

# SAINT MARY of the Assumption



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Manchester, Michigan



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

## The Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 28, 2022 "Will You Sit in a Place of Honor?" Fr. Bosco Padamattummal

**W**e heard in the Gospel that on the Sabbath day a leader of the Pharisees has invited some friends to come to his home for dinner. He has also invited a traveling rabbi, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was probably the guest Rabbi who would be reading and teaching during worship at the local Synagogue that morning. As we enter into this room, we see the host and all his guests reclining around the dinner table. Jesus must have arrived before most of the others because He noticed how anxious they seemed to be to claim a "place of honor" for themselves. The closer to the host, the higher the place of honor.

Jesus is definitely the focus of attention at that dinner as Luke writes: "they were watching Him carefully." It was customary for a pious Pharisee to leave the front door to his house open for the stranger and the poor man to come in. As we read in the Epistle to the Hebrews, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Heb 13:2). You never know when an angel of God might show up at your door disguised as a poor man. And so, a stranger enters the house and comes right into where the dinner is in progress and stands right in front of Jesus. "And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy." He wanted Jesus to heal him. We wonder how much courage it must have taken for this man to walk into this house of the "ruler of

the Pharisees" during dinner. But whether this man realizes it or not, he has caused trouble for Jesus. This is the "Sabbath day," and by law, even a medical emergency like this one cannot be taken care of. If He does help this man, it will cost Jesus. "They were watching Him carefully."

"And Jesus responded to the Lawyers and Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?' But they remained silent." Position and reputation were more important to them than the health of this poor man. Luke reports what Jesus does next: "He touched and healed him, and sent him away." What follows is a lecture from Jesus to the host and his guests as we heard in today's Gospel. It would have been perfectly reasonable if the host, the ruler of the Pharisees, stood up and said, "friend move up higher. In fact, take my seat because I am going to the far end of the table because now, I see I am nothing before you." But it's as if what Jesus has just done here doesn't even register with them. Maybe they just don't get it or maybe they do, but they aren't willing to pay the price. Maybe they aren't willing to lose their place at the table. Maybe they aren't willing to be rejected and despised by their peers by accepting what Jesus did. They're not willing to humble themselves.

But Jesus is, because He loves these men just as much as the man with dropsy. He would not put

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Rejoice!



Rejoice in the baptism of Aurora Nicole Niehaus **Sunday, August 21, 2022**. Parents: Nicholas Niehaus and Clare N. Zigler (holding child), Godparents: Troy Niehaus(left) and Stacie Ellis (right), Officiants: Fr. Bosco and Rev. Kerry Taylor-Snyder.

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**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Mass Intentions, [Requested By], Parish Activities**

<b>SAT., AUGUST 27</b>	<b>St. Monica</b>
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30	3:30-4:30 pm Confession <b>5:00 pm Vigil Mass: <i>In loving memory of</i></b> <b>†Victoria Curley</b> <i>[John Curley Family]</i>
<b>SUN., AUGUST 28</b>	<b>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14	Confessions 8:00-8:15am and 10:00-10:15am <b>8:30 am Mass: †Joseph Kirk</b> <i>[Kathy Hagerman]</i> <b>10:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i></b>
<b>MON., AUGUST 29</b>	<b>PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>
1 Cor 2:1-5 (431)/Mk 6:17-29	<b>No Mass today at St. Mary in Manchester</b>
<b>TUES., AUGUST 30</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37	<b>8:30 am Mass: †Bethany Burch</b> <i>[The Leon Ball Family]</i>
<b>WED., AUGUST 31</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44	<b>8:30 am Mass: †David Roncoli</b> <i>[Scott and Sylvie Strong]</i>
<b>THURS., SEPTEMBER 1</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11	<b>8:30 am Mass: †Duane Beuerle</b> <i>[Duane's Family]</i>
<b>FRI., SEPTEMBER 2</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39	<b>8:30 am Mass: <i>For the repose of the soul of</i></b> <b>†Joe Kirk</b> <i>[Shirley Krzyzaniak]</i> 6:30 pm Sangster/Schmidt Wedding Rehearsal
<b>SAT., SEPTEMBER 3</b>	<b>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor</b>
1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5	<b>8:30 am First Saturday Mass: †Victoria Curley</b> <i>[Gary Shear]</i> 2:00 pm Sangster/Schmidt Wedding 3:30-4:30 pm Confession <b>5:00 pm Vigil Mass: <i>INT: For our 50th Wedding Anniversary September 2nd</i></b> <i>[Jim and Ella Landini]</i>
<b>SUN., SEPTEMBER 4</b>	<b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33	Confessions 8:00-8:15am and 10:00-10:15am <b>8:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i></b> <b>10:30 am Mass: †Joseph and †Helen Germeck</b> <i>[Martin &amp; Kathy Brogley]</i>

the approval of men above the approval of His Father in heaven. He knows that even though these proud men will not give Him the seat of honor at their table, His Father will seat Him at His right hand. This is the 'upside-down' way of God that we see in Jesus Christ. The second person of the Holy Trinity, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary is talking about 'proper etiquette' in the Kingdom of God where the rule is "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted and whoever exalts himself will be humbled. Everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge him before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God." (Luke 12:8-9). There is always a great cost for Jesus to forgive our sins and heal our diseases and bring us into His heavenly banquet hall. It doesn't come cheap or easy. Yet He willingly humbled Himself and suffered and died and paid the price without hesitation because He loves you and me. And on Easter Sunday and the day of Ascension, the Father exalted His Son.

As it is for Jesus, so it is for those who would follow Jesus. There is a cost of discipleship. Grace is not cheap. But with Jesus, "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted." We humble ourselves before God and before one another by renouncing our sinful ways and our pride and desire to be accepted by others more than by our Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us reflect, on what St. Peter means when he writes to the church saying, "Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility towards one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you..." (1Peter 5:5-7). St Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." (Phil 2:3). ❖

## RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

Gross Sales \$ 3,691.91  
Net income \$ 2,734.64

**THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS, VOLUNTEERS  
and SHOPPERS!**

<b>Please Pray for:</b>	Preston and Spencer (2 brothers w/difficult life crises)
Walter Faubion	Alba Pinzani
Charles and Mary Gaylord	Delores Oakley
Michael Cummings	Andrea Mendoza
Rose Pratt	Cindy Marie Remski
Mike Gibbons	Janet Shurtliff
Lee Ann Vitali	Luke Chisnell
Christine Baisden	David Gaylord
Bobbie Muldoon	Danielle Lopez
Scott Sangster	Mike and his family
Brandon and Jacinda Baxter	Joe Schim and his family
Virginia VanSickle	Mickey
Rosemary Desbrough	Casey
Stephanie Rippe, <i>(niece of Betty Cummings)</i>	<b>The Repose of the Soul:</b>
Colonel Gary Dettling	†Patricia Gibbs

<b>Need Help?</b>	
<b>Alternatives to Abortion:</b> Call (734)994-8863 or the 24-hour hotline 800-712-HELP or visit arbor woman.com/abortion/	<b>"AA"</b> group meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm - United Methodist Church, 501 Ann Arbor St.
<b>"Courage"</b> is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.	<b>"Encourage"</b> is a separate support group for the families and friends of 'Courage' clients. Call 810-231-9199 ext. 202
<b>"Project Rachel"</b> (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: <b>stmarymanchester.org</b>

## Parish and Area News

### Bonfire Catholic Men's Group

The next meeting of Bonfire will be **August 31st**. You won't want to miss this event. The topic is Pornography and Other Addictions. The meeting is held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church 9565 Musch Rd., Brighton MI 48116. A light meal will be served. If you have questions call David at 734-678-7280. Learn more about Bonfire at [bonfirecatholic.com](http://bonfirecatholic.com)

### National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Babies

**Saturday, September 10th** will be a special day to remember all babies lost to the evil of abortion. Let us honor these abandoned victims of abortion. Services at the very graves of children killed by abortion here in Michigan. All gravesites and memorial markers in Michigan are listed at: <https://nationaldayofremembrance.org/sites/> scroll down to Michigan to find service times and locations.

### Mark Your Calendars

Please join the parish family for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner **Wednesday, September 14th**. Social time will begin at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The event will take place at St. Mary Parish Center.

### Mass for Persons with Special Needs

Join Alhambra St. Louis Guanella Caravan at Our Lady of Fatima in Michigan Center **Sunday, September 11th** for 10:30am Mass and a picnic. All are welcome!

### A New Year Begins

Religious education classes will be beginning on **Monday, September 12th**. Classes will be held in the Parish Center 3:30-4:45pm. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. All children 1-7th grade are welcome to attend.

### Looking Ahead to Christmas

We are beginning to plan for our Christmas decorations. You might remember seeing the Memorial Christmas tree ornaments we display every year on the tree near the statue of St. Joseph. (A picture is in the vestibule). If you would like to order one to honor your family members(s), please contact [sfielder@umich.edu](mailto:sfielder@umich.edu) or 734-972-5652. The order from Bronners will be placed **September 15th** for delivery in time for Christmas. All ornaments will be gold with white script.

### Speed Dating for Young Catholics

In partnership with Hot & Holy, the diocese is hosting a Catholic young adult speed dating event for 21-35 year olds on **September 23rd**. This is meant to be an opportunity for young adult Catholics to meet one another. This event will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, in Lansing. We will have 6:30 social hour (some appetizers and drinks provided), 7:30pm starts the speed dating, 9pm after-event outing at the Nuthouse. To register, scan the code or visit: <https://www.eventbee.com/v/yadating#/tickets>



### 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](http://40daysforlife.com/annarbor) and be sure to select the 365 calendar or contact Sandie at 734-657-1936 or [plan2pray@gmail.com](mailto:plan2pray@gmail.com). For more info text Crista at 734-320-6084. Drop ins are always welcome!

### Grief Retreat "Grieve with Hope"

Are you grieving someone's death? Come and experience Christ's love for you on **September 23rd - 25th** Ann Arbor, MI (\*not an overnight retreat). For more information call 216.524.4673, ext. 263 or register online at [grievewithhope.eventbrite.com](http://grievewithhope.eventbrite.com).

Find more area news and events on the parish website: [stmarymanchester.org](http://stmarymanchester.org)



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### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes(59) .....\$3,892.00  
Loose Cash & Checks.....\$172.00  
Assumption of BVM (1) ....\$275.00  
E-Giving .....\$705.06

Weekly toward budget.....\$5,044.06  
Weekly goal.....\$5,300.00  
Amt. **BELOW** goal .....\$255.94

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Buildings & Maintenance..\$150.00  
E-Giving Build. & Maint. .\$.713.00  
Poor Box.....\$165.00  
Votive Candles .....\$38.00

### Altar Flowers

**August 28, 2022**

For what would've been  
our 45th wedding  
anniversary  
[Claudia Damian]



### Sanctuary Lamps

are burning this week for:

- In Memory of  
†Joyce Stein  
(Diane Wiedmayer)
- In loving Memory of  
†Mary Alice Krzyzaniak  
(Alice Kidd)

### Banns of Marriage

III. Sean Joseph Sangster &  
Esther Rose Schmidt

September 3, 2022



### Parish Family Birthdays

Aug 27 .....Mark Nashif  
Aug 30 .....Lincoln Brothers  
.....Frank Remski  
.....Kathleen Sangster  
Sept 2 .....Priscilla Hale  
.....James Ritz  
Sept 3 .....Dominic Bargardi  
Sept 4 .....Timothy Miller

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC  
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



FOR SUCH A  
*time as this*

"Perhaps you have come to your royal  
dignity for just such a time as this."

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 15, 2022**  
9am-5pm  
LANSING CENTER • LANSING, MI

Register: [WWW.MICHIGANWC.ORG](http://WWW.MICHIGANWC.ORG)