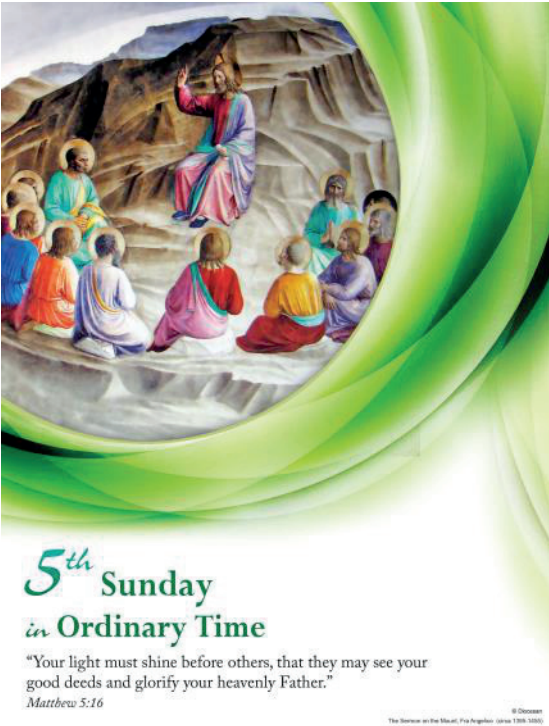


Saint Mary's Church

15164 Juniper Dr. Marne, MI 49435 / 616.677.3934 / www.saintmarysmarne.org

February 5, 2023 ~ The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:30PM St Mary

Sunday 8:30AM St Michael

Sunday 10:30AM St Mary

Sunday 4:30PM St Michael

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 9AM St Mary

Adoration begins after Mass until 2:00 pm

Wednesday 9AM - St Michael

Adoration begins after Mass until 2:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 AM St Mary

Friday 9:00 AM St Michael

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 PM—4:15PM-St Mary

Sunday 3:00PM -4:00PM St Michael

Wednesday 2:00 PM—3:00 PM St Michael

(or anytime by appt. please call parish office)

St. Mary Parish Office

Monday - 8:00AM - 4:30PM

Tuesday - 8:00AM - 4:30PM

Wednesday - 8:00AM - 11:30AM

Thursday - 8:00AM to 4:30PM

St Mary's Mission Statement: *We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, by our baptism have become the People of God, dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a community built on faith and the sharing of individual talents, abilities and skills for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by prayer and the sacraments, we continue the mission of Jesus to reveal God's presence in all of human life.*

Pastor:

Rev. Michael Hodges / frmhodges@grpriests.org
616.677.3934

For emergency please call: 616.745.1409

Deacon:

Deacon Tom Roberts / troberts@saintmarysmarne.org
616.677.3934

Business Manager:

Todd Kline / businessmanager@saintmarysmarne.org

Parish Secretary:

Cathie VanGessel / secretary@saintmarysmarne.org

Director of Religious Education:

Rebecca Chicklon / dre@saintmarysmarne.org
616.677.5065

Youth Minister—Life Teen grades 9-12

Rebecca Chicklon / dre@saintmarysmarne.org
616.677.5065

Director of R.C.I.A: Jill Brown-616.677.3934

Maintenance/Custodian: Jim & Marian Looks: 677.3934

Liturgical Minister:

Gary Karr / 616.677.3934 / gkarr@saintmarysmarne.org

Music Director:

Dr. Bernie Stanko 616.490.3836 /
berniestanko@hotmail.com

Pastoral Council:

Sharon Davis, Becky Warners,
Vito Dolci, Geary Farrell, Doug Frantz

Finance Council:

Lisa Bradley, Jose Gomez, Ruth Kasul,
Todd Kline, Scott Lampe, Mel Northup

Martha League: Parish Office: 616.677.3934
(assistance with meals during illness or injury)

Prayer Line:

Parish Office 616.677.3934
or Linda at 677.3269 for evening requests
call Darlene 616.453.0157
or email: bfa1414@yahoo.com

Our Cluster Parish:

St Michael's - 17150 - 88th Avenue
Coopersville, MI 49404
616.384.4026
www.saintmichaels.us

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 4

4:30PM † Jeff LeMieux by M/M Vince Schoenborn.....MA

Sunday February 5

8:30AM † John VanDenBrink by Curt & Sue DeVosMI

10:30AM † Rick Lothschutz by M/M Larry AntcliffMA

4:30PM † Chuck Albrecht by Curt & Joan KutchinMI

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM - St Michael

Monday February 6..... NO MASS

Tuesday February 7

9:00AM † Fr. George Fekete by Knights of Columbus #11581 ..MA

Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm

Wednesday February 8

9:00AM † Margaret Jonio by the O'Bradovich FamilyMI

Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM

Thursday February 9

9:00AM † Bob Bacon by Joe Martin.....MA

Friday February 10

9:00AM † Jamie Thomas by Arno & Judy DriedgerMI

Saturday February 11

4:30PM † Arlyn Madura by Family.....MA

Sunday February 12

8:30AM † John VanDenBrink by Curt & Sue DeVosMI

10:30AM † Jeff LeMieux by M/M Joe LothschutzMA

4:30PM † Chuck Albrecht by Curt & Joan KutchinMI

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM - St Michael

MA=St. Mary MI=St. Michael's

Please Note: When there is inclement weather (where Coopersville Public Schools or Kenowa Hills Public Schools are closed) The Parish Offices will be closed and all events scheduled for that day will be cancelled. Daily Mass will also be cancelled. The Mass intention for that day will be rescheduled at our earliest opportunity. Additionally, when a Funeral Mass has been scheduled, Daily Mass will be cancelled

For the Week of February 5, 2023

Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gn 1:20 - 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

| | Feb 12 / 8:30 AM | Feb 12 / 4:30 PM |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Altar Servers | Bryson Lindberg Peter Nielsen Melena Lindberg | NEED TWO |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Denise Parish Sharon Carlson Amber Nelson Denise Nelson Rosemary Weigel | Greg Helsen NEED ONE |
| Lector | Jeff Johnson | Mark Phillips |
| CLW | Jenny L. & Cheri B. | NO CLW |
| Sacristan | Judy Driedger | NEED ONE |
| Ushers | Curt DeVos Wade Lindberg Joe Meerman Ray Maka | Greg Helsen NEED ONE |
| Music | Jennifer Mapes | Craig Bleckley |

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

| | February 11 4:30PM | February 12 10:30 AM |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Sacristan | Joe Gomez | Gary Karr |
| Altar Servers | Bryson Potts MJ Potts | Noah Davis Hannah Davis |
| Host | Deacon Tom Sara Patterson Geary Farrell | Geary Farrell Becky Warners Need One |
| Cup | Deb Hapon Keith Anderson | Margie Jirous Need One |
| Hospitality Ministers | Katie Greenland Megan Greenland Scott Lampe Matt Karr | Leonard Horter Need Three |
| Lector | Doug Frantz | Rita Carmody |
| Music | Bernie Stanko | Bernie Stanko |

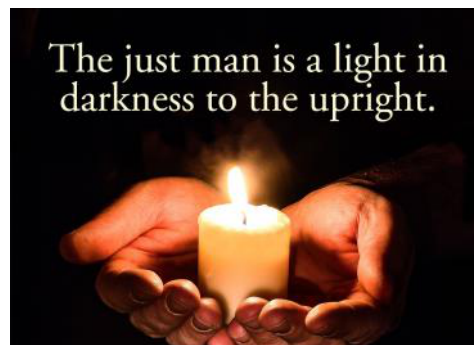
Prayer for our Volunteers & Ministers

Thank you for serving. We appreciate you.

God of Glory, your beloved Son has shown us that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts. Bless our brothers and sisters, who have responded to the needs of our parish and wish to commit themselves to your service. Grant that their ministry may be fruitful and our worship pleasing in your sight. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

If you would like more information on becoming a Liturgical Minister, please contact the parish office. We always have a need for Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans, Hospitality and Musicians.

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.



Cluster News and Community News and Events

40 Days for Life ~ March 2, 2023

Would you be willing to pray for one hour?

40 Days for Life is a unique pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in front of abortion clinics. This will be the 27th campaign in Grand Rapids, and it will take place in front of Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street. This is the only free-standing surgical abortion facility still operating in our community. Dozens of area churches have adopted a day of prayer. **Our parish family has chosen**

Thursday, March 2, 2023~ Would you be willing to pray for one hour to fill in the time slots to pray to end abortion and close the Heritage abortion clinic in Grand Rapids? Contact Lisa Potts 616-723-3213 or potts.lisa99@gmail.com to sign up or for more information. We will need 2 prayer volunteers from 7 am till 7 pm throughout the day. This is a powerful and proven effective way to close abortion centers and show the Mother's that we are praying and thinking about them and their babies. Please consider a hour of your time~ If you are unable to attend that day you may go to the clinic and pray any time! Thank you for your commitment to LIFE! God bless! www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids

Please Note: Fr Mike will be leading the Rosary at 11 AM for our prayer group on March 2.



Explore Priesthood Discernment Group

The Explore Priesthood Group is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations. Each month, young men (ages 16 – 35) are invited to gather and discern God's will for their lives.

Time for prayer and reflection will be held monthly at St. Stephen Parish in East Grand Rapids from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **This year's discernment opportunities are offered on the following Sundays: Feb. 12, March 12, and Apr. 23.**

Questions? Please email Fr. Stephen Durkee, director of priestly vocations, sdurkee@grdiocese.org



Knights of Columbus News

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus #11581

The St Mary's Knights meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more info please contact Grand Knight Rob Rander: robrander82@gmail.com or visit: <https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/knights-of-columbus>

**Next Breakfast & Blood Drive:
February 12 & October 8**

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus #9909

The St. Michael's Knights meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit <https://saintmichaels.us/knights-of-columbus-9909>



Fr. Mike's Musings



The spirit and action of giving is one of the most important spiritual practices a disciple of Jesus can claim. The attitude we have toward our money and finances directly influences the condition of our relationship with Jesus. How we feel about tithing and sharing our finances can also reflect the level of giving in other areas of our lives. Generosity is contagious, as it spreads from our money to our time, our talents, our abilities, and our presence. Our lack of generosity and the willingness to share is also contagious. We know as Christians we are taught to share what has been given to us with those who have less. We must share all of our gifts; talents, time, treasure, and ourselves.

We should not give because we think God needs our gifts in order to be God, or that the Church needs our money to be the Church. We give to the Him. We give back to God what is God's so that through our gifts the love of God can become a tangible reality in our world. Our giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and continues to give to us through Jesus Christ.

We find in John 3:16 three thoughts that should be the foundation of our giving. God's motivation for giving was love; He gave Himself in the person of Jesus; and God gave in response to our needs—physical and spiritual. As we use this example for the basis of our giving, we realize that the only giving God recognizes is giving out of love. In 1 Corinthians 13:3, St. Paul writes; "If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing."

Giving is not by defined by the size of our gifts, but by the condition of the heart from which the gifts are given. For Jesus and for us, motivation is everything when it comes to giving. A disciple of Jesus will give because of their gratitude for God's gifts so freely given. To paraphrase John F. Kennedy; "Ask not what God can do for us, but what we can do for Him." What we do is to love one another with the gifts that He has given to us for that very purpose.

"...if you bestow your bread on the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted;
then light shall rise for you in the darkness."
(Isaiah 58:10)

Touched by Mercy ~ March 4

"It is a profound spiritual experience to contemplate our loved one with the eyes of God and to see Christ in them." Joy of Love. The Franciscan Life Process Center invites all who have been affected by suicide to Touched by Mercy on March 4 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. The day will include reflection, sharing, and prayer led by Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE, MA. Lunch and Mass included. Cost: \$65. Go to www.lifeprocesscenter.org

Coopersville Cares 9th Annual Winter Benefit Sale

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 . 7 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

at the Coopersville Community Center, 182 East Street, Coopersville. All proceeds go to Coopersville Cares.

High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry Gatherings are offered on most Sundays and some Saturdays. Additional events are offered on occasion too. For information about Youth Ministry gatherings, trips or events, please contact Rebecca.

Spiritual Stock Fundraiser:

Thank you to all who have already made a donation! We really appreciate your donation and we are closer to our goal.

We are still in need of more donations and hope you will consider supporting Youth Ministry by investing in our Youth. Spiritual Stock envelopes are in the back of Church. You may donate with check or cash. Please make check out to St. Michael Youth Ministry. If you have questions or would like any help making your donation please feel free to contact Rebecca Chicklon. Your support is much appreciated!

Questions or comments

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org



February 5, 2023 ~ The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Religious Education

This Sunday's Gospel Reflection:

When someone makes us comfortable, doesn't put on any false pretenses, and values simplicity, we often refer to them as "salt of the earth." Salt is basic. It preserves food and helps sustain us. Salt adds flavor. Think of what it adds to popcorn! Salt can also be used to help heal us, like gargling with salt and water when you have a sore throat.

Our personal salt or flavor is what makes each of us different and distinguishable from one another. God wants us to sprinkle humanity with our uniqueness. Along with the flavor of our diversity, Jesus encouraged us to celebrate our talents and gifts. We are supposed to let our light, our special abilities, shine. Shining doesn't mean we are always in the spotlight. It means if I have the special gift of laughter, that I use that gift to help cheer others up. The gift of kindness toward others may inspire them to shine and pass the kindness on.

Jesus doesn't ask us to be flashy. Jesus calls us to develop, hone, and share the talents and characteristic we possess, to flavor the world with our selves, and to illuminate the world with our loving deeds. Let us go into our sessions and help one another find ways to be "salt" and "light."

Reflection Q's:

What does it mean to let your light shine?
Why does Jesus want us to let our light shine?
What are ways we can do that?

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

dismisses and meets during 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Questions or comments

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org



High School Youth Ministry

SEE CLUSTER PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

2022 Church Contributions

2022 Contribution Statements are available in the Narthex. Please pick up after Mass or during parish open office hours. If you would like yours mailed or emailed, please call the parish office. Thank You. **Please Note: In an effort to save money on postage we will only mail statements if requested.**



St Mary Parish Prayer Line

If you would like to request a prayer for our parish prayer line please contact the parish office or Linda at 677.3269. For evening requests call Darlene 453.0157 or email: bfa1414@yahoo.com Please continue to pray for all of our sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and all of the personal intentions that St Mary's Parish parishioners hold close to their hearts.



Knight's of Columbus #11581 News

Breakfast & Blood Drive ~ Feb 12, 2023

- Breakfast will be served 9AM till noon.**
The price will be \$8 for adults. \$6 for seniors and \$4 for kids 5-11. Come out and support our Knights!
- Blood Drive will be from 8:30 to 1:00**

Register Here: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/144764

Or watch for sign up forms available in the Narthex.

For more info please contact Grand Knight: Rob Rander: robrander82@gmail.com



Lent & Easter Church Decorating Volunteers Needed

Would you like to help create a prayerful environment here in our church worship space? We need help with decorating during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. No experience required. You would be responsible for setting up and watering the flowers through out Lent, Holy Week and Easter. You would also help with Putting up Lent and Easter Banners as needed. All members of our faith community, high school age or older, are eligible to be a part of this ministry. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in helping.



Save the Dates

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Feb 12 | Knights of Columbus #11581 Community Breakfast and Blood Drive 8AM St Mary |
| Feb 22 | Ash Wednesday 9AM Mass St Michael / 7PM Mass St Mary |
| Feb 24 | Stations of the Cross 7PM St Mary / 7PM St Michael |
| March 2 | 40 Days for Life- Cluster Day of Prayer 7AM-7PM Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street |
| March 3, 10, 17, 24 | Stations of the Cross 7PM St Mary / 7PM St Michael |
| March 23 | The Light is On for You, An Evening of Penance (Diocese Wide) 5:00PM to 8:00PM St Mary |
| March 25 | Soup Supper 5:30PM St Mary Parish Hall. (Join us for 4:30PM Mass prior) |
| March 31 | OUTSIDE Stations of the Cross at The St Mary Meditation Path Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Councils #11581 & 9909) |

Giving Back to God

| | Jan 27/28 |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Regular Contributions | \$2900.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$100.00 |
| Online Contributions | \$2736.00 |
| Children's Contributions | \$12.00 |
| Total | \$5748.00 |

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

St. Mary's Sponsor of the Week

SOBIE MEATS

Tim & Teresa Sobie ~ 616.453.7201 ~ 3450 Remembrance Rd. NW

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN!

Welcome to the Cluster Parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News— Thank you to our 8 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$46.00.

A Fun Night of Trivia —

At St. Michael's, on Feb. 11, 7-9 PM. Teams of 8 or less, please bring a snack to share and your own drink. Signup in the glass hallway.



Festival Planning Meeting — There will be an informational/planning meeting for 2023's Annual Festival, on Sunday, February 26, after 8:30 AM Mass, in the church. If you are interested in chairing an event this year, or adding input to the planning process, we would love to see you there! Please save the date for this year's festival: Sunday, August 27!



Knights of Columbus News

The Knights of Columbus welcome and value Catholic men seeking community and ways to put their faith into action. If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus, it is a very simple application process. You can go online to KofC.org/joinus and fill out the information requested, putting in our Council #9909 where asked. We will have Knights available in the back of church after both Masses on Sunday, February 12th, to assist you. Come and see us for more information!

St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word: this program is offered during Sunday morning Masses. Children 3-9 years old are welcome to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. We include the Gospel Acclamation so children understand the importance of preparing our mind and heart for the Gospel reading. In today's Gospel Jesus said we are like salt. Salt helps bring out the good flavor in foods. When we let God's goodness shine in us, we help bring out the goodness in others. Like a lamp shines light for everyone, we shine God's goodness on others when we are loving and kind.

Elementary Faith Formation: This program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:15- 7:30 pm.

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass, from 9:45 to 11:15 in the Youth Room. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation during that time. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they continue to prepare for Confirmation.

St. Michael's Parish Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Marvin Hecksel, Carmen Dietrich, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Ken Heflin, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Paula Racziewicz-Kelly
by Pam Racziewicz

St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Come see what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—11:45 am (Mon. 8:45am-2:30pm for 4-year-olds). For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026.



TV's For Sale — St. Michael's has two "barely used" big screen TV's for sale, \$50 each. (Not smart TV's.) Call the Parish Office for info.

Parish Prayer Line—

If you would like to request a prayer for our parish prayer line please contact Chris Albrecht at 616-403-7110. We are also looking for more parishioners to help with our prayer line phone chain. If you are willing to help call others with prayer requests that come into our prayer line, please contact Chris at the number listed above.



What is it? The PaperGator® is a fundraiser where St. Michael's is paid to collect paper products for recycling.

What CAN go in the bins?

Newsprint
Catalogs/Magazines
Junk Mail
Phone Books
Office/School paper
Hard and soft cover books

What CANNOT go in the bins?

Paperboard
(Grocery Item boxes)
Plastic
Metal
Trash
Glass
Cardboard

Giving Back to God

January 29, 2023

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$13,750.00 |
| Loose Cash | \$118.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$39.25 |
| Holy Day | \$25.00 |
| Total | \$13,932.25 |
| Building Fund | \$25.00 |

Thank you for your continued support!

February 5, 2023 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

LIVING GOD'S WORD

DAVID M.
KNIGHT

Mercy and Light

Isaiah tells his listeners to share their bread and shelter the homeless. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn." And not only light, but help will come from God: "Your healing shall spring up quickly. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer..." This light is not only for us but for the whole world. Isaiah goes on to give the promise which the Church quotes on Epiphany: "For darkness shall cover the earth, but the LORD will arise upon you... Nations shall come to your light." (Isaiah 60:3).

Jesus said to us, "You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." This command brings us back to the works of mercy. If we share, shelter, clothe and help all those in need, God's light will shine in us and through us—through our actions as well as in our words.

This was the power of Saint Paul's preaching. He did not rely on "plausible words of wisdom" but on the evidence of spiritual power, "so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God." And what was this power? Paul describes it as the power of the cross; he decided to know nothing among them "except Jesus Christ, and him crucified." In other words, it was the power of love revealed, made visible, expressing itself in human flesh for the world's salvation. The power behind Paul's preaching was the mercy of God.

What will bring us, what will bring our faith community, to that level of life we desire and which God desires to give us? What will make the "light rise for us" and "break forth like the

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;
Matthew 5:13-16

dawn" to give light to all around us? Mercy. Works of mercy. Living the light in action. Sharing our bread, sheltering the homeless.

We need to think in terms of the works of mercy. The "corporal" (physical) ones are: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison, sheltering the homeless, burying the dead. The "spiritual" works

of mercy—though all are spiritual acts—are being honest with people about their sins, sharing knowledge with those who are ignorant, working with people in doubt, comforting those who feel emotional distress, loving even when wrong is done to us, forgiving every offense, praying for the living and the dead.

The physical help and spiritual help we give others makes our faith credible. We cannot expect people to "come to our light"

unless they see us first living in it.

Each parish is responsible not just for its own members but in a special way for everyone within its

*The physical help
and spiritual help
we give others
makes our
faith credible.*



boundaries. How many people live within your parish boundaries? How many are lonely? How many are elderly? What is the ethnic mix? What are their special needs and how is your parish addressing them? These especially are the ones we must think of when we read Isaiah's warning "not to turn your back on your kin."

Who will lead us in addressing these needs? The Holy Spirit, if we ask. Through whom? Not just through the pastor! Through anyone in the parish open to the Spirit's voice. We are the Church; we are the parish, all of us. No one of us is more called to the works of mercy than another is. So, what do we do?

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Fifth Week of the Year

Pray daily: Lord, you came to make us the salt of the earth, the light of the world. And you have sent us to heal the wounds of the world, so that all people may walk in the gladness of your light. Have mercy and make me your mercy to all I meet. Amen

Monday: Mark 6:53-56. "People rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was." When there is a talk or reconciliation service in your parish, do you go looking for someone to invite to it?

Tuesday: Mark 7:1-13. Jesus said, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites... 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'" Do you pray at Mass for anything that you are reluctant to act on after Mass?

Wednesday: Mark 7:14-23. "There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." Can thoughts or feelings that just come to you defile you? Why is it that free choices come only from within a person?

Thursday: Mark 7:24-30. She replied, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." How much of what is offered to you in the Church, in your parish, do you leave untouched?

Friday: Mark 7:31-37. Jesus "said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly." The word *Ephphatha* was probably spoken over you at Baptism. Do you know what prayer was said for you then?

Saturday: Mark 8:1-10. When a great crowd of people had nothing to eat, Jesus called the disciples and said, "I have compassion for the crowd..." When you think of people without Eucharist, do you think of Jesus saying this?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Light a candle where you pray or put a container of salt where you work to remind you that Jesus calls you to be the light and salt of the earth.

As Disciple: Every day for a week write down one way in which you are closed to the teaching of Jesus. Make appropriate changes.

As Prophet: Look at one detail of your lifestyle and ask, "Is this how the salt of the earth acts? How does this give light to the world?"

As Priest: Identify one person who may be tempted not to believe in God because of some personal or family difficulty. Try to minister respectfully to that person.

As King: Each time you make a decision, ask yourself, "What value or attitude is guiding this decision?" Then look at the decision in the light of Christ's teaching and change it if necessary.

| | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| <p>Harmony Floral & Plant Designs Krystal Brown, Owner 270 Main St. 616-837-8525 Mycoopervillefloral.com</p> | <p>QUICK PRINTING CO. "We Print Almost Everything" Lori & Mark Weyers, Parishioners 2642 S Division (2 Bkls. N of 28th St.) 241-0506 • info@QPCo.com</p> | <p>SUPERIOR MONUMENT "High Quality Granite & Bronze Grave Markers At Affordable Prices" Ruth Brown, Parishioner 2470 ARTHUR 677-5921</p> | <p>DESIGN & MANUFACTURING SALES & SERVICE PHIL BROWN WELDING CORP. FARM & HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT 4750 - 8 Mile Rd. NW • Conklin 784-3046 www.philbrownwelding.com</p> | <p>FOX CHEVROLET Only the Best Nick Bravata Bill Gavin BGavin@foxmotors.com www.foxchevrolet.com 616-891-8104 NEW & USED CARS TRUCKS • LEASING 5977 ALPINE • COMSTOCK PARK 632 E MAIN ST. • CALEDONIA</p> | <p>Arsulowicz Brothers MORTUARIES INC. "Family Owned & Operated" 458-1297 PRE-ARRANGEMENTS AVAILABLE David M. Shabluk, D.D.S. Marrielle May, D.D.S. GENERAL DENTISTRY 706 W. Randal Street Coopersville, MI 49404 Office Hours by Appointment 616 837-6521</p> |
| <p>Your Church is closer than you think... Visit DISCOVERMASS com</p> | <p>ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY Enrolling PreK - 8th saparish.com • 616.453.8229 ALL ARE WELCOME</p> | <p>"Salt Is All We Do!" Chulski's Salt Service 616-677-1700 616-677-3893 616-677-5164 Commercial and Residential • Prompt Delivery • Water Softener Salts • Pool Salt • Deicing Salts / 24 Hour Availability • Quantity Discounts • Competitive Prices • Locally Owned and Operated www.chulskisaltservice.com</p> | <p>THE STONE ZONE Sales & Custom Cutting of: Limestone • Marble • Slate also Building & Landscape Stone 677-3112 14100 IRONWOOD DR.</p> | <p>NORTHERN Physical Therapy Nyrehab PHYSICAL THERAPY Schedule a Free Consultation northernpts.com or 997-6172 Gina Otterbein, Parishioner</p> | <p>CONTRACT ELECTRIC CO., INC. • RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL 59 Years in Business 784-2393</p> |
| <p>Home of the Original Beef Sigler! STEHOUWER'S FROZEN FOODS INC Tim May, President 2055 Bristol Ave NW • 616.453.2471 stehouwerfrozenfoods.com</p> | <p>DONNA'S CATERING Owners: Jim & Bobbi Poley Meals created with pride P.O. Box 362 Marne, MI 49435 (231) 853-6193 Interurban Depot Café Located Downtown Marne Mon.- Fri. 7:00 am - 2:30 pm Sat. 7 am - Noon Sun. 8 am - 1 pm (616) 677-1280</p> | <p>CUSTOM CAULKING, INC. & WATERPROOFING 677-3999 customcaulking.com</p> | <p>THE PICKLE BACK 616-677-5180 Downtown, Marne</p> | <p>RE/MAX Kelly Spence Parishioner kellyspence Realtor@gmail.com divorcethyhouse.com 616-250-1203</p> | <p>THE PICKLE BACK YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BAR THE PICKLE BACK MARNE, MICHIGAN • EST. 2014</p> |
| <p>GEORGE HOFACKER LAWN & GARDEN EQUIPMENT Residential-Commercial Lawn Equip. Sales • Service • Sharpening TRY BEFORE YOU BUY SNAPPER • ARIENS • HONDA GRASSHOPPER • DIXIECHOPPS Complete Engine Rebuilding Service 3633 4 MILE RD. NW 784-2998</p> | <p>SOBIE MEATS Let Us MEAT Your Needs TIM & TERESA SOBIE Locally raised beef & pork Tues-Fri 8-6 • Sat 8-5 • Closed Sun-Mon 3450 Remembrance Rd. NW BEEF • PORK • CHICKEN • STEAKS KIELBASA • SAUSAGES • JERKY • BACON Good Ol' Fashioned Service! 616-453-7201</p> | <p>RIDGE HEATING & COOLING Relationship-based business at an affordable price Rinke-Family Owned Parishioners 616.520.8505 RidgeHeatandCool.com</p> | <p>THROOP FUNERAL HOME 214 Church Coopersville 837-8161</p> | <p>SCHNEIDER TIRE OUTLET, INC. Cooper • Carlisle Nokian • Hankook 1454 Franklin St. 677-5202</p> | <p>Putt Bar You're Only a Stranger Once! C'mon Down and Say Hi! GRAND RAPIDS MI The Fischer Family 774-9129 • 1148 W Fulton</p> |
| <p>catholicmatch® Michigan CatholicMatch.com/goMI</p> | <p>Brouwer Tree Service, LLC RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL Complete Tree & Stump Removal 616.784.7086 50 Years of Experience • Insured • 4653 Gibbs NW</p> | <p>VITO DOLCI REAL ESTATE Parishioner 616.791.1010 vito@dolcigroup.com dolcigroup.com five star* REAL ESTATE LEADERS 4601 Lake Michigan Dr</p> | <p>For Advertising Information Contact: Andrew Beadling 616.446.6892</p> | <p>myParish The App for Catholic Life Every Day www.myParishApp.com Available on the App Store ANDROID APP ON Google play</p> | <p>Van Dyken MECHANICAL, INC. 4275 Spartan Industrial Drive Grandville 224-7030</p> |
| <p>River City Insurance Group Auto, Home, Life, Farm, Medicare Plans 616-677-3136 14637 16th Ave. • Marne, MI 49435</p> | <p>CHC Coopersville Heating & Cooling Mark Janose (616) 837-1312 Don Janose (616) 292-3344</p> | <p>Zoko TEAM five star* REAL ESTATE LEADERS 616-901-9632 ZOKOTEAM.COM "OUR WORK ISN'T DONE TILL EVERY CLIENT FEELS LIKE FAMILY"</p> | <p>Fuels Lubricants Alt OIL CO. COOPERSVILLE, MI EST. 1983 616-837-6633 Tim and Ed Alt</p> | <p>Daniel's Hair Salon & Tanning 323 Main St. • Coopersville 837-6617</p> | <p>STEVE MOERMAN RYAN MOERMAN Termite & Pest Control MOERMAN PEST CONTROL MICHIGAN TERMITE SERVICE INC. CELL: (616) 350-5347 BUS: (616) 735-1840</p> |
| <p>HERITAGE Life Story Funeral Homes ALT & SHAWMUT HILLS CHAPEL VAN STRIEN - CRESTON CHAPEL 616-453-8263</p> | <p>Rodenhouse Body Shop VAUGHN & PATTY STEVENS 3949 Remembrance Rd. www.rodenhouse.com 453-4547 • Fax: 453-6406</p> | <p>HERITAGE Life Story Funeral Homes ALT & SHAWMUT HILLS CHAPEL VAN STRIEN - CRESTON CHAPEL 616-453-8263</p> | <p>Daniel's Hair Salon & Tanning 323 Main St. • Coopersville 837-6617</p> | <p>HERITAGE Life Story Funeral Homes ALT & SHAWMUT HILLS CHAPEL VAN STRIEN - CRESTON CHAPEL 616-453-8263</p> | <p>HERITAGE Life Story Funeral Homes ALT & SHAWMUT HILLS CHAPEL VAN STRIEN - CRESTON CHAPEL 616-453-8263</p> |

