

# SAINT MARY of the Assumption



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Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am  
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ♦ JUNE 19, 2022

## Growing in Love for the Eucharist

— by Deacon Dennis Walters —

Almost every week for several years, I'd see her in the Adoration Chapel, seated on the floor behind the pews. A Philippine grad student at U-M, she would come with her books and her rosary, arriving well before I did and staying long after I left. I had been her catechist in RCIA. Sometimes, we'd smile and nod at each other, but usually she appeared lost in her own thoughts.

One evening, she got up to leave before I did, and passed me the following note:

"I do not know if you remember this. It was in the late 80s or early 90s and we usually met in the evening for about three hours, I think. ....One of the best things that has ever happened to me was becoming Catholic. I do not know what I would do without the Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament has made all the difference in my life — I have been sustained and upheld through extended periods of very dark moments."

I had forgotten the time spent catechizing her, but was impressed with her gratitude for what the Eucharist had done for her. Throughout the years after she came into the Church, it was evident how she was growing in her love for the Eucharist.

Most of us do not have the time or inclination to spend hours in adoration of the Eucharist as she did. Yet, while we may receive Communion regularly, how many of us can honestly say we'd be lost without it? How do we

grow in love for this "source and summit of the Christian life"? From this young woman's example, growth in love for the Eucharist takes time and comes from maximizing any connection we have with it.

Perhaps the most important starting point is our basic attitude to the Eucharist itself. As one who regularly handles the consecrated elements, I have to remind myself that the Eucharist is not a Thing, but a Person. Regardless of appearance, when the priest says the words that Jesus has put into his mouth, the bread and wine become the body and blood of that same Jesus. If I have a hard time appreciating that, I can recall the evidence from Scripture — specifically, John 6 and 1 Corinthians 11:17ff — and renew my faith that my divine Lord is the One whom I consume. All love for the Eucharist starts with knowing the real presence of this Person.

Love can begin to show itself in the marks of respect I make toward the Eucharist the moment I enter the church building. Call it "good church etiquette". If I'm aware that the Lord of the Universe is present in the tabernacle, I show it by my posture. If I am physically able to, I genuflect before what the tabernacle contains; that is, I go down on one knee, fulfilling the command in Phil 2:10. As a matter of custom, if the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance, genuflection is done on *both* knees to express greater reverence, though one knee is sufficient. Bowing is usually a gesture I make to the crucifix or to the altar, or when it's clear

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**St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar June 18-26, 2022**  
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

**SAT. JUNE 18** *Weekday (BVM)*

2 Chr 24:17-25/ 3:30-4:30pm Confessions  
 Mt 6:24-34 ➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS:** † **Bethany Burch** [Dan & Debbie Burch]

**SUN. JUNE 19** *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

Gn 14:18-20/1 Confessions: 8-8:15am and 10-10:15am  
 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17 ➤ **8:30am MASS: For the people**  
 ➤ **10:30am MASS:** † **Martin Brogley Sr.** [Martin & Kathy Brogley]

**MON. JUNE 20** *Weekday*

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13- ➤ **NO MASS TODAY IN MANCHESTER**  
 15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5 6:00pm Staff Meeting/ FFH  
 7:00pm Evangelization Team Meeting/FFH

**TUES. JUNE 21** *St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (Memorial)*

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ ➤ **NO MASS TODAY IN MANCHESTER**  
 Mt 7:6, 12-14

**WED. JUNE 22** *Weekday [St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs]*

2 Kgs 22:8-13; ➤ **8:30am MASS:** † **Bethany Burch** [Grandma,  
 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20 Ruth Burch]

**THUR. JUNE 23** *Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Solemnity)*

Is 49:1-6/Acts ➤ **8:30am MASS:** † **Duane Beuerle** [Shirley  
 13:22-26/Lk 1:57- Krzyzaniak]  
 66, 80

**FRI. JUNE 24** *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)*

Ez 34:11-16/Rom ➤ **8:30am MASS:** † **Duane Beuerle** [The Beuerle  
 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7 Family]

**SAT. JUNE 25** *Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 3:30-4:30pm Confessions  
 18-19 (376)/Lk ➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS: For the people**  
 2:41-51

**SUN. JUNE 26** *The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19- Confessions: 8-8:15am and 10-10:15am  
 21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/ ➤ **8:30am MASS:** † **Joseph Feiler** [Eric & Lori  
 Lk 9:51-62 Feiler]  
 ➤ **10:30am MASS:** † **John Rugh & Anne Marie Christensen** [St. Mary's Altar Society]

**DCN. DENNIS' ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:**

that the Blessed Sacrament is not present. Genuflection is more appropriate when It is.

Love grows the more I express my desire to receive my Lord at Mass. If I've had a hard time getting out of the house for Mass and forget to prepare myself, I still have time after I arrive and before the liturgy starts to calm myself, repent of any sin I'm aware of, and tell the Lord that I long to receive Him in Communion. Preparation for Communion need only take that long, but I need to do it. And once I've consumed the sacred elements, the Body and the Blood, I spend some time in thanksgiving afterward. These activities may sometimes feel like routine, but I need to do them, just as I need to tell my wife I love her regardless of the level of emotion involved. Love, like all virtues, is a habit, a voluntary and repeated set of actions that I choose to do so that the habit of love stays rooted and grows stronger. Again, it takes time — and practice.

But in the final analysis, love grows by spending time with the Lord, and that's most easily done in adoration. When I was in grade school, the nuns taught me how to make "visits" to the Blessed Sacrament. All I needed to do was pop into the church during the day, tell the Lord hello, and spend a few minutes with Him. I always found these visits refreshing, and gradually they grew longer. Even though I still maintain a committed hour of adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, I also like to make short visits between times. Sometimes, giving the Lord a quick hello says more effectively that I recognize and appreciate Him than the committed hour I spend fighting to stay awake.

I have not seen the young woman who passed me the note in several years. The Adoration Chapel restricted its open hours during the pandemic, and she may have

come at a different time. But her note not only expressed appreciation for how I helped her into the Church, but

encouraged me to grow in love for the Eucharist just as she did. †

BONFIRE PRESENTS

**HEAVEN PURGATORY**

JUNE 29TH / 6:30-8:30 PM

AT HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 9565 Musch Rd, Brighton, MI 48116  
 (Dinner: Coconut Chicken Kabobs & Grilled Pineapples)

Where Men, Prayer & Fellowship Come Together.



For additional information, contact:  
 David Struppa at 734-678-7280  
 Visit Bonfire Catholic Men's Group at: bonfirecatholic.com



Save the Dates

Ice Cream Social  
 July 28th

Rummage Sale  
 Aug 11-13



Altar Flowers

June 19, 2022

In loving memory of

† **Martin Brogley, Sr.**

[Martin & Kathy Brogley]

**P A R I S H & A R E A**

**No Monday Masses in Manchester in the Summertime**

As you consider your summer schedule, keep in mind that we will NOT have Masses on Mondays here at St. Mary Manchester, until after Labor Day.

**Meals for the Shurtliff Family**



Bill and Janet Shurtliff were in a car accident with their daughter Zoe on Saturday, June 4th. They will be on the mend for quite some time and could use support from the parish family. If you could help by preparing a meal, sign-up for a date that works for you on the website: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/o06qz1> Alternatively, scan the bar code at left or contact Jennifer Nashif at 428-1836 or [jennifer.nashif@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer.nashif@yahoo.com).

**FaithFest June 25th**

Mid-Michigan’s favorite family Christian music festival presented by the Diocese of Lansing and held at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt (15 minutes north of Lansing). FaithFest is a day for Christian families to gather together and celebrate their faith in an atmosphere of upbeat, joyful participation through contemporary Christian music, and fun!

Join us for two stages of music, food vendors, fun activities for all ages, vigil Mass, and a magnificent fireworks display to close the evening. See the music lineup and other activities, get more info, and buy tickets by visiting [www.faithfest.com/](http://www.faithfest.com/)

**3-Day Ignatian Retreat**

Fr. David Rosenberg, Director of the Institute for Spiritual Direction, is the rector for this retreat entitled “You Can’t Win the War if You Can’t See Your Enemy.” You will learn to recognize evil spirits in your spiritual life and the strategies to defeat them. The retreat will be held at Faholo Conference Center in Grass Lake **June 24th-26th**. To register call 517-668-5077 or visit [isdministries.org](http://isdministries.org)

**Ice Cream Social Meeting for All Workers**

A meeting will be held for all interested in working on the Ice Cream Social. We will meet after the 8:30am Mass Sunday, June 26th in the Fr. Fisher Hall. We are also looking for a team captain to help run the Country Store for the ICS. Questions call Beth Ball 734-564-9372 or Tim Mulcahy 734-395-4143.

**ENDOW: Young Women’s Small Group**

The Endow Young Women’s small group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in Fr. Fisher Hall from 7:00-8:30pm to have conversations about life and faith, guided by the Endow study program. No book purchase required. The next meeting is **Tues., June 28th**. If you have any questions, please email Katie Gouwens at [katierem@gmail.com](mailto:katierem@gmail.com).

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Saline, Michigan, is seeking a full-time Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry to work in our parish office. The basic duties for this position include: develop and lead our High School (LifeTeen) program, assist our K-8 Director with Middle School (Edge) activities develop and lead our Young Adult ministry program.

We are looking for someone with 3-5 years’ experience working with teens and young adults in a parish setting. We are seeking someone who is faithful, creative, engaging, energetic, and who is able to make the things of God attractive to our youth. Must have a bachelor’s degree in theology or have equivalent experience and/or certification. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office tools and working with other software platforms. Must be a practicing Catholic who is active in his/her parish. A complete job description is available upon request. Send requests, questions and resumés to [deacondoug@standrewsaline.org](mailto:deacondoug@standrewsaline.org)

**Fr. Bosco’s Homilies Online**

Please visit the parish website to read a copy of Fr. Bosco’s homily. Each weekend, the homily will be posted on Saturday morning: <http://stmarymanchester.catholicweb.com/>

**Please Pray for...**

- Bobbie Muldoon
- Scott Sangster
- Brandon and Jacinda Baxter
- Virginia VanSickle
- Rosemary Desbrough
- Stephanie Rippe, (niece of Betty Cummings)
- † Anna Brogley (mother of Martin Brogley)
- Colonel Gray Dettling
- Preston and Spencer (2 young brothers with difficult life crises)
- Alba Pinzani
- Donna Hnizdor
- Delores Oakley
- Andrea Mendoza
- Cindy Marie Remski
- † Jerry Kripas
- Janet, Bill & Zoey Shurtliff
- † Jean Anne Duffy

Email [stmarymanchester2@gmail.com](mailto:stmarymanchester2@gmail.com) to add or remove a name from this prayer list



The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions: PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) In loving memory of Dad, †Russ Aiuto (Kathy Cornell)
- 2) †Chuck Cornell (Kathy Cornell)

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

- June 19... Janet Shurtliff
- June 20... Mary Nashif
- June 21... Danielle VanHoof
- June 23... Brett Brothers  
.....Greg Sanders
- June 24... Dolores Bauer
- June 25... David Bauer
- June 26... Helen Krall



**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: Sunday, June 5, 2022**

|                         |             |
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| Sunday Env (60)         | \$ 4,967.00 |
| Welcome & Loose         | \$ 246.20   |
| E-Giving General        | \$ 250.98   |
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| Combined toward budget: | \$ 5,464.18 |
| Budget goal:            | \$5,300.00  |
| Amt OVER goal:          | \$ 164.18   |

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Buildings & Maintenance | .... \$ 400.00  |
| Poor Box                | ..... \$ 137.00 |
| Votive Candles          | ..... \$ 66.00  |

**NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:**  
Call (734) 994-8863 or the 24-hour Hotline 800-712-HELP  
Or visit [arborwoman.com/abortion/](http://arborwoman.com/abortion/)

**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 (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. Call 810-231-9199 ext. 202 or email [frjohnrocus@holyspiritcs.org](mailto:frjohnrocus@holyspiritcs.org)

**NEED HELP? "AA" group meets Tuesdays at 7:00pm at Manchester United Methodist Church, 501 Ann Arbor St.**