

SAINT MARY of the Assumption



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ JULY 11, 2021

“Cast all your anxiety on him...”

– Fr. Bosco Padamattummal –

THE FIRST READING (Amos 7:12-15) WARNS US that our witnessing mission will be rejected, as happened to the Old Testament prophets like Amos. He was ordered by Amaziah, the angry chief priest serving in the Northern Kingdom of Israel at Bethel, to take his prophesying back to his own country, the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Amos defended his prophetic role with courage, clarifying that it was not his choice but his God’s choice to elevate him from a shepherd and tree-dresser to a prophet. Like Amos, we are chosen by God, through the mystery of Divine adoption in Jesus, to become missionaries and to preach the “Good News,” mainly by Christian witnessing.

Today’s Gospel (Mark 6:7-13) reports the instruction Jesus gave his disciples for their first mission: They should be walking illustrations of God’s love and providence in action. By doing so, they would also have maximum freedom and minimum burdens in their preaching and healing ministry. They should preach repentance – a change of heart and a change of action taking people from a self-centered life to a God-centered life. Statistics tell us that most people who come to join a Church do so because a friend or relative brought them. So, the best advertisement for any Church is the number of the faithful – men, women, and children – whose daily lives show forth some of the radiance of the Gospel.

There is a story of a farmer who hired a carpenter to help him restore his old

farmhouse. The carpenter’s first day on the job was a rough one. He arrived late to work because he had a flat tire, halfway through the work his electric saw broke, and at the end of the workday his old pickup truck refused to start. The farmer had to drive him home.

Arriving home, the carpenter invited the farmer in to meet his family. As they walked toward the front door, the carpenter paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. He then opened the door and was beaming with smiles as he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterward he walked the farmer to the car. As they passed the tree the farmer’s curiosity got the better of him. So he decided to ask — *continued on p. 2*



All Hands on Deck!

Let's make 2021 the BEST
St. Mary's Ice Cream Social ever!!!

Thursday, July 22 • 4:30-7:30pm

♦ If you haven't yet, please sign up to help! ♦



St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ♦ July 10–18, 2021
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

SAT. JULY 10	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a • Mt 10:24-33	3:30-4:30pm Confession ▶ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: † Gerald Damian [Claudia Damian]
SUN. JULY 11	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ▶ 8:30am MASS: For the People ▶ 10:30am MASS: † Tom Burch [Marlene Lentz]
MON. JULY 12	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest) (opt. mem. St. Elizabeth of Portugal)</i>
Gn 28:10-22a Mt 9:18-26	▶ No Monday Masses in Manchester during the summer months
TUES. JULY 13	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. St. Henry)</i>
Gn 32:23-33 Mt 9:32-38	▶ 8:30pm MASS: † Mitch Zink [Eric Zink]
WED. JULY 14	<i>Memorial: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</i>
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Mt 10:1-7	▶ 8:30pm MASS: In loving memory of † Bernita Aiuto, my mom [Kathy Cornell]
THUR. JULY 15	<i>Memorial: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Mt 10:7-15	▶ 8:30am MASS: † Tom Burch [Jim & Delores Bauer]
FRI. JULY 16	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. Our Lady of Mount Carmel)</i>
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 Mt 10:16-23	▶ 8:30am MASS: † Ann Becktel [Deb & Dan Burch]
SAT. JULY 17	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a • Mt 10:24-33	3:30-4:30pm Confession ▶ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: For the People
SUN. JULY 18	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 (or 1:3-10) Mk 6:7-13	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ▶ 8:30am MASS: † Eddie Walz [John & Beth Ball] ▶ 10:30am MASS: † Martin Brogley Sr. [Greg & Laurie Sanders]

FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:
"Cast all your anxiety on him..."

the carpenter about what he had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again. Funny thing is when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Having a trouble tree is the carpenter's way of dealing with daily failures and problems which can sometimes seem overwhelming. Because problems and failures are a part of life, we all need a trouble tree. That is why Jesus, as he sends out the apostles to evangelize the world around them, thought it wise to provide them with a trouble tree. "If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them" (Mark 6:11). In other words, if you try to teach the people in a particular village and you meet with failure, do not let the failure get you down. Shake off the dust from that village, go to a new village, and start again on a fresh page. Shaking off the dust from their feet is their own way of hanging their problems on the trouble tree.

Like the apostles and the wise carpenter, we need a trouble tree. Why? Because to start with, problems and failures are inevitable in the life of anyone who seeks to make a difference. But sometimes we dwell too long on past failures and allow them to rob our lives of enthusiasm and joy. Sometimes we allow the problems and pressures of the workplace ruin the peace of our family life. In order not to let this happen we need a trouble tree where we can hang and forget our troubles, at least for a while. We need, at the end of the day to be able to shake off the dust of worry and failure from our feet, knowing that tomorrow will bring with it a brand-new day with brand new opportunities. It's like baseball. Even if you lost 10-0 in yesterday's game, today it is a whole new ballgame, and the scoreboard starts at 0-0.

What happens when we do not have a trouble tree? If we have no way of shaking off the dust of yesterday's failure from our feet, the dust clings to us and accumulates and weighs us down. The result is depression and despair. We give up. We quit instead of going to a new village, to a new project. But Jesus does not want us to be quitters. He wants us to be women and men who begin again each new day. New day, new challenges, new opportunities!

Dear brothers and sisters, as people of God, today is a good day to thank God for making provision for our failures, our weaknesses, our imperfections. Faithful men and women of God are not those who are perfect and makes no mistakes; they are those who realize their mistakes, acknowledge them, deal with them, put them behind and move on, beginning again each dawning day with a new hope.

God in his mercy has provided us with a trouble tree: CHRIST. He himself carried our sins in his body to the tree of the cross (1 Peter 2:24). Through the sacraments, especially the sacrament of reconciliation, we have access to this tree of life. We can also do it through daily prayer when we do as St Peter tells us: "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). †

Birthday Blessings!

<p>JULY 11 Patrick McGoff</p> <p>★ JULY 12 Ray Berg</p> <p>★ JULY 13 Kimberly Gouwens</p> <p>★ JULY 13 Eileen Ball</p> <p>★ JULY 13 John Nashif</p> <p>★ JULY 14 Eric Zink</p>	<p>JULY 15 Lucas Brothers Helena Zink</p> <p>★ JULY 16 John Beuerle William McNamara</p> <p>★ JULY 17 Donna Maloney</p>
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Talk on Saint Joseph at Pious Union

During this "Year of St. Joseph," the Pious Union of St. Joseph in Grass Lake has scheduled a series of talks on St. Joseph, on the 3rd Sunday of the month. This month's talk is next **Sunday, July 18** at 6pm. Come in-person or watch live on Facebook (PiousUnion/ShrineofStJoseph) or the Shrine website (www.PiousUnionOfStJoseph.org). For more info, call 517-522-8017.

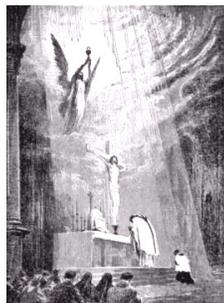


A "Pop-Up Store" here at St. Mary's!



When you come to St. Mary's Ice Cream Social on **Thurs., July 22**, from 4:30 to 7:30pm, don't forget to check out **The Country Store**. There will be handmade crafts, baked goods, fresh vegetables, and more to purchase. The Ice Cream Social and Country Store will be held on the lawn of historic St. Mary's Church in downtown Manchester. There will also be musical entertainment at the Gazebo across the street provided by The Kerrytown Stompers at 7:30pm.

The Answer to "Why We are Catholic" coming to St. Mary's in September



Beginning **Mon, Sept 13** and **Wed., Sept. 15** parishioners will have the opportunity to learn about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Six sessions entitled "**Presence: The Mystery of The Eucharist**" will be offered on consecutive...

- **Mondays after either 8:30am or noon Mass.** (Please let Fr Bosco, Deacon Dennis or Bill Kwolek know which time you prefer.)

— OR —

- **Wednesdays at 6:30pm** a second session will feature the same material.

Monday sessions will include coffee, tea, doughnuts, cookies, bagels, etc. The *Wednesday sessions* will offer a dinner meal. All sessions will include food, a video, conversation, and supplemental material you can read or view on your own.

Being Catholic means we have physical access to the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, the Son of God. The Church calls the Eucharist the "Source and Summit" of the Catholic Faith. If recent polling is accurate, 70-80% of Catholics believe the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Jesus. The Bible and 2000yrs of Catholic tradition claim the Eucharist is **really and substantially Jesus**. You are invited to find out who is telling the truth – and why it's critically important. Watch for more details in future bulletins and notifications.

Unite Our Nation Rosary Rally at Michigan's State Capitol on Tuesday, July 13

Unite Our Nation, founded by the laity, is a non-political organization formed to help bring peace and prayer to local communities and healing to our nation. A local hour of prayer, including the Rosary, has been organized as *Unite Michigan*. Please join us this coming **Tuesday, July 13**, at 3:00pm in front of the steps at the Michigan State Capitol building in Lansing where we will be led in prayer by Fr. Derda.

A public square Rosary Rally is a time to give witness to people of all races and beliefs, keep polarizing politics out, and focus on prayer to unite our nation. If you are interested in joining the leadership team or simply attending, please reach out to Sandra Sherwood at ejsherwood@charter.net. In the meantime, take a look at the *Unite Our Nation* website UniteOurNation.net to learn more and get more details on the event!

Dr. Mary Healy will be giving a talk entitled: "Chosen from Eternity to Live this Moment in Time"

This **Thurs., July 15 Men-on-Fire** presents Dr. Mary Healy, a professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit; international speaker on Scripture, evangelization, healing, and the spiritual life; general editor of the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture and author of two of its volumes. Pope Francis appointed her as one of only three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission. The event will be at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 9565 Musch Rd., Brighton. Mass at 6:15pm; presentation at 7pm; refreshments 8:00pm. All *men & women* welcome!

Rummage Sale Update

We are just weeks away from our **ANNUAL PARISH RUMMAGE SALE**, and **YOUR** help is needed!

DROP OFF DAYS/TIMES...	PRICING...	THE SALE...	CLEAN-UP...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat, July 31, Sat. Aug. 7, Sun., Aug. 1 from noon-4pm; • Weekdays from 4-7pm; and • Sun., Aug. 8 from noon-3pm. 	will be August 9-11 from 4-7pm	will be Aug. 12 and 13 from 9am-6pm, and August 14 from 9am-3pm.	will follow closing until we are finished.

There are no sign-up sheets, so please just show up to help at any of these times. Thanks! —Melissa

The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) For the repose of the soul of +Julie Walczek-Beers (Jim & Marja Warner)
- 2) For the repose of the soul of + Dramane Ramdé (Jim & Marja Warner)

Altar Flowers

JULY 11, 2021

For safe and fun-filled summer

[Anonymous]

Please Pray for...

• Kristy Raab	• Bruce Sommers
• Bill Schaffer	• Joyce Stein
• John and Pam Wils	• Loretta Widmayer
• Natalie (sister of Jane)	• Connie Stancato
• Christy Woody and family	• Annie (sister of Lynn Waldecker)
• Judy Fahey	• Art (friend of Claudia Damian)
• Barbara (Kemner) Haas	• Ollie (friend of Claudia Damian)
• Kay Lantis	• Paul Whelan (imprisoned in Russia)
• Jerry Kripas	• Michelle Lazar
• Delores Oakley	
• Joe Kirk	

Please contact the Parish Office (734-428-8811) to request prayers or to remove a name from the prayer list..

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday, June 27, 2021

Sunday Env (54) \$ 4,702.00
 Welcome & Loose 268.00
 E-Giving (8) 525.01

Combined toward budget: ... \$ 5,495.01
 Budget goal: 5,300.00
 Amt ABOVE goal: + \$ 195.01

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Bldg. & Maint (3) \$ 80.00
 Poor Box 82.82
 Votive candles 38.00

NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:
 Call (800) 57WOMAN (800-579-6626) – OR – Text for Help: "HELPLINE" to 313131

Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

NEED HELP? "COURAGE" is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email caverart@comcast.net

NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary's)