

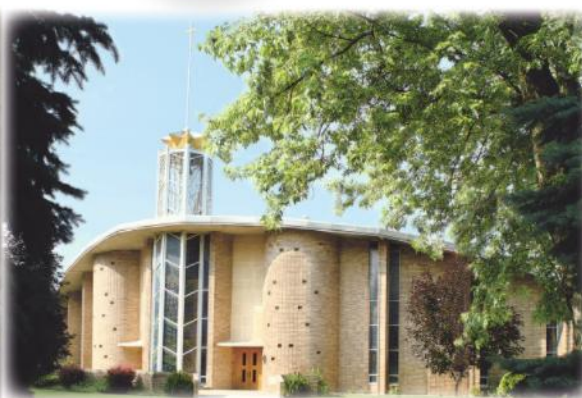
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## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### The Healing of a Deaf Man

# St. Mary CHURCH



#### 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 9:30 a.m. to noon  
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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#### 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.

*"He has done  
all things well.  
He makes the  
deaf hear and  
the mute  
speak."*

Mark 7:37

**Reflections—Walking the Path into Holiness from *Gaudete et Exsultate***  
In the spring of 2018, Pope Francis authored a document entitled *Rejoice and Be Glad* about the call and pursuit of personal holiness. Below and in subsequent bulletins, you will find an edited document that breaks it into small pieces, and offers a question for reflection and conversation.

9 - To be "a message of the Holy Spirit" is a big responsibility, part of our entire life's mission. Again Pope Francis provides some practical advice about how to do this: "Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. . . . May you come to realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love" and always remain open to God's grace that will both purify and enlighten you. (para. 23, 24 in *Gaudete et Exsultate*) *What assistance do you want to ask from the Holy Spirit to clarify or live out your mission in life?*

10 - Pope Francis tells us that "anything done out of anxiety, pride, or the need to impress others will not lead to holiness. We are challenged to show our commitment in such a way that everything we do has evangelical meaning and identifies us all the more with Jesus Christ." "This does not mean ignoring the need for moments of quiet, solitude and silence before God. Quite the contrary. The presence of constantly new gadgets, the excitement of travel and an endless array of consumer goods at times leave no room for God's voice to be heard. We are overwhelmed by words, by superficial pleasures and by an increasing din." "How can we fail to realize the need to stop this rat race and to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God? Finding that space may prove painful but it is always fruitful. Sooner or later, we have to face our true selves and let the Lord enter." (para. 28, 29 in *Gaudete et Exsultate*) *Yes, it can be painful to slow down, be quiet, and listen – can you make a real attempt to do it anyway?*

**New for 2018 – 2019: St. Mary's Religious Ed Program** this year will begin on September 23rd for Pre K – 9th Grade Confirmation with Social Time at 9:30 am followed by Class beginning at 9:45am. We will relocate to the Church at 10:45 and conclude with Mass. Questions, please call 269-657-4459 ext. 223.

**Introduction to Missionary Discipleship:** What does it mean to be a Missionary Disciple in the Diocese of Kalamazoo and in your own parish? The Institute of Missionary Discipleship is offering a one day training on Saturday, September 15, 2018 Additional information and registration is available on the website: [IMDisciple.com](http://IMDisciple.com) . The fee is \$10 and lunch is included. Any questions please contact Joan Jaconette at 269-903-0147 or [staff@IMDisciple.com](mailto:staff@IMDisciple.com).

<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>September 9—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> †Bette Field (Birthday Remembrance) req. husband & children
11:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>September 10</b> †Carol Staniszewski req. LaCantina family
6:00 p.m.	Parish Council Mtg.
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>September 11</b> †Matthew Williams req. family
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>September 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary</b> †Chet Haluch req. John & Jane Makowski
9:00 a.m.	†Dr. Stephen Towle req. Lonna & family
11:30 a.m.	†Robert Denomme req. Ron & Sue Cicchini
12Noon	Senior Luncheon
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>September 13—St. John Chrysostom</b> Rosary
11:30 a.m.	†Kenneth Buehler Memorial Mass
7:00 p.m.	Rosary
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> †Katherine Bruce req. Steve & Evelyn Clingerman

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>September 15—Vigil: 24th Sun. in Ordinary Time</b> †Deb LaMange req. Ruzick family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>September 16—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.	†Stanley Przybocki req. Joseph Przybocki

<b>READERS &amp; EMHC—SEPTEMBER 15/16</b>		
<b>4:30 P.M.</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>
<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>READER</b>
Jack Butler	M. Shaneyfelt-Niles	M. Middlebrooks
<b>EMHC</b>	<b>EMHC</b>	<b>EMHC</b>
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W. Hitchcock	V. Gilbert	F. Wallace
M. Dick	J. Podkol	E. Huver
L. Ehinger	S. Starbuck	L. Borys
N. Garcia	M. Walker	F. Ross
<b>ALTAR SERVERS—SEPTEMBER 15/16</b>		
C. Carpp	A. Gibbs	J. Maichele
Volunteer	F. Wunderlich	A. Maichele
Volunteer	P. Wunderlich	A. Pantoja

**The next baptism class** will be held on **September 19th at 7:00PM** in the school. **Baptisms will be on September 30th** after the 11:00AM Mass. Please call the office to register.



**Parish Support–September 2, 2018**

Envelopes (162)	\$5,377
Loose	<u>\$1,038</u>
Total	\$6,415
Weekly Target	<u>\$7,700</u>
Amount over (under) Target	<u>(\$1,285)</u>
Envelopes issued	381
Registered households	729
Collection Year-to-Date	\$66,950
Budgeted Year-to-Date	<u>\$77,000</u>
Amount over (under) Year-to-Date	<u>(\$10,050)</u>

**Prayer Requests**

**2nd Week of September**—Janet Hamay, special intentions, Jean Markovich, Don Van Meter, Judy Lawson, For families, 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, Maxine Mosey  
Pray for those residing at Bronson Commons and White Oaks. Please call the office if you are in special need of prayer help.

**Last Week to Sign Up For Lector Workbooks**—Sign-up sheet in the Sacristy for those interested in obtaining a workbook.

**KNIGHTLY NEWS**—I hear stories are going around town about how unchristian the Knights are, people asking why we are treating certain people so badly, etc. Well, relax, we are still here and functioning as Paw Paw Knights of Columbus. Let me put it this way to see if I can make things clearer. Just think of the Knights as one big family like yours. As your family grows do not the needs and desires of one or more family members change? (Examples, you are not going out dressed like that—school starts this week—homework done before you can watch tv—we need a bigger car not a truck.)

Would everyone in your family react the same way to each of the above? I bet they wouldn't and I bet there may be upset family members at times to these changes, but don't things calm down, adjustments are made and your family goes on.

The KC family is growing and its needs are changing. Approximately 3-4 years ago we were getting very low on funds and some members proposed lowering our cost by selling the building, operating out of the school and the church and using the money saved on the maintenance of the building for charities. We had an offer to buy the building, but our family decided to put extra effort into doing things to improve our money flow. It worked and many that wanted to sell worked along side with those that didn't.

Today we have had an offer to buy some of our land. This time the family voted to look into it. Feelings of possible changes caused strong emotions on both sides. But on Monday, I saw people from both views playing cards and having a great time.

Our family is still here doing great and still looking for new members.  
PGK Blaine Douglas

**The Knights of Columbus 8th Annual Scrap Metal Drive continues through September 30th.** Dumpsters are located behind the KC Hall on Red Arrow Hwy. Help is available for heavy items. Pickups can be arranged. Call Dan at 269-423-8545.

**RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS BEGINNING SOON!** Inquiry sessions are informal and open to anyone who has an interest in the Catholic faith. Rooted from the very beginning of Church tradition, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the path for welcoming new inquirers into our community of believers. If you, or someone close to you, are considering becoming a member of the Catholic community here at St. Mary's then please accept our invitation to join with us weekly on Wednesday evenings, at 7:00pm beginning September 26th in the School Library.

We encourage those already members of the community to consider being a part of the RCIA team where by sharing your faith you will receive the gift that comes by helping others grow in theirs. For further information, contact Jackie Marshall 269-657-4459 ext. 223

Our **"Back to School Bash"** at Big T in Lawton will be on **Thursday, September 20th from 5-9 PM.** 15% of the sales to our families is donated back to the school! Have a fun dinner out with family and friends, and earn cash for our school!

**Next weekend our diocese will hold the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).** In the US one in seven people live in poverty. Through this collection you support program to empower people to identify and address the root causes of poverty. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**Readings for the Week of September 9, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Monday</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b> 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>John Chrysostom</b> 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 50:5-9a; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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