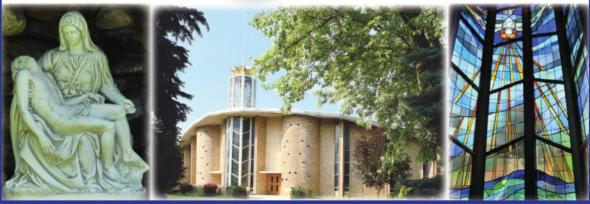
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# The Rich Man





"Go, sell what you have, and give to treasure in come, sollow me."

the poor and you will have heaven; then

Mark 10:21

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**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

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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.

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.

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# Reflections—Walking the Path into Holiness from Gaudete et Exsultate

In the spring of 2018, Pope Francis authored a document entitled <u>Rejoice and Be Glad</u> 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.

22 - "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." The world tells us exactly the opposite: entertainment, pleasure, diversion, and escape make for the good life. The worldly person ignores problems of sickness or sorrow in the family or all around him; he averts his gaze. The world has no desire to mourn; it would rather disregard painful situations, cover them up or hide them. Much energy is expended on fleeing from situations of suffering in the belief that reality can be concealed. But the cross can never be absent. A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness. He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations. They discover the meaning of life by coming to the aid of those who suffer, understanding their anguish and bringing relief. They sense that the other is flesh of our flesh, and are not afraid to draw near, even to touch their wounds. They feel compassion for others in such a way that all distance vanishes. In this way they can embrace Saint Paul's exhortation: "Weep with those who weep." (Rom 12:15) Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness. (para. 75-76 in Gaudete et Exsultate)

23 - "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Hunger and thirst are intense experiences, since they involve basic needs and our instinct for survival. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says that they will be satisfied, for sooner or later justice will come. We can cooperate to make that possible, even if we may not always see the fruit of our efforts. Jesus offers a justice other than that of the world, so often marred by petty interests and manipulated in various ways. Experience shows how easy it is to become mired in corruption, ensnared in the daily politics of guid pro guo, where everything becomes business. How many people suffer injustice, standing by powerlessly while others divvy up the good things of this life. Some give up fighting for real justice and opt to follow in the train of the winners. This has nothing to do with the hunger and thirst for justice that Jesus praises. True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. While it is true that the word "justice" can be a synonym for faithfulness to God's will in every aspect of our life, if we give the word too general a meaning, we forget that it is shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable: "Seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow" (Is 1:17). Hungering and thirsting for righteousness: that is holiness. (para. 77-79 in *Gaudete et Exsultate*)

We pray for the repose of the soul of Susan Leach, the mother of Deb McCaw. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.	October 14—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time †George & Phyllis Podkol req. family
11:00 a.m.	†Morgan Jusick (3rd Anniversary) req. Parents

Monday 8:00 a.m.	October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus †Thomas Mantke req. Walt & Terry Janczewski
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	October 16—St. Hedwig †Frank Solak req. Fran & Rick Wallace
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.	October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch †Pat Killeen req. family
9:00 a.m.	†Evon Kozul req. John Kozul family
Thursday	October 18—St. Luke
8:30 a.m.	Rosary
7:00 p.m.	Rosary
Friday 8:00 a.m.	October 19—St. John de Brebeuf & Companions †Guy, Donna, Paul Jach & Genevieve Wesaw req. Glenna Jach

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	October 20—Vigil: World Mission Sunday †Neal Piecyk req. Dorothy Dietz
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	October 21—World Mission Sunday Pro Populo
11:00 a.m.	†Judy Schincariol (9th Anniversary) req. Don Schincariol & family

READERS & EMHC—OCTOBER 20/21				
4:30 P.M.	8:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.		
READER	READER	READER		
K. Kasson	C. Bombich	RE Student		
ЕМНС	ЕМНС	ЕМНС		
L. Ehinger	M. Walker	R. Schincariol		
N. Garcia	F. Wunderlich	F. Ross		
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W. Hitchcock	S. Gibbs	M. Middlebrooks		
ALTAR SERVERS—OCTOBER 20/21				
C. Carpp	A. Gibbs	S. Martinez		
D. Kasson	F. Wunderlich	J. McCaw		
Volunteer	P. Wunderlich	A. Roy		

The next baptism class will be held on October 17th at 7:00PM in the school. Baptisms will be on October 28th after the 11:00AM Mass. Please call the office to register.

Parish Support-October 7, 2018	
Envelopes (174)	\$6,356
Loose	\$ 701
Online Giving (9)	<u>\$ 785</u>
Total	\$7,842
Weekly Target	<u>\$7,700</u>
Amount over (under) Target	<u>\$ 142</u>
Envelopes issued	341
Registered households	712
Collection Year-to-Date	\$103,953
Budgeted Year-to-Date	<u>\$115,500</u>
Amount over (under) Year-to-Date	( <u>\$11,547)</u>

## **Prayer Requests**

**2nd Week of October**—Barb Wloch, Janet Hamay, Jean Markovich, Don Van Meter, Judy Lawson, 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.

Van Buren County Right to Life—Focus on Life 2018 Annual Benefit Dinner, Monday, October 15. Doors open at 6PM, Dinner & Program at 6:30PM, First Baptist Church, South Haven, MI. Special Guest Speaker Dr. Robin Pierucci. Tickets \$25 Individual and \$200 for Table of 8. Registration forms are posted on the bulletin board by the sacristy.

Saint Mary School A Bountiful Harvest Dinner and Auction Saturday, November 3 at 5PM.

	Saturday, November 5 at 51 km	
Readings for the Week of October 14, 2018		
Sunday	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;	
	Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27	
Monday	Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor	
	of the Church	
	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4,	
	5a & 6-7; Lk 11:29-32	
Tuesday	Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret	
	Mary Alacoque, Virgin	
	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48;	
	Lk 11:37-41	
Wednesday	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	
	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:42-46	
Thursday	Saint Luke, Evangelist	
	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18;	
	Lk 10:1-9	
Friday	Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,	
	Priests, and Companions, Martyrs	
	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7	
Saturday	Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest	
	Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12	
Sunday	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;	

Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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**Lector Workbooks—The new Lector Workbooks** are now available in the sacristy. If you reserved a copy, please pick it up.

**2018 Disasters Emergency Collection**—Please respond generously to the 2018 Disasters Emergency Collection to assist recovery efforts in areas impacted by Hurricane Florence, and in anticipation of other natural disasters that may yet take place this year during the traditional storm season. Funds will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB. You may also contribute on-line at https://catholiccharitiesusa.org



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**Knightly News**—On Friday, October 19th from 5 to 7PM the Knights of Columbus will be holding a HURRICANE RELIEF DINNER at the Kristopher Club (KC hall). The Knights will provide the meal free of charge. We will set out donation jars for anyone who wishes to help those people who have lost everything. As I write this, a new hurricane is hitting our brothers and sisters in the southern states. Let us pray for their safety.

Our SCRAP METAL DRIVE is still going on, but is winding down. The dumpster is located behind the Kristopher Club. As always, if you need help with heavy items, call 423-8545 and Dan Wydick and his helpers will arrange to pick it up.

God Bless, PKG Blaine Douglas

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