

Saint Mary's Church

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July 2, 2023 ~ The 13th 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

Tuesday 2:00 PM—3:00 PM St Mary

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.*

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Finance Council:

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

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Prayer Line:

Parish Office 616.677.3934
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Our Cluster Parish:

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 1

4:30PM † Joseph Harlett by M/M Jim Harlett **MA**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday July 2

8:30AM † Emil O'Bradovich by Family **MI**
 10:30AM † Joseph Harlett by M/M Jim Harlett..... **MA**
 4:30PM † Edna Schumaker by Curt & Joan Kutchin **MI**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

Monday July 3 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

Tuesday July 4 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

Wednesday July 5 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

Thursday July 6 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

Friday July 7 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

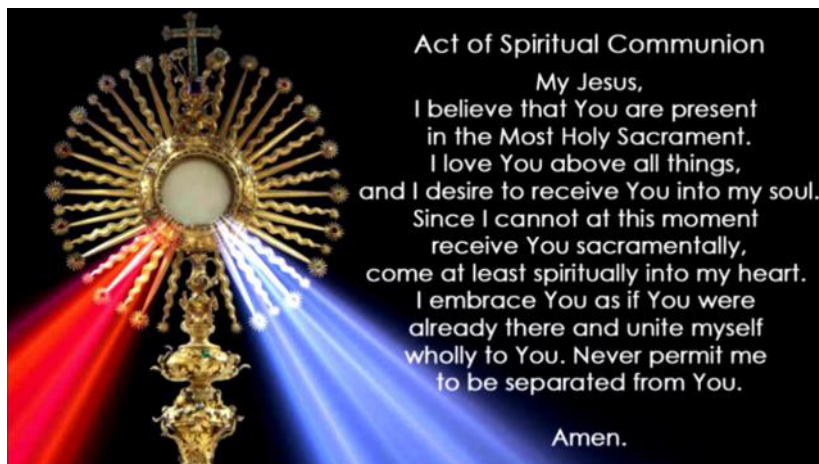
Saturday July 8

4:30PM † Fred Gorton by The Knights of Columbus #11581 ... **MA**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday July 9

8:30AM † Phyllis Gross by Dave & Sharon Carlson **MI**
 10:30AM † Pat O'Connor by M/M Joe Jirous..... **MA**
 4:30PM † Elaine Schoenborn by John & Ann Schoenborn **MI**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

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



For the Week of July 2, 2023

Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Monday Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle
 Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Pope, and Saint. Elizabeth of Portugal

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
 Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	July 9 / 8:30 AM	July 9 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Lauren Meerman Alivia Kosten	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Denise Parish Andrew Bonter Sharon Carlson Chris Albrecht Zach Nelson Jennie Taylor NEED ONE	Greg Helsen NEED ONE
Lector	Lyndsey Kosten	Mark Phillips
Sacristan	Sue DeVos	NEED ONE
Ushers	Dave Tronovich Deb Tronovich Mary Bueche Ray Maka	Greg Helsen NEED ONE
Music	Anna Jonaitis	Anna Jonaitis

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	July 8 - 4:30PM	July 9- 10:30AM
Sacristan	Need One	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Bryson Potts MJ Potts	Calvin Davis Hannah Davis
Precious Body	Deacon Tom Steve Lampe Julie Lothschutz	Jim Looks Marian Looks Need One
Precious Blood	Austin Lampe Angie Hanks Geary Farrell Mary Kirkwood	Margie Jirous Christina Withers Janette Ney Need One
Hospitality	Lisa Potts Matt Potts Madison Potts Michelle Lampe	Jeanne Leale Rick Leale Anthony Leale Nettie Leale
Lector	Vito Dolci	John Klein
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko



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in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Matthew 10:38

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Back to School Bash 2023

August 22, 2023 - 5PM -7PM

St Mary-St Michael and other local Churches and area businesses of Coopersville are hosting the 2023 Back To School Bash to celebrate and bless the schools, teachers, students, families, administrators, and the community as they head back to school this Fall. This **Free Family Event** will feature bounce houses, games, food, and much more! Come on out for a great family fun night at Vet's Park in Coopersville!



Made for More Event

Join us for a very well done nationally known event called, Made for More. Made for More is about Theology of the Body. Guest Speaker; Christopher West. This event is for all adults but is also good for families with teens. St. Mary and St. Michael are co-hosting this event with St. Mary, Spring Lake, MI. For more information please contact Rebecca Chicklon or Debbie Veneklasen Debbie: 616-384-4026 or childrensministry@stmichaels.us Rebecca: 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org



Fr. Mike's Musings



"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." (Psalm 110:4) These words were understood by the early Church as being prophetic of the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Melchizedek was a pagan king and priest who offered bread and wine in sacrifice to the one "God most High" in the presence of the patriarch Abraham. In return Abraham gave gifts and a promise of protection to Melchizedek and his people, thus acknowledging that the sacrifice was honorable and acceptable to the God of the earth. This practice, and the Last Supper of Christ, is clearly the template on which the current day Eucharistic celebration is modelled.

The Catholic Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, views the Eucharist as the divine transforming of ordinary bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood. It is the ordained function of priests of the Church to continue this sacrificial mission (priest) of Jesus as well as His missions of prophecy (prophet) and leadership (king) in the world.

In the priestly ministry ordained priests confect and celebrate the Sacraments and lead their parish communities in worship. The greatest privilege given a priest is to pray the words of Christ over the offered gifts of bread and wine: "This is my Body. This is my Blood." Priests are also responsible to baptize, confirm (when delegated by the Bishop), hear confessions, marry couples, anoint the sick and dying, and bury the dead. Priests have also taken a vow to pray the Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours seven times over the course of each day. This prayer cycle not only continuously gives glory to God, but also beseeches His mercy for those in the world who cannot or will not pray for themselves and others.

The prophetic ministry is accomplished by preaching, teaching both young people and adults the doctrines and values of the faith, and by staying true to the faith in conversations or debates with the curious, the questioning, and non-believers. Priests are the responsible custodians and guardians of the truth and Sacraments of Christ and His Church.

Priests facilitate the kingly ministry of Christ by serving as administrators in an assigned parish(es). They work with councils and other organizations to keep the parish community functioning as effectively as possible. They also cooperate with other priests in nearby parishes and throughout the diocese to coordinate the work of the Church throughout the diocesan territories.

In all that ordained priests must be and do, they must always be mindful that they are following in the footsteps of Christ, the 'Good Shepherd'. They have the responsibility and the privilege of extending His compassion, kindness, and generosity to the world—Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Being human, priests can fail, just as married couples can fail to reflect their love to their families and to the world, and sometimes even to one another. At one time priests were placed on a pedestal as if their vocation raised them up into a sort of untouchable state of sanctity. It was not so then and it is not so now. Priests have the same weaknesses and foibles as other human beings and struggle with the same appetites and temptations. They depend upon the grace of Christ to guide them and carry them through from one day to the next. What is especially needed is the support, love, and prayers of their families, friends, and the faithful. The vocation of the priest is one of love, the only reward to be sought by a priest is to have that love shared with all because it is rooted in Christ, who is God, and "God is love". (1 John 4:8)

Please Note:

Fr Mike will be away from the office July 3- July 7. Please be sure to make appointment prior to those days if you need to speak with him. During the time he is away, if an emergency arises, please call the emergency line 1.616.745.1409. We do have priests available during that time if needed. -

No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions - July 3 - July 7

St Mary Parish Office & St Michael Parish Office will be closed July 3 & 4!

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry (6-12 Grade) Summer Activities for Youth

Youth may engage in a Mission Trip, Steubenville Trip, help with Vacation Bible School, Michigan Adventure Trip and engage in Parish service projects and other fun day trips! Some of these options are for High School aged Youth and some are for Middle School Youth and some are for both. Dates and times have been sent out in email. If you're not on the Youth Ministry email and would like to be, please contact Rebecca. After May 21, Middle School Youth are those entering 6-8 grade next fall and High School Youth are those entering 9th grade through 12 grade next fall, as well as, those newly graduated. For more information and/or dates please contact Rebecca.



Questions or comments

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

Please Pray for our Engaged Couples

Joe Heminger & Laura Wierman.....July 22, 2023 (St Michael)
Wyatt VanDyke & Olivia Killebrew..... July 29, 2023 (St Michael)
Christian Hall & Kayleigh Kutchin August 25, 2023 (St Michael)
Marissa McDonald & Christopher Barczak.....October 7, 2023 (St Mary)

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

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St. Mary's Parish News

Religious Education

2023-24 Sacrament Prep:

It's time to save your child's spot for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation preparation. Please contact Rebecca Chicklon to register. Thank you.

Religious Education meets on Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m. and will resume in September.

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets during the 10:30 a.m. Mass and will resume in the fall.

Questions or comments:

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

High School Youth Ministry

See Cluster Page for more information.

**CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
July 3 & 4**

School Supply Drive

Our Lady of Fatima Guild is hosting their annual school supply drive. Donations of backpacks, lunch boxes, pencils, notebooks, markers, and other school supplies would be appreciated. *Donations will be collected July 22- through Aug 14.* There will be a box in the Narthex to place your donations.



Save the Dates

July - Aug	School Supply Drive
August 4	Mass of Hope, Health and Healing-7PM
August 22	Back to School Bash-Vets Park 5PM
Sep 10	Parish Picnic (watch for more info)
Sept 12-16	Parish Directory Pictures- Watch for Sign Ups and more Info.
October 8	Knights of Columbus Councils Breakfast & Blood Drive

Catholic Service Appeal 2023

Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Remember that any amount collected over the goal will stay in the parish. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. Learn more at GRdiocese.org/CSA

CSA 2023 Pledge Goal: \$51,834.00

Total Pledges Made: \$37,310.00 (72%)

Balance: \$14,524.00

Participation: 102 of 292 Active Households (35%)

Totals as of June 26, 2023

Thank you for your stewardship



PREGNANCY HELP Baby Bottle Drive!

Please Return Bottles.. Empty or Full Thank You.

A Prayer for Independence Day

GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, LET YOUR SPIRIT BE WITH US TODAY. HEAR OUR PRAYERS, AND INCREASE IN US THE WILL TO FOLLOW YOUR SON JESUS. HELP US TO DRAW ON THE RESOURCES OF OUR FAITH AS WE USE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF OUR DEMOCRACY TO SHAPE A SOCIETY MORE RESPECTFUL OF THE LIFE, DIGNITY, AND RIGHTS OF THE HUMAN PERSON, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND VULNERABLE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.



Meal Train for Fr Mike

Fr Mike has been enjoying his weekly homemade meals from our Parish Family. THANK YOU to everyone that has prepared a meal for him. It is very much appreciated. We have TWO open dates in July. Can you take one of them? It really is as easy as making an extra serving of whatever you are making for dinner. Put it in a microwavable container and drop it off at the Parish Office on our way to (or home) from work.. (Sign up online: or call the parish office)

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8vv97n>



Stay Connected & Informed

Do we have the right personal information on file? Did you get rid of your land line? Do you have a new cell phone number? Do we have your most recent email address on file? Are you getting your "Church News" emails from the office? If not, be sure to call the Parish Office and update your contact information with us.



Knights of Columbus #11581 News

Due to the Holiday and The Berlin Fair the July Meeting will be moved to July 13 at 7PM at the Parish Hall.

Save the Date: October 8

Community Breakfast and Blood Drive Register here: <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/>



Giving Back to God

	June 24/25
Regular Contributions	\$3812.36
Capital Improvement	\$80.00
Online Contributions	\$1125.00
Children's Contributions	\$10.00
Total	\$5027.36

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News— Thank you to our 10 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$53.32.

2023 Vacation Bible School — **STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!**

July 24-28th, from 6-8:30 pm.

Registration forms are in the narthex and on parish website. Many volunteers are needed! If interested please contact Debbie Veneklas with any questions. (616)384-4026. We are looking for donations for VBS. If you are willing to make a donation for teen snacks, please contact Debbie at 616-384-4026.



CSA 2023 — Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Our parish goal for 2023 is \$59,280.00 and 100% participation, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. To date, we have pledged \$40,125.00 (or 67.69%) toward our goal. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.



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. Now enrolling for the 2023-24 school year!



St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Our program is now on summer break. CLW will resume in September.

Elementary Faith Formation: Grades 1-5 are now on Summer Break. Classes will resume in September.

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 are on Summer Break. Classes will resume in September.

St. Michael's Parish Family

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

St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp



for +John VanDenBrink
by his wife

Finance Council —

The Finance Council will have an opening that will need to be filled, beginning in July, 2023. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Business Manager, Cindy Lindberg, at (616) 384-4026 or bsmgr@saintmichaels.us. You may contact Cindy or Fr. Mike if you have any questions or would like to discuss the opening.



Parish Directory — We will be updating our parish directory this year, and we want you to be included! Stay tuned for more details to come on our photo-taking schedule!



St. Michael's Chicken Dinner

Come one, come all. Our parish festival is August 27, 2023! We will have big raffle, chicken dinner, mini-affle, kid's tent, grocery wheel . . . something for all ages! We will need many volunteers to help out. This year, we are looking for a lead chairperson for the large raffle. Please contact our co-chairs, Cindy Lindberg (616-822-1213) or Jenny Lindberg (616-862-3588), to see how you can volunteer to make this year's festival a huge success!



Giving Back to God

June 25, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$2,404.00
Loose Cash	\$114.00
Children's Envelopes	\$8.00
Total	\$2,526.00
Building Fund	\$775.00
Financial Assistance	\$30.00

Thank you for your continued support!

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Seeing and Saying Truth

Jesus tells us that recognition is the key to reward: recognition of prophets and disciples, recognition of his own presence in others, recognition of ourselves as his Body on earth, dedicated to living his divine life in our human flesh and fulfilling his divine mission in our human circumstances.

Saint Paul tells us that we were all baptized into Christ Jesus: baptized into his death, buried with him and raised up with him to live a new life as the members of his risen Body on earth. We are not just human; we are divine. We are expected to live our human lives on this earth on a Godlike level. Our ground-level activity should be a manifestation of the presence of God in us—as that of Jesus was.

The more we realize this, the more likely we are to live it. The more aware we are of the mystery of Christ's presence in us, the more likely we are to let that presence reveal itself in our words and actions. The more radically we believe that we are the Body of Christ, the more we will act like the Body of Christ. Awareness prepares us to act.

This is why we use titles and show special signs of respect for others: It is to remind us of a reality that we might overlook. We use titles such as *Mr.* and *Mrs.*, *Dad* and *Mom*, *Darling* and *Dear*, or even *Ole Buddy*. They are all to remind us of what another person is and means to us.

We need to recognize that some titles can be used just for the sake of prestige, even to imply that some people are superior to others. These titles do not express a Christian attitude. Jesus said, "[W]hoever wishes to be first...must be slave of all" (Mark 10:44). A good rule of thumb for Church titles is to accept and use

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2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a;
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

those which express relationship while rejecting those which simply bestow prestige. For Christians, true human superiority does not come from position or rank, or even from talents or accomplishments. There is only one way to become authentically a better human being, and that is to become more like Jesus Christ, who "came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Those ready

to "lose their lives"—or the self-image based on prestige or success—in response to Jesus' teaching and example will "find their lives" and discover their true value and identity as children of God.

When Jesus said, "[C]all no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven" (Matthew 23:9), and gave the same teaching about rabbi and instructor, titles were not the focus of his concern. We still

call our fathers "Father" and our teachers "Professor" or "Doctor." What Jesus meant was that we should not see any earthly relationship as ultimate, as if we owed so much respect to our fathers and mothers that we should please them rather than God. He said, "Who-

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ever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” We should be on guard against being so impressed by the brilliance of human teachers that we put more faith in their opinions than in the teaching of God. (See Matthew 20:25-28; 23:6-12; Mark 9:35.)

Yet we constantly accept the attitudes and values of our culture, especially those approved by the people we respect, even when these attitudes and values contradict the gospel. There are Christians who would not call a priest “Father” for anything on earth, but they are so subservient to cultural prejudices that they do not accept people of other races or ethnic origins as brothers and sisters in God’s family.

Christians readily take a military oath to kill others on command, putting blind trust in an officer’s judgment about the morality of a particular mission or a president’s judgment about the morality of going to war. People who think Jesus is just talking about titles here are focusing on the gnat and missing the camel (see Matthew 23:24)!

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK’S GOSPELS

Thirteenth Week of the Year

***Pray daily:** Lord, you call us to life in its fullness. You invite us to live in constant awareness of your love for us and your presence within us. You call us to find our value in being your body on earth, your coworkers. Don’t let me be distracted by anything less than this. Amen.*

Monday: Matthew 8:18-22. Jesus answered a would-be disciple, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.” When it comes to following Jesus, how much concern do you have about the opinions of other people?

Tuesday: Matthew 8:23-27. Jesus said to his disciples, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” What, whom do you worry about? What does this say about your beliefs?

Wednesday: Matthew 8:28-34. “Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.” When would you prefer not to have Jesus around? Not to think about him?

Thursday: Matthew 9:1-8. “For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk?’” Do you believe more in the power of medicines to heal your body than in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation to heal your soul? Which do you use more?

Friday: Matthew 9:9-13. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When you are with friends who are not especially religious, are you ashamed to have Jesus around? How can you make him noticeably present?

Saturday: Matthew 9:14-17. Jesus answered them, “The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they?” When you submit to sadness, worry, discouragement, in what sense is Jesus not with you? How can you let him be with you?

LIVING THIS WEEK’S GOSPELS

As Christian: Wear or put where you work some visible symbol that says who Jesus Christ is to you.

As Disciple: Set aside definite times each day, each year (for example, time for a retreat) to read, hear and reflect on the teaching of Jesus.

As Prophet: Ask yourself whose opinion blocks you most from living the gospel as you desire. Talk to that person frankly about your religious beliefs.

As Priest: Each day choose one person to minister to. It does not have to be obvious.

As King: Pretend you are a supervisor for the Kingdom of God. (You are!) Make a report to the Lord on what needs to be changed around you and how you will try to do it.

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