Mission Statement

St. Matthias Parish is committed to becoming a prayerful community by celebrating the Sacraments together, and supporting the parish and one another by sharing the time, talents and treasures God has given us. Through prayer and good works we will strive to grow in peace and unity with God and our community.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. - Lk 9:16
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**WEDDING BANNS**

Hillary Swantek & Jeremy Harris

7/5/2019
Church of St. Matthias, Sterling Heights

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Fr. Francisco

Lector:
Matthew Cichowlas

Altar Servers:
Annamaria Toscano
Nathen Carney

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Lector:
Kurt Lang

Altar Servers:
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Lector:
Marguerite Teschke

Altar Servers:
Joseph Juliano, Evan Ciclian, Mason & Mila Paull

Members Serving Our Country

Pfc Aaron C. Alley/Army
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Sgt. Michael J Borg/ Air Force
Sgt Andrew Chapoton/Army
SMSGt Mark Darling/ Air Force
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Agnes Kosi
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Larry Gillick, S.J. shares: “Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation.” The priest at the Catholic Eucharistic liturgy begins the offering of bread and wine at the offertory with these words. It is taken from the prayer within the Jewish tradition for their Sabbath meal. We hear this prayer spoken for the first time by the king and priest of Salem which became Jerusalem. Hocus-Pocus is a popular phrase which indicates slide-of-hand or tricky magic. The phrase actually refers to the Latin words of consecration, Hoc est corpus mecum, This is My Body. The reference to magic and trickery was a demise and sacrilegious mocking of the mystery we celebrate today. We hear in the first reading a celebration by the king and priest of Salem in honor and praise of God who assisted Abram in a military recapturing of his people and possessions. Melchizedek takes bread and wine and offers them in victorious prayer to the Holy and one God. The ritual of the words of praise and remembering are accompanied with the gestures of taking something from the earth which is a gift from the loving God and offering it as a sign that God’s love continues with the symbols of life-giving bread and wine. The Gospel for this wonderful celebration is also about inconvenience. The Apostles enjoy the popularity Jesus has with the crowds by his healings and teachings. It is getting late and the crowds are a bother. The disciples hardly have enough to feed themselves so they wish to have Jesus get rid of them. “Give them some food yourselves.” They are inconvenient by their experience of poverty. They couldn’t figure out how Jesus could ask this of them. Jesus receives the truth of the Apostles, the condition of the people as well as the bread and fish. He has the people sit down on the very earth. He prays thankfully over these products of the earth and gives them back to the Apostles to distribute. The miracle takes place in the hands of the distributors and perhaps in the lives of the consumers. Perhaps there were people there who were skeptical about whether there would be enough for all and went off to fend for themselves. Sitting down, putting themselves in a position to be served was their first act of faith in Jesus. The crowd ate, without seeming to ask how it all happened. Were they glad it happened? Were the Apostles glad it happened? Would academic, scientific, and philosophic questions be satisfied? Would they rather have answers than food? The Body and Blood of Jesus were of the earth as were the bread and wine of the Thanksgiving celebration of Melchizedek. Jesus embraced our human and earthly condition so as to give it life. He came to stay with us. The community of the faithful is one with Him and so is the Body of Christ. Jesus also nourishes those believers who are willing to sit down in their earthliness and take positions of receptivity. The Body of Christ, in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, unites the Body of Christ with its life-giving Servant. He came to serve, not to be served, and so we, too, who are his body. Those of us who are privileged to extend the Body and Blood of Jesus to members of the community become aware of the tremendous variety of faces and hands which are in front of us as recipients of his tender mercies. So many parts of the One Body and yet for all the different textures and sizes of hands, he has come and stayed to bless and enliven them all. We are all re-membered, re-joined in this One Most Holy Body of Christ. The hands of differing colors and the mouths which speak various languages, all are blest by the Servant who, like Abram, won the victory and gained his people back. Is this magic and trickery? The real miracle is both in the bread and wine becoming his Body and Blood, as well as that we also become a sacred presence. We sit down at his table with him and then rise to go forth to continue his real presence as his Body. It is not Hocus-Pocus, but being loved in our humanity so as to share in his Divinity.

Questions for Reflection
- How struck are you with the awesomeness of God’s creation?
- In what ways do God as Father, Son and Spirit find expression in your prayer?
- How do you experience the Spirit of God guiding your choices in daily life?

Respond in Action
- Take the time this weekend to gather with family/friends and take a walk in nature, soaking up the goodness of God.
- Join together with neighbors and plant a community garden.
- Share the produce with your local soup kitchen.

In the celebration of Eucharist this week, be conscious of the prayer addressed to God, to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Father’s Day
What a grand adventure fatherhood is. What an awesome milestone. Today as we gather with the fathers in our lives, let’s listen to their stories of the day that the birth of their first child called them to a new role—“dad.”

Registrations:
The Faith Formation Office is still accepting registrations for both Vacation Bible School and Faith Formation sessions in the fall. If you need registration papers or more information, please call the office at 586-731-0650.

Please help if you can:
We have classes on Monday evening from 6:15-7:30 for kindergarten through fifth grade and grades 6-9 on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30. We need catechists in various grades. Lesson plans are provided to you. Please consider helping if you can. Call Donna at 586-731-0650.

Called to do something different…
When has the Lord called the members of your family to do something different, perhaps something radical and life changing…challenging, scary, awesome? Or something a little out of the ordinary? Perhaps the call to vocation-marriage, priesthood, the call to a different way of life or a different career, the call to step out on the limb because of what you believe and value. Share these times with each other. They are not yet more evidence of God’s significant presence in our lives.
CSA Update as of June 13, 2019

Total Gifts.................181
Total Pledged.............$ 35,651.00
Goal.........................$ 42,258.00
Pledge Deficit.............($ 6,607.00)
Percentage............... 84%

M/M Thomas Dembeck Jr.
  Ann Gross
M/M Michael Hoff
M/M James Malecki
M/M Jonathan Martin
M/M James Smith Sr.
M/M Jerry Swims
M/M David Welch
Alice Zech

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CSA DONATIONS!!

BLOOD IS Poured
AND FLESH IS BROKEN,
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WONDERFUL TOKEN
CHRIST ENTIRE
WE KNOW TO BE.
— LAUDA SION

I LEARNED
AT MY SELF-
ESTEEM CLASSES
HOW GREAT
I REALLY AM!

THEN YOU'RE JUST
THE PERSON WE NEED
TO CHAIR THE PARISH
BAZAAR COMMITTEE!

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The Most Holy
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The Power
of Prayer is
in the one
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BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

the Nativity
of John the Baptist
JUNE 24
Church Support

Week of June 10, 2019

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Giving is not about making a donation.

It is about making a difference.

St. Vincent De Paul

~ Thank You for your generous giving to our requests~

We are in need of:
Breakfast Cereal, Canned Fruit, Rice, Rice Mixes, Saltine Crackers, Pudding, Jello, Ketchup, Dish Soap, Facial Tissue, Hand Soap, Dish Soap

Food Pantry

Donations Needed

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you are interested in serving our Parish in a special way, please consider being a Lector. People are needed for the 11:00 Mass on Sundays. There is training available along with a book to explain the readings. You will only be scheduled according to your schedule. We need people to begin this special ministry beginning in July. Please call Denise at 586-566-7546. Thank You and God Bless you for considering this opportunity to serve.

Please remember the family of

†Eileen Piklor

who entered eternal life.
May She Forever Rest in Peace.

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Website: www.stmatthiaschurch.net
Pastor: Fr. Francisco Restrepo

Weekend Mass Times:
Confessions: Saturdays: 3 p.m. until all heard or by appointment.
Saturday 4:30pm—Sunday 8:30am & 11:00 am
Parish Office Hours:
Monday thru Thursday: 8 am-1 pm
Closed Fridays
Parish Office …………………..…………….731-1300
Bookkeeper: Jacki Lenard…………………….……...731-1300
Maintenance: …………………………………731-0654
Marsha Laurencelle - Jose Fuentes - Pauleta Pashki
Director of Music Ministries: …………………..…………….731-1300
Kristin Glasgow
Faith Formation Office: ……………………….……...586-731-0650
Director: Donna Latimer
Adult Formation: Donna Latimer
Email—latimer_stmatthias@yahoo.com
Finance Council - 731-1300
Chairperson: Carmela Badia
Sue Kirouac
Dave Barth
Parish Pastoral Council
Chairperson: Jan Stieren…………………….739-2050
Nick Bommarito………………………….226-3702
Tony & Veronica Giganti………………..……997-3692
Ron West………………………………...254-9419
Cassandra Swiderski……………………..731-1300
Melinda McNamara………………………………731-1300
Worship Commission
Chairperson: Marie Bommarito………………..586-524-1785
Lectors: Denise Zimkiewicz……………………..566-7546
Ushers: Tony & Veronica Giganti………………..997-3692
Altar Server Coordinator: Carrie Carney…206-4783
Art & Environment: Margaret Peters ………………731-1300
Christian Service
Director: Teresa Fortuna………………..731-1300 X107
Baptism Preparation: Teresa Fortuna
Christian Women:
Catholic Services of Macomb………………..586-416-2300
Pregnant & in need? ………………………..1-800-848-LOVE
Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry1-888-722-4355
Domestic Violence Hotline ………………………1-800-799-7233
Protective Services (CHILD & ADULT)1-877-412-6109
Legion of Mary
St. Matthias/St. Vincent de Paul ……………739-2922
Abigayle Ministries…………………………..586-323-1411

Baptism: Contact Parish Office.
Marriage: Arrangements are to be made six months prior to the wedding date.
Come see why so many seniors are making American House Sterling Heights home!

Paula Marsee, Executive Director
Darlene Anderson, Assistant Executive Director

AmericanHouse.com