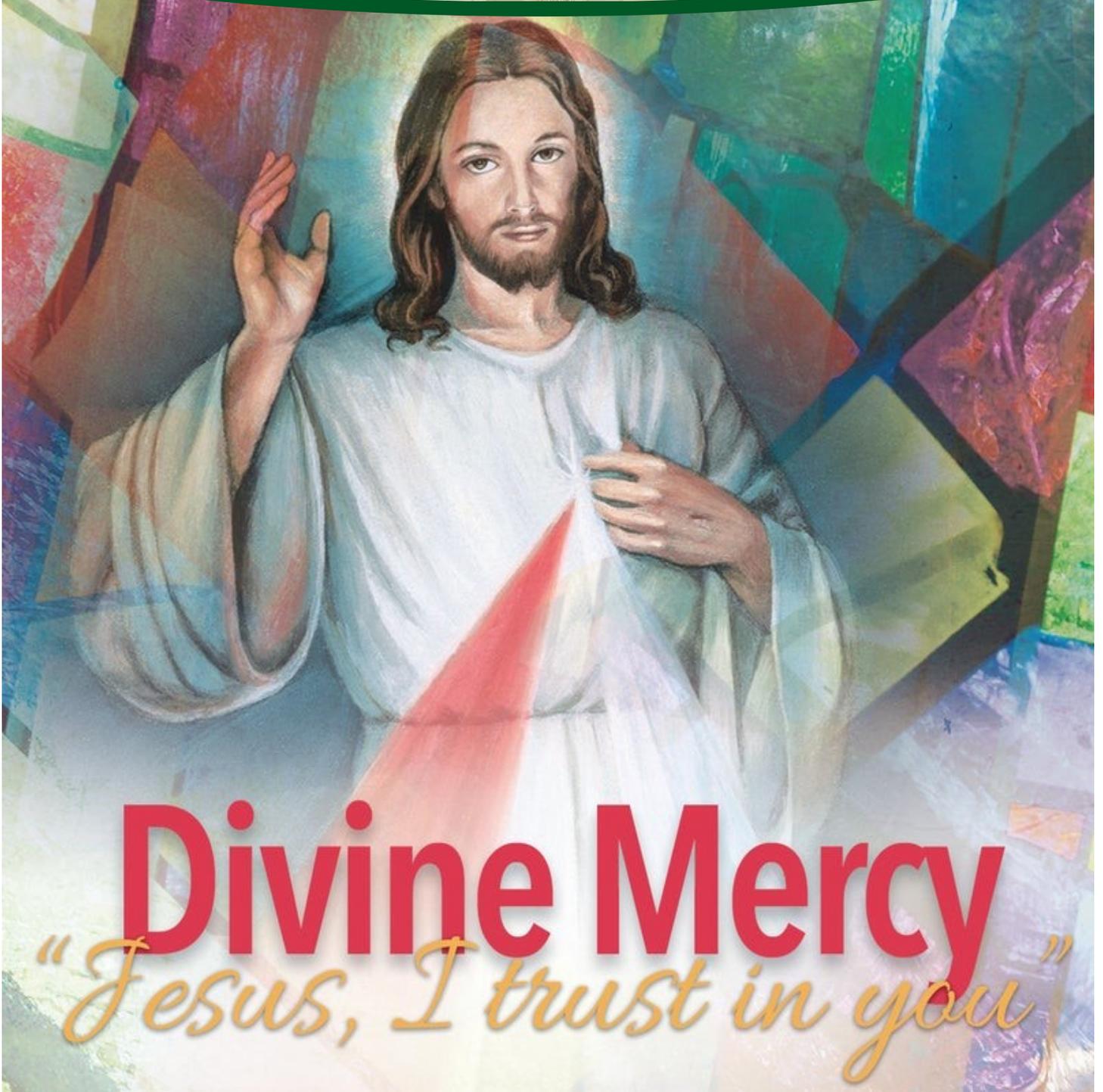


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Old St. Patrick

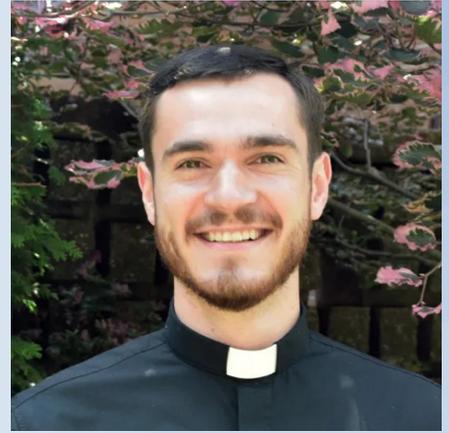


Divine Mercy

"Jesus, I trust in you"

A Priestly

Father David Pellican examines how a Eucharistic life, built around daily Mass and Adoration, forms priests “after the pattern of Jesus’ priestly and Eucharistic heart”



In the Eucharist we encounter the living, beating heart of Jesus. Scientific testing has found the bread-turned-flesh of several Eucharistic miracles throughout history to be the heart tissue of someone undergoing extreme agony. Those occurring at Lanciano around 700 AD, and Buenos Aires in 1996 would be two examples. In the Eucharist Jesus is present—body, blood, soul, and divinity. This great sacrament affords an unparalleled opportunity for our hearts to commune with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that furnace of divine charity. St. John Vianney famously said that “the priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.” If priests are called to embody the love burning in Christ’s heart, then the Eucharist must be the very center of their life.

Instituted on the same night, the priesthood and the Eucharist are inextricably linked. On the one hand, the Eucharist cannot exist without priests, but the reverse is also true. Priests need the Eucharist to sustain them in their life and ministry. This dependence is absolute, for without a deep appropriation of the sacrificial nature of Christ’s own offering in the Mass, and without time spent in silence before the Real Presence, a priest can quickly become a mere functionary. This is why both adoration and Mass are incorporated into the daily lives of prospective priests at the seminary, as they are formed to be shepherds after the heart of the Lord (c.f. Jer 3:15).

Adoration

Seminarians at Sacred Heart pray a daily Holy Hour before Jesus, exposed in the Eucharist, and this can be a real adjustment for young men aspiring to the priesthood. It is not common to spend an hour every day sitting in silence. But Jesus calls those who follow him to make real changes to the way they live.

The Scriptures reveal that spending time in the presence of Jesus is not only important for one’s spiritual well-being but also precious in the eyes of the Lord. He called his apostles first to be with him, and only secondarily to share in his mission (Mk 3:14). The Lord does not desire the apostles and their successors to be mere functionaries. He wants those who follow him to take time and “be with” him. The parable of Martha and Mary also highlights this desire. Jesus gently chides Martha for being distracted with much serving, anxious and worried. He commends Mary for choosing the “good portion.” What did Mary do to merit such approval? She “sat at the Lord’s feet and listened” (Lk 10:39), a beautiful image for the Holy Hour. It is a time to sit before the Lord, in his true presence, and quietly listen. Like Martha, it is easy to be overwhelmed by the many things needing to be done. In the midst of busyness, the Holy Hour is time carved out, not to do things, but to be with.

Time spent in daily adoration of the Eucharistic Lord allows seminarians to open their hearts to his, for “heart to speak to heart.” Every image of Jesus’ Sacred Heart depicts it ablaze. This is the fire of God’s own love, which the Lord desires to spread throughout the whole world (Lk 12:49). Returning daily to the true presence in a Holy Hour keeps a seminarian’s heart on fire with divine love, like the blacksmith’s metal, which must be constantly returned to the heat of the forge, lest it becomes lukewarm.

Oblation

In addition to being on fire, the Sacred Heart is pierced by a lance and wreathed round with thorns. It is a suffering heart, from which Jesus willingly poured out every drop of his precious blood as a sacrificial oblation. The Eucharist likewise contains this sacrificial element in the Mass. As part of the routine at Sacred Heart, daily Mass is a beautiful opportunity for seminarians to unite themselves to Jesus' own Eucharistic offering.

In a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, Jesus fed a vast multitude with woefully inadequate provisions (Jn 6:5-14). All the disciples had to offer was five loaves and two fish, hardly enough for the task of feeding five thousand. Jesus transformed it and made it enough. Each day at Mass the seminarians stand in the place of the disciples. They bring the offering of their lives and abilities. It is an offering woefully inadequate for the task at hand, the apostolic mission of bringing Christ to all peoples. But each day they join themselves to the oblation of Jesus, confident that the Lord will transform their offering, like that of the disciples, into a superabundance.



The Mass is an offering of Jesus to the Father, but it is also an invitation to offer oneself, to place oneself and life on the altar as an oblation. When a man is ordained a priest, as part of the liturgy the bishop hands him the gifts of bread and wine to be consecrated and says: "Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross." A priest's vocation is to "imitate what he celebrates" in the Eucharistic sacrifice, and daily Mass forms seminarians to do just that.

St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia, known as the bishop of the abandoned tabernacle for his devotion to praying before the Blessed Sacrament, says that a priest must become "A living portrait of the Host at Mass and Communion." Such a priest is one who "daily offers himself to be immolated with Jesus, and who gives himself and all he has to others without expecting anything in return . . . He is a priest *eagerly sacrificed* in his Mass each day in honor of God the Father . . . and always given to others, like Jesus in the Tabernacle and in Communion." A priest must embody the Eucharistic oblation.

Fr. David Pellican

Fr. David Pellican graduated from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 2020 and is currently the Associate Pastor at Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn. Fr. Pellican co-hosts *Men of the Hearts*, a podcast by the Office of Priestly Vocations of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Transformation

This constant exposure to the Eucharist through daily Mass and Holy Hour is meant to truly transform seminarians. In an Easter sermon, St. Augustine reminds us that "If we receive the Eucharist worthily, we become what we receive." That is to say, we become the presence of Christ and the sacrifice of Christ. For priests in particular, we become shepherds after the heart of Jesus. A priest who stays close to the Eucharist will radiate the love of Christ, and his whole life will be an offering, a gift, to the Father for the people of God. His heart will become Christ's. He will truly be an alter Christus, another Christ. Overcome with the beauty of this truth the faithful priest St. Maximilian Kolbe once cried out to Jesus saying: "You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!" May this be true of every priest, and every seminarian aspiring to the priesthood.

The Eucharist is Jesus. The life of seminarians at Sacred Heart is organized around this great Sacrament, such that daily Mass and Holy Hour are the foundation of the schedule. Daily exposure to our Lord is meant to form future priests after the pattern of his priestly and Eucharistic heart, burning with love to mediate his presence to the world and offered as an oblation to the Father.

DIOCESE OF LANSING

“STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO *love and good works*”

Hebrews 10:24

2022 DIOCESEAN SERVICES APPEAL

Diocesan Service Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. We have reached 49% of our \$35,000 goal. White DSA gift envelopes are available in the back of the church, and you can also make a donation online at: dioceseoflansing.org/dsa Just be sure to choose "St Patrick - Ann Arbor" from the parish list.

Pro-Life 4th Tuesday April 26th!

Please help us fill our spots of prayer at Planned Parenthood Tuesday April 26th (see Fr. Tom's email to sign up!)



Your Help is Needed!

Old St. Patrick is in need of volunteers to serve as Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Both ministries are open to men and women who are fully initiated into the Catholic Church and have discerned a call to serve the parish. If you would like more information or to attend our upcoming training sessions, contact Marie Skrobola at mffox@umich.edu.

Looking For...

House for rent and possible purchase in the vicinity of Old St. Patrick parish. Email dcn.steve@gmail.com

Traveling Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Holy Spirit Church in Brighton is blessed to be hosting the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima on May 2-3. The visit will include time for personal

devotion of the statue and special Masses Monday evening and Tuesday morning with an all night Eucharistic Adoration vigil between. Please consider spending an hour with Jesus that night! For a complete schedule, visit www.HSRCC.net. Contact Mary Anne Bastian with questions: mabastian@holyspiritrcs.org



MASS INTENTIONS

TUE 7:00	William Shurtliff
WED 8:15	Bingham Family
THU 8:30	Sylvia Freije
FRI 8:15	Kely Franzonello
SAT 4:00	Parishioners
SUN 8:00	Frank & Pat Krzesowik
10:30	Nancy Dannhauser †

TO PRAY IS TO LOVE

• Please pray for those in need, including:
 Patricia Fuller, John LaRock Sr., Phil Rutledge, Sandra Adams, Pete Siebertz, Jim Stephensen, Mason Rutledge, Ron Fuller, Wayne DeForest, Ann Mary "Nancy" Phillips, Katie Hutton, Betsy & Charlie Rodgers, Pam Wiitala, Emma Thompson, Bryan Eaton, Phillip Campbell Sr., Magdalene Trabanino, Clara Peterson, Teri Kuzniar, John LaRock

Jr., Glenn Klecker, Alice Walsh, Henrik Wayne Sidwell, Ginny Kolander, Carla Pariseau, Yvonne Wardle, Laurine Meeker, George Roth, Nicole Brcic, Helen Petrie, Alexander Wardle, Pat Krzesowik, Melissa Godfrey, Darell Hogan, Constance Spiteri, Fr. Terry Dumas

• Please pray for those in the military, including:
 Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Mike Porter, Chas Carter, Eric "Ricky" K. Zachmann

• Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

ST. PATRICK PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 24

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 Mass
9:00 K of C Rosary
9:15 Religious Education
10:30 Mass
11:30 Music Concert
5:00 Polish Mass
6:30 Youth Group

MONDAY, April 25

5:00 Opus Dei

TUESDAY, April 26

Pro-Life Tuesday at Planned Parenthood

5:30 Confessions & 7:00 Mass

WEDNESDAY, April 27

8:15 Mass
2:00 Communion Service at Regency
7:00 Worship Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, April 28

8:30 Mass
7:00 Choir Rehearsal
7:00 K of C Meeting

OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH DIRECTORY

Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM
Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; Don't hesitate to call for an appointment!

Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass

Saturday 4:00PM
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

TLM Latin Mass

2nd Sunday of Month 12:30pm

Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass

Tuesday 7:00PM
Wed. & Fri. 8:15AM School Year, 8:30AM Summer
Thur. 8:30AM
First Saturdays 9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:45PM
First Friday 7:00PM - Saturday 8:45AM

Baptisms

Contact Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email fjapp@umich.edu to arrange a preparation class and Baptism date.

Marriages

Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

Funerals

Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

Parish Registration

Contact the office for a registration form.

Office hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Office: 734-662-8141

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Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing to bulletin@stpatricka2.org by Monday at noon and will be edited at the discretion of the editor and/or pastor.

What goes
up when
spring rain
comes
down?



An umbrella.

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY 4:00/Apr 30

J. Wild
C. Wild
S. Wild

SUNDAY 8:00/May 1

S. Breen
J. Holody

SUNDAY 10:30/May 1

J. Hiester
J. Shurtliff



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

Knight of the Month



Our Knight of the Month for April is Mike Saylor. Mike is extremely active in our parish and community. He is a 3rd Degree Knight, Trustee of our Council, member of the Parish Council, Lector at our Parish and Ave Maria Chapel and has worked at our Pancake Breakfasts and other Knights activities. Mike has not only helped on our Fish Fry's in the past years but is in charge of our Fish Fry this year. He attends Monthly Adoration, is the coordinator of Opus Dei Men's Activities in Ann Arbor, prays at Planned Parenthood and gives Men's Formation Circles. God Bless You Mike for all that you do for our Council, Church and Community.

Join our Knights Council 10963 www.kofc.org today. Get one year free online membership with promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

Family of the Month

Our Family of the Month is the Dolly Devos Family. Dolly has been a member of Old St. Patrick Church for 24 years. She has two grown daughters, Nicole and Brittney, who are both getting married this year. Dolly works tirelessly every year to help the Parish Fish Fry be a success. As a long time member she has held the position of Treasurer on the Ladies Society, helped at numerous Labor Day Festivals, volunteers each year at the Rummage Sale, as well as many other volunteer efforts. Dolly is always willing to lend a helping hand to help the church or its members. In her 24 years at the parish Dolly has built many lasting friendships with members of the parish and community they serve. Thank you Dolly and your daughters for all the work you do for our parish. God Bless You!



Old St. Patrick Youth

This Weekend:

April 24th— Sacraments: Reconciliation and how it affects our relationship with God.

Next Weekend:

May 1st— No Youth Group

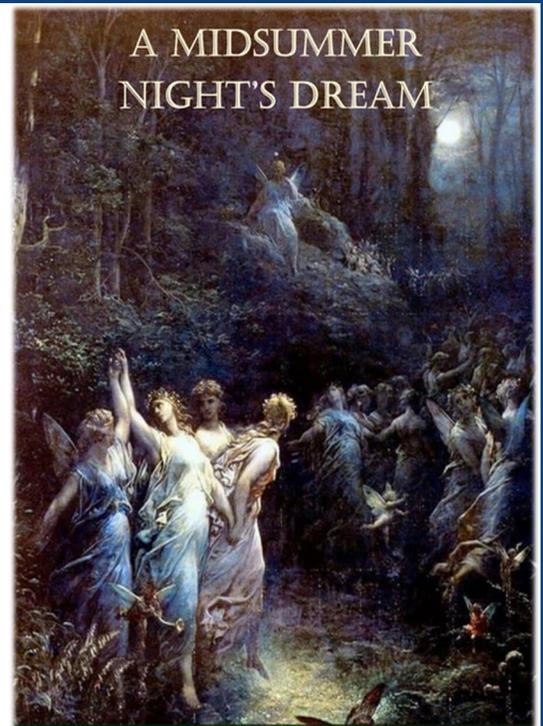
May 8th— Sacraments: Eucharist and how it affects our relationship with God.

May 15th— Sacraments: Confirmation and how it affects our relationship with God.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare's most delightful comedy of erring love, healed by great spiritual power, will be presented by the St. Edmund Campion Players of St. Augustine's HEP, now in their 13th year of presenting the Bard. Dance, music, gymnastics and comedy combine into a farcical but ultimately stately celebration of Christian love based on the New Law announced by the Feast of St. John the Baptist. May 6th and 7th at 7:00pm and Sunday the 8th at 3:00pm. All at Whitmore Lake HS. Tickets \$7 per person, \$30 per family, available at the door or by contacting campionplayers@gmail.com



Performed by the St. Edmund Campion Players of St. Augustine's HEP



Old St. Patrick Community RUMMAGE SALE

**Thurs May 12th & Fri, May 13th
9am—3pm**

DROP OFF DONATION TIMES

SUNDAY **May 8th**—one hour after each Mass

MON & TUES, **May 9th & 10th** 10AM-4PM

NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER TUESDAY

Faithfully Departed



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Gladys Kennedy.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

A Big Thank You to Everyone who Helped Celebrate the Beautiful Easter Triduum



He is
Risen

