



SAINT BENEDICT

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The Weekly Bulletin of **St. Scholastica Parish**  
Detroit, Michigan



SAINT SCHOLASTICA

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 23RD, 2023

### Parable of the Mustard Seed



"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

### ***TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS***

*Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*

*Romans 8: 26-27*

*Matthew 13: 24-43*

### **Our Parish Vision**

*St Scholastica exists to be a Holy Spirit filled beacon of God's love guiding all into a life changing encounter with Jesus Christ.*



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### CHURCH LOCATION

8201 West Outer Drive,  
Detroit, MI 48219

### MASS TIMES

Tuesday - Friday	12:05 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM and 4:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM
Holy Days	12:05 PM and 7:00 PM

### ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

### ADORATION

Tuesday—Saturday 9:00 AM—12 Noon

### First Friday (after Rosary)

—Consecration to Sacred Heart of Jesus

### First Saturday (after Mass)

—Consecration to Immaculate Heart of Mary

### BECOME THE FIRE PRAYER GATHERING

Third Friday each month 7—9 PM in the church  
Praise and worship, intercessory prayer, confessions

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Third weekend of each month, after 4 PM Saturday  
Mass and 10 AM Sunday Mass

All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday-Friday:	11:30 AM. – 12:00 PM
Saturday:	After 8:00 AM Mass
Sunday:	9:15 AM until 9:45 AM

All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

### MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to  
date of intended marriage.

### BAPTISMS

Contact Fr. James W. Lowe, CC

## Thoughts from Fr. Jim—

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I drive throughout metro Detroit, I see signs everywhere for farmers markets. It seems like locally grown produce is becoming a popular pastime. Last spring, one of our Companions of the Cross seminarians planted a variety of vegetable plants at our new house located across from Gesu Parish. A priest living with us made the observation that the seminarian was going to leave for the summer and the garden would become overgrown by weeds. Sure enough, he was right. Out of sight, out of mind. The weeds took over the garden. The vegetable plants were choked out. Eventually, we had to take a weed wacker and cut everything down to the ground. There was no produce to be enjoyed.

This year, I decided to cultivate a vegetable garden myself in the same location. I began by thoroughly tilling the soil, putting down a weed barrier, planting a variety of vegetable plants, watering daily, and fertilizing the soil. The plants are flourishing! We are almost ready to enjoy the fruits of my labor! There are some weeds, but fortunately, the weed barrier has prevented the weeds from taking over the garden. As they get large enough, it becomes quite clear that they are weeds, and not vegetable plants. It also becomes much easier to pull them out than when they are very small.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the weeds and the wheat growing up in the same garden. He warns against pulling out the weeds too early before harvest time. Why would one want to allow the weeds to remain until harvest? From my experience gained from gardening this summer, I can think of a few reasons. Sometimes the wheat can accidentally be pulled up with the weeds. Sometimes wheat can be accidentally mistaken as a weed. Sometimes a weed can be accidentally mistaken as wheat. All of these can cause harm to the final goal of producing a bountiful harvest.

In the spiritual life, this analogy can be applied to us. In every community, there are weeds and wheat interacting with one another. It is not always obvious which people are weeds, and which people are wheat. To eliminate everyone who appears to be a weed might mean accidentally getting rid of wheat. Similarly, sometimes a weed can become wheat through a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. We must allow God to remove the weeds within our own hearts so that through our life-changing encounters with Christ, we can all become healthy wheat producing an abundant harvest. Our thematic goal as a parish this year is to **lead all into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist**. As we enter this parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival, it is my prayer that each one of us will be open to intentional, life-changing encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist ourselves. May the garden of St. Scholastica Parish produce an abundant harvest in Northwest Detroit. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Jim Lowe, CC

## Monthly Offering Report

### Year to Date—through June 18, 2023

Online Giving	\$25,437.80
Sunday Loose Currency	\$13,100.64
Sunday Collection Envelopes	\$40,576.09
Holy Day Collections	\$2,013.52
Offertory Collections-Other	\$1,871.00
<b>TOTAL Offertory Contributions YTD</b>	<b>\$82,999.05</b>

*Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Scholastica Parish. Your generosity makes it possible for the Parish to continue its work in the Church.*

### 2023 CSA Progress - St. Scholastica



Totals as of 07/21/2023

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

Take time this week to look for spiritual fruit. In what ways is God blessing others through you?



## Mass Intentions



**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR**

### Sunday, July 23rd, 2023

10:00 a.m. The Parishioners of St. Scholastica Parish and the repose of the soul of Valerie Kell

### Tuesday, July 25th, 2023

12:05 p.m. James Burkholder, req'd by Vickie Burkholder

### Wednesday, July 26th, 2023

12:05 p.m. Vince Gale, req'd by the Cominsky and Gale Families

### Thursday, July 27th, 2023

12:05 p.m. Jan Gale, req'd by the Cominsky and Gale Families

### Friday, July 28th, 2023

12:05 p.m. No intentions

### Saturday, July 29th, 2023

8:00 a.m. No intentions

4:00 p.m. No intentions

### THIS WEEK:

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Friday, August 4th, Saturday, August 5th and Sunday August 6th, 2023**

**Benedictine Reunion Weekend**

Hosted by The Class of 1983, see flyer, page 5

**Saturday, August 12th, 2023**

**Black Catholic Womens Conference**

Sacred Heart Seminary, See page 6

**Saturday, August 12th 2023**

**3rd Annual St Scholastica Parking Lot Party**

See Page 6 for details

**Having a Mass offered** for your loved ones is an ideal way to remember them, pray for them or to recognize their special intentions.

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your loved one, please contact the Parish office at 313-531-0140 to reserve the date.

The donation for a Mass remains at \$10.00.



**American Red Cross** **THANK YOU !!**

... to all the parishioners who donated blood last Sunday, July 16th during the American Red Cross Blood Drive, held in the Activities Bldg.

*"... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it to Me...."*



**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND  
PARISH MEMBERS:**



Daisy Allen, Courtney Atlas, Elizabeth Bey, Jerome Bies, Stella Blair, Eileen Clark, Victoria Crowe, Walter Curtis, Colleen Darjean, Jean Geran, Irma Gisstennar, Denise Goodine, Julie Hacker, Bruce Henderson, Marian Hubbard, Betty Kell, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Mary Pat McDougall, Michele Mooney, Sandra Moulton, William Moulton, Thomas Norfolk, Matthew Onwudingo, Carolyn Ragnoli, Kelly Ramsey, Antero (Terry) Rance, Fermon Sanders, Gloria Seacord, Annie Laurie Shannan, Annie Stacher-ski, Christopher Staff, Yolanda Stephens, Diverna Stephenson, Elma Thorpe, William Walker, William Weaver and Robert Weed





## All Class Reunion Weekend - 2023

**Host Hotel: Holiday Inn and Suites**

**21500 Northwestern Hwy. ♦ Southfield, MI 48075 ♦ 248.350.2400**

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**AUGUST**

### Meet and Greet / Skating Party

**Meet and Greet - 6-9pm - Free**

Skating Party 7-9:30p Early Bird Tickets \$10 (Includes Skates) until 7/31 \$12 at the door (Includes Skates) For Payment, see below

**The Great Skate - 29100 Hayes Rd. Roseville, MI**

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**AUGUST**

### Alumni Tailgate

**Tailgate @ St. Scholastica Parish - Noon -5pm**

8201 W. Outer Drive Detroit, MI

Heavenly Chicken And Waffles Food Truck will be on site.

### After Party

**After Party - 9pm -2am**

**Duo Restaurant & Lounge -**

29555 Northwestern Hwy. Southfield, MI

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**AUGUST**

### Mass

**St. Scholastica Catholic Church - 10:00am**

8201 W. Outer Drive Detroit, MI

**HOSTED BY THE  
CLASS OF 1983  
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS**



**Cash App**

Payment for Skating tickets can be made @ **\$BHSRAVENS** or **Zelle**. Questions? 313.418.8464

## 3rd Annual St Scholastica Parking Lot Party

**Saturday, August 12th - 4 PM**  
All classes are welcome

### Rain or Shine

Everyone is invited to stop by the St Scholastica Parking lot on Saturday, August 12 th starting at 4 Pm. Many will be attending the 4 PM Mass and we'll gather in the lot afterwards to reminisce about the old neighborhood, the school, the parish and old friends.

>Pizza and snacks will be provided. >Please bring your choice of beverage and your memories!

**Any questions**, please contact:  
Joannie (Carpenter) Welch at 586-484-4115



*"When you look at the crucifix you understand how much Jesus loved you then.*

*When you look at the sacred host you understand how much he loves you now."*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

## The Detroit *Black* CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"GOD HAS ENTRUSTED US WITH HIS WORD"



August 12, 2023  
8:00am - 4:00pm  
Sacred Heart Major  
Seminary, Detroit, MI



Event:	<b>2023 Black Catholic Women's Conference</b>
Date:	Saturday, August 12, 2023
Time:	8 am – 4 pm
Place:	Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Theme:	<b>"God Has Entrusted Us With His Word"</b> (reflection of JP II Dignity of Women)
Cost:	\$40 Adult / \$25 Youth

More Information coming soon



# Parish News

## *"One In The Spirit"* Family of Parishes Updates

Families of Parishes is the model by which Parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit will implement the objectives and goals outlined in "Unleash the Gospel". Phased differently, Families of Parishes is all about the Great Commission, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". (Matthew 28:19)

"One In The Spirit" Family of Parishes is determined to be more missionary in our ministries within Parishes as well as within our collective Family of Parishes boundaries. The key to successful missionary efforts is first prayer, second, listening for the Lord's direction, third adapting the strategy given by the Lord through the Holy Spirit, and fourth action. The "Family Pastoral Council" has worked hard to complete a Missionary Strategic Plan which encompasses the steps highlighted above. Below are the mission and vision statements for the "One In The Spirit" Family of Parishes;

### **Mission Statement**

One In The Spirit Family of Parishes' mission is to call on the power of the Holy Spirit "to go therefore and make disciples" who are on fire for testifying to the Gospel and reflecting God's ways in the culture at large

### **Vision Statement**

One In The Spirit Family of Parishes' vision is to be the most inviting Roman Catholic, Eucharist-centered Family, radiating the joy of the Gospel in proclamation, faith, hope, and charity to all souls within our collective Family boundaries.

**Stay tuned** to the "One In The Spirit" Family of Parishes Updates' articles, for more information about the Strategy to make disciples of all we encounter.



## *LECTORS* Schedule

***Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 4 PM***  
Patricia Smith

***Sunday, July 23rd, 2023 10 AM***  
Antoinette McDermott and Maria Fetizanan

***Saturday, July 29th 2023 4 PM***  
Tim Neaton

***Sunday, July 30th, 2023 10 AM***  
Jason Smith and Daniel Sute

***Saturday, August 5th 2023 4 PM***  
Connie Borg

***Sunday, August 6th, 2023 10 AM***  
Maria Fetizanan and Antoinette McDermott

***Saturday, August 12th 2023 4 PM***  
Tim Neaton

***Sunday, August 13th 2023 10 AM***  
Jason Smith and Connie Borg

***Saturday, August 19th 2023 4 PM***  
Tim Neaton

***Sunday, August 20th, 2023 10 AM***  
Antoinette McDermott and Daniel Sute

***Saturday, August 26th 2023 4 PM***  
Patricia Smith

***Sunday, August 27th, 2023 10 AM***  
Maria Fetizanan and Jason Smith

***Saturday, August 29th 2023 4 PM***

***Sunday, August 30th, 2023 10 AM***



## YEAR OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood from our archdiocese and families.

Jesus, Eternal High Priest, give us men willing to sacrifice and serve. Make their hearts after your own Sacred Heart.

Holy Spirit, Everlasting Love between the Father and Son, strengthen, inspire, and set men on fire with divine charity. Grant them the courage to say yes to their vocation.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of priests, comfort and protect your sons as they discern their call. With Saint Joseph, may they know your love and companionship as they deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

St. Anne, pray for us.

St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.

## A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES OF PARISHES

*Father in heaven,  
renew Your wonders in our time,  
as though by a new Pentecost.*

*Holy Spirit, increase Your gifts in us  
to move boldly into Families of Parishes  
with confidence.*

*Deepen our desire for every person  
to encounter Jesus anew,  
to grow daily as His disciples,  
and to give witness to His love and mercy.  
This is our mission,  
And we embrace it anew.*

*Grant that Your Holy Church in Detroit,  
praying perseveringly and insistently  
with one mind,  
together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus,  
and guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne,  
and Blessed Solanus Casey,  
May increase the reign of the Divine Savior,  
The reign of truth and justice,  
The reign of love and peace.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen*

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