

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am



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Monday - Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm

Fr. George Darling, Pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is required.

Preparation session required. Contact the parish office for details.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months prior to the preferred wedding date.

Marriage preparation sessions are required.

PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.

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Matthew 13:29-30

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat, July 22 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Special intention for David Stark
Sun, July 23 9:00 am 11:00 am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Ted & Esther Szotko
Mon, July 24	WEEKDAY No Mass
Tues, July 25 8:30 am	ST. JAMES, APOSTLE Special Intention
Wed, July 26 8:30 am	Ss JOACHIM & ANNE, PARENTS OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Patricia Antor
Thurs, July 27 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Madaline Lydell
Fri, July 28	WEEKDAY No Mass
Sat, July 29 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Leo Boruta
Sun, July 30 9:00 am 11:00 am	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME L/D members of the White Family Parish Family

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of July 23, 2023	
Sunday	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday	Ex 14:5-18; (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday	Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Ss Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-2
Sunday	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



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BY GEORGE....

Two weeks ago I had my six month dental appointment. I didn't go to see the dentist because I had a tooth ache, or a cavity, or had a tooth fall out, or anything negative like those events. I went to see the dentist as I do every six months for a preventive check up. The hygienist "cleans" my teeth and then polishes them with this great tasting chocolate paste of some kind. This time I was due to have x-rays taken which she did first. Then when she is done scraping on my teeth and having polished them with the chocolate paste the dentist comes in to take a look at my teeth and my tongue and mouth to make sure I don't have any cavities in the teeth or growths on the tongue or in my mouth that might be harmful to me. Then when I get my clean bill of dental health he tells me I am good for another six months. Then I drive back to the rectory.

How many of us do the same thing when we go to the dentist or to other doctors such as our primary care doctor or a specialist of some kind. The last time I saw the cardiologist he told me that he didn't need to see me in six months as we had been doing but that I didn't need to come back and see him for a year. The last time I saw my primary care doctor he told me I didn't have to come back for a year for my next physical since that is why I was there that day but he did tell me I needed to go to see one of the specialists because of a problem he had discovered. So then I saw the specialist who did his wonderful tests on me.

My point is that how many of us go to the dentist or to a doctor of some kind not because we have a problem but rather as a preventive check up such that if we have a problem of which we are not aware the doctor can catch it for us and we can treat it early instead of too late? Just like our dental health and our other physical health needs our active involvement and effort if we want to be healthy, so too the same can be said for our spiritual health. Just like some folks can get so involved in other activities that they neglect their physical health and neglect it so long that the heart attack or diagnosis of cancer is what it finally takes to get their attention, so the same can be true of ourselves with regard to our spiritual health. Do we need to wait for mortal sin to wake us up from our vanity? That suggests that the time to make the time to give ourselves a good spiritual examination is now because whenever now is it is a good time for a spiritual examination, as well as Lent is a good time, as well as now is summer and summer is a good time as for many people things slow down in the summer. School is not in session for children. Often families take a vacation away from work or other activities. The days seem to be longer when in reality we just have more hours of sunlight but therefore more hours to be awake than in the dreary darkness of December. Now is always the best of times for a spiritual examination, but now especially since now are the dog days of summer when we live in the light instead of in the darkness.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tue July 25: 6:00pm **Summer Euchre, MPR**
Thurs July 27: 6:30pm **Ladies Revive Basketball Group, Family Center**

SUMMER EUCHRE

Tuesday, July 25th at 6pm in the Church multi-purpose room. Hors D'oeuvres and snacks are welcome. Partners are not needed; family and friends are invited. If you want, you can RSVP to Marie LeMire, 616-260-4685.

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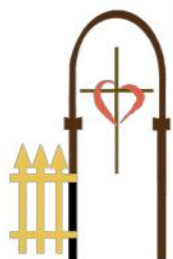
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Due to Darrell Beckwith's scheduled vacation, this week's Stewardship is not available. The collection information from the weekend of July 15 & 16 will be published in next week's bulletin.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Nola Alkasses. Cards may be sent to MediLodge of Grand Rapids, 2000 Leonard NE #218, 49505. Let Nola know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



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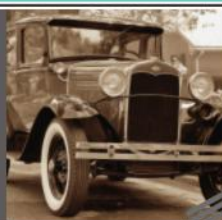
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