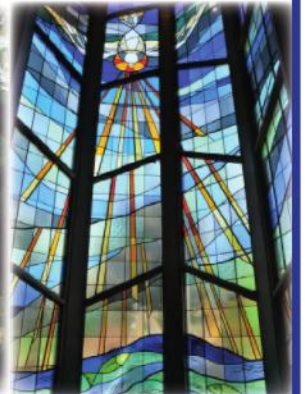
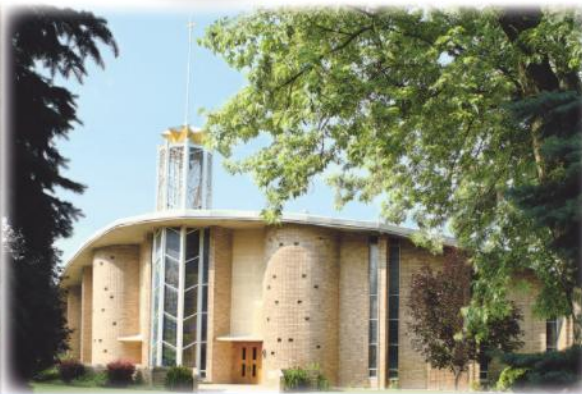




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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone who
acknowledges me
before others I
will acknowledge
before my
heavenly Father."

Matthew 10:32

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 through 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.



Dear friends in Christ,
On this twelfth Sunday of the ordinary time, we celebrate **Christ Our Lord** who is always with us. He continues to deliver us from all that threatens, and makes life difficult for us.

This includes persecutions, sins, and death.

In the first reading, God delivered the prophet Jeremiah from the deadly plots and hands of evil men. Our world is full of threats against the righteous and innocent. Today, hardly would a day pass without hearing one bad or news of terror. This is the cause of great fear for many, especially, for those whose trust is solely on this world rather than being in God. However, for those who like the prophet, realize that the Lord is on their side, God will surely not disappoint them. As a mighty hero, He will surely act. The threats and gravity of these terrors might appear overwhelming. However, they are certainly not greater than what God has handled in the history of humanity.

While the prophet was innocent of all the accusations and threats against him, humanity inherited death through the sin of disobedience of her ancestors (Adam and Eve). In a similar way, while God delivered the innocent prophet Jeremiah from the plots and terrors of his enemies, St Paul recounts how Christ delivered humanity from the terrors and shackles of death.

Thus, St Paul draws our attention to a very important aspect of our salvific history. This is especially, with regards to the relationship between sin and death; and of course, the relationship between the consequences of Adam's disobedience and that of Christ's obedience. For, while Adam's disobedience and sin brought us death, Christ's obedience brought us life. **This is the summary of what Christ did for us.** Through his sacrificial death and obedience to his father's will, He dissipated the terrors that threaten our life and restored our peace. Thus, He delivered us from damnation due to the sin, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

In the gospel, Jesus exhorts us: **"Do not be afraid, for everything that is now covered will be uncovered."** This includes the plans of the evil ones who are always threatening to persecute and destroy the just. It suffices to note that, Christ knows that fear and the threat of death can paralyze one. As the Lord of the living and the dead, He knows that physical death is not the end. Rather, it is a transition to eternity. Hence, he further exhorts us: **"Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear him who can destroy both body and soul in hell fire."**

In these comforting and assuring words of Christ, we must rest our hope and future as Christians: **"Every hair on your head has been counted. So, there is no need to be afraid!"** They simply indicate that the Lord is on our side. He is ready and capable to deliver us from both the consequences and harmful effects of sin, as well as from all the threats that we face in our daily life including coronavirus.

Finally, all we need to do to merit the protection Christ promised us today, **is simply to be on his side by trusting him.** This, calls for being **just and innocent** in our ways and actions. It means being true Christians. Of course, it also means submitting completely to Christ.

Have a nice week-end and **HAPPY FATHERS DAY.**

Sincerely, Fr Joseph.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.	June 21—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time †Emil Wegeler req. Dave & Joette Meisling
11:00 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>



Mass Intentions

Monday 8:00 a.m.	June 22—St Paulinus of Nola; Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, †Cynthia Hudler req. Brother
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	June 23 †Larry Dietz req. Dorothy Dietz
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.	June 24 —The Nativity of St. John the Baptist †Stephanie Hamay req. Ernest & Mary Wisniewski
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	June 25 †Ernest Markovich req. Argo & Markovich family
7:00 p.m.	Rosary
Friday 8:00 a.m.	June 26 †Cas Pyonk req. family

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 27—Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time †Neal Piecyk req. Mom & Dad
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Sunday 8:00 a.m.	June 28—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.	†Guy, Donna, Paul & Steve Jach & Genevieve Wesaw req. Glenna Jach

The Parish Office has re-opened. You will be COVID screened before admittance and must wear a mask. Many things can be handled through a telephone call. 269-657-4459.

Parish Directory—Due to the pandemic, there has been a delay in producing our new parish directory. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

Baptisms—If you have a child you would like to receive the sacrament of baptism, please call the parish office.

No Catholic child will be denied the opportunity of a Catholic education at Saint Mary School due to financial need. Contact the Pastor at 269-657-4459.

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Parish Support—June 14, 2020

Envelopes (87)	\$4,161
Loose	\$ 295
Online Giving (25)	\$ 745
Total	\$5,201
Weekly Target	\$7,300
Amount over (under) Target	(\$2,099)

Collection Year-to-Date	\$335,130
Budgeted Year-to-Date	\$365,000
Amount over (under) Year-to-Date	(\$29,870)

Prayer Requests

Barb S., Maxine Mosey, Janet Wartman, Jerry & Jane, Maria Pach, Spencer Meyer, Mark Kovach, Joe Dick, Ryan Yaran, Larry Carpenter, CC, Janet Mosey, Catherine, Shannon, Cathy, Micah Thayer, Gayle Wiggins, Dale & Dorothy Kemp, Dr. Greg, Alek, Dennis & Grace, Marie Stanek Wyszynski, Gina Borrello, Janet Hamay, Jean Markovich, Todd Sikkema, William Rios, Virginia Stimac, Mary Nash, David Koppers, Tammy Hawes, Ellie D., Nicole Middaugh, Chris Nash, Theron Mosey and residents of Bronson Commons and White Oaks.

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Saint Mary School is enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year!

If you, or someone you know, has a child starting school in the fall or an older child interested in Saint Mary School, call 657-3750.

Scripture Readings for the Week of June 21, 2020

Sunday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33
Monday	St Paulinus of Nola; St John Fisher and St Thomas More 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist 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 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday	2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday	Saint Cyril of Alexandria Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Public Masses Resumed - Guidelines and FAQs for returning to public Mass may be found at diokzoo.org/public-return-to-mass. The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to all the faithful through September 6, 2020. Many Masses will continue to be live streamed, you may find a list of local live stream Mass times at diokzoo.org/live.

Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, through June 29, the solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek. Bishop Bradley will celebrate Mass for the Diocesan observance of Religious Freedom Week on Wednesday, June 24 at 12:10 p.m. from the Keating Chapel in the St. Augustine Cathedral Crowley Center. You may watch the Mass via live stream at diokzoo.org/live.

The National Association of Catholic Nurses - The National Association of Catholic Nurses is pleased to announce the start of a local council in our diocese. The steering committee is working diligently to develop the core components of meeting time, location and topics. The main goals of the council are to provide spiritual nourishment, ethical support, networking and friendship with fellow Catholic Nurses. Join <https://NACN-USA.org> and as a member of the national association you will be automatically enrolled as a member in our local council and will receive updates on council formation. Contact Janet C. Munday, BSN, RN. Regional Director JanetMunday@gmail.com

Knightly News—Jackie

Glason used to say “how sweet it is”. For me right now it is how hard it is. With the virus, civil unrest and my all-time favorite 5 months of political ads, rallies, and claims (real or false) before the elections. I forgot to throw the primaries in there also. I (and I bet a lot of you also) just can't seem to get back into the swing of things. The opening of church and freedom to move around outside helps. All we can do is pray for help, safety and guidance. Great news for the Knights—We added four new members! (I will talk about it more next week). The state is asking our plans on opening bingo. They want seating plans, health plans etc. As if Roger didn't have enough to do already. I would like to thank all of you for the help you gave and are continuing to give the elderly. My wife and I don't know what we would have done without it. May God bless you all for you work!

PGK Blaine Douglas



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