



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 9, 2023

Sundays - 5:00pm at St. John

Wednesday, July 12th -Mass Cancelled

Readings for the Week

Monday, July 10th

Genesis 28:10-22a, Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 11th

Genesis 32:23-33, Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 12th

Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7a Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday, July 13th

Genesis 44: 18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5 Matthew 10:7-15

Friday, July 14th

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30, Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday, July 15th

Genesis 49:29-32, 50:15-26a Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday, July 16th

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

In This Sunday's Readings

"For my yoke is easy, and
my burden light." Matthew 11:30

It might seem that Jesus is asking a lot when says to learn from Him and follow Him. But He is not. He is only asking us to return to him the gifts which He has given to us. He calls us to generously share our gifts, varied as they are, with God's kingdom on earth.

Blood Drive

Ubyly Heights, 2409 E. Atwater

Monday, July 10, 2023

1:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Sponsored by Ubyly Lions.

For info or appt. visit RedCrossBlood.org

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure - Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4476.00

Loose - \$529.00

Priest Retirement Fund - \$610.00

650 Parish Families – 121 envelopes used

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

July 8-9, 2023

Saturday, + Sandy Peplinski

Sunday, St. Joseph: + Frank Lasceski

Sunday, St. Columbkille Michael T. Sweeney

Sunday, St. John: : Good Shepherd Parishioners

Mass Intentions for the week of:

July 15-16, 2023

Saturday, St. John: Gerald F. Keating

Sunday, St. Joseph: +Kevin Messing and Michael Konn

Sunday, St. Columbkille:

Sunday, St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Donation:

In memory of Rosemary Stock

By Marie & Mike Stock

May God grant him resurrection to eternal life

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

We thank God for your generous stewardship of time and talent

Counters:

July 10: Barb Roggenbuck, Ann Ypma, Rose Maikrzek

July 17: Carol Beaudin, Kathy Beaver, Ann Ypma

July 24: Norma Peruski, Barb Roggenbuck, Ann Ypma

4:00pm Saturday, July 15th St John

Lector: Gregory Keller

EMHC: Ann Ypma

Altar Server: Kylie Keller

Sacristan: Rose Maikrzek

Ushers: Virg Briolat, Jim Osentoski, Richard Trepkowski

8:30am Sunday, July 16th St. Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Altar Server: Shirley Catalano

Greeter: Lisa Briolat

Sacristan: Steve & Lisa Briolat

Ushers: Steve Briolat & Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday, July 16th St. Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osentoski

EMHC: Jeremy Roth, Joe Flannery, Dawn Stewart, Celine Becking, Michelle Banky

Altar Servers: Sarah Romzek, Paloma Fabian

Greeters: Bambach Family

Gift Bearers: Sadie, Jocelyn and Avery Fischer

Ushers: Nathan Peruski, Todd Gingrich, Dennis Sweeney

5:00pm Sunday, July 16th St. John

Celebrant: Fr. Craig Carolan

Annunciation of the Lord Parish, Port Austin

“Thirsting for God?”

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic tradition? An acquaintance or coworker who may have asked you questions about the Catholic Church? Someone thirsting for peace, hope, and joy? Someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation, First Reconciliation, and/or First Holy Communion? Consider inviting them to **OCIA/Adult Faith Formation**. But you're invited too: **OCIA/Adult Faith Formation** is for all Catholics thirsting to understand their Faith. It is a place to ask questions, deepen our friendship with Christ, and discover how He wants to quench our deepest thirsts. The best invitation is in how we live our daily lives. What do people see in the way we love, listen, and serve? Do our lives attract us to the peace, hope, and joy of Christ? Contact Office to register.

The Mother Teresa Endowment Fund

serves families within the Diocese of Saginaw by providing funds which are distributed to local agencies that encourage those experiencing a crisis pregnancy to choose life for their unborn child, and include prenatal care and counseling, emergency assistance, temporary housing, infant safety equipment, parenting skills and education, adoption info and other basic needs. Due to the passing of Proposal 3 to legalize abortion up to the moment of birth, the fight to protect the dignity of life has intensified and your help is needed. Donations may be made to the fund by a check made out to the Diocese of Saginaw or visiting <https://saginaw.org/helping-women-choose-life>. For more information, contact Lori at 989.797.6652 or lbecker@diosag.org.

Knights of Columbus

Ubyl/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: We will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on Second Wednesday of the month [except for July- it will be 6pm]. We are always looking for New Members – call Jeff Maurer @989-553-4224. Our food pantry is available for anyone in need, located in Ubyl. This is completely confidential and anonymous – Call Jerry @989-550-9664.
Jeff Maurer Grand Knight-Ubyl/Sheridan Council-12850

July 15 - Marriage Preparation Workshop

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation In-Person Workshop offers formation for engaged couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Among the topics presented are Marriage as a Sacrament, Marital Intimacy, Natural Family Planning, Communication, Conflict Resolution, and Family of Origin. The workshop features presentations by trained marriage facilitators, practical couple exercises, private couple discussion and prayer. The workshop will be held at the Center for Ministry located at 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw, on July 15, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The cost for this event is \$90 per couple. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Contact Beth Bauer for more information at bbauer@diosag.org or call 989.797.6655. To register, visit <https://dioceseofsaginawweb.mysheby.org/default.aspx?page=3347>, or contact Maria Coss at mcoss@diosag.org



Come Holy Spirit

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center
Our Lady of Peace Parish
607 E. South Union
Bay City, MI 48706

Join us on Wednesdays at 7pm for an evening of praise, worship, Prophetic Words, Healing, Gifts of the Spirit, and more! Check out all of our events at:

www.saginawrenewal.org

July 18 – Mass for the Migrant Workers

Please join us for the Migrant Mass on July 18, at 6:00 PM, at Our Lady Consolata Parish, 4618 South Street, Gagetown. Bishop Gruss is presiding with Fr. Craig Carolan concelebrating. The Mass will be in Spanish, and all are welcome. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Maria Coss at 989.797.6646, or Deacon Larry Gayton at 989.797.6604.



Please welcome into our family of faith.

Presley Jo Brown

Daughter of Matthew & Marisa Brown

Noah Lee Deer

Daughter of Cody & Maria Deer

Congratulations and welcome to our parish.

**May you experience the Lord every day
of your life.**

“Be holy,

for I the Lord your God Am Holy”

– Leviticus 22

*“The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a **saint**.” -Leon Bloy*

Dear Saint-in-the-Making, HAPPY BELATED INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Recently in the Gospel Jesus told us, *“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. And everyone who denies me before others I will deny before my heavenly Father” (Mt. 10:33)*

How do we acknowledge Jesus before others? By our words, deeds, and Christian joy. We might immediately think of sharing our faith, hope, and love for Jesus. Last night at a graduation party, a man witnessed to me his own conversion story, how he came to discover Jesus in Adoration, the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities!

But we also acknowledge Jesus simply by following the 10 commandments in this world where so many do not. **For example, when we choose to make Mass the top priority of our week**, we honor the 1st commandment, to have no other gods besides God, and we also honor the 3rd commandment to keep the Sabbath Holy. We honor the Resurrection, which happened on a Sunday.

But ultimately, it’s not just honoring a commandment, it’s honoring a PERSON.

Bishop Gruss said something recently that’s stuck with me: Mass is NOT an EVENT, but an ENCOUNTER with Jesus. That’s ultimately why we should go to Mass, to have an ENCOUNTER with Jesus, to quench His thirst for love.

Of course, there are valid reasons to miss Mass such as illness or taking care of someone; these don’t require dispensation. Sometimes there are reasons for a dispensation from Mass on a certain weekend or Holy Day, and if that might be the case, one needs to ask their pastor for a dispensation. The Church is understanding and generous.

Vacation is USUALLY NOT a valid reason to miss Mass. As a parishioner used to say to his children, **“The Lord never vacations on us!”**

But without a valid reason or a dispensation to miss Mass, the tradition of the Church is that it is a mortal sin! This teaching never changed. Spread the word: we have a NEW opportunity for Mass each weekend: our Sunday 5pm Mass at St. John.

We can also “acknowledge Jesus before others” by trying to influence leaders and boards and committees that insist on events and practices that make it difficult or impossible to attend Mass. This past Lent, a friend from home called me and told me his son was competing with his Catholic High School in the robotics competition in

Saginaw during Holy Week, and asked if I could maybe come and do a Mass at the hotel that week, since the Catholic kids weren't able to go to Holy Thursday or Good Friday services. We decided it would be best if I led the Stations of the Cross, so we did, right there in the hotel lobby. I invited another Catholic team to join us that I met in the lobby.

We can “acknowledge Jesus before others” in many other ways. It

sometimes requires sacrifice, cause others to hate us and persecute us, as Jesus promised.

But it's all worth it. Jesus gives us the Great News, that in the end, “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”



Praise Report: Healing of Toes

From a parishioner:

“Today I decided to truly let go and believe totally. I asked to be functioning. Should have started off asking for total healing [of

my painful, out-of-place, infected toes]. Thursday's second “topping off” healing blessing [by someone who prayed over me, asking for Healing in Jesus' Name] took away the nerve pain and minimized the infection. Friday, left bandage on that kept wandering bone in place. Nerve pain remained gone. Saturday... total surrender and belief. Took all bandages off. Toe where it should be, infection gone, nerve pain still gone! Thank you my dear Lord,

the ultimate healer of body and soul, thank you for sending Your Holy Spirit through the hands and prayers of Your servant [the person who prayed over toes].”



Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Joseph Church in Lake Orion, where you can stop in and visit Jesus in the Eucharist!

St. Paul Street Evangelization

If you're interested in ways to “acknowledge Jesus before others”, a wonderful, proven way is through the method developed by St. Paul Street Evangelization. At fairs, events, etc. we set up a table and put out rosaries and brochures and invite people to share their faith. Then we look for chances to gently share our faith and pray with people for their needs on the spot, so that they can encounter the love of Jesus for them. If interested in participating in the thumb area this year, please contact Fr. Nate.

“Wisdom from the Pews”

Skip Mass on vacation? “The Lord never vacations on us!”

—Good Shepherd Parishioner

Please send me pictures, testimonies, questions, etc. for this update!

*“To Jesus through Mary”,
Love, Fr. Nate*