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Joyful News

JULY 16, 2017 • 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23



In April, I attended the Chrism Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. I was fortunate to have a seat in the front row; the seats reserved for priests behind the altar and to the right of the altar were filled, so the “overflow” seating for priests was the first few rows. Lucky!

There was a statue that I had never seen before in the Cathedral. It was located at the front of the sanctuary, in front of the altar. It was the statue of a man in robes, with an arm and hand outstretched. His face was down and covered. In front of him was a simple plate and cup. The statue intrigued me so much so that I could barely pay attention to the Mass. Was this a statue of Jesus, celebrating the Last Supper with his disciples? Or was this the statue of a poor, homeless person, begging for something to eat or to drink? I couldn't decide. Maybe it was meant to be that way. Maybe it was Jesus, and he was in the person of the homeless man, pleading for something to eat or drink that day. The image of that statue “bothered” me to the point that I had to investigate it. Was it meant to be Jesus? Or just a local beggar?

I discovered that the Cathedral had leased a few statues for the Lenten season; this was just one of them. Others portrayed a homeless person sleeping on a park bench, a sick person covered in a blanket, and others. The artist is Timothy P. Schmalz. You can check out his statues online.

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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 Friday: 8:00am–4:00pm

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI	8:30 am
WED	12:00 Noon
SAT	4:30 pm
SUN	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 Noon

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

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

Marriage

Arrangements must be made by 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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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Ron & Peggy Aneiros	Vicky Holley	Blanche Morris	Marie Smith
Denise Barlage	Marilyn Kashat	Genevieve Patrick	Andrew Solak
Cecile Boglarsky	Joann Knoerl	Deb Pietszak	Robert Stachura, Jr.
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Carter Fox	Cynthia Moen	Harry Sacha	
Rose Gora	Kris Monroe	Emma Scaramella	
Ray Grochowski	Selena Montez	Dianne Shekell	

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

READINGS for July 22/23

1st Reading:	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19	2nd Reading:	Romans 8:26-27
Resp. Psalm:	Lord, you are good and forgiving.	Gospel:	Matthew 13:24-43

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.

Fr. Ken (continued from front page)

I think that one of the reasons that I was so moved by the statue was that I couldn't decide, in my mind (and my heart) if it was meant to be Jesus, or a homeless hungry man. Of course, the answer is obvious. It was BOTH. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me to drink. Whatsoever you do to one of the least of my brothers or sisters, you did to me."

As a parish, we are called to reach out to others in need. Yes, indeed, each one of them is Jesus. The poor. The hungry and thirsty. The homeless. Those in need of medical care. We need not travel to downtown Detroit to encounter them, we meet them every day. We are in the process of reorganizing our Christian Service Commission, and we need YOUR help. If you have some extra time and want to live out your Christian faith in a practical way, please consider joining us. A parish that is just concerned about itself and maintaining itself is not living out Jesus' call. We need a lot of hands and hearts. You can't really tell Jesus that you are too busy, can you??

By the way, the statue left such an impression on me that I bought a miniature size one to remind me always to See Jesus in the most needy of my brothers and sisters.

God Bless,

Fr. Ken



Vacation Bible School

July 17-21

6:00-8:30pm

Pre-K (age 3 & 4) -6th grade

Son World Adventure Park

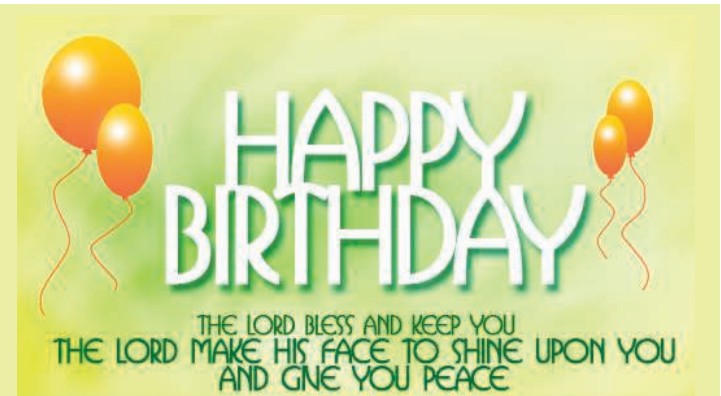
Registration Cost: \$20.00 per child.

(Families with three or more children are \$15.00 per child).

Any questions, please contact

Carol Nelius at 734 765 5525

or email at youthministyrstmarycooj@gmail.com



**HAPPY 90th
BIRTHDAY
DEACON JIM**

*Best Wishes from
Your parish family
and staff*



IN FORMATION

Vacation Bible School - begins tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. Come and join the fun! Register after Mass today and get a colorful iron-on for your T-shirt.

Registration - for children's faith formation is ongoing. Information packets are in the gathering space. Please take yours and return it by the end of August (or sooner).

Website Update - Check out our new and evolving website for more information.

Religious Articles - I've said it before and I say it again: Please do NOT bring religious articles to the office. We have no place to put them. If you receive unwanted religious items, you should first try to stop them at the source by writing to the organization that sends them. After that you should burn what can be burned, bury what can't be burned, and recycle the paper parts. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The Bottom Line "Humor borders on the 'sacramental.' It is an outward sign. We all know how contagious laughter can show a good sense of the 'divine comedy' of life and release so many pent up unhealthy emotions."

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF



Rest in Peace

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

Frank Darket

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

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

It is an honor to extend best birthday wishes to our brother and friend, Deacon Jim Hensel, as he celebrates the big 90! Best wishes and prayers, Jim! Happy Birthday!

August 10 is rapidly approaching and some hearty Tiger fans will be boarding the National Trails bus at our church parking lot for a trip to the old ball game. Will you be among them? You might be able to snare a seat on the bus, and at Comerica Park, by contacting Bob Shepard at 734-455-1561, or bobshepard44@gmail.com. Bus will depart promptly at 11:30 am for the 1:10 game time. All are welcome.

Paul Markus

SHIRLEY'S CLUB RESERVATIONS

Shirley was a longtime parishioner at St. Damian. When she passed away, a committee was formed to find a way to commemorate her memory. On September 13th, we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Shirley's club.

Please join us for lunch at 11:30am at Archie's Restaurant on Plymouth Road.

Tickets are \$17.

Make checks payable to Kathy McLeod
And send to:

Kathy McLeod
8465 Terri Drive,
Westland, MI 48185
734-427-7203.

After 20 years we have decided that this will be our last luncheon. Please try to join us and bring a friend to celebrate the many years of friendship and good memories.

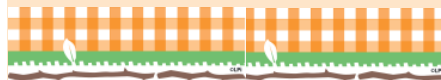
NEW OFFICE HOURS

Beginning in August, our parish office will close at noon on Fridays.

This change will be effective Friday, August 4.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our 2nd annual parish picnic will be Sunday, August 20 on our parish grounds. More information to come.



ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Our sign-in sheet can now be found in the gathering space. Please see our pastoral associate, Paul Zbytowski when you arrive.



*It was JOY to welcome into the
family of God:*

Eli Nusim Shkolnik



ONE TIME DONATIONS USING ONLINE GIVING

Visit our Parish Website-
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and click the Online Giving button "Quick Give" is a great way to make a donation to St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy parish without setting up a donor account. This is a good way to try Online Giving. Donations may be made for all collections- Sunday offerings, special monthly collections, holy days. Everyone can use the Quick Give tab. Visit our Parish Website- www.stmarycooj.org and click the Online Giving button. Next, click the "Quick Give" button. Follow the simple directions. We welcome you to try a safe, secure way of giving Online. Contact the office at 734-425-4421 or send us an email at office@stmarycooj.org if you have any questions.

Forever Young Seniors...

I hope everyone enjoyed Collette Cullen's wonderful impersonation of Ann Sullivan at last week's meeting. We also welcomed our new Secretary, Roberta Piper. Thank you to Flo Bozek for the beautiful décor and to our volunteer chefs, St. Joseph-Anne Circle for the Independence Day lunch.

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers especially Pat Boyington & Betty Martin.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Jewels of Detroit

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

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 20th**
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



Our next Baptism class for Parents and Godparents is **Monday, July 24th at 7pm**
Parish Center Building.

Please make sure you register for one of our Baptism Classes by contacting our Parish Office

Eucharistic Exposition
FRIDAYS
9am to Noon in Church

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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**.



July is National Cord Blood Awareness Month

Give life twice, give cord blood! Cord blood is found in a baby's umbilical cord and is a rich source of **ethical stem cells**. A transplant of stem cells from cord blood can help someone with a life-threatening disease. **There are more than 80 diseases cord blood can help treat including:** leukemia, anemia, and lymphoma. *Your baby has the power to save someone that has a serious illness – including you if necessary.*

Following birth, a child's umbilical cord and placenta will be thrown away as medical waste by the hospital. **Instead, the cord blood can be privately banked or donated for use in medical treatments.** ***Donated cord blood is available for use by anyone who needs it - including the donor family.** Many specialists believe the potential of cord blood stem cells is limitless!

Cord blood donation is EASY, FREE, and PAINLESS! It doesn't affect the birthing process. **If you decide to bank or donate your baby's cord blood, arrangements must be made before you deliver the baby. You must pre-register during your pregnancy.**

Saint Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor is one of three participating hospitals in Michigan that has partnered with Karmanos Cancer Institute's **J.P. McCarthy Cord Stem Cell Bank** to collect umbilical cord blood. **It is a public, non-profit stem cell bank with over 1,200 umbilical cord blood units in its inventory.** Grand Rapids also has a Cord Blood Bank partnering with hospitals in Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Holland, and Grand Rapids.

For more information call: **J.P. McCarthy Cord Blood Program at 313-576-8750** or go to www.karmanos.org/cordblood or for Grand Rapids Cord Blood Bank call: **1-866-MIBLOOD (642-5663)**

High School Youth Ministry News

Nine of our High school teens are preparing for a week long summer mission trip to July 29 - August 5 with PIME Missionaries. We will be traveling to New York City to what is known as the Spanish Harlem. We will be staying at St. Lucy Parish.

We will be working on two projects during the week. One will involve painting and repairing a former convent that will now be used as community center/retreat center and the other will be at senior center in the community. The teens just had an evening of preparation and we met our PIME staff partners that will be traveling with us from Detroit to New York City.

Please keep the following teens in your prayers for our upcoming journey.

Back row: Left to right: Jean-Michel Lecourt, Joe Calvird, Jacob Slevin, Jose Perez, and Kyle Proffitt

Front row: Left to right: Gillian Frazier, Adriana Ufferman, Gwen Doumont, and Marcella Lecourt



What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a Catholic program or education intended to instruct in the Catholic Faith those who are seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. RCIA is your compass to the Catholic Faith.

Who should look into RCIA?

- Anyone not yet baptized.
- Anyone baptized but not as a Catholic.
- Anyone baptized as a Catholic who did not yet receive First Communion or Confirmation.
- Fully initiated Catholics seeking fuller catechetical knowledge of their Catholic Faith.
- Anyone at all looking to learn more about Christianity.

The RCIA program is led by a team who will help guide participants on their Faith Journey. In addition, participants will also have a sponsor to pray with them and guide them throughout the process. The process consists of four phases:

INQUIRY

Initially, participants will learn the RCIA process and overview of the faith to discern whether this is the step they wish to take at this point in their lives.

CATECHUMENATE

Participants attend a number of classes to learn the fundamentals of the Roman Catholic Church to develop a prayer life and foster conversion.

ENLIGHTENMENT

Participants focus on self-examination, repentance and prayer in preparation for their entry into the Church.

MYSTAGOGIA

Following the rite of initiation at the Easter Vigil, the participants are asked to define the next steps of their journey in faith. The new Catholics are encouraged to get involved in the Parish Ministries and to worship with the community they choose to join on the weekends.

If you think you might be interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith, please call the Parish office at 734-425-4421.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. July 17	8:30am	Deceased members of Mona & Bill Abbey Families For Deacon Jim Hensel on his 90th Birthday
Wed. July 19	12 Noon	Wilbur Durham by John & Terrie Karebian Gerald McNehey by his Wife, Lorraine and Family Sr. Laetitia Harrison by her sister, Janet Leach
Thurs. July 20	8:30am	Deloris O'Hagan by her husband, Don
Fri. July 21	8:30am	Charlotte Kirkpatrick by Eva Leidholdt Stanislaw Dudzinski by his Family
Sat. July 22	4:30pm	Sam Scianna by Kay Schafer Delores Tucker (5th Anniv) by Mary Hudson Maryann Pietrowski by her husband, Louis, & Family Anthony Adams by his daughter, Antoinette Visnaw David Derrick by Fran Gleason
Sun. July 23	8:00am	Erik Van Landingham by Mike Francis & Family Prayers for our Parish Family
	10:00am	Eleanor & Norbert Rogale by their Family Mary Swaney by her Family Ruth Cadotte by the Homebound Ministry
	12 Noon	Nick Bartuk by Steve & Heidi

UPCOMING EVENTS**July 17-July 23**

MON. July 17	8:30am Mass 9:00am Rosary 10:30am Westland Convalescent Center 6-8:30pm Vacation Bible School
TUE. July 18	6-8:30pm Vacation Bible School
WED. July 19	10:30am Doors open for cards & coffee 11:00am Cards & Coffee in social hall 12 Noon Mass 6-8:30pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Rosary
THURS. July 20	8:30am Mass 9:00am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
FRI. July 21	8:30am Mass Rosary following Mass 9-Noon Eucharistic Exposition
SAT. July 22	3:30pm Reconciliation 4:30pm Mass
SUN. July 23	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass Noon Mass

CSA UPDATE

As of July 10, 2017 we have received in cash and pledges: \$66,326.

Our goal is \$98,391. We are short **\$32,326**.

Thank you everyone for your support.

We are more than 2/3 of our way to our goal.

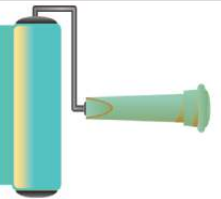
SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

<u>Sunday</u> <u>Offertory</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Env.</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly</u> <u>Variance</u>
7/9/2017	408	\$ 11,649	\$ 10,971	\$ 678
7/3/2017	411	\$ 12,580	\$ 10,971	\$ 1,609
6/25/2017	366	\$ 12,073	\$ 10,640	\$ 1,433
6/18/2017	374	\$ 9,670	\$ 10,640	\$ (970)
Peter's Pence to date \$2,212 Christian Service to date \$959				
weekly actual includes online giving				
		<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Variance</u>
FY 2017-18		\$ 24,229	\$ 21,942	\$ 2,287
FY 2016-17		\$ 20,623	\$ 21,280	\$ (657)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE July 22/23

	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 Abela	Kay Palmer Paul Kinnell	Lisa Kliza Karen Bulmanski	Henry VerVaecke Nancy Smith
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Deacon John Don O'Hagan Kim Rourke Dan Kavetsky	Fran Niemiec Lou Stremich Kathy Andrus	Deacon John Katie Bohr Emmanuel Eze Josie Klocke	Jerry Chwalek Janet Carrier Kathy Birchfield
Altar Server	Jason Alava	Natalie Francis Frank Criscenti	Deacon John Fran Read Ron Read Jeanne Sullivan	John Lister Sue Gomea Darlene Janson
Sacristan	Jason Alava	Natalie Francis Frank Criscenti	Jashen Sarveshkumar Jayden Sarveshkumar	Makenna Burden Tori White
Ushers	Fran Gleason	Alice André	Theresa O'Bey	Ann Schroeder
Greeters	Tony Collins Denis Rowland Peter Kowalski Paul Markus Emery Price	Tony Micallef Don Niemiec Steve Noonan Frank Pelton Jean Schmuck	Don Koszegi Ernie Lenard Bill Lezotte	Jim DeVitis Paul Lukasik Dan Stachow Ron Kinunen
Homebound	Ed Kiras Julie Callahan	JB Bearden Deanna Adams	Chris Gieske Jim Janson Robert Dropp Michael Gluth	John Meconi Jack Rourke
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