



# SAINT MARY

## OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

*A Journey in Faith — To Love and Serve the Lord*

FOUNDED 1890

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • August 29th, 2021

### DEAR BELOVED PARISHIONERS

IT IS A month since I came to this parish and I am already experiencing your great love and concern for me and I am very grateful to all of you. I've noticed the number of people coming to the church has increased. The last three weekends I met with new faces and they said they belong to this parish. It was very encouraging for me as well as this parish community to see people are coming back to the church. When we are in the church, we experience calmness, serenity and peacefulness. We also experience a relief from our daily struggles and burdens of life. It is the place where we meet Jesus personally. During the pandemic we missed out on that opportunity, but now we are back again to have that experience once more. It is time for us to make a decision in our life that we need to return to Jesus. Jesus who was always with the poor, the suffering and the needy, He will be with us if we really look for Him and if we really desire His presence with us.

**MY DEAR BROTHERS** and sisters, this is our church, and therefore we need to use our church for prayer and worship. To do that we need to come back to the church again. Our final goal is to reach our Heavenly Father, and Jesus Christ is the way to reach that goal. So, I strongly appeal to all of you to come to the church. Let us have that communion with the members of the mystical body of Christ. Jesus always wishes that we be with Him throughout our life. We are all living in different circumstances and situations and we have our own concerns and priorities. Every day of our life we undergo lots of anxieties and worries. The world will never give us a true peace, the true peace that we get only from Jesus. That is the reason when Jesus was physically living, lots of people came to listen to His teaching. Let us go to Jesus and lay down our burdens to Him. He is ever ready to receive our burdens and transform them making them light and easy to carry. We have a beautiful church and I always felt comforted and a new energy filling my life when I am in the church. I kindly invite all of you into the church to have that experience, being with the Lord.

**MY PRAYERS FOR** all of you and your families. My special prayers to all who are sick and those who are in the hospitals. I invoke God's healing touch upon them. May God Bless you all.

Fr. Tomy

### WELCOME BACK

**THERE IS A** theme song from an old TV show which is now being used as a promo for a popular restaurant chain. The lyrics go like this:

*Welcome back, your dreams were your ticket out . . . Welcome back, to that same old place that you laughed about . . . Well the names have all changed since you hung around . . . But those dreams have remained and they've turned around . . . Who'd have thought they'd lead ya . . . (Who'd have thought they'd lead ya) . . . Back here where we need ya (Back here where we need ya)*



**THESE WORDS RING** true for most of us in regard to the Church. For the better part of a year and a half we have sheltered in place in an effort to avoid Covid19. Many of us watched the Mass on TV or on the computer. I myself conducted a Liturgy of the Word on Zoom every Sunday for friends and family members from across the country. Now, however, our churches are open and Liturgy and community sharing are beginning to blossom again. Once again we are able to share full, active and conscious participation in communion with each other.

**YES SOME THINGS** have changed. We are on our second pastoral leader since Fr. John Budde retired. (And let me assure you, our new priest is a very holy man and also, a very friendly man.) Steve Hanson is still at the keyboard leading us in praising God and, although they are fewer in number, our readers and Eucharistic ministers are the same. We are re-starting our face-to-face Faith Formation for children as well as for adults. Our Christian Service and outreach programs are still running and our prayer groups are still praying. The only problem is that there are far *too few* of us.

**WE KNOW THAT** there are plenty of folks who would gladly return if only they were invited. **That's where you come in.** If you are reading this, you probably have already started to come back to Mass. But, what about your neighbor? I would be willing to bet that they would be thrilled to hear an invitation from you. Something like this: "Hey Mary and Joe, how about if I pick you up for Mass this weekend and we go get something to eat after?" Our dream is community and the salvation of ourselves and of others. As the song goes, its **"back here where we need ya."**

Since retiring, I consider myself to be a "behind the scenes" deacon. You have seen me in the bulletin inviting you to expand your understanding of the Church through educational sessions or to meet with me to rectify your marriage situation. Recently I have taken on a new role. I am the new coordinator for the Christian Initiation of adults and children of catechetical age. In that role I urge you to invite someone to come to church.

**THERE IS A** community here that needs them and we need you to invite them. No matter if they are not Catholic but are looking for a way to express their spirituality, or if they are someone whose spirituality needs a little boost from a live person. We need them, please invite them.

Contact us at 248-685-1482. You'll be glad you did!  
God bless You!

Deacon Tim Pilon



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**Council President:** Larry Chludzinski

*Council meeting is the fourth Tuesday of the month.*

**WORSHIP**

*Commission meeting is the second Tuesday of the month.*

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

**Chairperson:** Jerri Somervell

*Commission meeting is the second Tuesday of the month.*

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Chairperson:** Mike Ciarelli

*Commission meeting is the second Tuesday of the month.*

**FINANCE**

**Chairperson:** Keith Hughes

*Commission meeting is the third Tuesday of the month.*

**BAPTISMS** Please call the Parish Office to arrange for your child's baptism.

**MARRIAGES** Arrangements may be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date. You must also be a Parishioner six months previously.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Individual Confession

on Saturdays between 9:00am & 4:00pm-4:50pm

Mondays 6:30-6:55 pm, & Wednesdays 8:30am-8:55am

or anytime upon request by calling the Parish Office.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**PARALYMPIC FUN FACT:**



The name SOMEITY comes from "Someiyoshino" – a popular type of cherry blossom – and the phrase "so mighty". SOMEITY can show enormous mental and physical strength, representing athletes who overcome obstacles and redefine the boundaries of possibility.

Let God redefine the obstacles in your life. Step out in faith to be a **CATECHIST** to the children of our parish! Training, materials and experienced support provided. Call Colleen or Alyson today to find out how! 248-685-2702

**Current Openings: 1st Communion Tue or Wed at 4:30p 1st and 3rd grade Wed at 6:15p and Children's Liturgy presenters. Also we need Hall Monitors for Tue at 4:30pm**

**A PARENT'S BLESSING FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

*"Happy the one who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding! Her profit is better than profit in silver and better than gold is her revenue... Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace." (Proverbs 3:13-14, 17)*

God of Wisdom, As we begin a new school year, we ask You to be with our child (children). Help her (him) to listen, to participate, to help others, and to make good friends in school. Help her (him) to find and use the gifts and talents You have given, and to share Your love with others. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen!

*Put you hand on your child's head and, with you thumb, trace the Sign of the Cross on you child's forehead.*

An now I bless you, (name), in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. May all your paths be peace!



*"Be doers of the word, not hearers only, deluding yourselves."*

**Sheepish Question:**

**When and why have I tried to get around what God really wants?**

# FAITH FORMATION

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE NEWS

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? Are you searching for something more in your life? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study, this fall at St. Mary. Weekly group sessions are starting in September.



*Opening Your Heart*, our foundational study, is designed for a woman new to WWP with or without any Bible study experience; come as you are to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.



Our second study, *Discovering our Dignity*, gives us modern-day advice from the women of the Bible and is for women who have already participated in Walking with Purpose and are ready for more advanced level of study.

[Participants, please choose your study and order your book from \[www.walkingwithpurpose.com\]\(http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com\) or Amazon.](#) Please call Colleen (248-685-7848) or email Theresa (tjmac1207@gmail.com) for more information.



## LADIES! SAVE THE DATE!

The first annual **Michigan Catholic Women's Conference!** Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, women will be encouraged and inspired to ignite their spirits and grow their

faith by hearing from Catholic speakers (including Kelly Wahlquist, Sheri Wohlert, Fr. Joe Krupp, Fr. Adam Maher, Erin Looby Carlson, and Melanie Rea), engaging in praise and worship music, and celebrating holy Mass with our bishops. The conference will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan on **October 16, 2021, 9:00 am–5:00 pm**. Register before September 6 for the discounted \$50 rate. Sponsored by every MI Diocese. Call the Faith Formation office if you are interested in carpooling. For more information: <https://michigancwc.org>



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Interested in finding out more about Jesus and the Catholic Church? The RCIA provides a setting where the journey of faith and moments of conversion can be discovered and celebrated within our Christian community. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** contact Deacon Tim Pilon / RCIA Coordinator 248-390-5436 or [deacontimpilon@yahoo.com](mailto:deacontimpilon@yahoo.com)



## WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE

We celebrate Labor Day this week. Our Catholic Church upholds the dignity of work and the rights of workers. One of those rights is to a just wage, one which provides adequate income to support oneself and one's family.

This week's challenge is to advocate for a just wage for all people, no matter what their occupation. As a household, find out what the minimum wage is in your state. Discuss what you would have to give up if your family had to live on the minimum wage. Then decide on one step you can take, such as emailing your state legislators, to support a more livable minimum wage in your state.

## MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY!

St. Gregory (feast day September 3) was born in Rome around 540. At age 34 he was appointed Chief Magistrate of Rome. He built six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in his own home in Rome. He became a priest at 35.

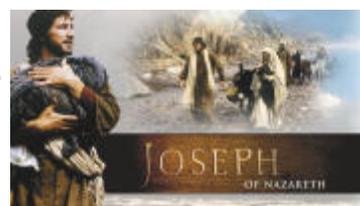
He was unanimously elected Pope and is known above all for his contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass and Office. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church and is considered to be the patron saint of teachers.



*"The Bible is a stream of running water, where alike the elephant may swim, and the lamb walk without losing its feet."*

~ St. Gregory the Great

## FORMED.ORG CAN SPICE UP YOUR MOVIE NIGHT!



The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man-to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. He would be the man closest to Christ.

Already have a FORMED Account?

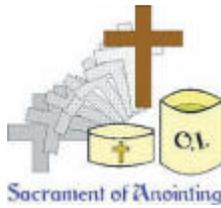
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3. Enter your name and email

# CHRISTIAN SERVICE

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK COMMUNAL CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, during the noon mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and invite you to celebrate with us. The anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments that Jesus shares with us as a personal encounter with His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Today the Church encourages the weakened elderly, the mentally ill, those who are seriously ill, and those anticipating surgery to receive this giving sacrament of Christ.

**ANOINTING OF THE Sick** is a sacrament of faith: a prayer of the Church community encompassing love and care by the people of the Church, and an invocation for healing of both body and spirit.

**WITH THE CELEBRATION** of Mass, the anointing with holy oil, the imposition of hands, and the prayer, this communal celebration is continued with coffee and donuts in the hall for all who attend mass.

**WE LOOK FORWARD** to celebrating this special sacrament with you.

**CONTACT J.V.** at 248-685-1482 if you would like to take part us in this sacrament.



### In Observance of Labor Day

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th.

**THERE WILL BE NO MASS that day.**

## HEALTH MINISTRY

### HEALTH TIDBIT



**SALAD:** Do you tend to stuff yourself at meals? Control that calorie intake by starting with a large salad (but hold the creamy dressing). One study found that those who ate a big, low-cal salad consumed 12 percent less pasta afterward – even though they were offered as much as they wanted. The secret, say researchers, is the sheer volume of a salad, which makes you feel too full to pig out. Health bonus: A study published in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association found that people who ate one salad a day with dressing had higher levels of vitamins C and E, folic acid, lycopene, and carotenoids – all disease fighters – than those who didn't add salad to their daily menu.

### PLEASE CONTACT:

**DONNA BINNS-GORDON**, 248-933-0941 if you have questions or are interested in joining the Health Ministry.

## ST. MARY CALENDARS ARE HERE!



**COMPLIMENTARY CALENDARS ARE NOW** available. The calendars are set up on a September 2021 through August 2022 basis, highlighting many of the events of the Parish during that period of time.

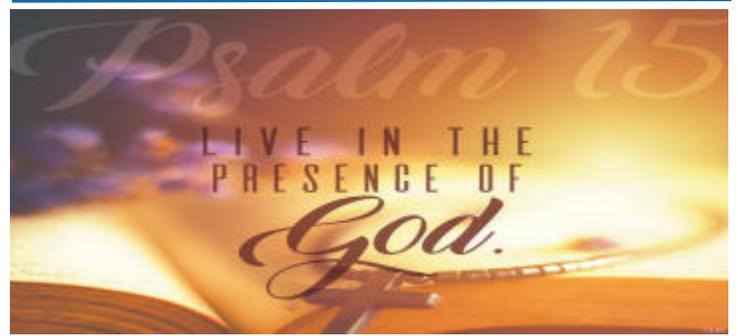
**PLEASE USE THE CALENDAR WITH OUR BEST WISHES.**



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS REQUESTED

**WE ARE IN NEED** of Sacristans, Lectors, & Ushers at **ALL** the masses. As more people feel comfortable coming back to church, we are asking for volunteers. Full training will be provided. We sincerely thank the people who have stepped up & helped all throughout the pandemic. Please, if you are coming to Mass & if the Spirit moves you, please step up and help out. Please call the Parish office to volunteer. Thanks very much!

*If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact J.V at 248-685-1482. Thank you so much!*



## PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

How Much Does It Cost To Get A Prayer Quilt?  
**NOTHING!**



**THE PRAYER QUILT** Ministry **does not charge** anything, and **will not accept** any payment for a Prayer Quilt. Filled with love, and with the prayers of so many caring people, a Prayer Quilt is absolutely priceless.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS THE COMFORT OF A PRAYER QUILT?**

**CALL THE ST.** Mary Parish office at 248-685-1482 to arrange for that person to receive the benefits of a prayer quilt.

## KNIGHT NEWS



**MY BROTHER KNIGHTS:** The last couple of weeks we have completed a couple of our more high-profile events. First, we held our first annual Special Needs Family Picnic at Scarlet Smiles Playground. It was attended by several people from the local group homes and children that were at the park enjoying the day. We had a great turnout of Knights and their family members to help. We also held our St. Jude's Golf Outing at Mystic Creek. John Rogers and his staff of volunteers put on a great golf outing which included lunch, dinner and door prizes. The twenty teams had a great time despite the unusually hot weather. Thanks to John and all who helped.

**FROM FULTON J. Sheen:** "The evil in the world must not make me doubt the existence of God. There could be no evil if there were no God."

**Enjoy Sunday with your family.**

Gus LaRuffa - PGK (248) 912-7406

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7444

**PLEASE JOIN THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH  
FOR OUR  
ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT  
at the St. Paul of the Cross  
RETREAT CENTER SEPTEMBER 10-12TH**



**DO SOMETHING NICE FOR YOURSELF!**

The retreat theme for this year is  
**"Bouncing Back/Living in Hope".**

Ask anyone who has made a retreat and they will tell you that they have never been more at peace with God and the world.

**Ask a friend or family member to accompany you!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** or to make a reservation, please call:

Ruth Hughes @ 248-685-0951  
stpaulretreat.org

**Take time to be quiet.  
It's an opportunity to seek God.**

## A NEED FOR TRUTH AND PRAYER

**OUR COUNTRY AND** the world are going through some very difficult times. Every news station tells a different version of what is happening. You may choose to believe one report, and I might choose to believe another version of the same issue. This can cause conflict, bitterness, division and even hatred between some people. Surely the devil, who causes confusion and conflict is rejoicing and laughing at us, for this is his plan: to divide and destroy us. When man becomes self-centered rather than God centered, he focuses on power, greed, selfishness and has the desire to "rule the world." This leads to destruction of goodness and peace. Today we also see many attacks on our Faith. Please pray for us not to turn away from Christ. Pray that we will have greater faith and greater courage to defend our Faith. Saints Peter and Paul, please pray for us and help us obtain the strength to stand up for what is right and good. We live in a peace-less world, full of threats. We know that **GOD IS GOODNESS AND OUR PEACE.** If we could all take a step back and join our fight and force in **PRAYER**, asking God to enlighten our minds to real **TRUTH**-----empowered by His Holy Spirit-----we could change our country and maybe even the world, making it a better place for our children and grandchildren. Outside of God, is there really any hope for us? As a suggestion, we could practice 'CARE.'

**C Confession---**unburden ourselves of any offenses or faults, lighten up our hearts and get a fresh start.

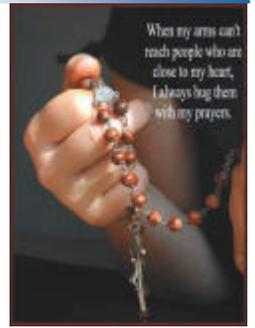
**A Adoration---**spend some time in silence and enjoy the Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Confide your worries, ask for help, talk to Him heart to heart. Then thank Him.

**R Rosary---**at Fatima, our Blessed Mother asked that we pray the rosary. Popes and Saints have said that it is the most powerful weapon that we can hold in our hand. When people pray the rosary together, it is more powerful-----it is an army attacking the devil.

**E Eucharist---**receive Jesus into your heart. Receive His Peace, Love, Joy and Grace. Express your love and thanksgiving for His Many Blessings.

Until next week, Love and Prayers,  
Arlene Loehr

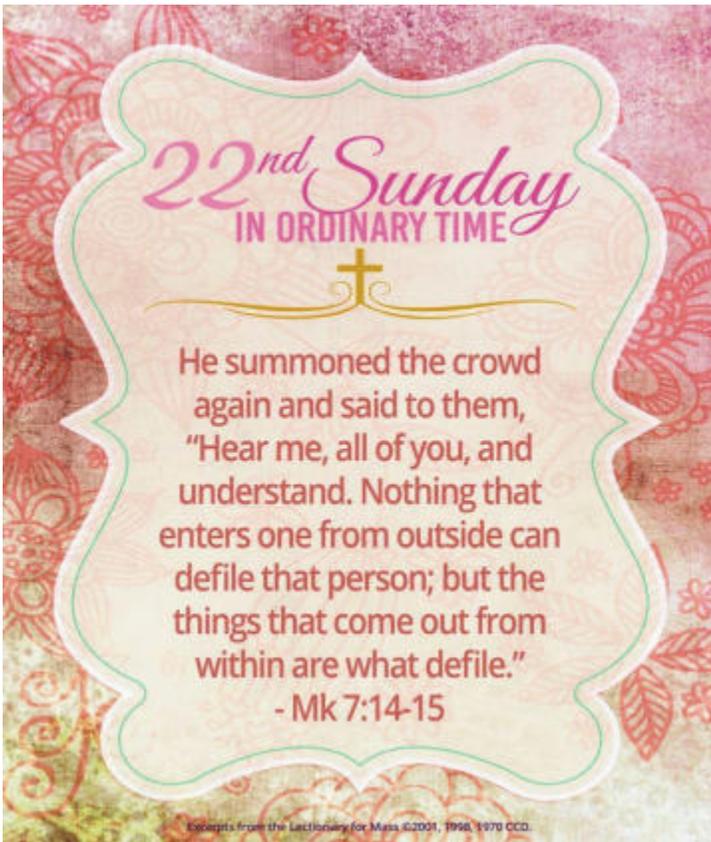
P.S. It is better to walk alone than with a crowd going in the wrong direction (pray for the right path).



## EXPOSITION, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Dear Jesus, hide me in Your Sacred Heart.  
Be my refuge where nothing can touch me.  
Friday 1-6pm

**First Friday Mass following the 5:50pm Benediction.**



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -**  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Give it all Back**

**POP CULTURE HAS** given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity – on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

**BUT WHEN YOU** remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

**WELL, VERY EASILY**, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

**IS THAT JUSTICE?** No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

**THE ANSWER IS** simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

**CALLING IT ALL** your own, refusing to share any of it – that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you – that's justice.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

**NEXT WEEKEND'S LITURGY**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

**WE GATHER TODAY** as the blind person who does not see the suffering in our world. We are the deaf person who does not hear the cries of the poor and the mute who fails to speak up against injustice. We come to Jesus for healing so we may speak out against people and systems that oppress and silence the voices of the least among us.



"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts."  
- Mark 7:6-7

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Is 35:4-7a Be strong! Fear not! Here is your God!

Ps 146 Praise the Lord, my soul!

Jas 2:1-5 Show no partiality.

Mk 7:31-37 He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

**THE GOSPEL TODAY** hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law. Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self-giving for the sake of others.

As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.

**Please note that ALL MONIES donated to St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul remain in this area, and are used to assist local families in need.**

**IF YOU HAVE** questions or are interested in joining us, please contact Julie Jacobs at (248) 396-2857.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Michelle Adams  
 Patrick Amrine  
 Robert Andrzejewski  
 Brandy Asnaz  
 Arlene Banka  
 Samantha Barlow  
 Laurel Bedgood  
 Bob Behmer  
 Shirley Bible  
 Tammy Bidwell  
 Darryl Bolitho  
 Amy Nowicki Boyers  
 Carol Brown  
 Vince Brown  
 Tom Buckley  
 Sharon Callahan  
 Sarah Campione  
 Marguerite Carlise  
 John Carlton  
 Pete Censer  
 Terri Chiaz  
 Chuck Chidsey  
 Josie Ciaravino  
 John Clement  
 Trevor Cline  
 Bud Conrad  
 Richard Cole  
 Paul Corrin  
 Julien Couture  
 Simone Couture  
 Cheryl Crawford  
 Joe Criscuolo  
 Cliff & Mary Cunningham  
 Susan Daurety  
 Mary Jane DeCender  
 Rick & Russ DeLong  
 Mario DelPup  
 Thomas DeWitt  
 John Dickey  
 Jacob & Tonya DiPonio  
 Dolores Donnellon  
 Laura Drahozal  
 P.J. Driscoll  
 David Dunn  
 Morgan Elliot  
 Ivan Emiline  
 Mary Finnegan  
 Beverly Fleming  
 Andrea Foster  
 Thomas Fuja  
 Anthony Garofalo  
 Natalina Gaviglio  
 Bev Golden  
 Jack Graver  
 Pat Greenless  
 Jamie Guckian  
 Lori Haile  
 Eli Hansen  
 Helen & Kathy Harcharick  
 George Hayden  
 Dennis Henry  
 James Hanson  
 Ann Marie Howard  
 Virginia Iaconelli  
 Atlas Lee Jackson  
 Diane Jechura  
 Jackie Johnson  
 Joan Johnston  
 Casey Jones  
 Tom Jones  
 Kate Joslin  
 Patricia Kelly  
 Rob Kelly  
 Christopher Kirk  
 Jason Kirk  
 Ryan Kirk  
 Sam Kirk  
 Carole Kirouac  
 Ellen Kobylski  
 Linda Kozlowski  
 Delaney Kraemer  
 Bruce Krot  
 Barb Kuehl  
 Rose LaBorde  
 Dorothy LaFave  
 Tom LaFave  
 Patricia & Ronald LaFrance  
 Connie Lagodzinski  
 Becky Lamb  
 David Lashbrook  
 Lorraine Latour  
 Greg Lemanski

Frannie Lesniak  
 David Liscinsky  
 Randy Manar  
 Aldona & Stan Manvydas  
 Cary Marakovitz  
 Tom Marciniak  
 Kelly Martin  
 Suzanne Marzek  
 Virginia Markey  
 Annette Matt  
 John Matusiak  
 Christina McCarthy  
 Michael McCarthy  
 Sean McCusker  
 Marge McDiarmid  
 Michael McGregory  
 Debra McKinney  
 Mary McNamara  
 Joe Mills  
 Michael Misteravich  
 Adam Moore  
 Earl & Pat Moore  
 Charlotte Moss  
 Fr. Ed Mitchell  
 Rose Marie Nardone  
 Dennis O'Brien  
 Janice Oleszczak  
 Joan Opiela  
 Mary Pernak  
 Alex Petkus  
 Mike Polcyn  
 Don & Marilyn Ponto  
 Karl Prescher  
 Fran Rabideau  
 Michael Rahig  
 Cindy Rashid  
 Betty Redford  
 Robert Reid  
 Paula Reynolds  
 Vincent Rhodes  
 Rex Richmond  
 Katie of Riverview  
 Marilyn & John Rogers  
 Henry Rossi  
 Sandy Roy  
 George Rusczyk  
 Connie Salvati  
 Claire Salyers  
 Eileen Sausa  
 Dave Scherf  
 Christopher Scherf  
 Gloria Schulte  
 Karen Scott  
 Joy Shick  
 Janet Sikora  
 Ken Sikorski  
 Edna Skop  
 Jerry Snyder  
 Anne Sordyl  
 Scott Soukup  
 Graham Squires  
 Phil Stapleton  
 Kimi Stephens  
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 Justin Weaver  
 Terry Webb  
 Nina White  
 William Wilkins  
 Barbara Wilson  
 Arlene Yearn  
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### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday : 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
 12:00 noon

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Cancelled until further notice

### Nursery

Closed until further notice

### Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:00 p.m.  
 Tues., Wed., Thurs., Friday: 9:00 a.m.  
 Sat., 8:30 am

### Holy Day Masses

9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 30th, 7:00pm

† Reggie Moxley, req. by: The Geise Family

Tuesday, August 31st, 9:00 am

† Paul Shubitowski, req. by: Carol Shubitowski

Wednesday, September 1st, 9:00am

† Mary Theresa Thiemann, req. by: The Geisman

~Sandra Whitman, (Birthday Blessings) req. by: Her Sister

Thursday, September 2nd, **NO MASS**

Friday, September 3rd, 9:00 am

† Steve Loehr, req. by: His Family

~Recipients & Members of the Prayer Quilt Ministry

6:00 pm (1ST FRIDAY MASS)

~Living & Deceased Members of the Thursday afternoon Prayer Group

Saturday, September 4th

8:30 am (presider) Fr. Tomy

† Fred MacMahon, req. by: His Parish Family

5:00 PM (presider) Fr. Tomy

† Richard & Betty Casey, req. by: The Casey Children

Sunday, September 5th

8:00 am (presider) Fr. Tomy

† Mike Everhard, req. by: Mary & Greg Elliott

~Markiyon Vasyl Marcheff, req. by:

Tetyana Marcheff

10:00 am (presider) Fr. Tomy

~Christy Durkee & Family, (For healing) req. by:

The Baracos Family

12:00 Noon (presider) Fr. John Budde

~People of St. Mary

## OFFERTORY REPORT

Thank you so much for your great generosity and open-hearted support of St. Mary.

Our annual budget is based on contributions each week of \$20,365.00 The contributions for last weekend were \$21,798.00

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*What is a Core Team Member? Core Team is a group of volunteers who build relationships with the teens in order to lead them to a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We do this through middle school faith formation (Edge), our high school youth group (Life Teen) and our Confirmation prep class.*

*Edge runs on Monday evenings from September-April, Life Teen is the 4th Sunday evening of every month, and Confirmation is the 2nd Sunday of the month (following the 5pm Youth Mass) from September-April.*

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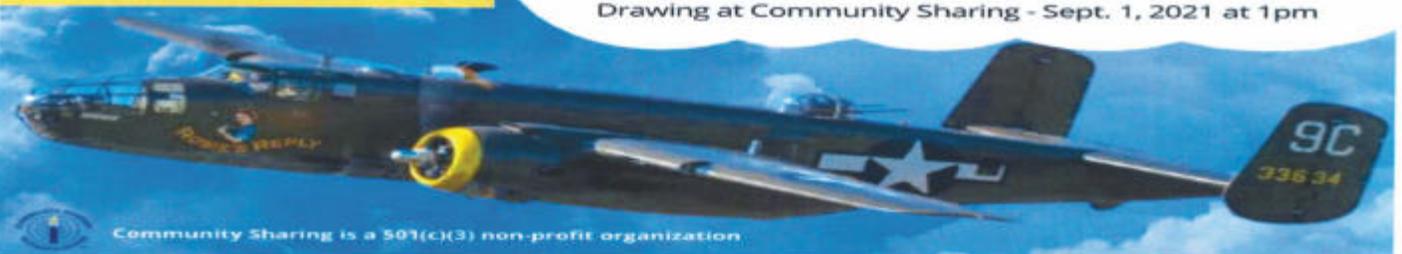
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# CHRISTIAN SERVICE

## GOSPEL MEDITATION -

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 29, 2021

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ALBERT EINSTEIN SAID** that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.”

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

**FOR JESUS, IT** often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

**HERE ENTERS THE** need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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Clare of Assisi, Clare also spelled Clara, Italian Santa Chiara d'Assisi, (born July 16, 1194, Assisi, duchy of Spoleto [Italy]—died **August 11, 1253**, Assisi; canonized 1255; feast day August 11), abbess and founder of the Poor Clares (Clarissines)

### Tips: In the Spirit of St. Clare

1. Give something you love away. Pray to let go both before and after.
2. Place an empty jar that once held oil where it will call you to be open and empty.
3. Poor Clares often offer spiritual direction and guidance. Search for a monastery in your area—or see if virtual visits are possible.

### PRAYER OF ST. CLARE

St. Clare wrote four letters to St. Agnes of Bohemia. While medieval in style, they offer insight into Clare’s own prayer.

*With swift pace, light step,  
[and] unswerving feet,  
so that even your steps stir up no dust,  
go forward,  
securely, joyfully, and swiftly,  
on the path of prudent happiness.*  
—Second Letter to St. Agnes

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