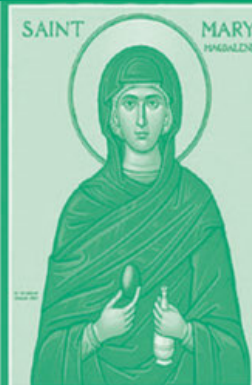




St. Justin~St. Mary Magdalen *Catholic Community*



We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2023 - Catechetical Sunday



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

Archbishop's Message 2023

"GO AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus is present in many ways in his Church. He is present in his Word and when two or more gather in his name. He is present in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned. But he is most powerfully present in the Eucharist.

What a gift and immeasurable blessing it is that the God of the Universe would allow us to receive him and partake in the sacred mystery of communion with him! When we receive the Eucharist, we are truly united with Christ. And as we enter into this communion, we are also sent into the world to share Good News, the Gospel message, with those we encounter.

The theme for this year's Catholic Services Appeal is taken from the part of the liturgy we pray at the end of Mass: **"Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord."** It reminds us that in the Eucharist, we are not only rejuvenated and nourished but also *sent out* into our communities, inviting all to "come and see the goodness of the Lord."

When you make a gift to the CSA, you support the work of more than 170 ministries, services, and programs in the Archdiocese of Detroit that respond each day to the material and spiritual needs of countless individuals and their families. When we come together as the Church, nourished and strengthened there by the Eucharist, our words and actions share the Good News of the Gospel with those around us.

I am grateful for the many ways you have contributed to this work in the past. I ask that you please consider renewing your gift this year, helping us continue to share with all the purest joy found only in Christ.

Entrusting you to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, Blessed Solanus Casey, and St. Anne, our patroness, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit



CSA 2023 has begun. If you haven't received your CSA information in the mail please contact Doris 248-542-8060 so she can get a copy to you. Your support to this campaign is greatly appreciated! If we don't make our goal the balance will be taken from our savings.

**OUR SICK**

Shirley Ahlgrim, Daniel Baldwin, Ellen Cianfarani, Mary Colman, Monica Crawford, Mary Ann Davis, Bob Esler, Marie Ferguson, Lilly Finn, Annette & Ken Funk, Mike Gonzales, Shirley (T-Shirl) Grabinski, Ernestine & John Hlatky, Robert Hunacek, Darlene & Delphine Kern, Alfredo Klain, Patricia Krupa, Tom LaBrie, Alan Ladd, Olga Lewandowski, Cheryl Loftis, Dorothy Martin, David McArthur, Nancy McLean, Jack Miller, Nancy Mitts, Betty Nicholls, Sharon Perry, Andrew Pulford, Kimberley Semrau, Marsha Senkowski, Joseph Sitto, Erik Smith, Joyce Socia, Judi Sullivan, Patrick Sullivan, Chris Susalla, Billy Taylor, Jean Thomas, Douglas & Esther Thureau, Laurie Wareham, Ralph Wittla

To keep our List current and relevant, this listing will be revised every June 1st and December 1st. To add, remove or continue a name, please contact the parish secretary at 248-542-8060, or notify us in writing.

**Monday - September 18**

- 9:00AM Mass at St. Justin
For: Health of Marsha Senkowski
From: Altar Society/Christian Service

**Tuesday - September 19
St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr**

- 9:00AM Mass at St. Justin
For: Don Warda
From: Darlene Forbes

**Wednesday - September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs**

- 9:00AM Mass at St. Justin
For: Health of Monica Crawford
From: Altar Society/Christian Service

**Thursday - September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

- NO Mass at St. Justin

Friday - September 22

- 9:00AM Mass at St. Justin
For: Health of Betty Nicholls
From: Altar Society/Christian Service

**Saturday - September 23
St. Pius of Pietreicina, Priest**

- 9:00AM-11:00AM REP at St. Justin
- 12:00PM (noon) Confession at St. Justin
- 4:00PM Mass at St. Justin
For: Alfred Hippler
From: Hippler Family

**Sunday - September 24
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priesthood Sunday**

- 9:00AM Mass at SMM
For: Charles Yodhes
From: Maryann Pearson
For: Helen & Gwen Jones
From: Terry Kuzatkowski
- 11:00AM Mass at SMM
For: Living & Deceased Priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**September 17, 2023****24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— *Father John Muir*

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Everyday Stewardship

Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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SJ-SMM Collection Summary August 20, 2023

Non Offertory Collections

Holy Day	\$689
Holy Day Loose	\$56
Votive	\$26
Initial Offering	\$1

Total Non Offertory \$772

Offertory Collection

Envelopes	\$2,329
Loose	\$297

Total Offertory \$2,626

Weekly Budget for Offertory \$3,115

Over (Under) Budget This Week (\$489)

Collections year to date \$23,304

Collections budget year to date \$24,920

Over (Under) budget year to date (\$1,616)

CATECHISM CORNER

Our Religious Education Program began September 9th. All classes are held on Saturday mornings every other week, from 9AM-11AM, at the St. Justin campus. We welcome all students beginning as early as Kindergarten. Registration packets are still available at both sites, and can be completed and brought to the school on the child's first day of class. Tuition remains the same as last year- \$25 per family **for registered and contributing members**, regardless of the number of students. Non-parishioner tuition remains at \$50 per child. We have always stated that no child will be denied due to an inability to pay. Please see Fr. Bob or myself if this is the case. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at the number listed below. We look forward to sharing another faith-filled year with our students!

In Christ's peace,
Connie Grden, DRE
(586) 246-1507

CATECHISM CORNER

Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday each year is set aside to recognize and honor those who serve our Christian community as catechists. This year it falls on September 17th. For over 27 years, I have been blessed to work in our Religious Education Program, and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful group of catechists I have had the privilege of knowing and working with over these many, many years. Each and every week, year after year, they selflessly share their own gift of faith with our students and continue to pass on Christ's teachings to our next generation. They take their mission and ministry seriously, and I am ever grateful for their unfailing support of our program. They have learned, as I have, that in sharing the gift of faith, our own faith is deepened in return. So it is with profound gratitude and deepest respect that I honor our catechists: Sylvia Gurnicz, Leona Garska, Yvonne Stokes, and Judith Klender. Please keep them in your prayers for the grace to continue in the ministry.

In Christ's peace,
Connie



Even though we have disbanded from St. Vincent de Paul we will continue to take food. We are working with St. Mary's Royal Oak Food Pantry redistributing the food to them for distribution. If calls come in for food Doris refers them to St. Mary's.

You may continue to drop off food in the baskets as in the past or at the rectory office. Thank You.

Rummage & Bake Sale Raffle Tickets Available After All Masses

1st Prize
\$500.00 Cash

2nd Prize
\$100.00 Kroger Card

3rd Prize
\$50.00 Meijer Card

Tickets \$1.00 ea. (books of 10)

We ask each family to help us by buying or selling a book of tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

FORGIVE

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

MATTHEW 18:21-22

St. Justin-St. Mary Magdalen Parish Rummage & Bake Sale

*St. Justin Church
1600 E. Evelyn
Hazel Park*

*Friday: September 29th 10:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday: September 30th 10:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday: October 1st 10:00AM-1:00PM*

*Special Pricing on Sunday!!!
Sale Items Include:*

*Clothing, Toys, Lamps, Glassware, Furniture,
Baked Goods, and many other wonderful things!*

*Raffle Drawing on Sunday
Tickets available at \$1.00 each - in books of 10*

*Prizes
1st Prize - \$500.00 Cash
2nd Prize - \$100.00 Kroger Card
3rd Prize - \$50.00 Meijer Card*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**For the upcoming October 7th
through November 18th
Coat Closet Giveaway**

The Knights of Columbus have begun collecting donations of NEW and GENTLY used coats for their upcoming Coat Closet Giveaway beginning this October. Special need is for INFANTS COATS, however, will accept adult and children size coats. Boxes are out at both campuses to collect the coats.



**Barbara Potter
September 2, 2023**

The faith community of
St. Justin-St. Mary Magdalen
extends their thoughts & prayers
to the family & friends
of Barb
who recently entered
into eternal life.

Right to Life –LIFESPAN Fairness for Pregnant Workers

In 2022, Congress passed the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, requiring employers to make reasonable accommodations for pregnant mothers in the workplace. At the request of the current administration the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) is attempting to broaden this measure to Include accommodations, such as extended time off, for female employees who seek an abortion. This means that virtually every employer, even pro-life organizations, would be required to provide accommodations for employees seeking an abortion. For more information, please call the LIFESPAN office, 248-816-1546.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of love,
Our world is wrought with war
and violence, as brother turns on
brother, and the innocent awake
to gunfire and bombs.

May Your compassion and
healing
move hearts and bring a new
day to Ukraine.

Fortify your children to resist
aggression and instead become
instruments of peace.

We ask this in the name of
the One who is the
Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Bake Sale

ATTENTION BAKERS:

Altar Society/Christian Service is requesting talented bakers of our parish to please contribute baked goods for the bake sale held during our Rummage Sale on September 29th & 30th and October 1st.

Please contact Carole Detloff at 586-757-4016 with questions and for times that contributions can be dropped off at the St. Justin campus. Thank You!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of “Lord of the Rings: Return of the King,” Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin’s effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

“Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.” — Sirach 27:30

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September 24, 2023 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Priesthood Sunday

	Lector	Ministers	Servers	Ushers
4:00PM at St. Justin	assigned	assigned	assigned	
9:00AM at SMM	assigned	assigned	assigned	Darlene Forbes Robert Suszek Bill Tillman
11:00AM at SMM	assigned	assigned	assigned	Tim Butler Ken Funk Chris Gariepy Ken Kuhr

*ST. JUSTIN~ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY****SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP*****Weekday Mass Schedule**

Monday 9:00AM
at St. Justin
Tuesday 9:00AM
at St. Justin
Wednesday 9:00AM
at St. Justin
Thursday
No Mass
Friday 9:00AM
at St. Justin

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays 4:00PM
at St. Justin
Sundays @ 9:00AM & 11:00AM
at SMM

Holy Days of Obligation

(To be determined based on
day of week.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Private Confessions)
Saturdays 12:00PM (noon)
at St. Justin

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Wednesday of the Month
7:00PM-8:00PM
at St. Justin

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Third Monday of the month
following Daily Mass at St. Justin

Perpetual Help Devotion

Wednesdays following Daily Mass
at St. Justin

Sacraments**Baptisms**

Arrangements must be made through
the rectory.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made through
the rectory at least six months prior
to the date of marriage.

Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated during 9:00AM Mass
on the first Friday
of each month
at St. Justin

Parish Organizations**Parish Council**

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By Pastoral Appointment

Altar Society-Christian Service

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586-757-4016

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Deputy Grand Knight

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As members of St. Justin-St. Mary Magdalen Parish,
we pledge, to spread the Word of God
received in the Liturgy to others,
through our actions
of evangelization, fellowship, education
and serving others.

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