

## The Statue of Hospitality

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**welve score and seven years ago "our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," as Abraham Lincoln once reminded us. This week we as a nation once again mark that new beginning, we who have inherited its blessings as a gift generously bestowed upon us by those who have gone before us, a gift not deserved but nevertheless ours, a gift we do not own, yet pass on to generations to come, a gift we eagerly share.

Hospitality is something to extend to those who come to our doors; it is also something we can extend to those who come to our shores. It seems worthwhile then, especially this week and amid so many disagreements over

immigration, to revisit the words inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty written by the poet Emma Lazarus and inscribed in our psyche as a nation. It serves as a vision of who we are, perhaps as much as does our Constitution.

Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me;  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

The woman at Shunem offered Elisha the prophet hospitality, and she was blessed. Jesus promised that those who offer the hospitality of a cup of cold water will be blessed. Surely then, any nation that welcomes others in hospitality will be blessed as well. ●

### Reflect

***What role does hospitality play in your spirituality?***

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday July 1

4:30PM † Joseph Harlett by M/M Jim Harlett ..... **MA**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

## Sunday July 2

8:30AM † Emil O'Bradovich by Family ..... **MI**  
10:30AM † Joseph Harlett by M/M Jim Harlett..... **MA**  
4:30PM † Edna Schumaker by Curt & Joan Kutchin ..... **MI**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

**Monday July 3 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions**

**Tuesday July 4 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions**

**Wednesday July 5 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions**

**Thursday July 6 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions**

**Friday July 7 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions**

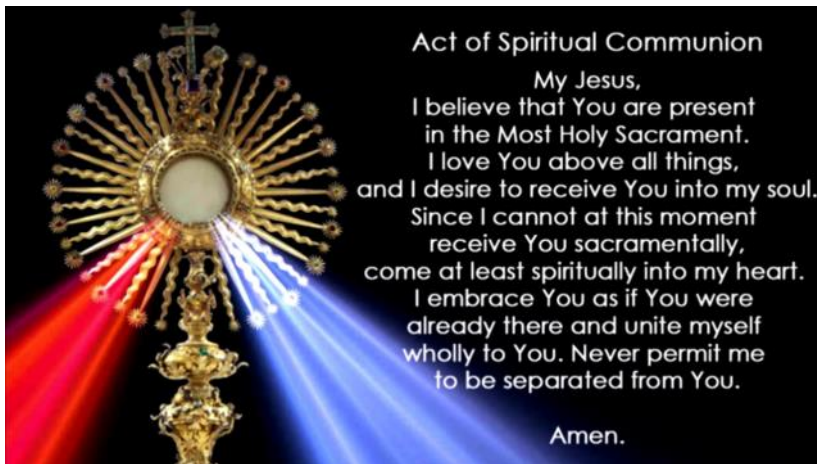
## Saturday July 8

4:30PM † Fred Gorton by The Knights of Columbus #11581 ... **MA**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

## Sunday July 9

8:30AM † Phyllis Gross by Dave & Sharon Carlson ..... **MI**  
10:30AM † Pat O'Connor by M/M Joe Jirous..... **MA**  
4:30PM † Elaine Schoenborn by John & Ann Schoenborn ..... **MI**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

**MA=St. Mary MI=St. Michael's**



## For the Week of July 2, 2023

**Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

**Monday Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle**  
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

**Tuesday** Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday Memorial of Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Pope, and Saint. Elizabeth of Portugal**

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr**  
Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17

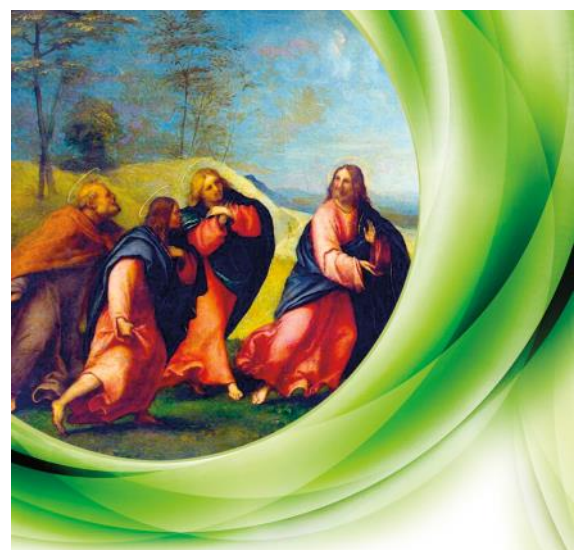
**Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

## St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	July 9 / 8:30 AM	July 9 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Lauren Meerman Alivia Kosten	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Denise Parish Andrew Bonter Sharon Carlson Chris Albrecht Zach Nelson Jennie Taylor NEED ONE	Greg Helsen NEED ONE
Lector	Lyndsey Kosten	Mark Phillips
Sacristan	Sue DeVos	NEED ONE
Ushers	Dave Tronovich Deb Tronovich Mary Bueche Ray Maka	Greg Helsen NEED ONE
Music	Anna Jonaitis	Anna Jonaitis

## St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	July 8 - 4:30PM	July 9- 10:30AM
Sacristan	Need One	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Bryson Potts MJ Potts	Calvin Davis Hannah Davis
Precious Body	Deacon Tom Steve Lampe Julie Lothschutz	Jim Looks Marian Looks Need One
Precious Blood	Austin Lampe Angie Hanks Geary Farrell Mary Kirkwood	Margie Jirous Christina Withers Janette Ney Need One
Hospitality	Lisa Potts Matt Potts Madison Potts Michelle Lampe	Jeanne Leale Rick Leale Anthony Leale Nettie Leale
Lector	Vito Dolci	John Klein
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko



**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Matthew 10:38



## St. Michael's Parish News



**Scrip News**— Thank you to our 10 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$53.32.

### 2023 Vacation Bible School — **STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!**

July 24-28<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8:30 pm.

Registration forms are in the narthex and on parish website. Many volunteers are needed! If interested please contact Debbie Veneklas with any questions. (616)384-4026. We are looking for donations for VBS. If you are willing to make a donation for teen snacks, please contact Debbie at 616-384-4026.



**CSA 2023** — Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Our parish goal for 2023 is \$59,280.00 and 100% participation, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. To date, we have pledged \$40,125.00 (or 67.69%) toward our goal. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.



## St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Come see what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—11:45 am (Mon. 8:45am-2:30pm for 4-year-olds). For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026. Now enrolling for the 2023-24 school year!



## St. Michael's Faith Formation

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Our program is now on summer break. CLW will resume in September.

**Elementary Faith Formation:** Grades 1-5 are now on Summer Break. Classes will resume in September.

**Middle School Faith Formation:** Grades 6, 7 and 8 are on Summer Break. Classes will resume in September.

### St. Michael's Parish Family

**Remembers in Their Prayers:** Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Brad Boerma, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Ken Heflin, Payton Patterson, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.

## St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp



for +John VanDenBrink  
by his wife

### Finance Council —

The Finance Council will have an opening that will need to be filled, beginning in July, 2023. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Business Manager, Cindy Lindberg, at (616) 384-4026 or bsmgr@saintmichaels.us. You may contact Cindy or Fr. Mike if you have any questions or would like to discuss the opening.



**Parish Directory** — We will be updating our parish directory this year, and we want you to be included! Stay tuned for more details to come on our photo-taking schedule!



### St. Michael's Chicken Dinner

Come one, come all. Our parish festival is August 27, 2023!

We will have big raffle, chicken dinner, mini-affle, kid's tent, grocery wheel . . . something for all ages! We will need many volunteers to help out. This year, we are looking for a lead chairperson for the large raffle. Please contact our co-chairs, Cindy Lindberg (616-822-1213) or Jenny Lindberg (616-862-3588), to see how you can volunteer to make this year's festival a huge success!



## Giving Back to God

June 25, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$2,404.00
Loose Cash	\$114.00
Children's Envelopes	\$8.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,526.00</b>
Building Fund	\$775.00
Financial Assistance	\$30.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**July 2, 2023 ~ The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Cluster News and Community News and Events

### Back to School Bash 2023

**August 22, 2023 - 5PM -7PM**

St Mary-St Michael and other local Churches and area businesses of Coopersville are hosting the 2023 Back To School Bash to celebrate and bless the schools, teachers, students, families, administrators, and the community as they head back to school this Fall. This **Free Family Event** will feature bounce houses, games, food, and much more! Come on out for a great family fun night at Vet's Park in Coopersville!



### Made for More Event

Join us for a very well done nationally known event called, Made for More. Made for More is about Theology of the Body. Guest Speaker; Christopher West. This event is for all adults but is also good for families with teens. St. Mary and St. Michael are co-hosting this event with St. Mary, Spring Lake, MI. For more information please contact Rebecca Chicklon or Debbie Veneklasen Debbie: 616-384-4026 or [childrensministry@stmichaels.us](mailto:childrensministry@stmichaels.us) Rebecca: 616-677-5065 or [dre@saintmarysmarne.org](mailto:dre@saintmarysmarne.org)



### Fr. Mike's Musings



"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." (Psalm 110:4) These words were understood by the early Church as being prophetic of the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Melchizedek was a pagan king and priest who offered bread and wine in sacrifice to the one "God most High" in the presence of the patriarch Abraham. In return Abraham gave gifts and a promise of protection to Melchizedek and his people, thus acknowledging that the sacrifice was honorable and acceptable to the God of the earth. This practice, and the Last Supper of Christ, is clearly the template on which the current day Eucharistic celebration is modelled.

The Catholic Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, views the Eucharist as the divine transforming of ordinary bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood. It is the ordained function of priests of the Church to continue this sacrificial mission (priest) of Jesus as well as His missions of prophecy (prophet) and leadership (king) in the world.

In the priestly ministry ordained priests confect and celebrate the Sacraments and lead their parish communities in worship. The greatest privilege given a priest is to pray the words of Christ over the offered gifts of bread and wine: "This is my Body. This is my Blood." Priests are also responsible to baptize, confirm (when delegated by the Bishop), hear confessions, marry couples, anoint the sick and dying, and bury the dead. Priests have also taken a vow to pray the Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours seven times over the course of each day. This prayer cycle not only continuously gives glory to God, but also beseeches His mercy for those in the world who cannot or will not pray for themselves and others.

The prophetic ministry is accomplished by preaching, teaching both young people and adults the doctrines and values of the faith, and by staying true to the faith in conversations or debates with the curious, the questioning, and non-believers. Priests are the responsible custodians and guardians of the truth and Sacraments of Christ and His Church.

Priests facilitate the kingly ministry of Christ by serving as administrators in an assigned parish(es). They work with councils and other organizations to keep the parish community functioning as effectively as possible. They also cooperate with other priests in nearby parishes and throughout the diocese to coordinate the work of the Church throughout the diocesan territories.

In all that ordained priests must be and do, they must always be mindful that they are following in the footsteps of Christ, the 'Good Shepherd'. They have the responsibility and the privilege of extending His compassion, kindness, and generosity to the world—Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Being human, priests can fail, just as married couples can fail to reflect their love to their families and to the world, and sometimes even to one another. At one time priests were placed on a pedestal as if their vocation raised them up into a sort of untouchable state of sanctity. It was not so then and it is not so now. Priests have the same weaknesses and foibles as other human beings and struggle with the same appetites and temptations. They depend upon the grace of Christ to guide them and carry them through from one day to the next. What is especially needed is the support, love, and prayers of their families, friends, and the faithful. The vocation of the priest is one of love, the only reward to be sought by a priest is to have that love shared with all because it is rooted in Christ, who is God, and "God is love". (1 John 4:8)

#### Please Note:

Fr Mike will be away from the office July 3- July 7. Please be sure to make appointment prior to those days if you need to speak with him. During the time he is away, if an emergency arises, please call the emergency line 1.616.745.1409. We do have priests available during that time if needed. -

**No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions - July 3 - July 7**

**St Mary Parish Office & St Michael Parish Office will be closed July 3 & 4!**

## Youth Ministry

### Youth Ministry (6-12 Grade) Summer Activities for Youth

Youth may engage in a Mission Trip, Steubenville Trip, help with Vacation Bible School, Michigan Adventure Trip and engage in Parish service projects and other fun day trips! Some of these options are for High School aged Youth and some are for Middle School Youth and some are for both. Dates and times have been sent out in email. If you're not on the Youth Ministry email and would like to be, please contact Rebecca. After May 21, Middle School Youth are those entering 6-8 grade next fall and High School Youth are those entering 9th grade through 12 grade next fall, as well as, those newly graduated. For more information and/or dates please contact Rebecca.



#### Questions or comments

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at 616-677-5065 or [dre@saintmarysmarne.org](mailto:dre@saintmarysmarne.org)

## Please Pray for our Engaged Couples

**Joe Heminger & Laura Wierman**.....July 22, 2023 (St Michael)  
**Wyatt VanDyke & Olivia Killebrew**..... July 29, 2023 (St Michael)  
**Christian Hall & Kayleigh Kutchin** ..... August 25, 2023 (St Michael)  
**Marissa McDonald & Christopher Barczak**.....October 7, 2023 (St Mary)

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

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## St. Mary's Parish News

### Religious Education

#### 2023-24 Sacrament Prep:

It's time to save your child's spot for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation preparation. Please contact Rebecca Chicklon to register. Thank you.

**Religious Education meets on Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m. and will resume in September.**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word meets during the 10:30 a.m. Mass and will resume in the fall.**

#### Questions or comments:

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#### High School Youth Ministry

See Cluster Page for more information.



### School Supply Drive

Our Lady of Fatima Guild is hosting their annual school supply drive. Donations of backpacks, lunch boxes, pencils, notebooks, markers, and other school supplies would be appreciated. Donations will be collected July 22- through Aug 14. There will be a box in the Narthex to place your donations.



### Save the Dates

<b>July - Aug</b>	School Supply Drive
<b>August 4</b>	Mass of Hope, Health and Healing-7PM
<b>August 22</b>	Back to School Bash-Vets Park 5PM
<b>Sep 10</b>	Parish Picnic (watch for more info)
<b>Sept 12-16</b>	Parish Directory Pictures- Watch for Sign Ups and more Info.
<b>October 8</b>	Knights of Columbus Councils Breakfast & Blood Drive

### Catholic Service Appeal 2023

Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Remember that any amount collected over the goal will stay in the parish. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. Learn more at [GRdiocese.org/CSA](http://GRdiocese.org/CSA)  
**CSA 2023 Pledge Goal: \$51,834.00**  
 Total Pledges Made: \$37,310.00 (72%)  
 Balance: \$14,524.00  
 Participation: 102 of 292 Active Households (35%)  
 Totals as of June 26, 2023  
 Thank you for your stewardship



### PREGNANCY HELP Baby Bottle Drive!

Please Return Bottles.. Empty or Full Thank You.

### A Prayer for Independence Day

GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, LET YOUR SPIRIT BE WITH US TODAY. HEAR OUR PRAYERS, AND INCREASE IN US THE WILL TO FOLLOW YOUR SON JESUS. HELP US TO DRAW ON THE RESOURCES OF OUR FAITH AS WE USE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR DEMOCRACY TO SHAPE A SOCIETY MORE RESPECTFUL OF THE LIFE, DIGNITY, AND RIGHTS OF THE HUMAN PERSON, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND VULNERABLE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.



### Meal Train for Fr Mike

Fr Mike has been enjoying his weekly homemade meals from our Parish Family. THANK YOU to everyone that has prepared a meal for him. It is very much appreciated. We have TWO open dates in July. Can you take one of them? It really is as easy as making an extra serving of whatever you are making for dinner. Put it in a microwavable container and drop it off at the Parish Office on our way to (or home) from work.. (Sign up online: or call the parish office)



<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8vv97n>

### Stay Connected & Informed

Do we have the right personal information on file? Did you get rid of your land line? Do you have a new cell phone number? Do we have your most recent email address on file? Are you getting your "Church News" emails from the office? If not, be sure to call the Parish Office and update your contact information with us.



### Knights of Columbus #11581 News

**Due to the Holiday and The Berlin Fair the July Meeting will be moved to July 13 at 7PM at the Parish Hall.**

#### Save the Date: October 8

Community Breakfast and Blood Drive Register here: <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/>



### Giving Back to God

	June 24/25
Regular Contributions	\$3812.36
Capital Improvement	\$80.00
Online Contributions	\$1125.00
Children's Contributions	\$10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5027.36</b>

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

**St. Mary's Sponsor of the Week**  
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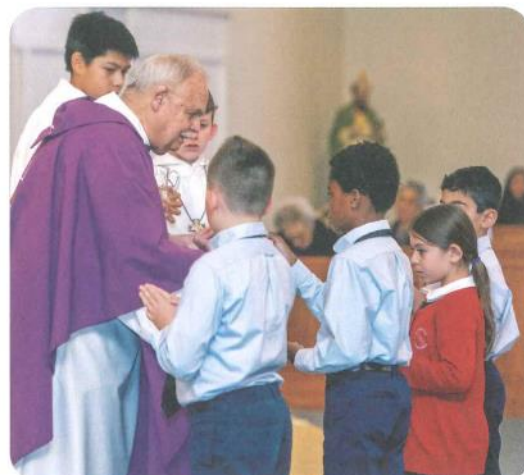
# Dear Padre,

## How do we serve everyone in a culturally diverse parish?

In the past it was common to have parishes dedicated to different ethnic groups where such populations were concentrated. In 2010, the US bishops found that 33 percent of all US parishes were culturally diverse, and that's perhaps using a narrow understanding of diversity. Then in 2014, they published *Best Practices for Shared Parishes: So That They May All Be One*, in which they outline a nine-movement process for creating an inclusive parish. The term "shared parishes" describes parish communities in which two or more languages or cultural contexts are present in the ministerial life of a parish. The fact that there are nine movements is notable. It means that we slowly move toward inclusiveness; we don't simply present a Mass in Spanish and think the job is done.

This brings to mind a parishioner in a parish I served in the Mississippi Delta. This was indeed a "shared parish," with a large African-American population, a significant Spanish-speaking population, and an elderly population of white Americans who expected a more "traditional" Mass with familiar hymns. Rosemary was an Italian-American whose family had lived in the area since the beginning of the nineteenth century. She served as the parish's director of education. Rosemary made it her practice to attend every Mass to welcome people and make them feel at home. She was the perfect example of the first movement toward serving everyone in a shared parish: hospitality. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9
St. Thomas, Apostle	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eph 2:19-22	Gn 19:15-29	Gn 21:5, 8-20a	Gn 22:1b-19	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29	Zec 9:9-10
Jn 20:24-29	Mt 8:23-27	Mt 8:28-34	Mt 9:1-8	Mt 9:9-13	Mt 9:14-17	Rom 8:9, 11-13
						Mt 11:25-30



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Millions of people came to this land to pursue their dream of building a future in freedom. We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this to you as the son of immigrants, knowing that so many of you are also descended from immigrants.*

ADDRESS TO US CONGRESS, WASHINGTON, DC, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

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