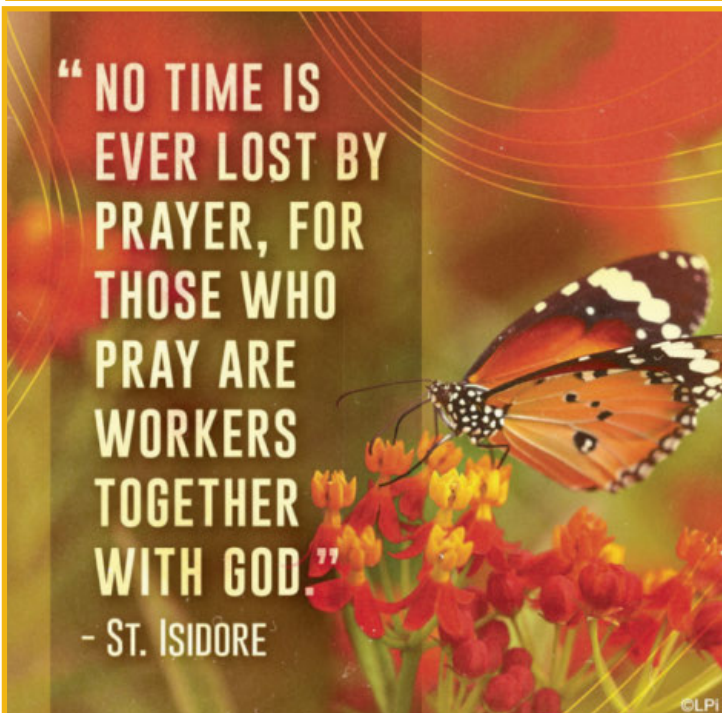




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

May 15, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



From Father Duane's Desk

A reminder, I hope everyone has set aside this date, today, Sunday, May 15th, to come to our restored Organ Dedication Concert. The day has been long in the making, and I'm hoping for a great success, not only for its financial success, which is greatly needed by the parish, but also most assuredly for the attendance.

The program will be very interesting with prayer and a blessing of the instrument, congregational singing, and most especially the performance of classical and contemporary organ selections that will not only show the versatility of the instrument but also highlight the talent of the musicians / organists who play it.

The "King of Instruments" is not easy to play, and the talent demonstrated by these musicians shows how God has touched them with a great gift. I'm looking forward to it, and I hope you are, too.

See you there!

On another note, so to speak, I want to let you know the calendar moves forward toward July 1, 2022, which will mark our move into the Family of Parishes. The Family will include St. Matthew, St. Paul on the Lake, St. Clare of Montefalco, and St. Ambrose. The four pastors have already been meeting in anticipation of this day to prepare for our retreat which will help to solidify our Covenant agreement.

More information will be forthcoming. Please pray for a smooth transition.

God bless all of you,
Father Duane



Readings for the Week of May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

5th Sunday of Easter

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.



St. Isidore the Farmer

Isidore has become the patron of farmers and rural communities. In particular, he is the patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference.

When he was barely old enough to wield a hoe, Isidore entered the service of John de Vergas, a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate outside the city for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint—Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child.

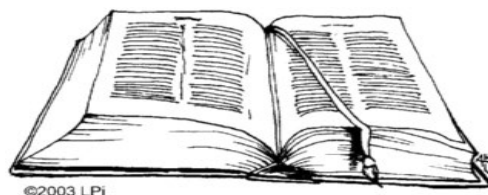
Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day

long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. His devotion, one might say, became a problem, for his fellow workers sometimes complained that he often showed up late because of lingering in church too long.

He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals.

He died May 15, 1130 and was declared a saint in 1622, with Sts. Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri. Together, the group is known in Spain as "the five saints." St. Isidore the Farmer is the Patron Saint of Farmers and Rural Laborers.

Reflection: Many implications can be found in a simple laborer achieving sainthood: Physical labor has dignity; sainthood does not stem from status; contemplation does not depend on learning; the simple life is conducive to holiness and happiness. Legends about angel helpers and mysterious oxen indicate that his work was not neglected and his duties did not go unfulfilled. Perhaps the truth which emerges is this: If you have your spiritual self in order, your earthly commitments will fall into order also. "[S]eek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness," said the carpenter from Nazareth, "and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33).



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us: "Love one another," Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what is *has*, love for one another.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

"ALL THE STOPS"

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Mother's Day Layette For Pregnancy Aid

This year we are holding our annual Mother's Day Layette from **May 14 and 15 to May 21 and 22** 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.

YOUR GENEROSITY

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection - Thank you for your recent generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As the parish of St. Matthew's, we collected **\$418** to restore the Church in these former communist governed countries and to build their future.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection - Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. As the parish of St. Matthew's, you contributed the amount of **\$495** to help in the ministries of this organization.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



KICK-OFF CONTINUES - 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!

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

**GOD OF LOVE,
OUR WORLD IS WROUGHT WITH WAR AND
VIOLENCE, AS BROTHER TURNS
ON BROTHER,
AND THE INNOCENT AWAKE TO GUNFIRE
AND BOMBS.**

**MAY YOUR COMPASSION AND HEALING
MOVE HEARTS AND BRING A NEW DAY
TO UKRAINE.**

**FORTIFY YOUR CHILDREN
TO RESIST AGGRESSION
AND INSTEAD BECOME INSTRUMENTS
OF PEACE.**

**WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO
IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE, JESUS CHRIST.
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.

Anthony Mastronardi
Stephanie Smith
Janet Law
Laura Alix
Jo Marie Nardi
Anthony Crimaudo
Rosemary Schoolcraft
Tiffany Gelle
Pauline Williams
Eloise Parker
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Cathy D'Agostini
Madeline Jozwiak
Marc McEachern

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

LECTORS

Liz Smith

Bill Ridella

SERVERS

Saturday, May 21, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Bruce Campbell

Sunday, May 22, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Lauren Gross
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

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

Monday, May 16 -

Tuesday, May 17 -
9:00 a.m. - For Healthcare Workers and First Responders

Wednesday, May 18 - St. John I, Pope and Martyr
9:00 a.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Thursday, May 19 -

Friday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Saturday, May 21 - Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, May 22 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. - Faustina (Nenette) Ferreria



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