

AUGUST 20, 2017 • 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2017-2018

Register today!

Families are asked to pick up their registration envelope in the gathering space. If you are a new family, please pick up an information packet from our pastoral associate in the gathering space or call the office.





In the past, I have written about pro-life activities and attitudes. The chaos that is taking place in Charlottesville, Virginia in these days is another example of an attitude that has no respect for life, and no place in our society. The protection and respect for life includes all life. Racism is one of

the worst forms of sin against life.

Recently we sadly commemorated the 50th anniversary of the civil disturbance in Detroit, which had its root in race relations. 43 people were killed, thousands injured and the city devastated. In the Church, we recently celebrated the feast of two modern-day saints who were martyred in the prison camp in Auschwitz in the 1940's. St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, whose birth name was Edith Stein, was a convert from Judaism to Catholicism. She was killed in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942. St. Maximillian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan priest, was sent to the death camp in March, 1941 and killed on August 14 of that year, giving his life in place of another prisoner who was scheduled to be killed. Maximillian was known simply as prisoner #16670. He was placed in a basement cell with nine other men and given nothing to eat or drink. After two weeks, he was the only one still left alive, so he was given a lethal injection that killed him. His body was burned a day later. Man's inhumanity to man!

Pondering these horrific events, I often ask myself "how can humans treat other humans in such an awful way?" Seventy years later, the same attitudes are alive and well, seeing the events in Charlottesville. We must stand up against these events and attitudes. That's what it means to be Pro-Life.

Archbishop Vigneron has called us to pray, that "In our grief, we ask Jesus, Prince of Peace, to bind up the wounds and heal the root of this evil." Fr. James Martin, a Jesuit author, writes: "Every time you shout 'White Power!' you might as well be shouting 'Crucify him!' And any time you lift your hand in a Nazi salute, you might as well be lifting your hand to nail Jesus to the Cross."

If we truly respect life, we cannot stand on the side and allow this horrible sin continue to exist. Let us pray together for the respect of all life.

Fr. Ken

Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.



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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 8:00am-4:00pm Friday: 8:00am-Noon

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI 8:30 am

12:00 Noon WED

SAT 4:30 pm **SUN**

8:00 am 10:00 am

12:00 Noon

Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor, deacon or lay ministers are available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Parish Registration

Please call the office at 734-425-4421 to register with our parish. Please notify our parish of any address or phone changes.

Report Sexual Abuse for any child or adult:

Call AOD victim assistance 1-866-343-8055 or Call the Michigan Department of Human Services at: 855-444-3911 any time

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If there are any names that can be removed from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421

READINGS for August 26/27

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36 Lord, your love is eternal; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 Resp. Psalm:

do not forsake the work of your hands.

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CMDR Theron R. Korsak, U.S. Navy; CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines; Joseph David Onadia, U.S. Navy; SMSGT Terence Zelek, U.S. Air Force

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.



IN FORMATION

Registration for Children's Faith Formation is ongoing. Sessions begin **September 18** at 6:00 p.m. in church. Information packets are available

in church and in the office. Please register by **August 31**. This year we expect over 100 children from K - 8.

Aides for Catechists in Years K, 3, and 5 are needed. We would like those men and women or confirmed Teens on board BEFORE we begin if possible. Please get in touch with me soon if you are willing and able to assist on a regular or periodic basis. The commitment is for Mondays from 6-7:15 pm. Thank you.

<u>The Bottom Line</u> Humor is a source of humility. It reminds us that we are never "there." Our life in the Lord and our life together is one of stumbling and falling, picking ourselves up, laughing at our mistakes, and carrying on the work God gives us.

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF



Over the last few weeks I have gotten a number of questions about Christian Service and its role at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. Simply put, "Christian Service" is the way that we Catholics are called to live out Christ's commandment to love thy neighbors. The difficult part is how to put this love into action. Our Christian Service Committee is our attempt at doing this in an organized fashion.

The Church has set us four goals:

- 1. To try to understand what our neighbors need.
- 2. To work with other groups that are already doing this work, and fill in the gaps when we can.
- 3. To address the root causes of these problems.
- 4. To inspire all Catholics to use their gifts and join in the work.

So who do we need to help? We need people to plan, and people to do the work. We need the young and the old, people from all walks of life. We often focus on a lack of money, but there are many other types of poverty that our neighbors live with. We need people who can comfort the sorrowful, bury the dead, and visit the sick and imprisoned (and yes I did lift those from the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy). So who do we need? Everyone. We thank all of you that have in the past helped, and all of you that are currently doing your part to help your neighbors. But we hope that you will also share your times and talents with our parish when you can.

Paul

Eucharistic Exposition FRIDAYS

9am to Noon in Church

Toyful Women News.....

VENDORS SHOW

Mark your calendars for our first parish Vendors show on:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th 6:00pm-9:00pm

Parish Social Hall

VENDORS WANTED

Table rental is available. \$25 for a 6 ft. table \$40 for a 12 ft. table

Please call Katie Bohr 734-718-5974 to obtain a table rental contract.

ATTENTION: ALL **CATHOLIC** HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

If your child attends a Catholic Grade School or high School, and the school is NOT giving you an in-parish price of tuition and fees, please contact Fr. Ken. Funds may be available to assist you.

RCIA: WHAT IS RCIA?

Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? Have you completed all the Sacraments of initiation? Are you interested in a refresher course? Would you like to journey with someone interested in becoming Catholic? Would you like to be a sponsor for someone becoming Catholic?

If you can answer yes to any of the above questions, please give the Parish Office a call at 425-4421.



Our next Baptism class for Parents and Godparents is **Monday, August 28th at 7pm** Parish Center Building.

Please make sure you register for one of our Baptism Classes by contacting our Parish Office at 734 425 4421.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS RETREAT CENTER

We are happy to announce the dates for retreats at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center. Men of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish are invited to attend the retreat September 29-October 1.

The retreat for women of our parish is scheduled for October 27-29. Other weekends are available if the above dates conflict with your schedule. The retreat theme this year is: "Called by Name...Living Faithfully in Deed and in Truth". The retreat begins with dinner on Friday and ends after Mass on Sunday, about noon. The Retreat Center is located at 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit.

If you need to get closer to God a retreat is for you. Please visit stpaulretreat.org for pictures, and more information. Registration may also be done at that address, or by phoning 313-535-9563. Some of your fellow parishioners will be happy to answer questions about the retreat or to help you register. Talk with Doug Cyr (734-634-0719), Dan Kavetsky, Don Yokley, or Paul Markus about the men's retreat; or Janet Carrier (734-765-5675), Katie Bohr, Marlene Chwalek, or Paula Montagna regarding the women's retreat. A \$30 registration fee is required. Please consider attending. You will be glad you did!

Your Donations Are Needed

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been dedicated to the corporal works of mercy in the Archdiocese of Detroit for **over 130 years**. Your donations of **furniture**, **household goods and clothing** can be dropped off at the SVDP Thrift Store located at **Wayne and Hunter**. **Drop off is at the FRONT of the Store**. The SVDP Thrift Store phone number is **734 629-8250** and they **are open 7 days a week**.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

During the month of August we will be collecting donations of NEW (no used items please) school supplies to benefit the Westland Goodfellows' Annual Backpack Drive. Please bring your donations to the weekend Mass and place in the specially marked plastic bins located in the gathering area. Monetary donations of cash or checks (made payable to The Family Resource Center), in lieu of school supplies, will also be appreciated.

Last year some 200 + Goodfellow families were beneficiaries of backpacks filled with your donated school supplies provided through the Wayne-Westland Schools Family Resource Center at Adams Upper Elementary School.

WELCOME

Enrico & Florence Bisaro

And to all our newly registered members! If you have any questions about any of the Committees or Groups at our Parish, please call the Parish Office at 425-4421



Heavenly Father, welcome Home those whom you have called from this world especially

Agnes McCool

and all the souls of our faithful departed. May they rest in peace. Amen

Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia

The Church in Poland asks its friends in the United States for spiritual help through their prayers and financial help through their offerings. The annual collection will be taken up this weekend. Your donation will assist the education of Polish priests, Polish-American students and the missionary work of Polish religious across the world. It will provide charitable aid to parishes and catholic institutions in Poland and fund formation programs for lay leaders serving Polonia in the USA. Please give generously.

Forever Young Seniors...

Our next meeting will be the annual **Picnic in the Park** on Monday, September 11th. This will be at the Westland Farmers Market, 1901 N. Carlson St., Westland. The picnic starts at 10:00am until 3:00pm and includes games, prizes and a box lunch. **You must purchase a ticket for the picnic by Monday, Sept 4th.** Tickets are available by contacting Katie Bohr 734-718-5974. Cost is \$8.00

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers especially Betty Martin and Jim Hensel.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Jewels of Detroit

Tues, Sept 19th 9:15am – 4:45pm \$62 **due by Sept 5**th

Turkeyville "Ring of Fire" Wed, Oct 4th 9:30am – 6:30pm \$73 due by Sept 1st

Stratford Festival "Guys and Dolls" Fri, Oct 20th 6:30am – 9:15pm \$141 due by Sept 5th passport required

The bus trips are open to everyone. Please call me 734-525-3737 for reservations and more details. Copies of the flyers can also be obtained at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Make checks payable to Bianco and mail to me at 8843 Linville, Livonia, MI 48150.

Maryann Sligay



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin articles for the **September 10th** bulletin are due to the office no later than August 30 at 9:00am.



This week I would like to thank all the young adults and teens that helped all week long during Vacation Bible school. Thank you to Courtney Winn, Kristen Mason,

Charlie Russell, Tony Quillen, Adriana Ufferman, Gillian Frazier, Jose Perez, Kyle Proffitt, Annastacia Flateau, Jacob Mass, Joe Calvird, Brandon Winn, Brittney Winn, Marissa Mueller, Eva Mueller, Elizabeth Guldner and Hunter Stasser.

Whether you helped weeks before practicing learning song motions and skits, helped decorate, set up, tear down, assisted with games or crafts, passed out snacks, or took photographs we greatly appreciate it. Below is small sampling of the many pictures that we have of our great week together. Be sure to check out the parish Facebook page and website to view and download even more pictures. There will be a few more

pictures and some more wonderful people to thank in the next bulletin

Carol Nelius









MASS INTENTIONS						
Mon. Aug.21	8:30am	Stanislaw Dudzinski by family Prayers for the family of Julie Barile by John & Julie Barile				
Wed. Aug 23	12 Noon	Prayers for Amber Tempesco's birthday by Emily Gnacke Prayers for William and Emily Gnacke on their 46th anniv.				
Thurs. Aug 24	8:30am	Deloris O'Hagan by her husband, Don				
Fri. Aug 25	8:30am	Prayers for our parish family				
Sat. Aug 26	4:30pm	Craig Vernon by Jeff & Dawn Vernon Leonard Janus by his wife, Vi and family Caridad Dorego by Loreto and Letty Dougo Sam Scianna by Polka Pals Tessie Parsons by Pat Godvin				
Sun. Aug 27	8:00am 10:00am	Beverly Germann by Marilynn Crince Rita Zarnowski (10th Anniv.) by Debbie DeVitis & family Prayers for Mary Allsteadt by John & Julie Barile Prayers for our parish family				
	12 Noon	Clarence Baughman by his daughter, Patricia				

August 21-August 27						
MON. Aug. 21	8:30am 9:00am 5:30pm	111400				
WED. Aug. 23						
THURS. Aug. 24		Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions & Rosary Joyful Women Board Mtg.				
FRI. Aug. 25	8:30am 9am-Noon	Mass Eucharistic Exposition				
SAT. Aug. 26	3:30pm 4:30pm	Reconciliation Mass				
SUN. Aug. 27	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Mass				

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT							
Sunday No.	Weekly	Weekly	<u>Weekly</u>				
Offertory Env	Actual	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>				
8/13/17 365	\$ 10,404	\$ 10,971	\$ (567)				
8/6/17 400	\$ 12,381	\$ 10,971	\$ 1,411				
7/30/17 372	\$ 10,631	\$ 10,971	\$ (339)				
7/23/17 373	\$ 12,135	\$ 10,971	\$ 1,164				
weekly actual includes online giving of \$702.50							
	YTD	YTD	YTD				
FY 2017-18	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>				
	\$ 79,292	\$ 76,795	\$ 2,497				



If you are unable to walk up for Communion and you are not sitting in the handicap section, please notify an usher when you enter Church and a **Priest** will come to you.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE August 26/27								
	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:00am	SUNDAY 10:00am	SUNDAY 12 NOON				
Celebrant	Fr. Ken	Fr. Ken	Fr. Joe	Fr. Ken				
Lector Comm.	Jan Lauster Rose Rodriguez	Henry VerVaecke Paul Kinnell	Pat Sobieski Karen Bulmanski	Pat Russo Jim McDonnell				
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ralph Costyn Fran Niemiec Kevin Headrick Mary McKelvey Gloria Townsend Kim Rourke Flo Bozek	Jerry Chwalek Larry Janowski Janet Carrier Carol Janowski Emmanuel Eze Cheryl Paputa	Patti Krcatovich Rocky Krcatovich Theresa O'Bey Karen Bulmanski Darlene Janson Sue Gomez Don Yokley	Annmarie Konrad Darlene LaFave Ken Konrad Jennifer Schaefer Scott Ozga Evelyn Bledsoe Joan Gebhardt				
Altar Server	Tori White	Frank Criscenti Natalie Francis	Tori White Marlene Perez	Emma Engler Andrew Engler				
Sacristan	Fran Gleason	Alice André	Jeanne Sullivan	Ann Schroeder				
Ushers	Tony Collins Peter Kowalski Paul Markus Tony Micallef Don Niemiec Steve Noonan Frank Pelton Emery Price Jean Schmuck	Jim DeVitis Paul Lukasik Don Koszegi Dan Stachow Ernie Lenard Bill Lezotte	Chris Gieske Jim Janson Barb Burke John Burke Bonnie Kinunen Ron Kinunen Clare Masak	Annmarie Konrad Ken Konrad John Meconi Robert Dropp Michael Gluth Leslie Johnston Jack Rourke				
Greeters	Pat Slusarz Carol Baranowski	Deanna Adams Sharon Edwards	Kathy Yokley Marie DiDomizio Doug Cyr Mercado Family	JB Bearden				
Homebound			Patti & Rocky Kreatovich Theresa O'Bey					
Altar Care	September 1 Margaret Blackwood							

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