against abortion coverage, rescinding the compromise policy agreed to by President Obama and Congressional Democrats in the Affordable Care Act of 2010.

The stakes are high, as the Hyde Amendment saves the lives of mothers and children and respects the consciences of the American people. It is estimated that over 2.4 million children are alive now due to the Hyde Amendment. If Hyde and similar measures are not approved in this year's appropriations process, billions of taxpayer dollars could start being used for elective abortions in this country.

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW. Congress is considering the annual budget legislation which has consistently included the Hyde Amendment and similar amendments. It is imperative that federal lawmakers hear from you by the **first week of June** to stop tax dollars from paying for abortion.

ACTION NEEDED - Visit www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com by the first week of June and tell Congress to retain the Hyde Amendment and similar provisions in this year's budget bills. Then urge a friend to do the same.

Father Novelty has placed a call to the Michigan Catholic Conference with a request to receive paper petitions for in-person signatures in order to better realize the most response from our parish. This is due to the fact that not all parishioners own or have access to a computer. As soon as Father receives notice of whether or not this is possible, the message will be passed along to you. In the meantime, if you have access to a computer, please respond via their website.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Catholic Services Appeal 2021, "Fuel the Mission" ~ Last weekend, St. Matthew Parish joined 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 motto this year is "Fuel the Mission" as the Archdiocese continues its work of unleashing the Gospel in Southeast Michigan.

Our campaign here at St. Matthew 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 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. St. Matthew's, it will mean "one dollar for the diocese and one dollar for St. Matthew Parish."

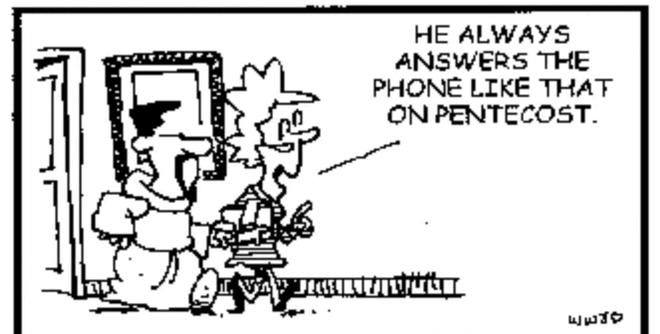
We urge you to again be generous, responding prayerfully to the CSA this year making it another success for St. Matthew Parish.

Update ~ CRS Rice Bowl ~ Lenten Almsgiving

Since last week, we have received additional Rice Bowl donations bringing the total Rice Bowl collection to the amount of **\$1,302.97**. Thank you very much!

*May today there be peace within.
Lord, may I trust that I am exactly
where You mean for me to be.
Help me to remember the infinite possibilities
that are born of faith.
Grant that I may use the gifts
You have bestowed on me, and pass on Your love,
as it has been passed on to me.
Let me embrace the contentment in knowing
that I am Your beloved child.
From a Prayer of St. Therese Lisieux*

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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
Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony Crimauco
Rosemary Schoolcraft
Tiffany Gelle
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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, May 29, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Dan McBride

Jermaine Donaldson

Sunday, May 30, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Bryan Jones

Cory Fullilove

Julia Zuerblis

Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

William Zuerblis

Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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 Novelly

Monday, May 24 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday, May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

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

Wednesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest

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

Thursday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Friday, May 28 -

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

Saturday, May 29 - Vigil: Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

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

Sunday, May 30 - The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

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

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How varied are
your works, LORD!

In wisdom you have
made them all;
the earth is full of
your creatures.

PSALM 104:24

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