

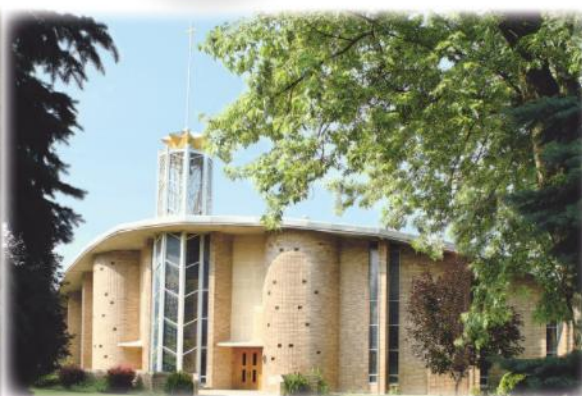
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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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not without
honor except
in his native
place and among
his own kin
and in his own
house."*

Mark 6:4

Parish Mission Statement

To enrich and inspire the spiritual growth of our parish community through the Word, worship and service to all God's people.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Religious Education Classes are Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month after morning Mass.
Benediction at 1:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Every Tuesday morning after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Rosary - Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.

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Lunch 12 to 1:00 p.m.

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism

Fourth Sunday of the month. Call parish office to make arrangements.

Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.
Call the office for an appointment with Fr. Joseph.

Penance

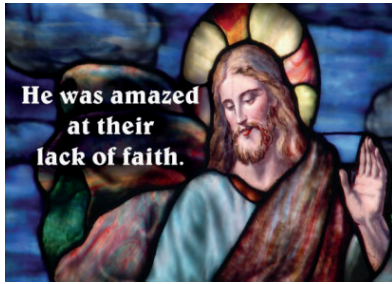
Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. or by request

Anointing of the Sick

Please inform us of parishioners who are seriously ill at home or in the hospital, in case of emergency or accident, call Fr. Joseph.

Holy Orders and Consecrated Religious Life

Everyone has a vocation. If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, contact Fr. Joseph for assistance.



Dear friends in Christ Jesus,
"A cheerful heart is good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).
 In the 1300's, surgeon Henri de Mondeville reportedly told jokes to his patients in the recovery room. Laughter exercises the face, shoulders, diaphragm, and abdomen. When the

breathing deepens, the heart rate rises, and the blood takes up and transports more oxygen. Endorphins are released, pain thresholds are raised, and some studies suggest that even our immune systems are boosted. When we laugh, others laugh too.

Laughter is a contagious, highly effective, non-prescription medicine. It has no side effects, and no one is allergic to it. Have we had our dose of laughter today? We can use the tool of humor to induce laughter for our health, healing and general sense of well-being. We can even spend time in daily practicing our laughing out loud – **maybe by smiling first, then leaning into a giggle, and then in outright belly laughs!**

One of the most common failures of our human condition is that we tend to take things and people for granted, especially if they have become very familiar to us. We underestimate people and situations and finally experience things as not conducive to happy living. This also happens when we deal with something holy and sacred. Hence considering the situation in today's world, we can say that presently our world is in constant turmoil and looks towards healing. We fail to see the presence of the divine that is in the universe and around us. The nature opens itself with the presence of God and invites us to search for the inner meaning.

Prophet Ezekiel in his times heard the heavenly voice to go among the nation that has rebelled against God. The Prophet heard this voice and obeyed. The people knew then that there was a prophet of God among them and they had to listen to him. This was the time of rebellion of the people of Israel against God and God punished them by sending them into exile. Ezekiel the prophet offers them hope. He tells them that if they are faithful in witnessing to their beliefs even as strangers in the strange land, Israel would be restored.

In the New Testament Jesus gives us a similar hope indicating the divine presence and those who trust in him and see the presence of God would get fulfilment for the hope.

In today's gospel Jesus himself comes as a sign of hope. Even when rejected by his people and despised as they knew him too well, he works miracles and heals people.

In the second reading Paul tells us that weakness can be a very precious gift. When we are weak before God we remain strong.

Have a nice week-end.

Sincerely, Fr Joseph

The next baptism class will be held on July 11th at 7:00PM in the school. **Baptisms will be on July 29th** after the 11:00AM Mass. Please call the office to register.

Sunday July 8—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Frank Kalanj & Bob DePierre
 req. Joyce Podkol

11:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

Monday

8:00 a.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week July 9—St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

†Katlyn Slater & Donna Goniwicha
 req. Jack & Judy Butler

Tuesday

8:00 a.m.

July 10

†Ted Jaros (35th Anniversary)
 req. Scott & Carol Nugteren

Wednesday

8:00 a.m.

July 11—St. Benedict

†Barbara Cross-Price
 req. Maggie Husa

11:30 a.m.

†Neal Piecyk
 req. Dorothy Dietz

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Senior Luncheon

Thursday

7:00 p.m.

July 12

Rosary

Friday

8:00 a.m.

July 13—St. Henry

†Robert Marshall (Birthday Remembrance)
 req. David & Jackie Marshall

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

July 14—Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Tony Scaccia (Anniversary Remembrance)
 req. Mother

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

July 15—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Tony Podkol
 req. Joyce Podkol & children

11:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

READERS & EMHC—JULY 14/15

4:30 P.M.

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EMHC

S. Hill
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 T. Janczewski
 W. Hitchcock
 M. Dick
 L. Ehinger
 N. Garcia

8:00 A.M.

READER

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 J. Butler
 J. Butler
 F. Wunderlich
 M. Walker
 S. Starbuck
 J. Podkol
 M. Gibbs

11:00 A.M.

READER

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ALTAR SERVERS—JULY 14/15

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Prayer Requests

2nd Week of July—For families, Esther Nolan, Special Intention, David Brusach, Mike Thomas, Dale Kemp, Lauren Markel, Fr. David Otto, Todd Sikkema, William Rios, Virginia Stimac, Mary Nash, David Koppers, Bill & Jeanne Grevelding, Tammy Hawes, Ellie D., Nicole Middaugh, Chris Nash, Ron Sons, Florence Hunt, Theron Mosey

Pray for those residing at Bronson Commons and White Oaks. Please call the office if you are in special need of prayer help.

Humanae Vitae Talking Circuit: In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's last encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, this talking circuit aims to revisit this important catechesis dealing with the Church's teaching on the transmission of human life by looking at the philosophical, theological, scientific, and medical proofs evident within and discuss why this is so relevant in today's culture. Led by Mr. Jamin Herold (Executive Director, Parish Life & Lay Leadership for the Diocese of Kalamazoo) and Dcn. Don Bouchard, DO (President and Medical Director for Holy Family Healthcare), time will be provided at the end for a question and answer session.

Central Deanery: St. Mary Parish (939 Charlotte Ave., Kalamazoo) - Monday, July 9th, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Western Deanery: Rose Center at St. Joseph (301 Wayne St., St. Joseph) - Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Eastern Deanery: Parish Center at St. Joseph (61 N. 23rd St., Battle Creek) - Tuesday, July 17th, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Northern Deanery: SS. Cyril & Methodius (159 131st Ave., Wayland, MI 49348) --Wed., July 18th, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

KNIGHTLY NEWS

Hope you had a great 4th of July! I am writing this week's article last week because the 4th has changed the printing times for two weeks. So, I hope you had great weather, outstanding fireworks, great food, and most importantly, great times with friends and family.

Well, I am back. Bet you didn't even know I was gone. My son stopped by with his basketball team. They finished playing a summer league game at Lawton High School. As I walked out to the kitchen where the noise was coming from, the odor of sweat hit me. All I could say is it smells like a locker room out here. I was surprised how much I enjoyed our time with them and how proud I was to watch my son interact with the young men and remember the time when I coached him in high school. Guess I got my fourth of July early.

I guess that is the thing I like about the Knights of Columbus, besides all the trappings of the organization, our purpose still is to help those in need. We do much more than raise money. Knights have raked leaves, moved snow for the elderly, built ramps for wheelchairs, provided a monthly lunch for St. Mary School children to celebrate birthdays, visited the sick, homebound to listen and talk, help at church activities, blood drive and many more.

Again, I say if you are a practicing Catholic male 18 years or older and want to find out more, contact Bill Zolp or any Knight you know. Grand Knight Bill Zolp's phone number is listed on the front of this bulletin.

Have a great week!

PGK Blaine Douglas

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

Parish Goal: \$64,501

Pledges: \$61,271

Needed: \$3,230

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Saint Mary Parish Families—Saint Mary School would like to thank you for your support in the Direct Your Dollars receipt program. With your help, we were able to raise \$1,000. Please keep saving those receipts, as we are able to do this again! Thank you and have a safe and Blessed summer.

ABOUT OUR WEBSITE - Are you saying to yourself, "Now what?"

We need YOU! St. Mary has a great-looking, digital presence on the internet with our redesigned site and our Facebook page, but to avoid becoming one of those one-dimensional or static, "all-surface-no-substance" websites, we need your GOOD NEWS, PLANNED UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETING MINUTES, EVENT PICTURES, and PLANS in order to captivate real, live, human readers. The goal for our website and Facebook page is to have THE BEST EFFECT: Informed and connected parishioners; New parishioners; Welcomed guests, BE FUNCTIONAL: Easy to use, and BE INTERACTIVE: Users receive more than what they were looking for. Users seek our site as a source of information.

Our St Mary website and Facebook page meet the technical mark but will fall short on the content without you. Please text or call Kellye Poage 269-743-8140 and email, call or visit the church office with pictures or content for the website.

Readings for the Week of July 8, 2018	
Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
Monday	Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Saint Benedict, Abbot Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Saint Henry Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

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