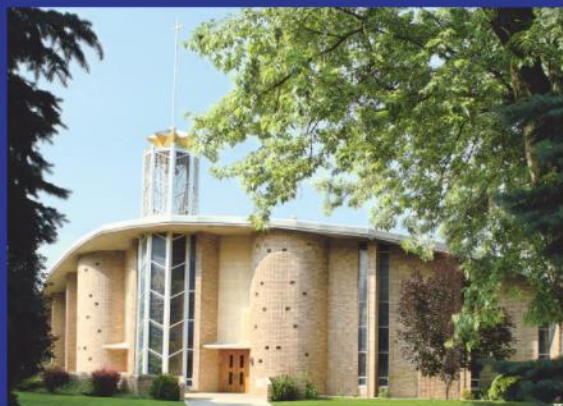


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Sunday – 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Religious Education Classes are Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to noon
Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month after morning Mass.
Benediction at 1:00 p.m.
Our 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.



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satisfied.**

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,
The solemnity of the **Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**, which the Church celebrates today reminds us all of the wonderful gift of God to us through Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. While the primary focus of this solemnity is on the spiritual nourishment that Christ gives us, its secondary focus

is on the **Body of Christ which is the Church**. The Body and Blood of Christ (Eucharist), is the most excellent of gift ever given to us by Christ. It also shows how much God loves and cares for both our temporal and spiritual welfare. Therefore, we celebrate today the sacramental presence of Christ in his Church. Today, virtually all the readings touched one issue – **giving or offering something**.

The first reading tells us that: ***“Abram offered Melchizedek a tithe of everything.”*** He did not give it with the intention of receiving something in return, but out of free will. Of course, Melchizedek blessed him, and offered thanks to God on his behalf with bread and wine. These were offerings of one’s self in the form of material items. In fact, Abram is a specialist in self donation as we see also in Gen 22, 1-18.

Today as ever before, Christ offers himself sacramentally to us to eat and drink as a way of expressing his unconditional love for us. He commands us: ***“Do this in memory of me!”*** Hence the church teaches us: ***“The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words until he comes does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ (CCC 1341).*** So, we re-live the experience. We truly eat His Body and drink His Blood.

At another level also, ***“Do this in memory of me,”*** positions us to be ready to offer ourselves completely, and for the salvation of others as Christ did. So, when we re-live this experience, we are nourished spiritually for the purpose of offering ourselves too to others.

“There is a great difference between being occupied with God who gives us the contentment, and being buried with the contentment which God gives us.” By St Francis de Sales
Sincerely, Fr Joseph.

Knightly News—A good time was had by all who attended the St. Mary tailgate outing at the Kalamazoo Growlers baseball game. Sure, the sky was cloudy, sprinkles came and went until the last two innings, and the home team lost according to the coaches in the stands, but the large turn out from St. Mary’s had a great time.

The free meal before the game was great, the stadium itself was outstanding and the entertainment between innings and the children’s involvement just added to the fun. I saw many people from our parish laughing and having a good time.

I learned after the game that Father knows nothing about baseball, so now I know why one section of our people were laughing and smiling as they tried to explain the game to him. Again, Father, thanks for the chance to spend time with each other.
Blaine Douglas PGK

Sunday 8:00 a.m.	June 23—The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ †Tom & Irene Nondorf & Jack Stackowicz req. Joyce Podkol
11:00 a.m.	†James Husa req. Barbra Bryant

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 8:00 a.m.	June 24—The Nativity of St. John the Baptist For the health of Fran Douglas req. Cecilia Root
6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	June 25 †Rich Yaverski req. Duke Kozul
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.	June 26 †Jim Husa req. Fran Wallace
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	June 27 Rosary
Friday 8:00 a.m.	June 28—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus †Francis Lizak and Michael & Josephine Wojciechowski

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 29—Vigil:13th Sunday in Ordinary Time †Neal Piecyk req. Parents
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	June 30—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time †Ralph & June Halifax req. family
11:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

READERS & EMHC—JUNE 29/30

4:30 P.M. READER M. Sons	8:00 A.M. READER M. Shaneyfelt-Niles	11:00 A.M. READER R. Stanek
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The next baptism class will be **July 17th at 7:00PM** in the school.
Baptisms will be on July 28th after the 11:00AM Mass. Please call the office to register.

Prayer Requests

Ryan Yaran, Donna Gossett, Gayle Wiggins, Richard Healy, Chuck & JoAnn Smith, Dale & Dorothy Kemp, Dr. Greg, Don, Alek, Special Intentions, Don Manser, Maryann Carpenter, Nando, Dennis & Grace, Marie Stanek Wyszynski, Gina Borrello, Alie Stevens, Fr. Michael Howell, Barb Wloch, Janet Hamay, Jean Markovich, Judy Lawson, Lauren Markel, Fr. David Otto, Todd Sikkema, William Rios, Virginia Stimac, Mary Nash, David Koppers, Jeanne Grevelding, Tammy Hawes, Ellie D., Nicole Middaugh, Chris Nash, Florence Hunt, Theron Mosey
 Pray for those residing at Bronson Commons and White Oaks.
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SAVE THE DATE—10-10-19—Diocese Of Kalamazoo—DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS—Come together for a Convening of the Faithful. Calling together all the faithful to move forward in mission and discipleship. Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI. Check back for further details.

Readings for the Week of June 23, 2019

Sunday	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17 Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Monday	The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday	Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday	Saint Cyril of Alexandria Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or Gn 16:6b-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 7:21-29
Friday	Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7 Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

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WEEK

Religious Freedom Week 2019: Strength in Hope

Pray that, like Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, we might have the wisdom and the courage to be good servants of our country, though always servants of God first.

Reflect—Religious Freedom Week is a fitting time to reflect not only on religious liberty, but on what it means to be both American and Catholic. Perhaps somewhat ironically, two English saints point us in the right direction. We remember the martyrs Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, in part, because they were steadfast in the truth, and thus exemplify courage in the exercise of conscience. They also show us what patriotism means for Christians. They loved and served their country. Thomas More carried out his lay vocation as a civil servant, while John Fisher lived out the clerical vocation as a most faithful bishop. At the same time, when forced to choose between the king of England and Christ the King of the Universe, they adhered to Jesus and His Church. We need the fortitude and wisdom to animate the Church today, as we navigate these tumultuous times. Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, pray for us!

Act—Connect with the USCCB Office of Religious Liberty! Sign up for our newsletter at www.usccb.org/freedom, follow us on Twitter at @USCCBFreedom, and text "FREEDOM" to 84576 to receive news updates and action alerts.

Next Week, (June 29/30) we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margin of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Read the bulletin insert for more information.

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