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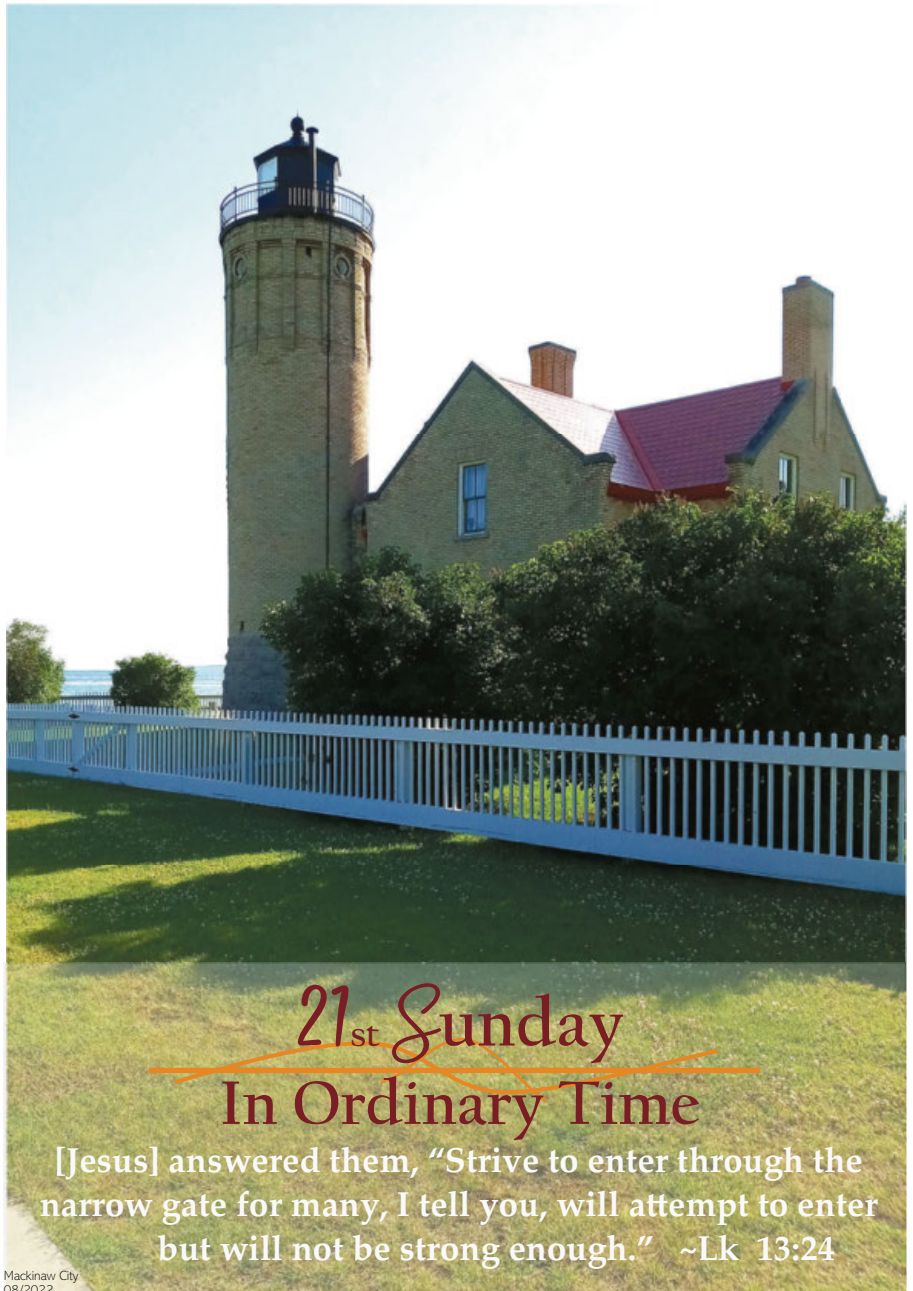
Saturday—4:00 PM  
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

## **Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:**

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM  
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

## **PHONE:**

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## **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time**

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." ~Lk 13:24

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## In Sympathy

In Christian charity we pray for **Scott Sedivy** who passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Eternal rest grant unto Scott, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



We would like to welcome the following families who recently joined the parish:

**Jonathon & Nancy Wendorf** with their children **Isaac & Cole** and **Samuel & Caitlin Lemmer** with their children **Caleb & Elizabeth**.



*Elizabeth Studinski and  
Joshua Koltonski  
September 17, 2022.*

**RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** will be holding inquiry sessions on Sunday, August 28, following the 8:00 and 10:00am Masses. This will be held in the Abler Room in the church. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith is welcome. For more information or if you are unable to make this date, call Deacon Gordy Ruplinger at 715-297-3513.

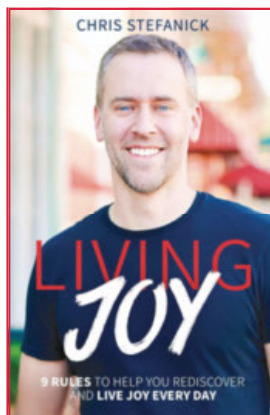


Please remember our diocesan seminarians in prayer. In particular we pray for **Kyle Lang**.

## Parish Stewardship for August 14, 2022

Average amount needed in weekly  
stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online .....	\$ 9,423.94
Students .....	\$ 33.25
Plate .....	\$ 828.37
Automatic Direct Donation avg.....	<u>\$1,930.26</u>
Total for the week.....	\$ 12,215.82



**Chris Stefanick to speak on *Living Joy*** - Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-7:30pm. Chris, an internationally known author and speaker, and will present simple Rules—based upon evidence, humorous real-life experiences and common sense—to help rediscover and live Joy every day. Cost is \$10 and the first 480 who register

will receive his new book, "**Living Joy**," a \$23 value.

Parishioners may register at [diolc.org/catechesis/witness-joy](http://diolc.org/catechesis/witness-joy).

From Chris' book:

**Living Joy** is an urgently needed message for a world grasping for joy but settling for short-lived pleasures. Joy isn't a luxury. It's a necessity. One reason that we need the power of **joy** is to remain steadfast in trials: both the large and small difficulties of everyday life.

## St. Mary's Charcoal Chicken Dinner

**September 25**



5—1:00pm held in St. Mary's  
Chicken dinner with all the  
homemade pies!

ry-outs available.

, Students: \$7.00 Pre-School

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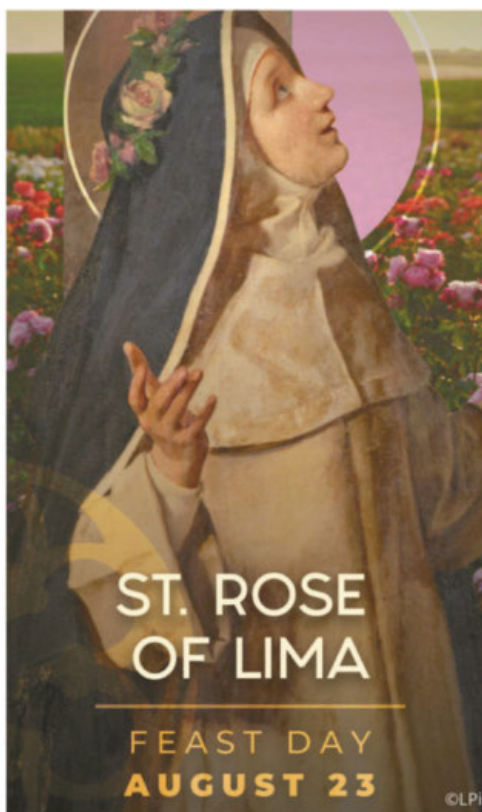
*Sponsored by the men of the parish.*

**\*Pies** are needed for the chicken dinner. They can be dropped off at school before the Masses the weekend of the chicken dinner.

**\*\*Help Needed:** Men, as well as youth in grades 7 and older, are needed to help with the chicken dinner (new helpers always appreciated).

If you can help even if it's just for clean up, please contact Butch Knauf: 715-443-2627 or 715-370-5869.





### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born Isabel Flores de Olivia in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and permanently abstained from meat.

Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ's crown of thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for the poor.

She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.



**Beacon of Light and Hope Celebration** After much patience, hard work and commitment from so many, Bishop Callahan is happy to announce that the restoration of our magnificent Cathedral, dedicated to St. Joseph the Workman, is complete. Giving thanks to God, Bishop will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, September 11 at 10:30am. Food, fun, music, games, tours, trivia and other events to follow.



**Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is Available.** Make a confidential call to Catholic Charities at 888-212-4357 or text 715-600-6391. To learn more, visit [cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant](http://cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant). For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).



**Caregiving Program Offered** The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin will offer a 6 week educational program called Powerful Tools for Caregivers. This program is designed to help family caregivers through their caregiving journey by providing tools and strategies for increased self-care. Participants will learn to reduce stress, increase confidence, improve communication, handle difficult emotions, increase ability to make tough decisions, and find helpful resources.

**Where:** Lincoln County Service Center, Merrill

**When:** Wednesdays, September 7th-October 12th

**Time:** 10:00am-11:45am

Another option this fall is a VIRTUAL class to attend via home laptop, tablet, or phone with internet access.

**When:** Thursdays, September 8th-October 13th

**Time:** 1:00pm-2:45pm

Registration is required. Please call 888-486-9545 to register at the ADRC-CW.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

## Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ's love. To live Christ's love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

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## Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

*Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.*

**The effects of adoration:** Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

**\*Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**



## SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

### Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

### Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

### Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

### Reconciliation

Anytime by request.

### Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

### Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by request.

- Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.
- If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.
- If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.
- All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

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