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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

• TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Introducing our new Director of Music

Kyle Engelmann comes to us as a person who has been in Southeast Michigan his whole life. He is devoted to ministering to the Church through worship and music. A single man, he likes to spend time with his little girl, Coco, an affectionate black lab. Kyle believes his calling is to encourage vigorous singing in the pews and develop music in the loft which musically satisfies the choir and lifts the spirits of all.

Kyle's journey has taken him through classes at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, where he earned multiple certifications. He holds a bachelor's degree in music and a master's in education, both from Oakland University.

He is grateful for the opportunity to lead the music at St. Michael, and wants to thank everyone in the parish ahead of time for their love and support of the whole Church, and especially the music. He says, "Each church I served in some way blessed me. People I sing with share in these blessings."

Let us welcome him to our parish as our new Music Director and pray for him.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church regards the day of a saint's death a **birthday**, and rightly so! For it was on that day that the elect ended life on earth to be born anew to the real life in heaven. There is, however, an exception made whereby the church celebrates the natural birth of three persons, like Jesus, Mary and St John the Baptist.

The birth of a child is always a joyful event in the family. There is a wonderful saying: *every child comes into the world with the assurance that God is not yet fed up with the human race.* Today we celebrate the birth of a woman who came with more than that assurance. She heralded, in the words of the Church, "the dawn of hope and salvation to the whole world."

Born a great saint, her "soul was the most beautiful" ever created by God, exults St Alphonsus De Liguori. He adds, "having been destined to become the mother of Eternal Word, the Child was enriched with so great a grace that even at the moment of her immaculate conception she exceeded all the Saints and Angels in sanctity. She was given a higher order of grace, which corresponded to her dignity of Mother of God."

Monday is Labor Day:

As we celebrate Labor Day, let this be our prayer:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Have a great Labor Day weekend!

God bless you. Stay Safe

Fr. Kishore Babu Battu SAC



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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?



One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Which is NOT a holy day of obligation?

- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Christmas
- Pentecost
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Answer is on the calendar page.

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

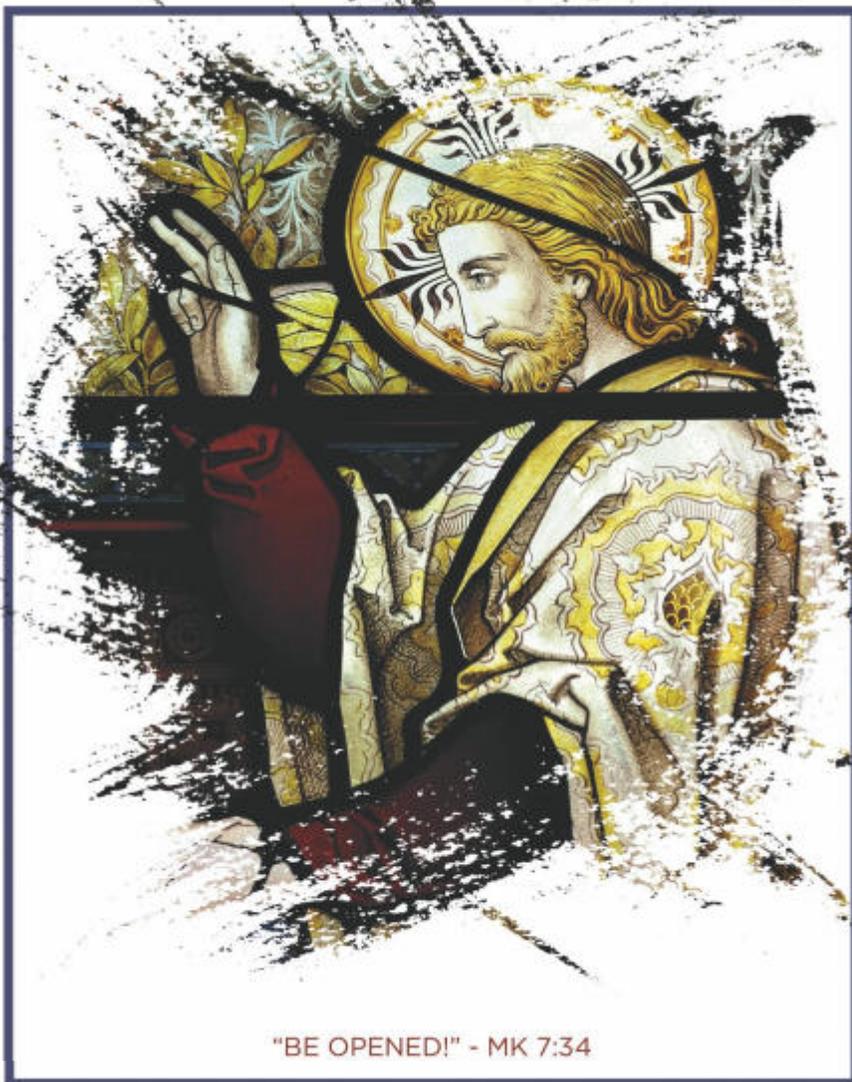
I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





GOSPEL MEDITATION

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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We are so excited to announce that the Children's Liturgy of the Word is returning! Children's Liturgy of the Word is a liturgical celebration. The Gospel is proclaimed in terms appropriate for young children. The Gospel is discussed and broken open so that the children have a better understanding of the message. A profession of faith is proclaimed and prayer intentions offered before the children rejoin their parents. While it is not catechesis (*religious instruction*), Sunday School, or childcare, it is a place where questions are welcomed and children have the opportunity to contribute. The children do what the rest of the community is doing at this point of the Mass. They listen to the scriptures proclaimed and applied to contemporary life and respond in various ways. It is to be an experience of prayer and dialogue with God.

We will be offering CLOW during the **10:30 Mass** starting **Sunday, October 17th**. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry or have any questions, please call the faith formation office at 734-241-6097.

Faith formation classes begin September 14th at the St. Mary Campus on **Tuesdays, 6-7:15 pm**.

We are still in need of wonderful volunteers, specifically catechist assistants, to serve this ministry. The role of a catechist assistant is to offer classroom management support to the catechist. The assistant will often help work with a child who needs extra assistance or help the catechist in a classroom activity. The assistant typically does not help prepare lessons, unless the catechists and the assistant make some prior arrangement for him/her to do so. Please call the faith formation office at 734-241-6097.

Leslee Smith, Director

- Do you attend Mass with friends but are not Catholic?
- Are you contemplating the Catholic faith?
- Are you a *Cradle Catholic* who has not made First Communion or Confirmation?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions begin this month. Please call for more info: **734-241-8645**.

FEAST DAY NEWS

- ◆ **\$\$\$** Have you sold *and* returned your Feast Day raffle tickets? You can't win unless you do!
- ◆ **BINGO!** Gift card donations with a \$10 value are needed for Bingo prizes. Suggestions include local restaurants, stores, movies, Amazon.
- ◆ We're looking for suggestions and help with **family games** and set up. Please contact Gary Carter: 734-915-7673 or GJCarter@mail.com.
- ◆ **Desserts** are needed for the Saturday dinner.
- ◆ Join us in our **Charity Walk - register now!**
- ◆ **Dinner tickets** will be available for purchase September 11th and 12th after Masses or from the Parish Office.
- ◆ Pans will be distributed for **Cake Walk** donations after Masses September 11th and 12th.
- ◆ **Help** will be needed for multiple events. Watch for sign up sheets in the church!
- ◆ Please call the parish office to **volunteer!**

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St. Charles Festival • Newport September 10 - 11 - 12

Rummage Sale - Starts **Thursday, September 9th**
Bingo * Live Music * Kids Tent * Food * Drinks
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Friday - Lake Erie Fish Dinner

Music - *Rushlow & Company* 7-11 pm

Saturday - Steak Dinner

Music - *Lonnie Stump* 1-4 pm

Whistle Pig Band 5-7:30 pm

Wisteria 8-11 pm

Sunday - Famous Chicken Dinner

Car/Tractor Show Homemade Ice Cream

Music - *Simonne Bruck* 12-1 pm

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REFLECT & RESPOND

FIRST READING:

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the importance of being strong of heart when it comes the ways of God. Why do you think this is such an important virtue?

SECOND READING:

James encouraged believers to view the rich and poor from God's perspective. Why do you think people struggle with this divine point of view?

GOSPEL:

In today's reading, we hear how Jesus healed the deaf man with a speech impediment at the request of the "people" close to this man. Who do you know in your life who needs healing from Jesus?

St Joseph, Maybee Campus, Divine Grace Parish Fall Festival

Saturday, September 18

Steak Roast 5-8 pm • Live Auction 6 pm
Band at 7 pm

Sunday, September 19

Chicken Dinner 11 am - 4 pm *Sit down/carry out*
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At this time we need additional drivers who have a pick-up truck, as well as individuals who could assist with the physical work of lifting items on and off our trucks. Would you be willing to share your time once a month to either help pick up donations or deliver them to our clients? Seasoned *Picker Uppers* will share the "ins and outs" of this opportunity in sheltering the homeless. Thank you in advance!

For more information, please contact:

Jim Hansen 313-805-6115

Paul Jay 734-693-4649

Lorie Bronson 734-241-6088.

Come Holy Spirit!

Please join us to pray the **Luminous Mysteries** of the Rosary on **Thursday mornings** beginning at 11:40 am followed by Mass at 12:15 pm in St. Mary Church.

Our prayer intention is for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin to work as a Family of Parishes. We pray also for Fr. David, our moderator, as well as Fr. Giancarlo, Fr. Kishore and Fr. Henri and the parish staffs who serve in our Monroe Family of Parishes (St. Anne, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary and St. Michael the Archangel parishes).

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA
Answer: c

Readings for the Week of September 5, 2021
 Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

THIS WEEK ~ SEPTEMBER 6 - 12

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Labor Day
Parish Office is Closed
 Mass 9 am - church
 Devotions 10 am - church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible 7 pm - Archangel

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
 Mass 8:15 am - church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Blessed Virgin Mary; Patriot Day
 Confession 3:30 pm - church
 Mass 5:00 pm - church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass 8:30 am - church
 Mass 10:30 am - church



LITURGY SCHEDULE		SEPTEMBER 6 - 12
DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS	
Monday 9:00 am	† The People of St Michael and All Who Labor	
Friday 8:15 am	† Frank Liparoto † Earl Navarre Jr	
Saturday 5:00 pm	† Donna Laginess † Fred Rossi	
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	† The People of St Michael † Jack and JD Furnari † Gregory James Terrasi	

LIVE THE LITURGY

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.



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TOP HAT COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor?



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