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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020**

## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them  
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.  
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. August 3	8:30am	Max & Luke Walker Req. by Julie & John Barile Henry Derus Req. by Graziano Canini
Wed. August 5	Noon	Leon Goonis Req. by Family Abigail S. Barr on her birthday Req. by Family
Thurs. August 6	8 :30am	Dan Miller & Ian Smith Req. by John & Julie Barile
Fri. August 7	8:30am	Charles & Mary Swaney Req. by family Mary Murphy Req. by husband, Jim For Vocations
Sat. August 9	4:30pm	Janina Smolinska Req. by Grace Barbara Smolinska Req. by Grace
Sun. August 10	8am  10am  Noon	For Our Parish Family Jean Nucich Req. by family



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd. Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.

### LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Our Little Free Pantry is finally here! We hope everyone in our community will use this box, both to bring food, but also to take food when they need a little help. Look for it next to our office building!



**What is Flocknote?** It is a free email/text service, which will allow us to send up to the minute information. You decide what information you would like to receive. You can sign up for **Flocknote** by going to: <https://app.flocknote.com/StMaryCauseofOurJoy> or by texting "COOJ" to 84576

### Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 /Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21  
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 /Mt 14:22-36  
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 /Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 /Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 /2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9  
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 /Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 /Mt 17:14-20  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 /Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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Marilyn Barlage  
Jerry Borycz  
Boyington Family  
Cathy Burdis  
Jim Burns  
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Mary Lou Demaree  
Faith Falzon  
Ashley Aaron Farkas  
Janet Fleis  
Mike Fusco  
Deb Gorski  
Dawn Griffith  
Sivad Howard

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Joseph Zasa

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

### OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

**CPT Joey Saunders**, U.S. Marines; **Joseph David Onadia**, U.S. Navy; **PVT Marcus Rodriguez**, U.S. Army

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this time of uncertainty, I hope this note finds you happy and safe. At the end of August we will be saying good bye to Fr. Joe Plawecki, our long time Priest in Residence. Fr. Joe will be taking over as administrator of SS. Simon and Jude Parish in Westland on the first of September. While we are happy for Fr. Joe to get his new assignment, this will also mean that he will not be available to help me cover Masses on the weekend.

This leaves us in a sticky situation. I have also been looking into the option of paying a retired priest to say a Mass every weekend. While this is an option, it will get very expensive quickly. With the low Mass numbers so low during this time of Covid-19 era, I can not justify that we need three Masses on Sunday.

I have been praying about this problem for months, and have spoken to both our staff and parishioners to get input. At this time it seems like the best route is, **starting in September, to change the Sunday Mass schedule to 9:00am and 11:00am.** When restrictions are lifted, and people are returning to Mass we may revisit this schedule, but I feel that this is the best move for our parish at this time.

Father Shafique

## Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

August Greetings and Salutations,

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus accepts an offering of five loaves and two fish, to which he transforms and increases it into food for all to eat. Today we hear about the abundance that comes from trusting in God and sharing whatever we have. We are reminded that our needs will be met and our hunger is satisfied when we live in relationship to God and one another.

Quick questions for the journey this week.... Is it easy to share? When is it harder to share what you have? Why? How does Jesus transform each of us? How do you feed others?

Have a great week everyone and remember let the SONshine in!!!

Just for laughs...

What is the best way to study the bible? You Luke into it.

Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean? Because he knew there was something fishy about it. LOL!!!!

Peace and Prayers,

Sabrina Queen

## NOTES FROM PAUL

I am sure many people reading this article know that the Last Supper, that event that we celebrate on Holy Thursday, is what we call the Institution of the Eucharist. That is fancy, church talk saying that it is when Jesus showed us what we should do at each, and every Mass.

In today's Gospel we get another time that Jesus miraculously breaks bread with his disciples. This time Jesus is just feeding their physical bodies, not their eternal souls, but it is still a miracle. Jesus is giving the people who are following him the food that they need.

We have the privilege as Catholics, to get the food that we need for eternal life every time we go to Mass. At each Mass, the priest stands at the altar in the place of Christ, (the church calls it "in persona Christi"), says a blessing and breaks the bread performing a real miracle. While it might not be as easy to see as the multiplying of the the fishes and loaves, it is much more important. I hope this miracle continues to amaze you every time you attend Mass, even if you are not able to receive communion.

God Bless you,

Paul Zbytowski

Pastoral Associate

## 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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**Office Hours—closed for now**  
Monday to Thursday: 8:00am–4:00pm  
Friday: 8:00am–Noon

## Mass Schedule

<b>MON, THURS &amp; FRI</b>	8:30 am
<b>WED</b>	12:00 Noon
<b>SAT</b>	4:30 pm
<b>SUN</b>	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 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 is 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.

**Hearing Devices** are available. 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.**

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## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry Parking lot Fireside Chats continue in the church parking lot on Monday evenings from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Teens are asked to bring their own chair. Bottled water and individual size snacks will be provided along with supplies to make your own s'mores. Meetings will be canceled in case of rain or storms.

On Friday, August 21 our high school youth group teens will be volunteering from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with Gleaners Community Food Bank My Neighborhood Mobile Grocery Program at the Thomas Taylor Senior Apartments in Westland. Teens must complete a COVID-19 screening questionnaire upon arrival and bring and wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. Masks must be worn for the entire shift. Please do not volunteer if you are ill, experiencing symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, rash, have had a fever within the past 24 hours, have been in close contact with someone with COVID in the past 14 days, or traveled on a plane in the past 14 days. There is limited space and you must pre-register with Carol Nelius. Additional details will be given once you sign up.

We continue to make ongoing plans for the remainder of the summer months. If you want to make sure you have the most current information on what is happening in youth ministry, please contact me so I can add you to our flocknote emails and text message communications.

Carol Nelius,  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
Email: [youthministry@stmarycooj.org](mailto:youthministry@stmarycooj.org)  
Text or Call: 734-765-5525

### ELECTRONIC ONLINE GIVING

We appreciate everyone's patience and support during these challenging times. Therefore, please consider registering for Online Giving to make your contributions to St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. We also welcome your contributions dropped off at the parish mailbox or by mailing. Thank you for your continued support!

To begin, go to our website - [www.stmarycooj.org](http://www.stmarycooj.org) - Click on "Support St Mary" then click "Online Giving" in the drop down box. Click the big blue DONATE button. Follow the simple directions.

**If you have any questions or need assistance with set up, please contact the parish office at 734-425-4421.**

### SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
07/26/20	6,760	9,195	<b>\$(2,435)</b>
07/19/20	7,405	9,195	<b>\$(1,791)</b>
07/12/20	10,475	9,195	<b>\$1,280</b>
07/05/20	11,075	9,195	<b>\$1,880</b>

### THANK YOU

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
FY 20-21	\$35,717	\$36,778	<b>\$(1,061)</b>
FY 19-20	\$39,344	\$43,840	<b>\$(4,496)</b>

### The Dispensation From the Sunday Obligation to Attend Mass is Granted to All the Faithful Through Sunday, September 6, 2020

**Those older than 65 years old (the recommended CDC age), with a compromised health condition or caring for the sick in any way, are encouraged to stay home. *Anyone who is ill, has a temperature, cough, etc., should definitely stay home as an act of justice to the whole community.***

### St. Michael CYO

St. Michael the Archangel parish in Livonia would like to extend an invitation to any of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy families that are looking to participate in CYO sports.

The fall sports offered are: Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Soccer and Volleyball. All sports are for parish families with students in grade 4-8 (except football, the CYO allows 3rd grade to join).

The registration link is <https://church.livoniastmichael.org/apps/form/Sports-Registration-Fall2020> or if you have questions please call 313-598-5350.

Regards.  
Bob Rowland  
St. Michael Athletic Director

### PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

By Cameron Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.  
May we who have the flexibility to care for  
our children when their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country, Let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving  
embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Come to me heedfully,  
listen, that you may have life. (Is 55:3a)



## PSALM

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers  
all our needs. (Ps 145)



## SECOND READING

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor present things, nor future things,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor any other creature will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Rom 8:38-39)



## GOSPEL

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and  
looking up to heaven,  
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,  
and gave them to the disciples,  
who in turn gave them to the crowds.  
They all ate and were satisfied. (Mt 14:19-20a)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

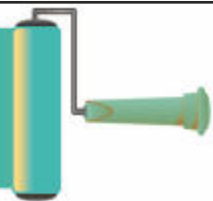
Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.



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