

# 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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ JULY 25, 2021

## Beyond what we ask or imagine...

— Fr. Bosco Padamattummal —

**T**HROUGH THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE LOAVES AND THE FISH, Jesus manifested in the first place that he is concerned about every human need; and secondly that he has the power to satisfy our needs; and finally that when he enters there is always abundance.

**Little Johnny was in Sunday school,** and his mother came to collect him.

“Boy,” exclaimed Johnny as he settled himself in the car, “that story of Moses and all those people crossing the Red Sea was something!”

“Tell me all about it,” said his mother.

“Well, the Israelites got out of Egypt, but Pharaoh and his army chased after them. So the Jews ran as fast as they could until they got to the Red Sea. The Egyptian Army was getting closer and closer. So Moses got on his walkie-talkie and told the Israeli Air Force to bomb the Egyptians. While that was happening, the Israeli Navy built a pontoon bridge so the people could cross over. They made it!”

The woman was shocked and asked, “Is that the way they taught you the story?”

“Well, no, not exactly,” admitted Johnny, “but if I told you the way they told it to us, you’d never believe it, Mom.”

**Little as he was, Johnny had imbibed the**

**secular mentality of our age that makes no room for miracles and spiritual realities.**

Natural faith, which is limited only to what we can observe and verify, hinders the believer from arriving at that supernatural faith without which we cannot experience the miraculous hand of God.

**In today’s gospel story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand** (John 6:1-15), John mentions two disciples by name: Philip and Andrew. These two disciples can be seen as representing two types of faith.


- Philip represents the naturalistic faith that does not allow for miracles, while
- Andrew represents supernatural faith that makes room for miracles and so makes miracles possible.

**The large crowd of people following him were hungry and needed to be fed.** Jesus

turns to Philip and asks, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” (John 6:5).

Why does Jesus turn to Philip and why does he ask him about buying bread?

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Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above,  
With wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God.

**St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ♦ July 24–August 1, 2021**  
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

**SAT. JULY 24** *Weekday (opt. mem. St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest) (opt. mem. Blessed Virgin Mary)*

Ex 24:3-8 • Mt 13:24-30

3:30-4:30pm Confession

 ➤ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 17th Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time: For the People

**SUN. JULY 25** *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

2 Kgs 4:42-44

Eph 4:1-6

Jn 6:1-15

8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession

➤ 8:30am MASS: † Don Christian

[Karen Christian]

➤ 10:30am MASS: † Dewey Van Riper

[Alice Kidd]

**MON. JULY 26** *Memorial: St. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

Mt 13:31-35

 ➤ No Monday Masses in Manchester  
 during the summer months

**TUES. JULY 27** *Weekday*

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28

Mt 13:36-43

➤ 8:30am MASS: † Thomas Burch

[June &amp; Walt Faubion and Carol Moretto]

**WED. JULY 28** *Weekday*

Ex 34:29-35

Mt 13:44-46

 ➤ 8:30am MASS: † Deceased members  
 of the Millenbach Family

[The Achtenberg Family]

**THUR. JULY 29** *Memorial: Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Jn 11:19-27 (or Lk 10:38-42)

➤ 8:30am MASS: † Dramane Ramdé

[Sam &amp; Donna Hnizdor]

**FRI. JULY 30** *Weekday (opt. mem. St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)*

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37

Mt 13:54-58

➤ 8:30am MASS: † Don Christian

[Karen Christian]

**SAT. JULY 31** *Memorial: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

Lv 25:1, 8-17 • Mt 14:1-12

12-4pm Rummage Sale Drop-off / PC

3:30-4:30pm Confession

 ➤ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 18th Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time: † Jim Shafer  
 (remembrance of his birthday)  
 [Patricia Shafer, his wife]

**SUN. AUGUST 1** *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession

➤ 8:30am MASS: For the People

➤ 10:30am MASS: † Tom Burch

[John &amp; Beth Ball]

12-4pm Rummage Sale Drop-off / PC ■

**FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:**  
*Beyond what we ask or imagine...*

Jesus probably knew that Philip in his material-mindedness could not imagine any other way of feeding the crowd except through the use of money. That is why John adds: "He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do."

Philip's answer only confirms how good he was in material computation: "Two hundred days' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." When Jesus asked Philip what to do about feeding the crowd, all Philip could see were the difficulties; he seemed reluctant to get involved in a problem that looked too big to solve. But Jesus knew what he would do and only addressed this question to Philip as a way of stirring up Philip's materialistic thinking in order, later, to disabuse him of it.

Just then Andrew, one of the disciples nearby whose faith was more expectant than Philip's, spoke up. Andrew's attitude was a bit more optimistic, although it is hard to tell what Andrew had in mind in bringing the boy forward with the loaves and fish. But he had faith in Jesus and felt it worthwhile to take a chance. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Andrew was realistic enough to know that five loaves and two fish were nothing before a crowd of 5,000 men in addition to women and children, yet he had enough faith to see that it was enough for a start.

Perhaps Andrew mentioned the fish and loaves to Jesus because he remembered the marriage feast at Cana where Jesus turned water into wine. He remembered that Jesus did not make wine out of nothing; he made it out of something. And it is the disciples' duty first to provide that basic something which Jesus in his love would then transform, like water into wine, or multiply, like bread to feed the hungry crowd.

Expectant faith, therefore, does not make us fold our hands and do nothing, looking up to heaven. Rather it spurs us on to make our best contribution, our five loaves and two fish, knowing that without it there would be no miracle. A miracle is not God working for us; it is God working with us.

Henry Ford once said, "Whether you think you can or not, you are right." The same can be said about whether you believe in miracles or not. Believers, by believing, enable miracles to happen in their lives. Non-believers, by not believing, block their chances of experiencing a miracle. As Jesus often said, "According to your faith will it be done to you" (Matthew 9:29).

We tend to focus on Jesus and his disciples and on the hungry crowd. Yet, the small boy with his five barley loaves and two fish is, in many ways, the key to what happens. This is the reaction of the generous person, of the one who is prepared to give all he or she has, even though it appears to be far less than what is needed. Such people are wonderful to have around when challenging times come our way. Jesus goes on to satisfy the hunger of the crowd with the five loaves and two fish of this small boy.

Perhaps we can never know what exactly happened on that day, but the gospel reading is suggesting that the Lord can work powerfully through very insignificant resources. Our human resources, inadequate though they may be, matter a great deal to the Lord. The disciples discovered that the impossible became possible in the power and prayer of Jesus.

Dear brothers and sisters, if we believe in a Lord whose power is at work within us, it can do immeasurable things beyond what we ask or imagine. We need to remain people of hope, no matter how hopeless things may seem from a merely human perspective. ✚


**Birthday Blessings!**
**JULY 25**

Sarah O'Hotzke

**JULY 27**

Stephanie Messman

**JULY 29**

David Bargardi

Elizabeth O'Hotzke

Patrice Sommers

**JULY 30**

Mykaela Zink

**JULY 31**

Thomas Smith

Marja Warner

**Altar Flowers**

JULY 25, 2021

**In loving memory of  
 +Eddie Walz for his  
 July 30th birthday**

[Greg &amp; Laurie Sanders]

 All for Jesus, all through Mary,  
 all in imitation of thee,  
 O Patriarch Joseph!  
 This shall be my motto in life  
 and in death. Amen



## Fall Eucharist Sessions Will be Convenient AND Critically Important

As a result of your input, the days and times of the six September/October sessions on the Eucharist will be: ♦ The **Monday sessions** will be held after the Monday noon Mass, at about 12:45pm, and begin **Sept. 13**. ♦ The evening sessions will be **Thursdays**, beginning **Sept. 16** at 6:15pm. Both Monday and Thursday sessions in the same week will run the same video and offer the same handouts and supplemental video internet links. And both the Monday and Thursday sessions will offer something to eat. These sessions are critically important for all Catholics. *The Eucharist is the Source & Summit of our Faith*. Jesus told us that “unless you eat My Body and drink My Blood, you have no life within you.” These words **FORCE** us to make a decision. Join fellow parishioners to discover evidence for The Real Presence.

## Rummage Sale timeline begins next weekend

Each year our parish hosts a “WIN-WIN-WIN” event: 1) You win by decluttering your home / basement / garage and donating the items for the Rummage Sale. 2) People in the community win by having a shopping opportunity for great used (and even some new) items at fantastic prices. 3) The parish wins by realizing good fundraiser income for our parish mission activities. But your help is needed! Below are the relevant dates. \*\*\* **Please come to the parish center to help at any of these times** as often and for as long as you can. Oh, and there is a 4th “win” – **FUN!!!**

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

## Job Opportunities

### Diocese of Lansing...

Are you interested in serving the Church in the Diocese of Lansing? We have a number of teacher openings throughout the diocese as well as several positions in our Diocesan Central Offices that include Multi-Media Journalist, Associate Superintendent, and Accounting Specialist. To learn more about our open positions and to apply, please visit our website at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment)

### Old Saint Patrick's Parish in Ann Arbor: Two positions available...

**Coordinator of Religious Education:** Administers our Sunday Religious Education program, organizes First Communion and Confirmation sacramental preparation: retreats and rehearsals, works with homeschool children, catechists, parents, and pastor. About 15/hrs per week.

**Youth Minister:** Leads our Sunday Youth Group, provides spiritual formation, prayer, speakers, retreat and service opportunities, as well as social games. A heart for Catholic homeschool youth and strong Catholic identity needed!

Positions are part-time, please contact Fr. Tom if interested: [twasilewski@stpaterick2.org](mailto:twasilewski@stpaterick2.org)

## Eviction Prevention & Volunteer Opportunity:

- **Federal funds are available to assist tenants facing pandemic-related hardships avoid eviction.** The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program offers assistance to qualifying tenants and landlords to pay off back debt and/or utilities built up since March 2020. Without this assistance, hundreds of renters in Washtenaw County that faced pandemic-related hardships will be at risk of eviction in the coming months.
- **Volunteers needed!** Support for eligible individuals and families in navigating CERA will be fundamental to the program's success in the coming months. We need your help! Volunteers are needed to guide members of the community through completing their application. After ample training, volunteers will answer questions and assist applicants in gathering the documents and information they need to prove their eligibility. You will need reliable internet access and should be comfortable using and uploading documents to an online application portal.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Kristina Schnepf at [RAAHceravolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:RAAHceravolunteers@gmail.com) to learn more. If you are in need of rental assistance, go to <https://ceraapp.michigan.gov/> today to start your application.



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

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...**

- 1) + Natalie Daubner  
(Bill & Astrida Panches)
- 2) + Leon Ball  
(Jim & Marja Warner)

## Please Pray for...

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mikaylah Duffield</li> <li>• Dallas Bradbury</li> <li>• Larry Lehmann</li> <li>• Pam Wils</li> <li>• Colleen Whitten</li> <li>• Kristy Raab</li> <li>• Bill Schaffer</li> <li>• Christy Woody and family</li> <li>• Barbara (Kemner) Haas</li> <li>• Kay Lantis</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delores Oakley</li> <li>• Jerry Kripas</li> <li>• Joe Kirk</li> <li>• Bruce Sommers</li> <li>• Joyce Stein</li> <li>• Loretta Widmayer</li> <li>• Connie Stancato</li> <li>• Duane Beuerle</li> <li>• Annie (sister of Lynn Waldecker)</li> <li>• Art (friend of Claudia Damian)</li> </ul> |
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...and for the repose of the soul of

† Leon Ball

† Natalie Walkowe Daubner

## Please let Fr Bosco know...

If you or anyone in your family or among your friends is sick or in anyway in need of a priest, please let Fr. Bosco know! We are blessed with a priest who so generously gives of himself to help those in need. What a sadness if someone is struggling with health or approaching death, and no one lets the priest know. You may be helping someone more than you realize.



**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday, July 11, 2021

Sunday Env (51) ..... \$ 3,702.00  
Welcome & Loose ..... 173.00  
E-Giving (4) ..... 250.60

Combined toward budget: ... \$ 4,125.60  
Budget goal: ..... 5,300.00  
Amt BELOW goal: ..... - \$ 1,174.40

## OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Bldg. & Maint (2) ..... \$ 140.00  
E-Giving Bldg. & Maint (1) ..... 300.00  
Peter's Pence (1) ..... 5.00  
Poor Box ..... 22.50  
Votive candles ..... 31.00

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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)**