

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Summer Morning* | Anna de Weert



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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### We Gather Together

KREMSER |

Text: 12 11 12 11;

Wilt heden nu treden;

tr by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934,

alt |

Music: Neder-landtsch

Gedenckclanck, 1626



1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing; He  
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, Whose  
3. We all do ex - tol you, our lead - er tri - um-phant, And

1. chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known; The  
2. king - dom calls all to the love which en - dures. So  
3. pray that you still our de - fend - er will be. Let

1. wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing: Sing  
2. from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning: You,  
3. your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion: Your

1. prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
2. Lord, were at our side; all — glo - ry be yours!  
3. name be ev - er praised! O — Lord, make us free!

### GREETING

*Priest:* In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*R:* Amen.

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*R:* And with your spirit.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

#### GLORIA

##### Mass of Renewal

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple

of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -

dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you

thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly

King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.



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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### FIRST READING

*Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and

anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

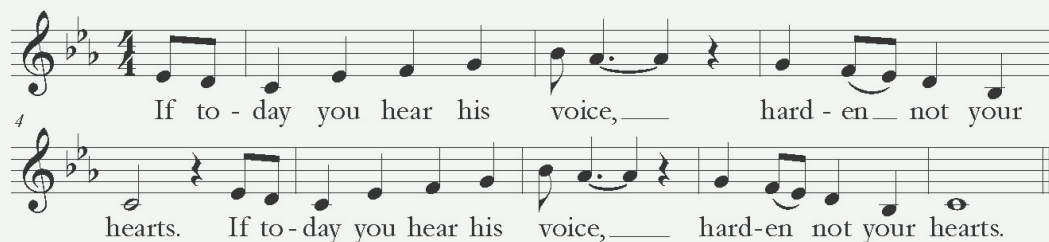
**R:** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL

### PSALM

#### Psalm 90

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1. You turn man back to dust, saying, “Return, O children of men.” For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.
2. You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.
3. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!
4. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

## SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop

lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

### ACCLAMATION

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Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## GOSPEL

*Luke 12:13-21*

*Deacon/Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*Deacon/Priest:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**℟️ And with your spirit.**

**℟️ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I

shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, ‘Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!’” But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

*Deacon/Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**℟️ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven,

[ *at the words that follow, all bow until ‘and became man’* ]  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and

rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sin, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER (PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL)

To each petition, all respond: **Lord, hear our prayer.**



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN

#### Jesus, My Everything

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1. I've been looking for a reason, I've been longing for a purpose,  
I'm losing all my meaning, I've run out of excuses.  
Lord, it's hard to know you, I don't always see your plan.  
But holiness is calling me so take me as I am.  
'Cause you are my {refrain}
2. Lord, I get so tired of the struggle within.  
I settle in complacency and I'm weighed down in my sin.  
So lead me past emotion, 'cause they change with the wind.  
I want to be a true disciple; to daily choose your hand.  
'Cause you are my {refrain}



*Priest:* Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**✠** May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

*At the end of the prayer, all respond:* Amen.

### PREFACE DIALOGUE & PREFACE

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**✠** And with your spirit.

**✠** We lift them up to the Lord.

**✠** It is right and just.

## SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

### Mass of Renewal

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

## AMEN

### Mass of Renewal

A - men, a - men, a - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE SIGN OF PEACE

## AGNUS DEI

### Mass of Renewal

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,  
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

*Priest:*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R**

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Unwavering

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Verses

1. Bless-ed are the poor, the king-dom is theirs,  
2. Bless-ed are the righ-teous on bend - ed knee,

1. a - live in the prom - ise to be dead to the world.  
2. y bound in this free - dom, com - mit-ted to you.

1. Bless-ed are the meek, in awe of you, Fa-ther;  
2. Blest are those who see the heights \_ of glo-ry

1. the Word at your right hand, the Spir - it of truth.  
2. y found in the val - ley, in suf-f'ring for you.

Refrain

Un-wav-er-ing is your voice, un-wav-er-ing is your  
hand; un-wav-er-ing is the heart that bled for the sins of man.  
Un-wav-er-ing is your will, un-wav-er-ing is your  
plan; the fount of sal - va - tion on which we will stand.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### You Alone

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Refrain

You a-lone are ho - ly, you a-lone are Lord.  
You a-lone are wor - thy to be hon-ored and a -  
dored. Mer-cy you have giv - en, kind-ness you have  
shown. Love is you a - lone.

1 to Verse 1

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Verses

1. Who of us is sin-less in this place?  
2. What is there to do but thank you, then,

1. Who of us de-serves your sav-ing grace?  
2. for the gift that we might call you friend?

1. Who of us is good at all with-out your bless-  
2. Great-er love has not been known than that for which

1. -ed love that falls up-on our hearts to  
2. you gave your on-ly son, that you might

1. heal our bro-ken-ness?  
2. see us, pure and blessed.

2 to Refrain

## ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN God's Blessing Sends Us Forth

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*Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig,*  
1842

1. God's bless-ing sends us forth, Strength-ened for our task on earth,  
2. God's news in spo-ken word Joy-ful-ly our hearts have heard;  
3. We by one liv-ing bread As one bod-y have been fed;  
4. Grant in this age of space Tri-umph of your truth and grace;

1. Re-freshed in soul and re-newed in mind.  
2. O may the seed of God's love now grow.  
3. So we are one as we share this food.  
4. Lord, you a-lone are un-chang-ing truth.

1. May God with us re-main, Through us the Spir-it reign,  
2. May we in fruit-ful deeds Glad-ly serve oth-ers' needs,  
3. How gra-cious to be-hold All peo-ple of one fold  
4. Bring us un-to your side; Pre-serve and ev-er guide

1. That Christ be known to all man-kind.  
2. That faith in ac-tion we may show.  
3. Who ev-er seek each oth-er's good.  
4. Your an-cient Church in age-less youth.

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# Mass Intentions

## Monday, August 4

8:20 am † Leslie Beth Kitchen  
by CCW

## Tuesday, August 5

**No Mass on Tuesday in July and August**

## Wednesday, August 6

6:00 pm † John Rasmussen  
by MB. Anderson

## Thursday, August 7

8:20 am † Sandra Maxim

## Friday, August 8

8:20 am † Jerry, Lee, and Michael Cvengros  
by R. Cvengros

## Saturday, August 9

5:00 pm † Rae Ellen Roy  
by J. and L. Collom

## Sunday, August 10

8:00 am † John Ruh  
by Ruh Family  
10:00 am † Marilyn Obstinik  
by R. and P. Farhat  
5:00 pm People of the Parish



## Summer Mission Appeal

Last weekend, we held our Summer Mission Appeal and welcomed Fr. Satheesh Caniton Alphonse, SdC, and Fr. Franklin A. Michael, SdC from the St. Louis Center in Chelsea, Michigan. Founded in 1960, the St. Louis Center is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and a caring residential community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Their programs are licensed by the State of Michigan and accredited by CARF, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

If you weren't able to give last weekend, you can still make a contribution this weekend, either online at [st-martha.org/giving](https://st-martha.org/giving) or by using the envelopes in the pews. Please note that all checks should be made out to St. Martha, per the Diocesan Office of Missions.

# Scripture Readings

*For the Week of August 4, 2025*

## Monday

**Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest**

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

## Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13, Mt 14:22-36  
or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

## Wednesday

**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

## Thursday

Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 16:13-23

## Friday

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28

## Saturday

Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20

## Sunday

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19  
or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

# Intercessory Prayers

**St. Martha Parish  
prays for our  
brothers and sisters  
who need physical  
or spiritual healing,  
especially:**

Matt Boersma  
Richard  
Susan Trentel  
Ken Malkowski  
Jessica Pezzotta  
Craig Tarpinian  
Allison Rupp  
Cindy Fontus  
Dcn. John Finn  
Ken Malkowski  
Jack Seiler  
Henry Rife  
Michalyn Bethke  
Charles Bethke  
Robert Duniec  
Dcn. Dan Foley  
Jerry Maroclo  
Jane Lajewski  
Mary Beecy  
Cindy Fontus  
Robert Pigg  
Wanda Hicks  
Robert Welch  
Fr. John Fain

Patty McPhee  
Bill Miekka  
Gabrielle Meece  
Bruce Eggleston  
Rose McManaman  
John Paul Erford

**For those serving in  
our Armed Forces,  
especially:**

Albert Gillison,  
U.S. Space Force  
Joseph Irvin Gross,  
U.S. Navy  
Peter Harrison,  
U.S. Air Force  
Andrew Huff,  
U.S. Air Force  
Christian Menor,  
U.S. Army  
Stasu Reisner,  
U.S. Marines  
Louis Thole,  
U.S. Air Force

**For † those who  
have gone before us,  
especially:**

† Paul Wood  
† Tracie Metcalf Hatfield  
† Alyn Rynbrandt

† Dave Finney  
† Fr. Terry Dumas  
† Catherine Ellis  
† Colton Carlton  
† Ann Patton  
† Mike McNeely

**For † those innocent  
souls lost to the  
tragedy of abortion**

**For the Pope's August  
Intention: for mutual  
coexistence**

**We offer these  
prayers in the name  
of Your Son, our Lord,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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to add an individual  
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## This Week at St. Martha

### Monday, August 4

8:50 am Confessions *Fr. Ryan*

### Tuesday, August 5

**No Mass or Reconciliation on Tuesday in July and August**

7:30 pm Men's Pick Up Basketball

### Wednesday, August 6

6:30 pm Confessions *Fr. Ryan*

6:30 pm Adoration until 7:20 pm Benediction

### Thursday, August 7

6:30 pm Confessions *Fr. Ryan*

5:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Bl. Solanus Casey Room

### Friday, August 8

**Parish Office is Closed**

8:50 am Confessions *Fr. Mike*

9:00 am Adoration until 9 pm Reposition - Chapel

### Saturday, August 9

7:30 am Upper Room Men's Prayer Group - Bl. Solanus Casey Room

3:00 pm Confessions *Fr. Mike*

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, August 9 | 5:00 pm

S. D. Hunter; M. Siminski  
L. 1 - R. Kostrzewa W/2 - L. Schafer

### Sunday, August 10 | 8:00 am

S. G. and J. Ianni  
L. 1 - S. Zayko W/2 - S. Stanley

### Sunday, August 10 | 10:00 am

S. D. and F. Herring  
L. 1 - S. Hopkins W/2 - M. Liberato

### Sunday, August 10 | 5:00 pm

S. H. Walton  
L. 1 - C. Patton W/2 - V. Moore

**Altar Servers** Volunteers at each Mass



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Please contact the parish office if you need assistance.

## SUMMER PARISH SCHEDULE CHANGES

**Tuesdays in July & August** No Tuesday Mass or Confession

**Fridays through August 8** Parish Office Closed on Fridays  
Office will reopen on Fridays starting August 15

**Tuesday, August 12** Parish & School Offices Closed



**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
**Thursday, August 14**  
6:30 pm Vigil Mass  
**Friday, August 15**  
6:30 am Mass - No Incense  
8:20 am Mass  
6:30 pm Mass

 **ST. MARTHA**  
PARISH & SCHOOL

## Eucharist to Care Homes

### August 10, 2025

Willows of Okemos	R. Salyers
Brookdale, Medilodge	M. Fletcher
ICMCF	J. Matuszak; M. Siminski;
	A. Rosalez

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# From the Pastor's Desk



## Gospel Reflection

Epicurus was an ancient Greek philosopher who lived between 341 and 270 B.C. He founded the philosophy aptly named Epicureanism. It is a rather hedonistic philosophy in that pleasure is the sole intrinsic good or goal. By hedonism, I do not mean what we refer to colloquially. Rather, hedonism in this sense refers to a body of philosophy that teaches all human behavior is motivated

by the desire to maximize pleasure and minimize pain. To be fair to Epicurus, his philosophy advocated the minimization of pain through simple living and moderation rather than indulgence. However, the saying, "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die!" is largely attributed to Epicurus and his school of thought.

We see this phrase alluded to a few times in Scripture. In Isaiah, 22:12-13 the prophet writes, "That day the Lord, the GOD of hosts, called for weeping and mourning, for shaving the head and wearing sackcloth. But look! Instead, there was celebration and joy, slaughtering cattle and butchering sheep, eating meat and drinking wine: 'Eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!'" In his first letter to the Corinthians St. Paul writes, "Otherwise, what will people accomplish by having themselves baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, then why are they having themselves baptized for them? Moreover, why are we endangering ourselves all the time? Every day I face death; I swear it by the pride in you [brothers] that I have in Christ Jesus our Lord. If at Ephesus I fought with beasts, so to speak, what benefit was it to me? If the dead are not raised: 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!'" (1 Corinthians 15:29-32). And in the book of Ecclesiastes the author writes, "This is a vanity that occurs on earth: There are those who are just but are treated as though they had done evil, and those who are wicked but are treated as though they had done justly. This, too, I say is vanity. Therefore I praised joy, because there is nothing better for mortals under the sun than to eat and to drink and to be joyful; this will accompany them in their toil through the limited days of life God gives them under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 8:14-15).

Is there anything wrong with pleasure? No, not in and of itself. Recall the reasons we were created by God by going all the way back to Genesis. We were created for labor, love, and leisure. God commanded that we work the land. God created us out of love for love. And, as God rested so too are we called to rest from our labors. So, in leisure and rest also exists pleasure. The problem arises when we seek pleasure for pleasure itself; when pleasure becomes the end of all ends. We certainly see this in various ways in our culture. We can see this foundational philosophy within the sexual revolution of the 1960s which we still see the effects of to this very day. I must seek my own pleasure and anything that inhibits me from attaining pleasure must necessarily be bad; ergo the Church's teaching on sexual morality must necessarily be bad because it inhibits personal freedom and the attainment of personal pleasure.

In the Gospel today, the rich man has an abundant harvest and with the abundance of goods comes a problem. His barns are already full. So, what is his solution? To tear down his barns and build bigger barns to store all of his goods for himself so that he can eat, drink, and be merry. Why store all the surplus wealth for himself? One can only assume to maximize his own personal pleasure.

Jesus reminds us that one day our very lives will be demanded of us; we will die. Are we attached to the materials and the pleasures of this life? Do we find our fulfillment in the pleasures of this world? Fr. Steve Mattson, pastor of Resurrection Parish and School in Lansing and a good friend, says quite often, "This ain't heaven, and thank God for that." He's right! This isn't heaven, and the pleasures of this life are fleeting. What are we attached to in this life? Are our attachments deepening our relationship with Christ and his Church? Or, are our attachments causing division between ourselves and God?

Jesus' command is that we love one another. How? Through sacrifice. I can promise you there was no pleasure when Jesus took up his Cross, was crucified, and was killed. But, what existed in giving himself for us was love. Jesus' command is that we take up our crosses and follow him - daily. He does not command us to maximize our pleasure in this life. What awaits us is the fulfillment of all of our desires in the life to come. Are storing up for ourselves treasures in heaven?

Know of my prayers for you all!

Fr. Ryan



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## Inland Seas Trip

Our trip to Inland Seas in Suttons Bay, Michigan, was made possible through a gift from an anonymous donor in our parish. This is a quite substantial donation, and I would like to express my gratitude at this point on behalf of the students and parents who got to take the trip. We had a wonderful time celebrating our Great Lakes in this very special way. Thank you!

Our trip started in Okemos on Tuesday, June 3rd. We drove to Suttons Bay and arrived in time to enter the Inland Seas schooner in the early afternoon. On our three hour boat ride, students learned about invasive fish species in the Great Lakes. We used a trawler net to catch fish from the bottom of the lake and counted the total fish as well as identified the species. Students took mud samples from the lake floor to identify the invertebrates living there. They tested the visibility and temperature and caught plankton in a dragnet. And, of course, they all got to have a turn on the steering wheel.

The declared mission of Inland Seas Educational Association (ISEA) is to both educate its students about the Great Lakes, and also to instill the pride and awe we all experience when we get to be in and around the lakes. ISEA wants to foster a sense of stewardship and responsibility in the participants by educating a new generation about the challenges we face in maintaining viable ecosystems in these waters. I think they are doing a fantastic job!

The seventh graders, our parent chaperones, and I finished our trip with a walk in Sleeping Bear Dunes the next morning. We hiked to Pyramid Point Overlook and got a wonderful view of Lake Michigan in the fog. Our whole trip was blessed with the great weather and rain in all the right places—at night.



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WHEN: Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

WHERE: Meridian Sun Golf Club

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Monday, Tuesday ..... 8:20 am  
Wednesday ..... 6:00 pm  
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Saturday ..... 9:00 am  
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**First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation** for non-school students is completed as part of our Faith Formation program. Please email Jackie Rosalez at [jrosalez@st-martha.org](mailto:jrosalez@st-martha.org).

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