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SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42



PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS...

Connie Cunningham, Judy DeKeyser, Marge Flanigan, Nancy Flanigan, Mary Jo Frechette, Gary Gazette, Joan Haslinger, Paula Gazette, Phil Hanson, Alben Lipar, Sandy Pulk, Santiago Serna, Larry Sonnenberg, Norma Swift, Linda Tongko, Wally Wetherbee, Sylvia Zanger.

...Loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer:

John Ban, Kate Banaszek, Susan Herzfeld, Vince Felice, Mary & Andrew Flanigan, Robyn Hamilton, Judy Imbrunone, Rosemary Jaruzel Dupont, Greg Mans, Zoe Reames O'Neill, Anthony Robak, Adele Roblin, Katherine H. Schwarz, Laura Thomson, Seth Todd, Primo Tongko Jr., John Veighey, Kristopher Weinmann. Names run four weeks. To re-list, please call 248-681-1534.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

If you or anyone you may know would benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact our office and we would be happy to get one to you.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE...

If you or a loved one has improved and are able to be removed from our prayer request list, please let us know if you would like it acknowledged in the bulletin.

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE...

Nuns of the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament have a twenty-four hour prayer line. Even if your call goes to voicemail, the Sisters are attentive to begin the requested prayers promptly. The prayer line phone number is 248-626-8253.

ST. FRED'S SCHOOL REUNION...

The Annual Pontiac St. Frederick's Mass and all class reunion will take place on September 11, 2022. The old St. Frederick School will be open that morning after Mass for those who wish to walk-thru the hallowed halls once again.

The Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Luncheon will follow at Santia Hall on Cass Lake Rd. in Keego Harbor. Tickets are available at Kennedy's Irish Pub on W. Huron St. in Waterford or contact Jim Russell at 248-363-4209 email address: st_freds_alumni@yahoo.com. Or Bridget or Pat Scully at 859-421-3579. Ticket price is \$35.00 per person. Ticket deadline is September 7, 2022. Anyone who has ever attended St. Fred's is welcome.



Monday, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

12:15 p.m. - *Special Intention Jim Wrobel req family

Tuesday, July 19

12:15 p.m. - Mary Kay Scott req friend

Wednesday, July 20

St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

12:15 p.m. - Alfred Caputo req family

Doug Campbell req Eva Maciag

Thursday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

12:15 p.m. - Lloyd Deo (58th Anniv.) req family

Friday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

NO MASS

Saturday, July 23

St. Bridget, Religious

4:00 p.m. - Paul Sr. & Lorraine Bonfiglio req

Son, Paul Bonfiglio

Norma Fay req Rose DeAnda

Theresa Kleinschmidt req husband, John

Evelyn Smarch req husband, Al Smarch

Sunday, July 24

9:00 a.m. - Gary German req John & Dee Elbode

K. Koszewski req granddaughter

Charlie Miller req Tony Stiel Jr.

11:00 a.m. - Mary Carolyn Mitton req Roman family



DO YOU HEAR A CALLING?...

St. Vincent lived a life of humility. He taught others that by giving our time and serving the poor we can find God.

Please consider volunteering your time and assist us in servicing those less fortunate in our community. We are actively searching for new Vincentians to join our existing St. Benedict's St. Vincent de Paul Conference. To learn more and to volunteer whatever time you have available is easy! Just contact the Parish Office to get in touch with a member of our SVdP Conference Team. Thank you to all parishioners for your ongoing donations, your generosity has allowed us to bring the face of God to others.

A JOURNEY IN FAITH...

What is RCIA?...The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a gradual process of conversion and initiation into the Catholic Christian community providing individuals the space to encounter God and respond to His invitation to a new way of life in the Catholic faith. Grounded in a respect for the personal faith journey of each individual, the RCIA provides an extended period of prayer, study, and fellowship in which each individual has the opportunity to grow in relationship with God and the parish community.

Who is RCIA for?

1. Persons who have never been baptized and wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Holy Communion) in the Catholic Church.
2. Persons who were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation; by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

How does the RCIA work?

In the RCIA individuals reflect and learn about what it means to be a part of the Catholic Christian community – who we are, what we believe, how we celebrate and pray, how we relate with one another and with God. Based on the gradual transformation of each individual, the RCIA accompanies and celebrates the journey to faith of each individual.

The process begins with a period of inquiry for those who have felt called to consider the Catholic faith. Here you will find an open space to ask questions about what Catholics hold and believe while meeting others striving to live Gospel values. Know that initial inquiry does not necessarily commit you to initiation.

We meet on Monday evenings in the Parish Center from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For further information, contact Gloria Armstrong at 248-681-1534 ext. 204.

FALL CRAFT SALE EVENT...

We are very excited to announce our first ever St. Benedict "Harvest and Holly Craft Show" to be held Saturday, **November 12, 2022**, in the Momentum School gymnasium from 9:00 to 4:00 pm. We will have crafters, youth group activities, refreshments, a bake sale, raffle prizes, and an opportunity to get a head start on all your holiday shopping! We are currently looking for vendors and volunteers. You can view the information on our St. Benedict website: stbencc.org or call **Sallie Bishop** at **248 732-7113** or the Parish Office at 248 681-1534.

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Pastor - Rev. James Mayworm

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Daytime Office Hours: Mon. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tues., Wed., Thurs. - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Face book: St. Benedict's Catholic Church

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Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon - Thurs. 12:15 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Sacraments

In order to get married or to have your child baptized, you must be a registered member of the parish. This means that you are participating in the life of the parish, regularly attending Mass and using your envelopes.

Baptisms

Arrangements must be made at least three months prior to desired date. Parents must be a registered member of the parish for 6 months.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to desired date. You must be a registered member of the parish for 6 months.

Sick Calls and Communion for the Homebound

Please call the Parish Office 248-681-1534.

Faith Formation

Grades 1-8 - Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Oct.-May)

R.C.I.A

Mondays - 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Parish Center (Sept.-Easter Vigil)

St. Vincent de Paul—St. Benedict Conference

248-681-1534, ext. 206

Bulletin Copy Deadline

Friday at noon

Suicide Hotline (Common Ground)

1-800-231-1127

Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry

1-888-722-4355

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

Report Sexual Abuse Hotline

1-855-444-3911

GOD is *Good,* *all* the time.

From the desk of Fr. Jim:

St. Benedict Parish is a Christian Community guided and challenged by the Holy Spirit to worship, love, serve and educate.

This is an appeal to solicit your support with a huge endeavor that we are about to embark on. Our church is on the verge of tackling the condition of our parking lot and the drainage problem that has been plaguing our church and the school that we rely on for rent to help support our church.

We have had studies done to insure that we can correct the problem, but in the past the cost has been too high. We now have an opportunity. We have secured a donor who is willing to match donations to fund this endeavor. While the cost of the project is \$702,500.00, we have secured funding for all of it with the exception of \$150,000.00. This is still a challenging goal.

This may be our only chance to help make this project happen and with the grace of God and your support, we can do this. It is our goal to begin the project by July of this year. Your support will be greatly appreciated. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God (2 Corinthians 9:11).

For parishioners who wish to take advantage of the tax savings of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from the IRA or 401-K, RMD. You must be 72 years old or have turned 70 ½ January 1, 2020 and receiving a RMD to qualify. Make the most of your donation.

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JIM'S GEMS...

The truth is, we don't know what we don't know
Scott Warden - Our Sunday Visitor May 15-21, 2022

My wife likes to tell this story whenever she can. It usually comes up when we visit a friend or family member's newborn baby for the first time. She tells it with a mixture of delight and "can you believe I married this idiot?" in her voice. But let me set the stage first, and then I'll share the story.

Growing up, I was never around babies. My younger sister was born before I turned 2, so there was never any memory — and certainly no experience — in caring for, playing with, holding, changing, feeding or loving a newborn baby. I had plenty of baby cousins, but they had caregivers of their own, and there was no need for me to insert myself in between that relationship just to learn future life skills.

So fast forward to when my loving, lovely wife became pregnant with our first child. Needless to say, I had no idea what to expect before, during or after the baby came. But I was nothing if not teachable — and curious. At some point during her pregnancy, I asked a simple question that, to this day, I'll never live down.

"So when will he or she open their eyes?" I asked, honestly.

"When will who open their eyes?" my wife shot back.

"The baby," I said. "Will it be a couple of days, a couple of weeks?"

Erin, my wife, who stuck with me through five more living children, looked at me like I had suddenly grown a third eye in the middle of my forehead. I could see she was confused — or maybe, more accurately, concerned. She didn't say anything, giving me more time to perhaps better explain the insanity that was coming out of my mouth. And then I uttered something that I thought would clarify my question but, in hindsight, turned out to be ... regrettable.

"You know," I said, "like a cat."

You can imagine the laugh that came out of her mouth.

But here's the thing. I wasn't embarrassed then, nor am I embarrassed now. You don't know what you don't know.

I thought about that story — my youthful innocence (and ignorance) — as I listened to TV commentators discuss the leak of what appeared to be the Supreme Court's majority opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which, if it holds up for another month or so, would overturn the

court's 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion nationwide.

The folks on TV banged the drum that the Supreme Court was taking away a woman's constitutional right to manage her own health care, without any sense of irony that it was the Supreme Court that invented this "right" in the first place. SCOTUS giveth, and SCOTUS taketh away. Nor did they mention the health care rights of the poor living human child.

But, again, I thought about my own ignorance and tried to give them the benefit of the doubt; I tried to be charitable. Maybe they simply don't know what they don't know. Maybe they've been swept up in the cultural current and have never thought deeply about what abortion truly is — what it truly does.

Maybe they have never read Pope St. John Paul II's 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, in which he quotes the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith: "From the time that the ovum is fertilized, a life is begun which is neither that of the father nor the mother; it is rather the life of a new human being with his own growth. ... [Modern genetic science] has demonstrated that from the first instant there is established the program of what this living being will be: a person, this individual person with his characteristic aspects already well-determined. Right from fertilization, the adventure of a human life begins, and each of its capacities requires time — a rather lengthy time — to find its place and to be in a position to act."

Perhaps this is our time to act, as a new day dawns — to be charitable, to teach those who don't know what they don't know about the dignity and sacredness of life. Perhaps it is our duty.

And if we do it well, with courage and charity, maybe one day we can stop asking when the world will open its eyes.

JIM'S JOKES...

ON TIME...I had always prided myself on being an on-time person. One morning I overslept and rushed around getting ready for work. As I ran out the door, my husband tried to say something. "What" I called back. "Don't slow me down. I'll be late for work." "No, you won't" he responded. "Today is Sunday."

CHURCH CHALLENGES...Sign on a Manhattan church: A Man Wrapped Up In Himself Makes A Very Small Package...

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