

July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WELCOME

Welcome, Fr. John Chen!

Dear All,

I am Fr. Yongli Chen. Please call me Fr. John to honor my baptismal name. It is a great pleasure to come back to the Archdiocese of Detroit and serve the Northwest Oakland Lakes Family of Parishes. All of you have been welcoming and already received me as one of your own. Fr. Scott, Fr. Craig, and Fr. Bob have also been kind to me and made my transition very comfortable.

I recently finished my studies at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada. During my studies, I realized how much parishioners have taught me to be a faithful servant to the Lord. I hope to continuously grow my faith in Christ with all of you.

Admittedly, my faith journey will differ greatly from the priests here in the States. However, I hope that my experiences of God's grace will complement yours and yours to me. I grew up in a devout catholic family. I have witnessed firsthand how a church in China not only survived but also thrived under various hardships and persecutions. For instance, in 2000, my priestly training was disrupted and temporarily halted.

Thanks to the generosity of the Archdiocese of Detroit, I could continue my priestly formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in 2002. I returned to China in 2008 after completing my spiritual training. Then, I served as Assistant Dean of Studies at the National Seminary in Beijing for a few years. These experiences were foundational to my personal and spiritual growth, and I would like to share more with you in the future.

Here I am, and very grateful and blessed to serve all of you at the Northwest Oakland Lakes Family of Parishes.

-Fr. John Chen



Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses

9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Private adoration during regular business hours

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 PM or by appointment

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should contact Julie Neal at ext. 107 in the Parish Office at least six months before the marriage.

Infant Baptisms

Second Sunday of the month, please contact Julie, ext. 107 in the Parish Office

Mission Support Director

Maureen Burton (248) 623-0274 x125

PARISH STAFF

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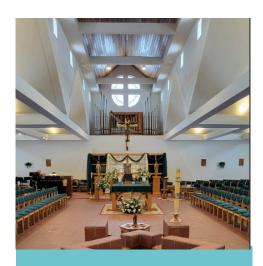
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OUR MISSION

"We, the people of St. Anne, are a growing Catholic Community with various gifts and talents, and we are open to the Spirit among us. Rooting ourselves in The Word of God, we reach out to all in loving service, witnessing, and celebrating the life of Jesus Christ in our midst."



Fr. John Chen, Sacramental Minister



PARISH OFFICE

248-627-3965 248-627-5153 (fax)

Office Hours Mon, Tu, Wed, Fri 9:00 am to Noon, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Closed Thursdays

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Monday

Bulletin article submission:
If your organization is holding
an event, we are happy to post
it in the bulletin as space allows.
Writing, proofreading, and
submitting an announcement is
the responsibility of the
sponsoring group. All bulletin
content is subject to review by
the pastor and/or parish staff
and content may be edited or
declined.



PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God of mercy, Lord of peace, hear the prayers we make to you on this day when we celebrate our nation's birth. Make us truly a nation united. May our land be a harbor of peace and unity for all people, races, faiths, and cultures until the coming of your kingdom, where you live and reign forever and ever.

Julie

Weekend of July 8th & 9th, 2023

Mass		Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
4:00 pm	Denny Anderson	Ken Sheperd Angie Sheperd	Bud Johnson Kris Anderson
8:30 am	Greg Swett	Kathleen Russell	Denise Nowakowski
10:30 am	Bruce Kocer	Nick & Rowen	Judy Glissman

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READING REFLECTIONS

First Reading: The Shunammite woman is rewarded with the promise of a newborn son for her generous hospitality to the prophet Elisha. To whom could you show a good measure of charity this week?

Second Reading: In Paul's view, since Jesus defeated death in his resurrection, he challenged the believers in Rome to think of themselves as "being dead to sin and living for God." How often do you think of ways to put your faith into action?

Gospel: Jesus teaches his disciples about the challenges and rewards of following him. What do you personally find most challenging or rewarding in following Jesus?

ALTAR LINEN SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Reckina Gretkierewicz

7-02-23- Marge Sisson 7-2-23- Jean Zubalik

ALTAR CARE 7-14-2023- Marilyn Bornais

RECYCLING MINISTRY

July 15/16-29/20- Pat Bardel August 12/13-26/27- Kathy Wojtalewicz

IN OUR PRAYERS

Elizabeth Phipps Betty DeFever Jess Singer Dennis Wiegand John Candiloro Ida Saroli Amy Rubin Kelsey Thurk **Jack Little** Cathy Richard Sue Rubin Kylie Nelson Dave Wilcox Diane O'Bierne Elaine Kalinin Dominic Gagliardi Maddie Katchka **Bob Mihos** Aiden McClaren Kirk Mcov Andrea Matusik Colette Genovese Monica Geisler Kallie Moshier Bill Knight Mary Siring Steve Clifton Patricia Clava

Margaret Davidson Bill Bayley Susan Peloguin Mark Norman Donald Umalah Carmody Family John Noble Bob Lee Susan Peloguin Steve Clifton Patrick Lamb Marge Park Darlene Gray KC Stan Wenslev **Elaine Corkins** Landon Morrison Walter Talley Tom Boesch Gloria Boesch Joan Ball Abby Gels Barbara Pica Frank Vella Thomas Latowski James Howard Gladys Johnson Kevin Petrusha Catherine Konen

MASS INTENTIONS

God bless America.

Saturday, 07/01/23 at 4:00 pm

Mike Jaruzel & Scott Flanigan, by Andrew & Mary Siring

Sunday, 07/02/2023

Amen.

8:30 am: Barry Huer, Larry Huer, by Mike & Ellen Johnson

10:30 am: Johnathon Davis, by Parents

Lawrence F. Kowalski, by Family

11th Anniversary

Monday, 07/03/2023 at 8::30am Mass at St. Daniel. St. Anne no longer offers Mass on Mondays

Tuesday, 07/04/2023 at 9:00 am No Mass offered JULY 4th

Wednesday, 07/05/2023 at 9:00 am

Ronnie Noble, by Family

Thursday, 07/06/2023 at 8:30am Mass at St. Daniel- NO Mass at St. Anne

Friday, 07/07/2023 at 9:00am

Holy Souls in Purgatory, by First Friday Mass attendees

Saturday,07/08/2023 at 4:00 pm

Ruth & Jack Fetzer, by Ruth Rogan

Sunday, 07/10/2023

8:30 am: Tina Setka, Mother of Denise Nowakowski

10:30 am: Tony & Betty Morici, by St. Anne Parish

FAITH FORMATION

Adrian Dominican Sisters

Private Directed Retreat Offers Time for Prayers, Silence, Reflection, and Guidance

Do you need some quiet time with God and away from your busy life? Weber Retreat and Conference Center offers you the opportunity for this special time away from 2:00pm Monday, July 10, 2023 through 1:00pm Friday, July 14, 2023. The retreat gives participants ample time for prayer, quiet reflection, participation in campus liturgies and a daily meeting with a spiritual director of their choice. Information on each is available on the Weber Center website, www.webercenter.org, under Programs.

The cost- which includes all meals for overnight guests and lunch for commuters is \$260 for commuters, \$325 per person double occupancy, and \$450 single occupancy.

Registration is required and is available at www.webercenter.org; click on "programs". Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans. org. Limited scholarships are available.

Weber Center is on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters' Motherhouse, Adrian, Michigan.

For more information, call the Weber Center at:

(517) 266-4000

HOW DO WE ENTER THE CHURCH?

Actually, there are several ways people enter the Church. Many of us were born into a Christian family and began our entry by receiving Baptism as an infant. We then spent many years coming to know Jesus until we could "confirm" our own personal faith in the Trinity.

But some of us have reached adulthood before seeking a personal relationship with Jesus. For un-baptized adults, we bring them through a process we call the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). We also use this same process for those baptized in another faith and seeking to join the Catholic Church. In this instance we catechize and then one makes a profession of faith.

ARE YOU AN ADULT SEEKING BAPTISM?

If you would like to learn more about how you might be baptized, please give us a call so we can begin your journey with Christ.

ARE YOU AN UN-CONFIRMED ADULT?

Have you been baptized, catechized to the point of receiving your First Holy Communion, but for some reason, have never been Confirmed? Give us a call so that we can help you along your journey into full initiation.

Whatever your circumstance may be, we begin by making an appointment for a simple interview. This interview will help us know how to best serve you and help you along on your personal journey.

Please call Marianne Boesch at 248-627-3965 ext 131 OR email: marianne@churchofstanne.org



Faith Formation Registration is OPEN

Register on the parish website https://www.churchofstanne.org/class-registration

2023-2024 Program Offerings:

Grades 1-6 Saturday Family Catechesis Monthly Grades 1-6 Monday Family Catechesis

Grades 7-9 Monthly Sunday Confirmation Classes Grades 2+ First Communion Program







EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

"Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house," my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me. I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross.

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." — Matthew 10:39

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why do we call priests "Father"?

Answer: Isn't this contradicting what Jesus taught us? "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (Mt 23:9). When we understand such a verse literally, it seems like we are contradicting Jesus. However, how about "And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away" (Mt 18:9). Apparently, we all know that in this instance, Jesus used figurative language when he said to pluck out your eye when it causes you to sin. Also, were Saints Stephen and Paul contradicting Scripture when they addressed the Jewish crowds with the words "brothers and <u>fathers</u>"? In the end, if we take Mt 23:9 literally, we all must stop calling our biological fathers "fathers".

Calling a priest father is not against what Jesus has taught, but it embraces what He taught. Priests are spiritual fathers who are icons of our heavenly Father. How can you know our heavenly Father if He stays invisible? Since Jesus is the image of the Father, so are His priests. Priests are changed permanently when they are ordained. They are stamped with an indelible mark that allows them to act in the person of Christ. By conforming to Christ, they can live a life that shows people who the heavenly Father is and His love for each of us. Therefore, if we believe there is power in the Sacraments, and we believe in sacramental grace, out of respect and reverence for the sacred Sacrament of Holy Orders, Priests should <u>always</u> be called Father.

Of course, not all spiritual fathers (priests) have done their duty diligently. Some have tainted this image of our heavenly Father by not living out their vocation. Some even cause scandals that lead many to leave the Church. But it does not make what is objectively true - false.

Though being a priest is a privilege because priests are ambassadors of Christ. As Fr. Craig beautifully put it, "Priests and Deacons are indeed servants of the Church. They were ordained to serve. Priests and Deacons should be willing to mop the floor, cut the lawn, and assist in the general care and maintenance of the church. Jesus always stresses humility is essential for ministry. However, Priests through the rite of ordination are ontologically marked permanently as priests to offer the sacrifice of the Mass and because of this divine stamping and the duties associated with the office, they should indeed be addressed as Father".

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Children's Village Summer Service

Teens in 8th grade and older are invited to play softball, kickball, volleyball, and basketball, and have lunch with the teens living at Children's Village this summer. Please email Julie Cavanaugh at jcavanaugh@stpwl.org to participate with other parishes in our Lakes Vicariate. Parents are welcome to attend with their teens.

The picnics at Children's Village in Waterford will take place from 11 am – 2 pm on Saturday, July 8 and August 12.

World Youth Day Campout

The Archdiocese of Detroit is hosting an overnight event on Aug. 5-6 at our Lady of the Fields Retreat Center in Brighton. The campout will include activities similar to what participants will experience at the Catholic festival being held in Lisbon, Portugal.

Our Lady of the Fields Retreat Center, 1391 Kellogg Road, Brighton, MI 48114 Check-in is Saturday, Aug 5, 9:30 am Check out Sunday, Aug 6, 10 am. Registration fee of \$60/pp includes 3 meals, activities, overnight stay, and Mass with Archbishop Vigneron.

Register online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-youth-day-home-tickets-537721919737



FINANCIAL REPORT Weekly Stewardship

Sunday Envelope \$7,102.98 Electronic Giving \$1,680.95 Total \$8,783.93

Parking Lot

\$1.33 Campaign \$ 92.99

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 and weekly sacrifice!

St Anne Book Club Fall/Winter 2023

7:00 pm In Hardy Hall

August 28:" I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter," by Erika Sanchez

September 25: "Band of Sisters" by Lauren Willig

October 30:" The Secret Chord" by Geraldine Brooks (hardcover is yellow)

November 27: "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles

Dec/Jan/Feb:" Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott; "March" by Geraldine Brooks; "Marmee" by Sarah Miller

Stay warm and cozy this winter, and read some great books! When we meet in March, bring books to choose from for Spring/Summer.