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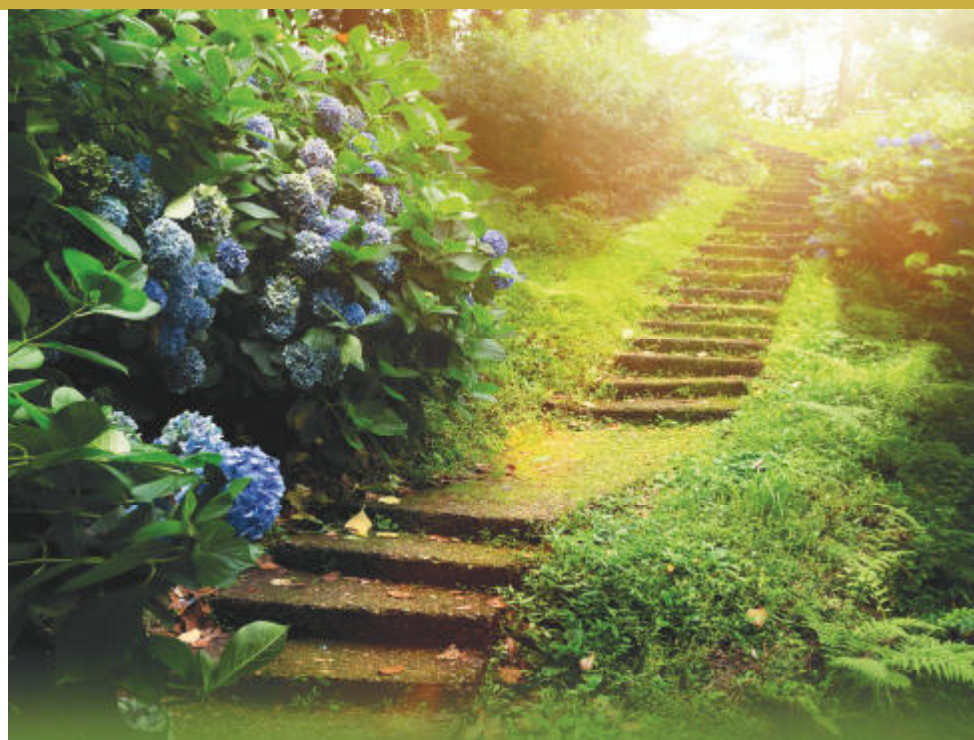
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*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCD.

August 22, 2021

## Latest COVID-19 Update—July 11, 2021

- ♦ In keeping with State and CDC guidelines, people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks while people who are *not* fully vaccinated are required to continue wearing masks. If you are fully vaccinated and want to wear a mask, please feel free to do so. In making a mask-wearing decision, please be mindful and respectful of people who must wear a mask due to compromised health and/or age conditions, especially when those conditions prevent them from being vaccinated.
- ♦ Several pews will continue to be roped off for social distancing purposes for parishioners who want to sit in a more “socially-distanced enforced” area. Keeping a social distance is still encouraged out of respect for people with compromised health conditions.
- ♦ Reservations are not required.
- ♦ Please pray for people in other countries who do not have access to vaccines and whose countries are still suffering from the onslaught of the pandemic. They are not as fortunate as we are.

### *Living with Christ & Exploring the Sunday Readings*

During our recent Finance Councils' discussions about budget cuts was the possibility of cutting the *Living with Christ* and *Exploring the Sunday Readings* pamphlets. The councils unanimously recommended we should ask for donations before considering cutting these two items. A yearly subscription for one copy of *Living with Christ* is \$14.95. A yearly subscription for one copy of *Exploring the Scriptures* is \$13.10. Please consider making a donation to help defray these costs. Please indicate on your donation which subscription and which church. Every donation helps.

### Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation

Recently, several people have inquired about sponsors for Baptism. According to the Catholic Church, to be eligible to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, one must:

- be a registered member of the Parish,
- attend Mass regularly,
- be a practicing Catholic,
- be at least sixteen years old,
- have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and
- be in good canonical standing with the Church.

The Parishes of Holy Spirit Catholic Community will provide sponsor certificates to people who meet the above requirements. If you have a question or a concern about meeting the above requirements, please contact one of the Parish priests.

### *PARISH CONTACTS*

#### *Columbiettes Council #2364*

Meets on 1st Monday. Call Maryann at 860-608-6772

#### *Knights of Columbus Council #2364*

Meets on 3rd Thursday, 860-376-2627

#### *St. Mary St. Thomas Cemetery*

Call Sheila at the office, 860-376-2044

#### *St. Catherine Our Lady of Good Council Guild*

For information, please call the office 860-376-2044

#### *St. Mary Food Pantry*

860-376-2044 ext. 108,  
foodpantry.hsc@yahoo.com

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY—AUGUST 22—MIRACLE HILL

Legend says the first European to visit Holy Hill was Father Jacques Marquette. It's believed (but not verified) that the famous French missionary climbed the miniature Wisconsin mountain in 1673, on his way home from exploring the Mississippi River Valley.

Nearly two centuries later, a man haunted by some past misdeed heard of the hill and Marquette's alleged climb. As penance, the man—Francois Soubrio—traveled from Quebec to southeast Wisconsin, hiked up the 1,350 foot hill, and decided to stay.

Eventually, local farmers befriended Soubrio, who had been living on the hill as a hermit. The farmers helped him build a home and chapel there in 1863. Twelve years later, in 1875, the men erected the Stations of the Cross along the hillside. Around the same time, the hill began acquiring a reputation for mysterious healings: the sick and the lame who climbed it in faith became well and walked. Not surprisingly, the number of pilgrims to the chapel grew.

In 1880, to accommodate those pilgrims, the Diocese of Milwaukee began constructing a large new shrine on the now officially named Holy Hill. Twenty-six years later, in 1906, they recruited the Discalced Carmelites to run the shrine. The Carmelites built an inn and retreat center on the mountain, then tore down the old shrine to make way for a new one. They laid the cornerstone for the current Holy Hill National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians on August 22, 1926.

Today, nearly a century later, the Shrine welcomes 500,000 pilgrims annually. Some come for the view and the glimpses it affords of Milwaukee's skyline. Others come to make a retreat or marvel at the Romanesque-Revival basilica. Others still come for healing, hoping that a climb up Marquette's mountain will reward them as it has so many others, with some miraculous cure or spiritual grace.

It's because of those last pilgrims that Holy Hill is sometimes called by another name: Miracle Hill.

Source: *The American Catholic Almanac*, New York, Image Book, 2014, page 254



Announcing the 2021 fundraiser for Ss. Thomas & Anne Parish

### 50-50 Raffle

100 tickets to be sold at \$100 each

One Grand Prize winner receives \$5,000\*

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Winner to be announced November 6, 2021, at 7:00 pm

\*Prize and Parish benefit based on the sale of ALL 100 available tickets.

Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses at Ss. Thomas & Anne starting August 14/15.

Tickets also available by calling the office at St. Mary Rectory

Monday—Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm 860-376-2044

Join the fun! We look forward to your participation!

***UPDATE!! As of Tuesday, August 17, we have 46 tickets left to sell!!***

## MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

### SAINTS THOMAS & ANNE

**Saturday, August 21st**

5:45 pm *Laura, Linda & Carol Merkwan  
Req. by Jack & Kathy Wesa*

**Sunday, August 22nd**

8:00 am Reconciliation

9:00 am *Hilda Jolin  
Req. by Audrey Grenier*

**Monday, August 23rd**

8:00 am Mass

**Tuesday, August 24th**

7:00 pm **NO MASS**

**Friday, August 27th**

8:00 am *Albert Jolin & Charlie Macko  
birthday remembrance  
Req. by family*

**Saturday, August 28th**

5:45 Mass

**Sunday, August 29th**

8:00 am Reconciliation

9:00 am Mass

### SAINT MARY

**Saturday, August 21st**

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm *Richard Gernhard 6 year anniversary  
Req. by his wife Lucille*

**Sunday, August 22nd**

8:00 am *Katherine Danieluk*

*Req. by family*

11:00 am Mass

**Monday, August 23rd**

8:00 am **Mass @ Ss. Thomas & Anne**

**Tuesday, August 24th**

8:00 am **Mass in chapel**

*Stanley & Catherine Piatek*

*Req. by the family*

**Wednesday, August 25th**

8:00 am **NO MASS**

**Thursday, August 26th**

8:00 am **NO MASS**

**Saturday, August 28th**

4:00 pm *Peter & Stasia Konicki*

*Req. by daughter Claire*

**Sunday, August 29th**

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

### SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

*St. Catherine of Siena CCD Registration*

CCD registration and parent meeting will be held on September 8, 2021. We will need some extra information this year:

- ◆ Place and date of Baptism
- ◆ Place and date of First Penance
- ◆ Place and date of First Communion

The extra information is asked so we can have complete records for all our students. Cost is \$50.00 per family.

Grades 1-5 will meet on Tuesday September 14, 2021 from 3:30 until 4:45. With the increase in pandemic cases, we are waiting to hear from the school if we can hold classes there.

Grades 6-12 will meet on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Siena Hall from 6:30-7:45.

Pat Bell and Peg McComiskey, CRE's  
StCatherineCRE.HSCC@yahoo.com

**Saturday, August 21st**

4:30 pm *Renee Martell  
Req. by the Natale family*

**Sunday, August 22nd**

10:00 am *Hilde Sulima  
Req. by John & Joanne Sulima*

**Thursday, August 26th**

10:00 am Mass

**Saturday, August 28th**

4:30 pm *John David Panula  
Req. by his wife, Corinne Panula*

**Sunday, August 29th**

10:00 am Mass



### SAINT MARY PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$305,101.00

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of  
\$ 5,867.33

#### August 15th Income:

Offertory \$ 2,602.00

Parish Center \$ 299.00

Assumption \$ 140.00

Electronic Giving \$ 428.93

Total Income for August 8th \$ 3,469.93

Deficit \$ - 2,397.40

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### SAINT CATHERINE PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$141,015.00

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of  
\$ 2,711.83

#### August 15th Income:

Offertory \$ 1,265.00

Assumption \$ 195.00

Electronic giving \$ 65.00

Total Income for August 8th \$ 1,525.00

Deficit \$ - 1,186.83

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### SAINTS THOMAS & ANNE PARISH

Total 2021-2022 Budget—\$144,534.93

Divided by 52 weeks equals a weekly budget of  
\$ 2,779.52

#### August 15th Income:

Offertory \$ 1,188.00

Fuel & Utilities \$ 256.00

Assumption \$ 175.00

Total Income for August 8th \$ 1,619.00

Deficit \$ - 1,160.52

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### Missionary in our midst

This weekend, August 21/22, we will take up a second collection for the Carmelite Missions through our Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Plan. The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is the greatest need. They create humanitarian programs to relieve the suffering of the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education, and conduct spiritual and religious formation in almost 40 countries on five continents. Your generosity in the second collection this weekend to support the Carmelite Friars' missionary work will be greatly appreciated.

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord,  
decide today whom you will serve...As for  
me and my household, we will serve the  
Lord." JOSHUA 24:15*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

### *Please Pray For*

*Christopher Hart, Michelle Mallin, Cheryl Wakely, Hunter Picco, James Gauthier, Damaris, Cherrill Gemeasky, David Gemeasky, Margaret Labriola, Sister Charles Marie, Mike & Jan Clancy*

## TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

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

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-2



#### SAINT MARY FOOD PANTRY

The Pantry currently needs donations of the following items:

- ◆ Canned Chicken
- ◆ Pasta Sauce
- ◆ Peanut butter/small
- ◆ Peanut butter/large

Donated items can be left at the Food Pantry/Rectory Monday—Friday 9 am to 1 pm or they can be left in the donation bins in the rear of St. Mary Church, or on the table in front of the Rectory.

Thank You!



If you are not registered in any of our Parishes and would like to, registration forms are at the church entrances. Also, please update any changes to your present registration. Thank you.



#### **HELP US FIGHT HUNGER!**

Every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at our Stop & Shop location this month will send us a \$1 donation.

Learn more at [stopandshop.bloomin4good.com](http://stopandshop.bloomin4good.com).

*Help fight hunger in our community. St. Mary Food Pantry has been selected as the beneficiary of the StopandShop Bloomin'4 Good Program. Each time the \$10.99 Bouquet with the red circle sticker is purchased at Stop & Shop, 42 Town Street, Norwich during the month of August, we will receive a \$1.00 donation. It's as simple as that!!*

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