

# Saint Matthew Church The PULSE

May 29, 2022

Detroit, Michigan





"I Am About My Father's Work" June 3, 1979 to June 3, 2022

### Congratulations! Father Duane

as you celebrate your
43rd year of priestly ordination.
Thank you for being our pastor,
shepherding us and leading us
to Christ through Liturgies
and the Sacraments for 33 years!
Thank you for being a
loving Father to your parishioners
and to our Eastside community.
May God bless you in mind, body,
and spirit this day, this year,
and for many more years to come.



#### 2022 ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT FINANCIAL REPORT

#### **Income**

Commemorative Booklet	
Individual Sponsorships	\$44,310.00**
Business Ad Sponsorships	\$4,850.00***
Free-will Offering	\$2,506.00
Beverage Tips	\$75.19
Total Income	\$51,741.19

#### **Expenses**

Concert Expenses (includes projector	
screen, booklet publication)	\$1,321.25
Hospitality Expenses (includes food,	
beverages, hi-top table rental)	<u>\$658.12</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$1,979.37
TOTAL PROFIT	\$49.761.82

- \*\* Online Contributions of \$5,485.00
- \*\*\* Business Ad Payments Outstanding of \$600.00

Much gratitude goes to those who supported our Organ Dedication Concert including our two major donors, 19 business ads, 32 online sponsors, and 47 individual sponsors.

No less is our appreciation to the three organists who gave of their time and talent to contribute to the success of the event. To Rob Abbott, Dr. Ron Prowse, and Joe Balistreri, God has gifted you with a very beautiful talent, and you have used it well. May God continue to bless you.

Again, we thank the committee who organized and planned the afternoon. Of course, to Patrick Lusch, we owe a debt of gratitude for his attention to detail, his expertise in technology, and his ongoing love of St. Matthew Parish.

To Joe Balistreri, who developed and coordinated the performance program and organists, as well as keeping in touch with the organ restorers to make sure that the "King" was ready on that day.

God bless all of you for all that you do for St. Matthew Parish.

#### Readings for the Week of June 5, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-

28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Ez 37:1-14/JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-

28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2,

3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8,

11/Mt 5:17-19

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-Thursday:

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Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc,

13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4,

5-6/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-

5/Jn 16:12-15

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost can-

not be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life

-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Au-

If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.



#### Come, Holy Spirit!

Did you know? In some other countries, on Pentecost, it is a custom to release rose petals from the ceiling to represent the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In the city of Rome, but also in other places of the world, the feast of Pentecost is called "Rose Sunday."

In Italy, it was customary to scatter rose leaves from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues; hence in Sicily and elsewhere in Italy, Whitsunday is called Pascha rosatum. The Italian name Pascha rossa comes from the red color of the vestments used on Whitsunday.

The most famous church that continues this tradition is the Church of St. Mary and All Martyrs (also known as the Pantheon) in Rome. In Rome, on Sunday of the Roses ("Pascha rosarum" or "rosatum"), in the famous Pantheon, rose leaves and petals are thrown from the rotunda ceiling into the church.

It is said that this tradition dates back to 609. It occurs at the conclusion of Mass on Pentecost. The custom is a beautiful way to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and many who have witnessed it say the church is filled with the scent of roses.

**Pentecost** is also known as the "birthday" of the Catholic Church, as it marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. Everyone has a birthday, and Pentecost marks the official birthday of the Catholic Church. The reason behind this is that Pentecost completes the paschal mystery, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains.

On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.

On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated." (CCC 731-732)

Pentecost is the day when the Church's sacraments are inaugurated, specifically the sacrament of baptism.

"Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his selfoffering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body." (CCC 739)

The Church can now fulfill her mission, with the help and assistance of the Holy Spirit. St. Peter wasted no time on this birthday of the Church and proceeded to baptize 3,000 individuals!

Pentecost is a beautiful day in the Church's calendar, a day that many families celebrate with a birthday

cake.

### St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 pm - Organ Dedication Concert Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Tuesday, June 14, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Church Auditorium



#### A Family Perspective

#### by Bud Ozar

Today Gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family. "We will come and make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours.



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

Thank you to all who gave to this effort to help new mothers make the right decision for their babies. The caring members of Pregnancy Aid are very grateful for anything you do as they are truly dependent on the good-

ness and kindness of others in their ministry.

#### Do You Speak Stewardship?

If you are married, you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers — we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear.

Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels — but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND FOR THE CEASING OF AGGRESSION TOWARD THEIR COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE.

### **CSA Minute** ~ Sharing Christ

Respond and then Rejoice! - The CSA 2022 Campaign packets are out! Those that were not picked up by parishioners have been mailed.

St. Matthew Parish has changed our promotion of the CSA these past three years by setting an internal target over and above that of the Archdiocese of Detroit target. This year our internal target is \$36,000 double that of the AoD target of \$18,500. Let's "Repeat the Success," "Double-down," and give "One Dollar for the Archdiocese and One Dollar for St. Matthew."

#### 30th Annual "Bid for Life" Auction/Dinner

The annual "Bid for Life" Auction and Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the Vintage Banquet Hall located at 31816 Utica Road in Fraser. Doors open at 5:30 pm. for a family style dinner served at 7:00 pm. Live and silent auctions and a 50/50 raffle with guest auctioneer, George Blaha. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$375 for a table of eight. Proceeds benefit the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund. To make your reservation donate an item, or for more information, call 586-774-6050 or e-mail MacombRLM@rtl.org, or visit www.rtl.org.

#### Camp Sancta Maria

Camp Sancta Maria is located in Gaylord, Michigan where kids are served from Michigan and beyond. If you are looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren, please check out Camp Sancta Maria, a Catholic camp that provides fun experiences in a technology-free zone (they won't even miss their cell phones!) while immersed in a faith-filled environment. They offer separate camping experiences for boys and girls that include daily Mass, horseback riding, swimming, archery, various sports, high and low ropes, campfires, crafts, and more. For more information, or to learn about their Covid-19 safety protocols, check www.CampSanctaMaria.org or call 248-822-8199. Sessions run from mid-June to mid-August.

# PENTECOST



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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.



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 Herb Damman Sarah Wagner Albert Fajardo Aurora Guinto Jesse Ocampo Mary Spansky Mike Dulapa Kathy Bush Richard Goll

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# Ministers, Lectors, and Servers LECTORS SERVERS

Saturday, June 11, 2022, 4:30 p.m.
Bruce Campbell Bruce Campbell

Sunday, June 12, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Bill Ridella

Lauren Gross Julia Zuerblis

# Mass Schedule

<u>Saturday, June 4 - Vigil: Feast of Pentecost</u> 4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, June 5 - Feast of Pentecost
10:00 a.m. - Father Duane Novelly (43rd Anniversary of
Ordination to the Priesthood), Gaspare Stellino,
Patricia and Vaughn Adams, Adam Zuerblis,
Frank Neill

# Monday, June 6 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

<u>Tuesday, June 7 -</u> 9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

<u>Wednesday, June 8 -</u> 9:00 a.m. – For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

# <u>Thursday, June 9 - St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church</u>

Friday, June 10 - 9:00 a.m. - For an End to the COVID-19 Pandemic

<u>Saturday, June 11 - Vigil: Feast of the Holy Trinity</u> 4:30 p.m. - Tim Fitzgerald, Albino Martinelli

<u>Sunday, June 12 - Feast of the Holy Trinity</u> 10:00 a.m. - Jack Ment, George Romiti, Donald Romiti



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