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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 7, 2022

“The Lord Is Knocking. Will You Answer?” **Fr. Bosco Padamattummal**

The Gospel reading this morning seems more in place around the time of Advent; when we find the Gospel readings with the theme of being ready and awake for the Lord's coming. This morning's Gospel reading seems a little bit out of place in mid-summer. Yet its placing on this Sunday of August is a reminder to us that we need to be alert at all times to the coming of the Lord.

In the imagery of the parable, we are called to be servants who are always dressed for action with our lamps lit, who are always found awake, ready to open the door as soon as the Lord comes and knocks. The Lord comes and knocks every day of our lives, not just at the

end of our lives or the end of time. He comes to us in those we meet in our daily lives. In a very real sense, every hour is an hour of the Lord's coming and knocking.

In the book of Revelation, the risen Lord declares, 'Listen, I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with Me.' The emphasis is 'be awake with your lamps lit'.

Our baptismal calling is to be alert and responsive to the traces of God in our daily lives. That call to be awake to the coming of the Lord is a call to be awake at all times in its deeper dimension. The opposite of being awake is to be asleep, to be spiritually tuned out. That can be a great temptation, especially perhaps in the times in which we live. There are times in the history of the Church, like some recent times, that we have not been alert. These are not the times to put out the light and go to sleep. These are the times to be spiritually alert, to awaken our faith, to persevere in our journey towards the future that God has in store for us, like Abraham in the first reading.

Abraham was always on the move, according to that first reading. Even when he arrived in the Promised Land, he did not settle, rather, he continued to look forward to a city founded, designed and built by God, what the gospel reading refers to as 'the kingdom' of God.

There is a wonderful saying of Jesus at the beginning of this morning's Gospel reading, 'there is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom'. It is also constantly coming towards us.

Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus says, 'the kingdom of God is among you'. We need to be awake and alert to the kingdom of God which is among us. The Lord knocks on the door of our lives with a great gift. It is a knock that

fills us with a sense of joyful hope, and that calls on us to allow that gift to shape our lives. Look at the image of the Lord given here in an extraordinary role. The Lord of the universe will put on an apron, sit His watchful servants down at table and wait on them. We all have our own image of God, but, perhaps, this morning's image of God in an apron is not one that comes to mind very often.

Jesus revealed that image of God when He put a towel around His waist and washed the feet of His disciples at the Last Supper. That is how the Lord relates to us at every Eucharist. The Eucharist gives us what our lives as Christians are about. It is a moment when we are spiritually awoken to the Lord's coming, when we are attentive to His knock, when we open our lives to His coming, when we experience His generous service to us, and then are sent forth to serve one another as He has served us.

In this parable our call to a new way of seeing and living is explained. Jesus said to His disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not



The weather was perfect, the food was excellent and the community came out in full force to enjoy the 130th Annual Ice Cream Social July 28, 2022.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Mass Intentions, [Requested By], Parish Activities

SAT., AUGUST 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36	8:30 am First Saturday Mass: †Victoria Curley [Laurie & Greg Sanders] 3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: For the People 12-4pm Rummage Sale Drop Off - PC
SUN., AUGUST 7	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40	Confessions 8:00-8:15am and 10:00-10:15am 8:30 am Mass: †Mariam Ouedraogo [Donna Hnizdor] 10:30 am Mass: †John Rugh [Eric and Lori Feiler] 12-4pm Rummage Sale Drop Off - PC
MON., AUGUST 8	St. Dominic, priest
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27	<i>No Mass Today in Manchester</i> 4-7pm Rummage Sale Pricing - PC
TUES., AUGUST 9	Weekday/St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	8:30 am Mass: †Duane Beuerle [The Beuerle Family] 4-7pm Rummage Sale Pricing - PC 7pm ENDOW Young Women's group - FFH
WED., AUGUST 10	St. Lawrence, deacon
2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26	8:30 am Mass: †Bethany Burch [The Leon Ball Family] 4-7pm Rummage Sale Pricing - PC
THURS., AUGUST 11	St. Clare, virgin
Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1	8:30 am Mass: INT: Emily & Dan Kwolek on their 10th Wedding Anniversary [Bill & Sandi Kwolek] 9am-6pm Rummage Sale Open - PC
FRI., AUGUST 12	Weekday/St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12	8:30 am Mass: For the repose of the soul of †Joe Kirk [Judy Walz] 9am-6pm Rummage Sale - PC
SAT., AUGUST 13	Weekday/Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus, BVM
Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: INT: Aaron Kwolek [Mom & Dad] 9am-3pm Rummage Sale - PC
SUN., AUGUST 14	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/ Lk 12:49-53	Confessions 8:00-8:15am and 10:00-10:15am 8:30 am Mass: For the People 10:30 am Mass: †Joyce Stein [Joanne & Andy Nordeen] 12-2pm Rummage Sale Clean up - PC

wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

He is not suggesting we all need to be poor, go without, or be lacking. And He is not saying we shouldn't own or have anything because inherently, there is nothing virtuous about poverty, lack, or insufficiency to support ourselves and our loved ones. The world does not need more poor people. What the world needs is people who are not possessed by their possessions, people who live non-possessive lives, kingdom people.

Jesus is offering another vision of life, a kingdom vision. When I live a possessive life, I am more focused on me than we, more passionate about my rights than my responsibilities, and more concerned about being right than doing what's right. I worry about the thief that steals and the moth that destroys. I fear not only not having enough but that I am not enough. I am always striving for more: more money, more stuff, more status, more success, more control. We are concerned about keeping what we have and getting what we don't have.

Dear brothers and sisters, we're at our best when we live non-possessive lives. We become more welcoming and hospitable. We forgive more freely. We're more generous with our time, money, and resources. We love more extravagantly. We see more clearly our deep interconnection with and need of others. A non-possessive life deepens our conversations and intimacy. It makes us better parents, spouses, and friends. We handle conflict and differences in better and more productive ways. We open our hearts and minds to other people and new possibilities. We're more creative and less judgmental of ourselves and others. ❖



BLOOD DRIVE
Stronger Together
Donate Blood

Sunday August 14
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE
PARISH HALL
950 Austin Rd.
Saline, MI 48176

Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcome as the schedule allows. Call 866-MIBLOOD or visit www.versiti.org/MI to schedule

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Stay hydrated! Donate and receive a Versiti water bottle and sticker sheet, while supplies last.



Need Help?

Alternatives to Abortion: Call (734)994-8863 or the 24-hour hotline 800-712-HELP or visit arbor.woman.com/abortion/	“AA” group meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm - United Methodist Church, 501 Ann Arbor St.
“Courage” is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.	“Encourage” is a separate support group for the families and friends of ‘Courage’ clients. Call 810-231-9199 ext. 202
“Project Rachel” (post-abortive reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org	For more news and events in the area, please visit our website: stmarymanchester.org

Coming Soon!

Rummage Sale
Aug 11th-13th
See the ‘News’ section for details!

Parish Family Birthdays

Aug 6Alice Kidd
Aug 7Theresa Baran-Weller
Aug 11Michael McFarland

Parish and Area News

Rummage Sale Update

Many thanks to everyone in the Parish Community who participated last week with donations and helping sort materials. As we move into the final week, there is still much to be done! The final day for donation drop off is **Sunday, August 7th** from 12-3pm. The team is in need of people to help with pricing, Monday-Wednesday from 4-7pm. The sale will be **August 11th and 12th** from 9am-6pm, and **August 13th** from 9am-3pm. Clean up will follow closing until we are finished. Pick-up and transport of materials to Good Will will begin at 11:30 on **Sunday, August 14th**. It takes our village of Manchester to make our rummage sale a success. Please spread the word to our community of the sale and come and shop. Any helping hands you can provide during this time will be greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Retreats

St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt MI invites you to consider an upcoming event:

- Summer Scripture Days - The Life and Letters of St. Paul: **August 23rd-25th**
- For more information and registration visit www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321. The Special Needs Mass at the St. Francis Retreat Center Chapel located at 703 E. Main Street in DeWitt is **August 21st** at 2pm. Light refreshments to follow in the dining room. Please RSVP to Cathy Blatnik, Coordinator of Special Needs Ministry at blatsie63@yahoo.com or 517-381-1410 by **August 14th**. ALL are welcome!

Come Home to the Catholic Church

Those interested in learning how to come into the Catholic Church are invited to the inquiry session, to be held in the Fr. Fisher Hall on **Wednesday, August 17th** from 7:00-8:00 pm. Some light refreshments will be served.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries

Are you or someone you know celebrating a significant wedding anniversary: 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage? If so, please contact the parish office to let them know. Please also advise the parish if you celebrated a milestone anniversary during 2020 or 2021 as we did not celebrate anniversaries those years, due to COVID. The diocese is grateful for your witness and would like to particularly honor you on this momentous occasion.

Surviving Divorce!

The St. Andrew's Divorce Ministry Team will be hosting an exciting program that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. *Surviving Divorce* features 12 video presentations covering topics that will bring comfort to newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. The course will be starting **September 1st**. Email David at djmiller57@aol.com with questions. Register here: <https://standrewsaline.org/divorce>

Join 40 Days for Life

The fall campaign will begin on **September 28th** and conclude **November 6th**, with the Kick-off Rally on **September 25th**. Please make an appointment with God at 40daysforlife.com/annarbor and be sure to select the 365 calendar or contact Sandie at 734-657-1936 or plan2pray@gmail.com. For more info text Crista at 734-320-6084. Drop ins are always welcome – Anytime! Anyday!

Grief Retreat “Grieve with Hope”

Are you grieving someone's death? Has it changed your life forever? Come and experience Christ's love for you on your journey of grief, meet others with similar losses, and be transformed by hope at this retreat. The weekend will feature mass, adoration, confession, inspirational speakers and music along with small groups separated by type of loss. **Friday, September 23rd – Sunday, September 25th** Ann Arbor, MI (*not an overnight retreat) Space is limited so please register early. For more information call 216.524.HOPE (4673), ext. 263 or register online at grievewithhope.eventbrite.com.



Altar Flowers
August 7, 2022
 In honor of our
 37th Wedding Anniversary
 August 3rd
 [Gerald & Mary Shaw]



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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Sunday Envelopes(51)\$5,717.00
Loose Cash & Checks.....\$147.00
E-Giving\$705.16

Weekly toward budget.....\$6,569.16
Weekly goal.....\$5,300.00
Amt. ABOVE goal.....\$1,269.16

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Buildings & Maintenance.\$582.00
Poor Box.....\$182.00
Votive Candles\$34.00

Sanctuary Lamps

are burning this week for:

1. In Memory of
 †David Roncoli
 (Pat Fitzgerald)
2. In Memory of
 †Joyce Stein
 (Nicki & Rich Kennedy)

Please Pray for:

- Rose Pratt
- Mike Gibbons
- Lee Ann Vitali
- Christine Baisden
- Bobbie Muldoon
- Scott Sangster
- Brandon and Jacinda Baxter
- Virginia VanSickle
- Rosemary Desbrough
- Stephanie Rippe, (*niece of Betty Cummings*)
- Colonel Gary Dettling
- Preston and Spencer (2 young brothers w/difficult life crises)
- Alba Pinzani
- Donna Hnizdor
- Delores Oakley
- Andrea Mendoza
- Cindy Marie Remski
- Janet Shurtliff
- Luke Chisnell
- David Gaylord
- Danielle Lopez
- Mike and his family
- Joe Schim and his family
- Mickey