

I know that there is nothing
better for people than to be happy
and to do good while they live.
That each of them may eat and
drink, and find satisfaction in all
their toil - this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Labor Day

FR. CHRISTOPHER'S CONTEMPLATION

Hello and Happy Sunday!

For all of those who have returned to school for another year, I hope it has been a smooth transition and full of joy and optimism for another great year. Over the last 5 months, I have enjoyed seeing all of the new and creative things people have been doing during the pandemic. Some people have built their own home gym, worked on home renovations, picked up sewing, and even ventured into baking. I have an imaginary list of all kinds of things that I want to try to do in life and over these days I have tried a few, such as making homemade Jelly.

This past week I have been able to cross off another item on my list, baking homemade sourdough bread. As I was trying to figure out what to write about this week I was eating a slice of my bread and then I found my topic, how sourdough is an analogy for the spiritual life. I know what you're thinking, "Fr Christopher has lost it." That might be true, but follow me here.

To make sourdough bread you begin with sourdough starter, which I received from my mother. She told me I have to feed it once a week. Fr. Scott won't let me have a pet so this is the best I got. The starter, when you feed it flour and water, begins to grow. It increases in size and when you want to make something, you take out a little starter and then feed the starter jar again. If you use all of the starter and do not keep some behind, there is nothing to feed. Also if you do not feed it once you take from the jar it will not replenish and will die and be worthless. I believe this is a fitting analogy for the spiritual life.

For most of us, the faith has been handed down to us by our parents, friends, and or family. Our faith and following Christ has been entrusted to us not as a burden, but as a gift that feeds us and nurtures us. It provides sustenance and enriches our lives. Living as Christians, as disciples of Christ, takes effort on our part.

Sourdough starter needs to be fed once a week or eventually, it will die from not receiving food to grow and remain healthy. So too in our spiritual lives. We need to feed our spiritual lives with prayer, scripture, and a growing relationship with Christ. Unlike with sourdough, if we only feed our spiritual lives once a week it will die. Once a week is not enough. We must take our faith and put it to use. Like with sourdough starter, our faith is to be used and then fed, used, and then fed. Christ calls us each and every day to take our faith into action. To put it into use to bear much fruit for Him and to nurture our lives; to add sustenance, meaning, and purpose to our lives. Faith and knowledge of Christ are to be shared with others, just like with the starter, it is always good to share it with others, to hand it on, and let them enjoy the benefits.

Christ has called all of us to Himself and has placed within each of us the Holy Spirit who guides us along the journey of faith. With the confidence of the Holy Spirit, let each of us this week take time daily to grow in faith, knowledge, and love of God that our faith and confidence in God will provide sustenance to our lives and those around us.



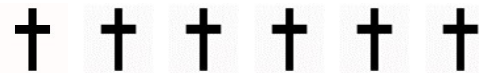
K NIGHTS CORNER



NEW FLAGPOLE

Check out the school's new flagpole complete with a USA and Papal flag. The flags and pole were donated by the members of Msgr A.X.M. Sharpe 4th Degree Assembly.

RIGHT TO LIFE



Volunteers are needed to help set up the white crosses that represent the loss of life due to abortion. Set up will be on **Tuesday September 8th at 2pm** along Dixie Hwy. All students and parishioners are welcome, many hands make light work. Please bring a rubber mallet if you have one.

WELCOME NEW KNIGHTS

On Sunday, August 30th we welcomed 3 new Knights into our Council at the exemplification after the 12:30 mass. We hope everyone enjoyed the snacks after each mass. For those men over the age of 18 still interested in becoming a Knight, please contact:

Grand Knight Chris Scheuer

GK5436@mikofc.org or 248.674.8766

Deputy Grand Knight Michael Mandziuk

MD5436@mikofc.org

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

Labor Day

1 COR 5:1-8 LK 6:6-11

8:15am...**Int. Eric & Nikki Cutajar on their Anniversary**
requested by their Grandparents

8:15am...†**Gary Kubani & Deceased Members of the McGowan Family**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MI 5:1-4a MT 1:1-16, 18-23

8:15am...†**Andrew Clark** requested by the Zednik Family

8:15am...†**Connie Eglar**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

St. Peter Claver

1 COR 7:25-31 LK 6:20-26

8:15am...†**Adam Kravetz, Jr.**
requested by the Adam Kravetz Family

8:15am...†**Barry Kulick** requested by his Mom & Dad

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

1 COR 8:1b-7, 11-13 LK 6:27-38

8:15am...†**Pat Kravetz** requested by the Adam Kravetz Family

8:15am...**Int. Dudzinski, Fiedyn, & Gutowski Families**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

1 COR 9:16-19, 22b-27 LK 6:39-42

8:15am...†**Bob McMahon** requested by his Family

8:15am...**Increase in Vocations**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 COR 10:14-22 LK 6:43-49

5:00pm...**Int. Cheryl Hornik**
requested by Barb R., Barb R., & Bernie

5:00pm...†**Leon Webber, Sr.** requested by his Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIR 27:30—28:7 ROM 14:7-9 MT 18:21-35

8:00am...**Int. Morgan Quinn** requested by their Family

8:00am...†**James & Jean Tinson** requested by their Family

9:30am...†**Violet Alfes** requested by Mary Alfes

9:30am...†**Jean Tinson**
requested by Jerry & Jan Cudnohufsky

11:00am...†**Dave Foran** requested by Dave & Debbie Nuss

11:00am...†**Those Laid to Rest at All Saints Cemetery**
requested by the Management

12:30pm...†**Ray Drouin & John Schmidt**
requested by Kim & Mary Jo Best

12:30pm...**Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes**

LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

The following are times for the Live Stream of Masses on Facebook. To watch live, go to **Facebook.com/OLLwaterford**. After the Live Stream has finished they will be posted on our website **OLLonline.org**.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:30am

Live Stream Masses will take place as long as necessary.



ATTENTION Knights and all ALL Middle and H.S. Students

We will once again have the privilege of displaying the White Crosses from Right to Life, representing the loss of life from abortion. Please consider coming out to help us put up the crosses along Dixie Highway on Tuesday, September 8th at 2:00 pm. Please **bring a rubber mallet** if you have access to one as we do not want to damage the crosses. We welcome all LAKERS from across our parish family. Hope to see you on the 8th.

Our Lady of the Lakes PRAYER REQUEST LINE

248-623-0274

ollprayerteam@OLLonline.org

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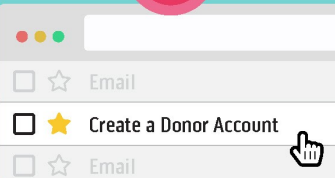
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Now that you're enjoying the convenience of automatic giving, you don't have to worry about writing checks or bringing your envelope to Mass. However, you can still participate in the weekly offertory. Look for "I gave online" cards at church entrances, and grab one each time you come for Mass.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

JEAN'S JOTTINGS

Welcome to September – how different it feels for so many of us. There have been some changes made to our Faith Formation process for this year that I want to share with you. First, our **Sunday Family Process** has moved to the 11:00 Mass and we have removed the sit-down lunch. We still have openings in this process while staying within the Archdiocese and state guidelines. Our **Monday Process** will now at least in the fall look much like our Sunday Family as students will be divided to keep our numbers well within the guidelines while still allowing for face to face gatherings once a month. New for this year is a totally **Virtual Process** that allows students and parents to work together at home with one virtual gathering a month. For our gathered opportunities the following is in place:

- A class must have at least 3 students to meet and no more than 15 students to keep our social distancing guidelines in place.
- In keeping with the State and Archdiocese' guidelines
 - * Students will be required to wear face masks while in hallways.
 - * Teachers will be asked to wear face masks at all times.
 - * Students in grades 5 – 8 will be asked to wear face masks at all times.
 - * Students in all grades will wear a face mask when moving about the classroom.
 - * Parents will not be allowed into the school unless for emergencies. Drop off and pick up will happen outside the main doors. All students will be dismissed by their catechists out the main doors.

For our face to face gatherings we will be using the school classrooms which have implemented the following safety measures:

- Hand sanitizers and sanitizing stations throughout the school and classrooms
- Face mask and social distancing signs and reminders have been placed throughout the school and classrooms
- Directional signs to allow for social distancing have been placed in the hallways.
- Tabletop plastic divider\protectors have been placed in the classrooms
- Air scrubbers are in every classroom
- The school has hired a safety coordinator that Faith Formation will be in continual contact with.
- Please note that each student will need to bring in his/her own crayons\markers, pens\pencils, glue sticks, and safety scissors in a pencil case each class time. Any handouts or other supplies used in the classroom (rosaries, prayers, etc.) will be sanitized and available

using safety protocols. There will be no sharing of supplies allowed.

- The drinking stations have been disabled so students may bring their own water bottles with names clearly marked.

If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for Faith Formation, please note that our start dates are fast approaching on September 27th for our Sunday Process and September 28th for our Monday and Virtual opportunities. If you have a child in 1st through 8th grade that does not attend our school know that we are ready and excited to welcome them into the Faith Formation process. Faith Formation is an ongoing, consecutive grade journey just like any other schooling. Call, visit, or email us for further information.

Peace and Prayers,
Jean, DRE

RCIA - YOU ARE INVITED

At the beginning of John's Gospel, Jesus turns to those that were following Him and asks them, "What are you looking for?" They reply, "Master, where do You stay?" Jesus says to them, "come and see." That same invitation to "come and see" is extended to all of us who are looking for Jesus.

If you, or someone you know are looking to find out more about the Catholic teachings, faith and beliefs then accept His invitation to "come and see."

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process will begin in the fall. RCIA is for anyone who has not been baptized or who has been baptized in another faith and who wants to become Catholic. It is also for anyone who was baptized Catholic but has not celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist and or Confirmation.

If you, or someone you know, is interested please call the parish office at 248-623-0291 or complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or the parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Not Baptized ____ Baptized in another faith: ____

Baptized Catholic and want to complete sacraments ____

OUR PARISH LIFE TOGETHER



EUCCHARISTIC DAY

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is **Tuesday, September 15th**. Following the 8:15am Mass and ending with Rosary and Benediction at 7:00pm.

We need a firm commitment of 2 individuals per hour to be present in the Church between the hours of 9am thru 7pm.

If there is one mystery of our Faith that is being widely challenged today it is the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Pope John Paul II is deeply concerned about this weakening of belief in the cardinal truth of Catholic Christianity.

In his own language, the Pope identifies the Eucharist as the Presence Sacrament. Christ is on earth. He wants to perform miracles of His grace, especially miracles of conversion in what is becoming a Christ-less age. The key to tapping the resources of His grace is our deep faith in Christ's living presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

The Sign-up Genius web site is still: <https://tinyurl.com/OLLexposition8>. Please call if you have any questions or problems: Patrick Allsteadt at 248-623-7880.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers this week the sick members of our Parish:



Baby Celie	Irene Delasko	Mark
Kevin Adair	Joyce Delasko	
Rob Amos	Patty Fincannon	Pidgeon
Beverly Armstrong	Jennifer Gaffey	Tania Price
Joe Batwinas	Katie Geary	Scott Przybylowicz
Christian Bodenmiller	Bill Grace	Roxy Ryan
Mikela Bodenmiller	Suzanne Grimminger	Dennis Ritter
William Bodenmiller	Linda Hemphill	Holly Sanders
John Boncella	Jeff Hotchkiss	Roger Smith
Margo Brown	Patrick Hull	Tress Ann Smith
Chuck Campbell	Tara Isaac	Carm Smolinski
Janet Cobert	Lucas Isaac	Joe Sutherland
Dean Coleman	Richard Kulick	Kenneth Turner
Cheryl Coulter	Tim Nepjuk	Theresa Villereal
Sarah Coulter	Frank Pardington	Ralph Vogan
Kevin Dalley	Carol Pawlowski	Lucy Wilhelm
Ben Darmofal	Irene Pawlowski	

May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.

MYPARISH APP



Download our parish app by sending a text message to 88202 with the word "app" or visit your app store. Available for Apple and Android.



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REST IN PEACE

Remember those who have gone before us

Nancy Flynn

Michael Frudzinski

*"Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
Let them rest from their labors
For their good deeds go with them."*

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes and congratulations to

Peggy Johnson and Steven Dasbach

who were recently wed at
Our Lady of the Lakes.
May God bless them with a lifetime of
love, health and happiness.



MUSIC MINISTRY

First Youth Choir (grades 3-7) Zoom meeting is Wednesday, September 16 at 4:30pm. Please call or email me if your son or daughter is interested.

First Adult Choir Zoom meeting is Wednesday, September 16 at 7:15pm. Please contact me if you are interested in joining – or even just checking it out.

We will adapt as necessary, but it is a promising new frontier which we will discover and develop together.

One of our first projects will be an online Christmas Concert. We will meet by conference call (Zoom) and then each choir member will record their part by way of taking a smart phone video while they sing along to their part, which will be playing in their earbuds from a second device.

Adult choir has already made a test audio recording with this process and it came out well. You can listen to this track entitled *The Thorn Tree* at www.ollonline.org.

Tim Smith
tim@timothyrsmith.com
248-821-8443

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Scripture passages from the Prophet Ezekiel and St. Paul's Letter to the Roman community remind us of the second great commandment: to love your neighbor as yourself. In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus commands us to reconcile with those who wrong us and to do so through prayer. This foundation of Christian stewardship is our direct and personal conversation with God. St. Padre Pio proclaimed: Prayer is oxygen for the soul! In the Gospel, when Jesus professes, For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them, He describes how personal prayer becomes community prayer. In a spirit of evangelization, as we seek to deepen our relationship in Jesus, we recognize the significance of praying daily. Daily prayer leads to weekly prayer with our parish community, as Sunday Mass is the ultimate form of communal prayer. At every Mass, Jesus is present with us not only in our communal prayer, but most significantly in the consecrated bread and wine, which becomes His true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Partaking of Holy Communion provides strength and healing in our lives. What a tremendous gift! Make a habit of attending Mass regularly to receive our Lord and Savior. Also set aside a few minutes of prayer time daily to communicate and then listen quietly to the Lord.

COMMEMORATIVE TREE

Leaves are available for the Memorial Tree in St. Joseph Hall. For \$300 you can have your name engraved or memorialize a loved one. Contact the parish office at 248-623-0274 for more information.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation year is underway! You can pick up a registration form in the parish office, on the table in the main entrance of the church or on the parish website. All those students that have met the criteria for attendance will be advancing to the next year of formation. We understand that some of you have concerns regarding what classes will look like in light of our COVID-19 response. Please be assured that we will continue to do all that we can for the safety of your family. We will be looking at the district, the state and the Archdiocese guidelines and respond accordingly. We have been working already with the OLL school administration as well to ensure that we are providing the best possible environment. Thank you for your continued prayers as we move forward.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PRAYER SHAWLS

Do you have a family member or a friend that could use the grace of a prayer shawl? We have a supply of prayer shawls at the parish center that can be given to a family member in need of prayers. We supply the shawls with prayers to those suffering from grief, illness or other life situations that can be helped with the comfort of knowing others are praying for them. Please contact Artha Horowitz at 248-623-0274 or artha.horowitz@ollonline.org if you need a prayer shawl.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

A big thank you to all of you who continue to support our neighbors in need. Although life has been quite different for most of us over the last several months there has still been a significant need for the St. Vincent de Paul council to help numerous people. In order to keep our members safe, all requests for assistance have been funneled through the parish's Christian Service office. As changes to unemployment took place at the end of the July the need for assistance is expected to rise dramatically. At this moment there is a need for staples to stock our food pantry. Our specific needs are **jelly, canned pasta (SpaghettiOs and the like), canned fruit, canned vegetables, and canned meat or fish**. Thank you again for your generous support and rest assured we are working diligently to make the best use of our resources.

A REMINDER

Now that we have returned to Mass in limited numbers, please remember social distancing whenever you are in church. This means leaving an empty pew between yourself and others. Also, please leave at least 6 feet in a pew between yourself or family unit and others.

If you are uncomfortable attending Mass for the time being, remember all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass through Monday, November 23, 2020.

However, this does not release the faithful from honoring the Lord's Day on Sunday. We encourage all Catholics to honor this day by reading Sacred Scripture, making a Spiritual Communion while watching Mass on television or streamed online, and praying the Rosary or other prayers.



RIGHT TO LIFE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

In 1978 Right to Life-LIFESPAN was made aware of the remains of five babies, lost to abortion, that were stored in a container in a self-storage facility. LIFESPAN members were given permission to bury these little ones, giving them a measure of dignity that they had not received in life. Each year, on the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, we gather at the gravesite of these babies and offer a brief service, remembering all the babies lost to abortion. Please join us at White Chapel Cemetery, in Troy, on **Saturday, September 12th at 1:00pm** to be part of this event. For more information, please call the LIFESPAN office, 248-816-1546.

SUNDAY HOMILIES

Our Sunday homilies are available on the parish app and on our website: <https://ollonline.org/digital-liturgies-devotions>.

Our app is available for both Android and iPhone by going to the app store for your device. Search for **MyParish** or text the word **APP** to **88202**.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

CW3 Jacob Beno	Army	
Capt Kelsey Beno	Army	
† Jenna Beno <i>died 10/15/12</i>		
AMN Stewart Blaquiere	Air Force	
† PFC Damian Bushart <i>died 11/22/03</i>		Army
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres	Marines	Iraq
Eddy DeRocher		Iraq
Jacob Dumont	Army	
SFC Scott Emanuel		Afghanistan
2LT William Gischia	Army	
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr.	Army	
Dillan Johnson	Air Force	Kuwait
Jackson Jones	Army	Afghanistan
Msgt Justin Jones	Air Force	
Matt Koetting	Marines	Afghanistan
Robert Maher & Crew	Navy	
† Sgt. Joseph Martin <i>died 8/16/18</i>	Army	
Francesca Meno	Army	
Karolyn Meno	Air Force	
† PFC Joseph Miracle <i>died 7/5/07</i>	Army	Afghanistan
LCP Derek Monday	Marines	
Amanda Paczynski	Army	Korea
Capt. Adam Renkiewicz	Army	Afghanistan
Capt. Matthew Richards	Army	Iraq
Katie Rounds		Bahrain
Sgt. Gerald Sanchez	Marines	Afghanistan
CPTN Daniel Schasser		
Anthony Schmidt	Marines	
Major. Nick Strelchuk	Air Force	Beale AFB
Cory Vaught	Army	
James Whitlow	Navy	Iraq

If your son, daughter or grandchild is serving us in troubled places, please let us know. Just drop a note in the mail, e-mail us at ParishOffice@OLLonline.org, fax us at 248 623-2723, or call us at 248 623-0274.

OLL PARISH UPDATE

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FOR THE WEEKEND

September 12 & 13, 2020

Time	Presiders	Servers	Lectors	Captains
Saturday: 5:00pm	Fr. Muer		Rebecca Davies	Karen Romkema
Sunday: 8:00am	Fr. Thibodeau		Cathy Robertson	Jean Kempf
9:30am	Fr. Thibodeau		Erin Asdell	
11:00am	Fr. Muer		Greg Walter	Kristen Suran
12:30pm	Fr. Muer		Tom Kendziotski	



Altar Care

ALTAR HELP

WEEKEND 9/10/20

Theresa Elliott
Lorrie Ellis
Carol Kostrzewa

WEEKEND 9/19/20

David Diffenderffer
Melanie Gaynor
Pat Hannum

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Jared Kullman, Athletic Director248-623-0340

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays, 9:00am at the Parish Center
Kathie Harroun, Editor
Submissions to: Bulletin@OLLOnline.org

Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry...1-888-722-4355
National Domestic Violence Hotline...1-800-799-7233

MASSES

Saturday Evening....5:00pm
Sunday.....8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am, 12:30pm
Monday - Friday.....8:15am

BAPTISMS:

Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class.
Call 623-0274 for more information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays from 3:30pm until all are heard

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:

Dates yet to be determined

FAITH FORMATION:

Ages 4/5: Sundays 9:30am
Mondays: Grades 1-8— 6:15pm
Family Catechisis: 1st Sunday of each month - 1:30pm
RCIC – Tuesday 7:00pm - RCIA — Tuesday 7:00pm

WEDDINGS

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.
Couples must attend the Pre-Marriage Workshop.

REGISTRATIONS:

All families must register personally at the Delaney Center or online at OLLOnline.org.
Please notify the parish when moving in or away 623-0274.