

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THOUGHTS FROM FR. SCOTT

This weekend we welcome Fr. Pat Brennan, CP to our community to preach our annual mission appeal. We have not had this appeal for a few years because of the pandemic but it returns this weekend. Fr. Pat is a wonderful priest of the Passionist community and will preach about their missionary works. The Passionists operate a retreat center in Detroit and Fr. Pat currently conducts retreats there. The community has a devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ after their founder St. Paul of the Cross. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Pat to our community so we can hear about the missionary works of the community.

We are in need of young people to serve at the Altar of God. We have been and continue to ask for many young people in our community to be Altar Servers for our Sunday Liturgies. One only need to be a baptized Catholic, in grades 4 through 12 and a member of our community to be eligible to be part of this important ministry. We simply do not have enough children and teens to fill out the schedule. Serving at Mass is a wonderful grace and an opportunity given by God to our young people. Please consider joining this ministry and encouraging your children to participate. Please contact the parish office for details and the training schedule. Thank you.

We are registering children for our faith formation programs. These programs are specifically design to foster spiritual growth in the hearts of our young. If you are interested in taking advantage of these programs, please consult the bulletin and contact the parish office to register. This time of year brings the beginning of many programs. We hope to be as prepared as possible to receive everyone with great hope and joy but need your help by registering for these different programs. Please let us know of your intentions when you have a moment

Soon we will be starting up our OCIA group for the year. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which we receive people formally into our Catholic Church. Folks who want to become Catholic from

another faith or Catholics needing to complete full initiation in the Church, through Confirmation or First Eucharist, are encouraged to join the OCIA and learn about the faith. Any adult seeking to be received into the Church should contact us to fill out the paperwork and receive further information. A number of people have already expressed an interest in the group for the coming year. An invitation is being extended to any and all who wish to formally become a member of the Catholic Church. Through this process we learn about the major tenets of our faith in inspiring and well-founded ways. If you are interested, or know someone else who is, I encourage you to contact the parish office and we can discuss it from there.

Humility is a great gift from God. This week our scriptures remind us of our duty to treat each other with respect and dignity. In this, our Lord instructs us to act with humility. What is humility? I contemplate this question regularly in my prayer. Indeed, we should always ask ourselves: in what ways am I truly acting on my humility? Are humility and hope my guiding principles in life or am I motivated by something completely different? Asking and answering these questions honestly will help us live lives of grace and faithfulness.

By definition, humility is the state of being humble. Humble means not proud or haughty; offered in a spirit of deference or submission. So, humility is not merely the absence of pride. Rather, it is a state of being that reflects the dignity of God in others. It means offering submission to God in all ways and always. Thus, we are called to treat each other with respect and to desire nothing in return. This is true humility and what we are called to be as Christians: offering it all to God for His sake. Too often we attempt to make the practice of being humble complicated. It really does not need to be this way. In fact, it is pretty simple to be humble. All we have to do is ask ourselves a question: why am I acting in this way? If the answer is "to ultimately be with

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 14:11



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God and all for His glory," then it is probably an act of humility; if not then it is probably an act of pride. Let's not deceive ourselves; we often know the difference as hard as it may be to admit!

God Bless and have a great week!
Fr. Scott

Thought for the week: Knowing our faith and practicing it daily helps us to serve God with humility by His Grace.

VOILAND'S VIEW

During my years studying to become a priest, and now in my fifteen months as a priest, I have spent a good deal of time with Holy Scripture. Also, over the course of most of my life, especially as an adult, I have made it a point to read the Word of God on a regular basis. In the process, I have found that hearing God speak to me through the Bible has been quite a journey. For most of that journey, I have felt overmatched by what I have read. By this, I mean that, for as much as I always felt like I was spiritually growing as I read Scripture, I still felt like I was missing more than I was getting. Now, after all these years, I am finally – *finally* – starting to understand that I was being too hard on myself. And I think many, if not most, people who read the Bible are often too hard on themselves.

Granted, Catholics have been notoriously lacking on Bible knowledge in the past. The Church went through a long period of discouraging the average person from even reading the Bible. The thought was, "They will never get it. They won't understand." The Church insisted that Scripture study was better left to the experts – theologians with lots of training. Putting the Bible in the hands of the average Joe or Jane was like handing a toddler a loaded gun. And that sentiment was floating around in the back of my head as I started reading Scripture early on in life. But we Catholics are finally starting to build some confidence that the Word of God is meant to speak to all of us.

The point that we need well-educated theologians and Scripture scholars is valid, though. And, as Catholics, we need the best *Catholic* theologians and scholars we can find. I have come to deeply admire those gifted individuals who have dedicated their lives to exploring all aspects of Scripture to help us uncover the riches of what the Bible contains. Furthermore, the danger of Scripture being used as a weapon is also real. There are people who use God's Word like a club to beat other people to death. This is not what the Bible is supposed to be about; it is life-giving, not life taking. Thus, we have that need for excellent Scripture scholars who can help us get our understanding right. Although, everyone can learn from the Bible and be spiritually strengthened by reading it, its final interpretation is not a matter of individual preference. We need the Catholic Church to sort out differences and come to a final conclusion about alternative interpretations or disagreements.

But, all this said, I have found that Scripture, taken as a whole, is not as complicated as we make it out to be. Even though Scripture is a thorough and accurate answer book for particular moral and theological questions, the whole thing is a big love story, as you have probably heard before. Not a mushy love story, but a hard-core, loving-to-the-death love story. The Old Testament is about God choosing a special people, the Israelites, through whom he would develop a deep relationship with the human race. The many books of the Old Testament give the details of the rockiest courtship between lovers that you could imagine. The New Testament is about God himself coming down to earth, in the person of Jesus, to make this relationship finally work. He wouldn't give up. God wants to love us – and he wants us to love him back. It is that simple.

A Bible scholar would look at my simple explanation of all of Scripture and cringe. "There's so much more!" I know there is so much more – infinitely more. But, I find that I can better see the "more" if I approach Scripture with this simple love-relationship storyline in mind. This might seem like a childlike way of reading the Bible, but Jesus said that we need to become childlike to inherit the Kingdom of God. I'll take him up on the offer.

God's Blessings and Peace,
Fr. Bob



Fr. Pat, a Passionist Missionary, will preach the annual mission appeal at all of the Masses on the weekend of 8/27 & 8/28. Father will present the needs of the Passionist Missions of Holy Cross Province. The American Passionists support missions in India, Haiti and in Alabama. This annual collection gives us the opportunity to participate in the

Missionary Work of the Church. Please be generous. Checks should be made out payable to the parish because the collection will be counted in the parish and a single check will be forwarded to the mission office.

Another "mission field" for American Passionist Missionaries has been the southeastern United States, where priests and parishes were often far from their nearest neighbors, under-staffed, and under-funded. For years between the two World Wars, Passionists traveled through the south conducting missions from railroad chapel cars, or from the backs of flat-bed trucks. Since the mid-1930's, Passionists have served the Black Catholic population in Ensley and Fairfield (Birmingham, Alabama) by building up and supporting two grade schools, a high school, and parish programs.

This Week's Liturgies

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

8:15 AM †Adam Kravetz Jr. by Adam Kravetz
†Julie Winter by Tenuta Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:15 AM †Walter Safronoff by Zednik Family
†Elizabeth Sans by Her Children

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

8:15 AM Cecilia Kreski by Mercer Family
†Denny AuBuchon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:15AM †Dorothy Rodzik by Ted Rodzik
Carol Stanich by Mercer Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:15 AM †Bill Cassidy by Pat Cassidy & Family
†Don Arsen by The Romkema Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:00 PM Donna Lang
†Chuck Campbell by Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 AM Cheryl Hornik by Bernie Tomko, Barb Radziewicz, Barb Renkiewicz
Caitlin Quinn by Family

9:30 AM †The Souls laid to rest at all Saints Cemetery
Adair Family

11:00 AM Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes
†Ed La Barge by Reddy Family

12:30 PM †Fr. Leon Page by Pat Lasinski
†Delphine Nutt by Cook Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022

Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday

Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Mk6:17-29

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9; PS 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Jn 8:12; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk6:1-5

Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



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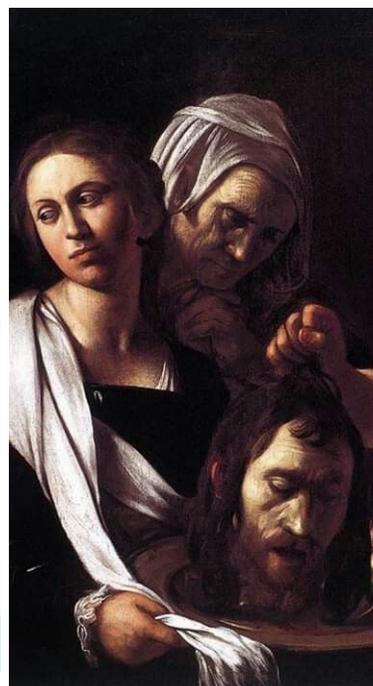
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Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Jean's Jottings | Faith Formation News

OCIA - 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 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – formerly RCIA) process will begin in the fall. OCIA 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 or complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or the parish office.

OCIA Interest Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Not Baptized ___ Baptized in another faith ___

Baptized Catholic and want to complete sacraments ___

Any additional information you wish to share: _____

MISSION & MINISTRY

High School Youth Group: Open to all teens grades 9th-12th:

Join us for our very own survivor competition. We will break out into teams and compete in a series of mini games to see which team is the ultimate survivor. The theme of the night is the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Come ready to play!

Young Adult Ministry (YAM): Ages 21-35 years old

August 29th– Disc Golf at the Park.

Meet us at Baycourt Park at 6:30pm to come for a fun evening of disc golf. Bring discs if you have any!

September 16th– Stations of the Cross and Bonfire

Come to our meditative walk through at 7pm for the Stations of the Cross in the woods followed by a bonfire. RSVP for the address.

Blessings, Michelle Konarzewski, Director of Youth and Young Adult Evangelization

248-623-0274 x230 or michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org



Also follow our GroupME using the QR scanner. You can also follow our email list:

Lakersyam@gmail.com to keep updated with all of the events.



Our Parish Life Together

Holy Hours for a PRO-LIFE Michigan

Every Wednesday from August 24 to November 2 a "Holy Hour for a Pro-Life Michigan" will be held at St. Mary's Chapel at Orchard Lake (3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324) at 7:45 pm. (We encourage attending the 7:00 pm Mass prior to that.) Eucharistic adoration & praying the Rosary will take place as we beseech the Blessed Mother's intercession that we not "abort" Michigan's future with the "anything-goes" abortion amendment to our state constitution. (Please VOTE "NO" to Abortion on November 8). At each Holy Hour we will have a speaker to inspire and inform us of the legal & spiritual battle for the soul of Michigan. Fliers & prayers will be available to help us reach our goal that every life is worth living. For more information, contact Fr. Alex: (313) 727-9784 or abunaalex@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Amount Needed to Fulfill Budget	\$28,500
Actual Weekly Collection	\$21,528
Actual Under Budget	\$6,972

Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/2022--8/23/2022

Fiscal Year Budget - Wk 6	\$228,000
Actual Year to Date	\$196,654
YTD Amount Under Budget	\$31,346

Thank you for your generosity!

Again we wish to thank all of you who continue to give so generously to our Parish. May God bless each of you for your gift of sharing.

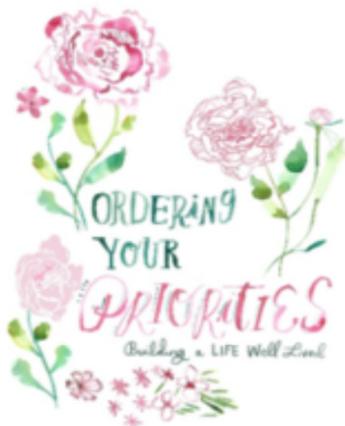
PRAYER SHAWLS

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 someone you know who needs comfort. These shawls were made with prayers and can be provided to those suffering from grief, illness, or other life situations. These garments come with a prayer to be said by the recipient and bring the added comfort of knowing that others are praying for the receivers of these shawls. Please contact Artha Horowitz at 248-623-0274 or artha.horowitz@ollonline.org if you would like a prayer shawl.



Altar servers needed!

If you are in the 4th grade and up and you are interested in serving in this important ministry please email michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org. New altar server training will be coming soon.



Our next Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study – Ordering Your Priorities; building a life well lived is now open for registration by calling the parish office.

NOW WITH TWO OFFERINGS TO CHOOSE FROM

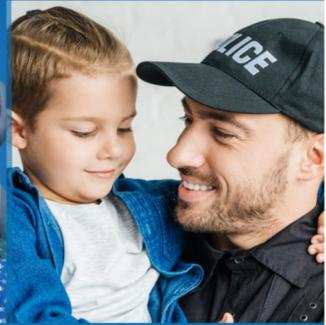
Starting Wednesday September 14th – November 2nd choose morning or night;

10:00 – 11:30am or 6:30-8:00pm in the parish center

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Knights Korner



Welcome to Our New Members!

We recently welcomed 3 new K of C members in a new member ceremony, known as the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. This short event highlights why each of those 3 virtues are important to our service of God, parish, community, and our brothers in the K of C. Pictured are our new council members Dan Leichtnam, John Mooney, and Adam Reitemeier, along with the exemplification team and a special guest, our Regional Membership Director, John Reeser. Following the new member event, we all offered a rosary for the repose of the soul of a young man related to friends of the council. If you'd like to join us, please know that free membership is still available

to all through the end of this month. Just email Michael Mandziuk at GK5436@miKofC.org or talk to any K of C member you see at church!



Renaissance Festival Fundraiser

The Renaissance Festival Fundraiser is on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Labor Day weekend. This is the largest source of funds for charitable works in our K of C Council, but only when we fill as many of the volunteer spots as possible! Strong volunteer participation from our church and council members allows us to continue supporting dozens of projects throughout the year. **Please sign up today and be sure to enter "5436" as your council number!** The work is lots of fun, the days go by quickly, and all adults are invited to volunteer!

Ready to join the Knights?

For those men over the age of 18 interested in becoming a Knight,
please contact: Grand Knight

Michael Mandziuk GK5436@mikofc.org or
Membership Director Joe Scarpelli MD5436@mikofc.org



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Homecoming Pep Rally & Bonfire to Follow



Our Lady of the Lakes Jingle Bell Bash Craft Show

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Become a Vendor Today!



Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK

Luke Ells
Beverly Mercer
Ken Naski
Kevin Tersigni
Sheree Edmunds
Joseph Cifani
Dan Mitchell
Frank Tenuta
Francine Bailey
John Candiloro
Declan McCaffrey
Jim Jacques
Pam Lesner
Jacqui (Bell) Al-Guweiri
John Howie
Vi Kravetz
Tim Wolowiec

To add someone to the prayer list please contact the parish office.

FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

CW3 Jacob Beno, Army
Capt Kelsey Beno, Army
† Jenna Beno died 10/15/12
AMN Stewart Blaquiere, A F
† PFC Damian Bushart, Army, died 11/22/03
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres, Marines
Eddy DeRocher
Jacob Dumont, Army
SFC Scott Emanuel
2LT William Gischia, Army
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr., Army
Dillan Johnson, Air Force
Jackson Jones, Army
Msgt Justin Jones, Air Force
Matt Koetting, Marines
Robert Maher & Crew, Navy
† Sgt. Joseph Martin, Army, died 8/16/18
Francesca Meno, Army
Karolyn Meno, Air Force
† PFC Joseph Miracle, Army, died 7/5/07
LCP Derek Monday, Marines
SGT. Gunnar Ottman, Army
Amanda Paczynski, Army
Capt. Matthew Richards, Army
Katie Rounds
CPTN Daniel Schasser
Anthony Schmidt, Marines
Lt. Col. Nick Strelchuk, Air Force
Cory Vaught, Army
James Whitlow, Navy
Max Kravetz, National Guard
SR. Samantha Sharpe, Navy
SPC Vito Salvaggio, National Guard

To update an individual's rank or to add someone to the list, please contact us at the parish office.

Walkers and Wheelchairs



Through generous donations the church has accumulated an abundance of walkers and several wheelchairs as well. If you have need of a walker or wheelchair or know of someone who does, please contact Artha Horowitz in the Christian Service office at 248.623.0274.



Saintly Stitchers

We have formed a yarn ministry group at Our Lady of the Lakes. All knitters and crocheters of any experience level are welcome. We will meet monthly to enjoy fellowship and create prayer shawls & blankets, baby blankets, booties and more to bless our community with. Our next meeting will be Wednesday September 14, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Please contact Dawn Suttle at saintlystitcher@gmail.com with any questions.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the school supplies that were donated by the very generous members of our parish. The supplies that we collected were distributed to St. Anne's, St. Rita's, Lighthouse as well as Holy Redeemer in Detroit. Many children will head to school well equipped for the year. I would also like to send a shout out to the volunteers who helped sort and deliver the supplies, especially Debbie Brenner who spent many hours readying the materials. Thank you again for your generous support of this outreach program.

Come, Pray + the Rosary

We invite all to join us each Wednesday at 6:30pm for a Rosary with our Blessed Mother.

We will be Outside weather permitting or In the Chapel

Get Rosary How to's and more at:
ollonline.org/rosary

Next Weekend September 3 & 4

<i>Time</i>	<i>Presiders</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Sacristans</i>
Saturday, 5:00 pm	Fr. Bob	Z. Campbell M. Gillette A. Voto	Colleen Flynn	Bernie Tomko
Sunday, 8:00 am	Fr. Scott	A. Kelco E. Asai J. Mamola	Brooke Reckinger	Mark Blaszkiewicz
Sunday, 9:30 am*	Fr. Scott	A. McNeill A. Tibudan B. Whitehurst	Jody McNeill	Jim Bruso
Sunday, 11:00 am*	Fr. Bob	O. Miller R. Bonnavier H. Schneider	Lynn Pomerleau	John & Evelyn Clark
Sunday, 12:30 pm	Fr. Bob	B. Burton J. Soliman L. Jasinski	Steve Yanek	Diane Lowry

 **LIVE** *9:30am & 11:00am Masses streamed live at ollonline.org/live and facebook.com/ollwaterford/live

Altar Help

September 1	Group 4: Theresa Elliot, Patt Polidan, Courtney Blazevic
September 10	Group 3: Pat Hannum, Josie Slupek, Suzanne Navarre, Lauren Erdman

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Bulletin DeadlineFridays, Noon

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Parish Email ParishOffice@ollonline.org

Prayer Requests ollprayerteam@ollonline.org

MASS & SACRAMENTS

Masses

Saturday Vigil..... 5:00pm

Sunday..... 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Monday through Friday.....8:15am

Baptisms

Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class.
Contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30pm until all are heard.

Eucharistic Exposition

3rd Tuesday of the month after 8:15am Mass until Rosary
and Benediction at 7:00pm

Please sign up @ Tinyurl.com/Adoration3

Choir Wednesday's at 7:15pm

Faith Formation

Ages 4/5.....Sundays | 9:30am

Mondays..... Grades 1-8 | 6:15pm

Family Catechesis.....One Sunday of Each Month | 11:00am

RCIA.....Sundays | 9:30am

Weddings

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

Registration

Register online at ollonline.org/join or stop by the office
Please notify the parish of all address, phone, email
changes by phone or online at ollonline.org/update

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