



# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

May 8, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28a

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### From Father Duane's Desk

First let me wish all the Moms of St. Matthew's a very happy Mother's Day. As we remember and acknowledge them, we honor all they do and have done for their children. As Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is their model, we let them know they are appreciated for all their sacrifices to raise, nourish, and form their children. May God bless them all!

On this day, Holy Mother Church in Detroit, begins its Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). This year we return to distributing the cards and other materials at the back of church. I ask you to please read my letter in the packet for a full explanation of the campaign this year. However, I will state again as in the letter, we will use the CSA to help raise much needed funds toward our overall budget. Again, this year, we are "Doubling Down" on our target of \$18,500 and have set an internal goal of \$36,000. This will help us balance our financial picture at the end of the fiscal year.

Please read all the materials in the packet and do what you can, even sacrificially to help in our effort.

On another matter of importance beyond our parish, we are conducting a petition signature campaign this weekend to put forth state legislation that would enable public, private, and home schooled children to take advantage of **OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS** for low-income families to access funding for children's educational needs; tutoring, text books, learning materials, special needs, and to assist in tuition for Catholic or private schools.

Along with this first petition, a second petition establishes a dollar for dollar **STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT** for individuals and businesses who make a donation to scholarship granting organizations that distribute funds for opportunity scholarships. This petition drive will allow the legislature to consider this effort as it was vetoed last year by the governor.

You must sign both petitions for validity as there are two parts to this legislation. Our timeline is short. We only have this weekend to respond as the petitions are due to Let My Kids Learn (the organization that is sponsoring the petition) on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Please consider signing the petitions.

Remember next weekend is our Organ Dedication Concert. Please make every effort to attend. It will be beautiful, and we need you!

God bless all of you, Father Duane

### **Readings for the Week of May 8, 2022**

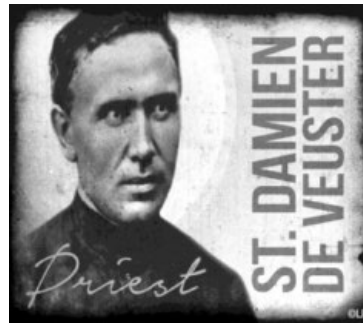
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/  
Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
Jn 15:9-17  
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/  
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

### **4th Sunday of Easter**

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.



### **St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'I | May 10**

People may be familiar with leprosy from biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'I (January 3, 1840 - April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastat-

ing disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a 4th Century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'I, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

### ***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.***

### **A Family Perspective**

**by Bud Ozar**

Today's Gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice," what message do they hear?

## ***St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings***

**Monday, May 9, 6:00 pm** - Parish Council Meeting, Church Auditorium

**Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 pm** - Organ Dedication Concert Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

**Sunday, May 15, 3 pm** - "All the Stops" an Organ Dedication Concert at St. Matthew Church; Free-will Offering, After-glo to Follow, Church Auditorium

**Weekend of May 14 and May 15** - Mother's Day Layette for Pregnancy Aid

### ***"ALL THE STOPS"***

**A CONCERT CELEBRATION OF  
*Opus 3529***

**THE ST. MATTHEW ORGAN  
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022, 3 P.M.  
COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT  
COME AND ENJOY!**

You are heartily invited to this once in a lifetime event, a very special opportunity for you to personally experience the glorious sounds of the "King of Instruments."



### **Mother's Day Layette For Pregnancy Aid**

This year we will hold our annual Mother's Day Layette next weekend, May 14 and 15, 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.

## **CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ**



**KICK-OFF WEEKEND** - Please see the CSA Committee person at the back vestibule for your personal packet of information on the 2022 CSA Campaign. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### **PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**

Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.  
Bless all mothers this day.  
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.  
May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.



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

**In praise and thanksgiving  
for the blessing of  
Father Duane Novelty  
our Good Shepherd of  
St. Matthew Parish!**

4TH 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. 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  
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# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

## LECTORS

## SERVERS

Saturday, May 14, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Julie Smith

Lauren Smith

Sunday, May 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

William Zuerblis

Lauren Gross  
Julia Zuerblis

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, May 7 - Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. - Betty Amara, Anna Martinelli (27th Anniv)

### Sunday, May 8 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - Tim Fitzgerald, Mary Merlo, Shirley Goll, Ponina Stellino, Grace Chinnici, Ofelia and Pantaleon Vivo, Robert Lynn (20th Anniv)

### Monday, May 9 -

### Tuesday, May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster of Molokai

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

### Wednesday, May 11 -

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

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

### Friday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

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

### Saturday, May 14 - Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

### Sunday, May 15 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. - John P. Sasinowski, Bill Russell

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Then he said to his disciples,  
“The harvest is abundant but the laborers  
are few; so ask the master of the harvest to  
send out laborers for his harvest.”

- Matthew 9:37-38

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