



ST. JUDE PARISH

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WEEKLY MASS CALENDAR: Confession: Thursday Mornings after Mass CELEBRANT:

Sunday	Sept. 8, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Fr. Johansen
Thurs.	Sept. 12, 2024	9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Creagan
Sunday	Sept. 15, 2024	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Fr. Creagan
Thurs.	Sept. 19, 2024	9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Creagan

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday	Sept. 8, 2024	Andy Keller	By: Marie Keller
Thurs.	Sept. 12, 2024	Charles Schneider	By: Tom & Carolyn Noack
Sunday	Sept. 15, 2024	The People of St. Jude Parish	By:
5	Sept. 19, 2024	Joseph & Ann Lukas	By: Leonard Lukas

TODAY: SUNDAY, 09-08-24 NEXT SUNDAY: SUNDAY, 09-15-24

Reader	Marcus Secondi	Reader	Pat Sage
EO Ministers	Dan & Lori Wahmhoff	EO Ministers	Dee Herschleb & Karen Boyer
Servers	Bella, Sadie, Emma & Lydia	Servers	Daisy, Rocky, Shane & Noah

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday	Sep. 01 2024	Target	\$2,000.00	Offered	\$ 2071.50	\$ 71.50
Year to Date		Target	\$18,100.00	Offered	\$18,308.50	\$ 208.50
Attendance		155	Year To Date Attendance			1290

Be Strong, Fear Not!

He Has Done All Things Well. He Makes the Deaf Hear and The Mute Speak.

The people around Jesus were amazed at the healing they witnessed, and with good reason. They would have been intimately familiar with Scripture and the promises of God contained therein. They would have recognized these miracles as signs of God’s coming to save them. As we heard from the prophet Isaiah in the first reading, when God comes to save, then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared.

We may wonder if they recognized these signs and how the story ended with the crucifixion of their Savior. The salvation Jesus brought did not look like what they expected. They read that God would come with vindication, and thus, they anticipated a glorious military victory.

Lest we relegate their confusion to the past, let us consider how often we have missed the signs of God acting in our lives. Some Catholics practice meeting with a spiritual director, a person trained to help others listen to the voice of God and recognize God’s actions in their lives. Many saints, such as Ignatius of Loyola, share practices that can help us to listen – to be attentive to God acting and speaking in our lives. All of this is precisely because it is easy to miss or misunderstand God working in our lives.

We, too, might need our eyes to be opened and our ears cleared.

The second reading from James may also help us better understand what keeps us from recognizing God’s actions in our lives. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? The world’s priorities are simply different from God’s. If we wonder why God does not act in our lives in the way we’ve expected or asked, it may be worth considering this truth.

Indeed, there is a mystery to God’s actions; we do not know why God acts in certain ways and not in others. But there is still much we can know with certainty. We know that God comes to save us. God is acting for the ultimate and full good of all who are wrapped up in the complex tapestry God is weaving through history. God knows our needs and is present with us. And so, if our hearts are frightened, the voice of the prophet Isaiah rings out still: Be strong, fear not!

God is with us, intimately close, just as Jesus was to the man in our Gospel today. Here, too, he lays his hand on us, offering his healing, bringing springs of water to the thirsty ground of our souls. May we, in this Eucharist, be given eyes to see his loving presence and strength to participate courageously in his saving work

FROM THE DRE:

It is time to register for CCD. If you have a new student, please see Jennifer Price for registration information. If you have a returning student, please review the papers you were given, sign, and return them before our first class.

Our first class will be on 9/15 with an ice cream social/parent meeting.

*The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **ANDY KELLER**
By request of Marie Keller*

ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!

ON SUN., SEPT. 15, AFTER MASS TO WELCOME BACK THE CCD STUDENTS.

All our parishioners are welcome to stay and meet our CCD students and teachers.

DUE TO YOUR GENEROSITY (AND APPETITES!) the Women's Guild Labor Day Bake Sale raised \$433.00 Thanks to all who purchased.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you would like to join our prayer chain, or if you have someone you would like them to pray for, please contact the office. Thanks.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Lillian A. Wheeler, Julie Haley, Steve Klein, Pete & Barb Percival, Joan Rumery, Margie Burris, Lillian B. Wheeler, Frances Parsons, Sonny Laughlin, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark, Brett Middleton, and all those on our Prayer Chain.

Next Sun., 9/15, we will have the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). This collection helps those living in poverty and helps to improve their communities. To learn more about the collection and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/ccd

MUM SALE – Mums and other Fall Flowers will be available to purchase at St. Mary Catholic School in Paw Paw. All plants are grown locally and priced competitively. Please support the school and get your beautiful Autumn Flowers! Fri., 9/13, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sat., 9/14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun., Sept. 15, after both Sunday Masses.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER - Toothpaste, garlic powder, pepper, cold cereal and muffin mix. If someone is 60 years of age and over, and their monthly income is \$1580 a month for one person, they can apply to receive CSFP/Senior Commodities each month. If you have any questions, feel free to call 269-501-0224.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST - on Saturday, October 6, 2024. Location: K of C Red Arrow Hwy, Paw Paw, MI. Time: 4:00 P.M. EST (Prayed in unison all across the USA). Contact: Deborah Leath 574-210-1706 text or dmcnab51@hotmail.com

FROM THE DIOCESE

FATIMA ROSARY RALLY - When people pray the rosary together, it is far more formidable than when one prays alone. On the 2nd Saturday of each month, we pray the rosary outside of St Augustine Cathedral starting at 9:30 a.m. Come and pray with us for the following intentions:

- The protection of our families, our schools and our Church
- The courage and strength to build a culture of life and to end abortion
- To repulse the attacks and deceits of the devil
- The conversion of souls, especially those in the Diocese of Kalamazoo

Our next rosary will be September 14.

For more info., contact Cindy Vennix at 269-377-7687 / cindy.vennix@gmail.com or Sandra Sherwood at 269-665-9062 / ejsherwood@charter.net.

KDCCW DAY OF REFLECTION - Mark your calendars for a Day of Reflection on The Dignity of Life through Natural Death on Thursday, October 3, 2024, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lake Parish in New Buffalo. The Day will include Mass, talks on a variety of topics around natural death like end-of-life decisions, Catholic funerals, and more. Registration is a \$20 donation (lunch will be included) and can be paid at the door. For more info. or to register, contact Becky Borglin, 269-325-1354.

CEMETERY COORDINATOR – PART TIME – The Diocese of Kalamazoo is seeking a part-time Cemetery Coordinator to oversee the operations of Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery and Catholic Riverside cemetery. Operations consist of communicating with and providing direction to third-party service providers for burials, foundations, and grounds; coordinating with monument providers for headstone placements; responding to inquiries; maintaining cemetery records; and ensuring overall flow of cemetery operations. This position reports to the Operations Manager.

Anyone aware of child sexual abuse should report the matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency and make a report to the Michigan Department of Attorney General at 844-324-3374.

Bishop Lohse has pledged to provide professional counseling or therapy to victims of clergy sex abuse in the Diocese. Victims can receive 24-hour care via the crisis hotline set with Catholic Charities at 800-873-8336.