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Schedule of Masses

Saturday Night Vigil Mass 4:00p.m.
Sunday 8:30a.m., 11:00a.m.
Holydays 8:00a.m., 12:00
& 5:15p.m.
Weekdays & First Friday See Inside

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. & Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Make arrangements at Rectory in advance.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Make arrangements with priest at least nine months in advance.

*I am the Bread of Life;
Whoever comes to me
will never hunger.
Whoever believes in me
will never thirst.*

Prudence Vs Discernment

Often when someone is talking about discerning a question or what to do in a situation they are actually engaging in prudence. Prudence is the weighing of pros and cons about a particular course of action or choice. Noting consequences and ending up with the 'wisest' option leading to the most likely positive outcome. When one makes a decision out of prudence one always knows 'why' they are making that choice. One can and should apply prayer to all of a person's choices, but it comes down to a decision based in practice and experience. Prudence is a good thing and should guide much of our lives.

Discernment is a particular skill that belongs to every baptized Christian and involves the sorting or sifting of various movements around the answer to a particular question. Those movements can come from one of four sources: world, flesh, evil spirits, or God. As one sifts through these movements, which are largely internal, and identifies their origins, a person can come to recognize where God is leading. The more one practices discernment, the more proficient a person will become with the skill.

Learning to recognize these movements requires knowing each of these movements in the regular course of one's life. I need to be aware of when my ego or peer pressure is putting forth a strong desire for a particular course of action. Part of developing a regular prayer life is coming to recognize God's movements. In beginning to recognize God's movements a person will inevitably encounter the movements of evil spirits as well. The later are nothing to be feared, but they can make life more difficult and sometimes cloud our thinking. All of these things come into play when we talk about discernment.

Discernment is a sorting or sifting of each of these movements to try and arrive at what is God's will. As a person tosses aside or prays more deeply into various movements, God's will begins to surface. Is this a perfect process? No. It is a skill that comes out of our baptism and can be developed as our life in Jesus Christ develops.

How long does it take to 'discern' something? Depends. Sometimes it is months and other times it can be done quite quickly. The discernment depends upon the nature of the question and the experience and skill of the Christian. Sometimes it will be helpful to work with another person to clearly and honestly articulate different movements, especially when digging into a particularly significant discernment like one's state of life or a new career path. In more common situations like which book of the bible to read next or should I call my parent now or later, discernment, the sifting looking for God movements, might come quickly.

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It is important to note that when a person is done with discernment they might not know the 'why' as one will always know in prudence, but they will know what they believe is the right way to go. Sometimes true discernment will lead us contrary to prudence, though discernment will never lead us do evil. In a young Christian's life, when one is learning to discern, he or she can make some imprudent decisions that were not always God's will. With practice the young Christian becomes a more discerning and practiced one.

Be prudent, but as a Christians be especially discerning. Doing God's will and living in God's will are part of the reasons we were created in the first place. Coming to know God's will can be a bit tricky, but I am confident that with practice we all will get better and better.

You are in my prayers.

Fr. Karl Pung



PARISH PICNIC— Sunday, August 22

Join us for our Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 22nd from 4-8pm at Grand Woods Park (off of W. Willow, North of St. Gerard church.) All are welcome! Hot dogs, burgers, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact Mike or Terri Hecksel at 517-482-3196.

LOST & FOUND

We have accumulated a nice collection of items in our lost and found! If you have lost something recently, we may have found it. Check out our Lost & Found items in the Sacristy AFTER Mass today.

COFFEE HOUR AFTER 8:30 MASS

Coffee hour after the 8:30 Mass continues! If you would like to join a team and be added to the rotation, please contact Terri Hecksel at 482-3196.

Saint Mary Cathedral Parish
Adult Faith Formation/ Bible Study
Fall 2021



Ascension Press presents:
Acts- The Spread of the Kingdom

This Bible Study will run for 20 weeks.
Meetings on Tuesday mornings (Remote and in-person)
10:00- 11:30 a.m.
Beginning September 14th, 2021

Pre-Registration for Acts- The Spread of the Kingdom—Fall 2021

Name _____

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Study set (Student Workbook and digital access to video content)

Check _____ Cash _____ \$40

For more information- contact Leisa Fredericks - lfredericks@stmarylansing.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 2

(Daily Readings: Nm 11: 4b-15/Mt 14: 13-21)

12:05 +Rita Bost by Betty Jaehnig

Tuesday, August 3

(Daily Readings: Nm 12: 1-13/Mt 14: 22-36)

12:05 +Jerry Pecora

5:15 +Paulino Dumagat Jr. by Joan Dumagat

Wednesday, August 4

(Daily readings: Nm 13: 1-2, 25—14: 1, 26-29a, 34-35/
Mt 15: 21-28)

12:05 +Mary Verderese by her loving family

Thursday, August 5

(Daily Readings: Nm 20: 1-13/Mt 16: 13-23)

12:05 +Robert & Betty Bell by Daughter

Friday, August 6

(Daily Readings: 2 Pt 1: 16-19/Mk 9: 2-10)

12:05 +Loretta Koenigsnecht-Rademacher

Saturday, August 7

(Daily Readings: Dt 6: 4-13/Mt 17: 14-20)

8:00 Ray & Linda Broderick (50th Wedd. Anniv.)

4:00 Fr. Mathias Thelen

Sunday, August 8

(Daily Readings: 1 Kgs 19: 4-8/Eph 4: 30—5: 2/Jn 6: 41-51)

8:30 +Karen Hedden

11:00 People of the Parish

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

(Chapters, not verses)

Last week (July 25) Malachi 1-4, Zephaniah 1-3,
Habakkuk 1-3, Haggai 1-2
This week (Aug. 1) Daniel 1-14
Next week (Aug. 8) Ezra 1-10



The Sanctuary candle burns this week in church
In Honor of Dan & Tricia Lynch and Family

Budget <i>Weekly</i> Collection:	\$10,442.31
July 25, 2021	
Actual: Envelopes:	\$ 5,853.91
E-Giving:	\$ NA
Non-Envelopes:	\$ 2,414.04
ACH:	\$ 467.00
Total:	\$ 8,734.95
vs. Budget	Average \$ -1,707.36
Year to date (+/-)	()
Candles	\$ 100.00
Capital Improvement:	\$ 37.00

Music and the Wedding Liturgy

This article continues a series about the role of sacred music in Liturgy, and it focuses on weddings, a moment of great joy in the lives of a couple and a witness to their faith.

Several months before the wedding date, the couple is asked to set a time to meet with me, and we work together to make appropriate selections. Typically, the couple has completed much of their marriage preparation since it helpful to have chosen the readings beforehand. Some selections, such as the Responsorial Psalm, are part of the Liturgy of the Word, and as with all music planning, the songs often reflect the readings.

As you might expect, there are guidelines to follow, and some logistics to consider. The music should add beauty and dignity to the ceremony and lift hearts to God. If the couple would like a soloist or instrumentalist, arrangements should be made early to be sure sheet music is available and rehearsals are set.

Under typical circumstances, the music planning session takes 30-45 minutes, and we meet in the choir loft. We work in small sections, and I play excerpts and make suggestions if the couple is unsure of their options for instrumental music or hymns.

After the meeting, I send the couple a list of what they have chosen and confirm the order in which it will be played. This helps the couple as they prepare a worship aid to help everyone to participate fully during the wedding.

If you or a family member are planning a wedding, you may wish to review "Ten Tips for Keeping Your Catholic Wedding Focused on Faith" at www.foryourmarriage.org/ceremony-options/. I would also be pleased to send you a music planning form.

As always, feel free to reach out via email at: tcostigan@stmarylansing.org if you have any questions or comments. Stay well.

~Timothy Costigan

KofC FAMILY NIGHT FOR VOCATIONS

The Diocese of Lansing will be holding its 21st Knights' Family Night to Celebrate Vocations during a baseball game at Jackson Field in Lansing on Friday, August 13th. Please show your support by ordering game tickets (\$13 each) after each Mass this weekend!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS TRAINING (*note changes)

Usher/Greeter

Saturday, August 7th @ 9:00 a.m.

Lector

*Tuesday, August 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

*Note change of date

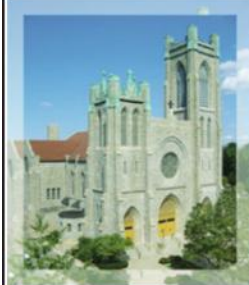
Please register if you are planning on attending any of the trainings. Stop by the Parish Office or call or email

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- St. Mary Monthly Memorial & Intentions -



Mary Jo Mercer
Clement Caron
Joan Piersante Family
VW Piersante
B.J. Kalahiki
Mullins/Flaga Family
Charles & Sharon Dion
Haun Family Intentions

Sanbajiroa & Saroj Pawar
Michael & Nicholas Dion & Families
Mother Teresa House Family
† Friends & Relatives of RDJ
Patrick & Erica Day Family
Angelo & Lennie Alvarado Family
† Robert & Gladys Stump
Haun Family Intentions

Holy Souls in Purgatory
L&D Davis Family
† Jandron Family
Robert Hecksel Family
Bruce Brennan Family
Melenec J. Fletcher
Kacydopabele Family
Arlene Woelfe Family

Shellhorn Family
Dummer Family
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Kline Family
Roche Family
Marie Bourque
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