15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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July 11, 2021
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Deacon David Drysdale

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:15, 10:00 & 11:45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 8:00 am & 3:00-4:00 pm
Wednesday 6:00 pm,
First Friday 8:00 am & 6:30pm
Or by Appointment— call parish office
Baptism Class-Registration Required
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Mass Schedule

Monday, July 12, 2021
8:30 a.m. Timothy & Cheryl Puente wedding anniv.

Tuesday, July 13, 2021
St. Henry
8:30 a.m. John Normandin+ by Grandson Gilbert

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
St. Kateri Tekakwith, Virgin
6:30 p.m. Scott Head+
Sandy Callaway+ by Corrine Callaway
Donald Louzon Jr. by Susan Cuzelis
Marguerite & Lawrence McPartlin+ by Paula & Ken Orr
Virgil Hinzmann Sr.+ by Jim & Jeanette Herzog
Louis Pavalock+ by Keyna Bloom & Louise Griffiths
Donald Dionne & Family by M. Costa
Ann Sappenfield+ by Betty Steffke
Parishioners of the parish

Thursday, July 15, 2021
St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:30 a.m. Maria Neri+ by Dino & Mary Bonanni

Friday, July 16, 2021
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:30 a.m. Nan Bidwell+ by Cherie Domigan

Saturday, July 17, 2021
Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m. Ed Miller+
Bruce Stanley+ by Rita Stanley
Fr. Jim by the Family of Bill Boulay
Robert Domigan+ by Larry Roberts
Maureen Brazier+ by Paul & Jill Brazier
The Living & Deceased members of the Head Family by Vlado, Judy, Mary Ellen and Ed
Beth Herzog
Scott Head+ by JoAnn Cortese Scanland & Brian Lukasik Family

4:30 p.m. Elmer Gonyea, Sr. 48th Anniv.

Sunday, July 18, 2021
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Mike Conti+ by Connie & Bill Boulay

10:00 a.m. Robert Domigan+ by Dean & Pam Katschor

11:45 a.m. Denny & Janice Beaudrie by Chris Harvell

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July 17/18

Mass	4:30pm	8:15am	10:00am	11:45am	Benediction
Lector	Janet K	Pat Sz	Ralph S	Pat Senn	July 15
Acolyte	Alan S	Steve O	Tony R	Mark S	Michael D
Servers	Needed	Needed	Nick G	Sarah L/Peyton B	

July 2021 Calendar
Rosary is prayed a half hour before Mass
Information is based on submission date of bulletin and subject to change; watch website and flocknote

11 Mass 8:15, 10:00, & 11:45am	12 Mass 8:30am Flame of Love 9:30am	13 Mass 8:30am 2:00 Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima	14 Confession 6:00 Mass 6:30pm	15 Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:30-6:45pm	16 Mass 8:30am	17 Confession 8am & 3pm Mass 8:30am & 4:30pm Clothing Closet & Food Bank 10-Noon
18 Mass 8:15, 10:00, & 11:45am	19 Mass 8:30am Flame of Love 9:30am	20 Mass 8:30am	21 Confession 6:00 Mass 6:30pm 7:30 K of C Executive Committee	22 Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:30-6:45pm	23 Mass 8:30am	24 Confession 8am & 3pm Mass 8:30am & 4:30pm
25 Mass 8:15, 10:00, & 11:45am	26 Mass 8:30am VBS 9-1pm Flame of Love 9:30am	27 Mass 8:30am	28 Confession 6:00 Mass 6:30pm 7:30 K of C meeting	29 Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:30-6:45pm	30 Mass 8:30am	31 Confession 8am & 3pm Mass 8:30am & 4:30pm

Growing Older

Lord, You know better than I, myself, that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all; but You know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains; they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cock-sureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet, for a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people and give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

Gospel Meditation July 11, 2021

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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"All of life is a school of holiness, and everything that happens to you, from bad weather to an ingrown toenail, is an opportunity for you to be like Jesus. Don't miss the opportunity."

—Mother Angelica

Attention Ladies of the Parish

The widows group will meeting in the gathering space on the first Sunday of each month at 2:00pm beginning August 1st. For more information about this group, contact Mary Jo Forrest at 734-379-4149.

Registration is open for our 2021-2022 school year. **Attention parents of incoming 8th grade students**—your child will need 12 hours of service as his/her Confirmation requirements. Summer is the perfect time to start working on hours!! Have them cut the neighbors grass, help a senior with yard work, organize or volunteer for a local park clean up. The possibilities are endless. Good luck! Please contact Leslie Swayze at ljswayze@yahoo.com if you have any questions. God bless!

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021
Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
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The priest...no matter where he is located, the diocesan priest has to be the sharer of secrets, the carrier of burdens, the fountain of consolation, and the pillar of strength. Solitary, he is called father by thousands; poor, he enriches the lives of thousands; weak, he gives strength to thousands; unimportant, he does things each day whose importance cannot be told in any tongue on earth. He is never too busy to hear another's sorrows; often too busy to realize his own burdens. He is a 24-hour a day man. He is called from his dinner; wakened from his sleep; disturbed at his prayers. He is the target of God's enemies, the magnet of God's needy. Occasionally, he attracts attention, but usually he works unnoticed and unacclaimed while he does the noblest work on earth—keeps Christ in the lives of people.

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and our beloved Fr. Jim!

Giving Basket Needs

Grape & strawberry jelly, Progresso soup, Campbell's Homestyle/Chunky soup, Hamburger Helper, Instant Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Ramen Noodles, elbow macaroni, pasta sauce, 14 oz. pears, peaches, green beans, corn, peas, mixed veggies, carrots, Baked beans, Pork & Beans

"Whatever you do to the least of my Brethren, that you do unto me."

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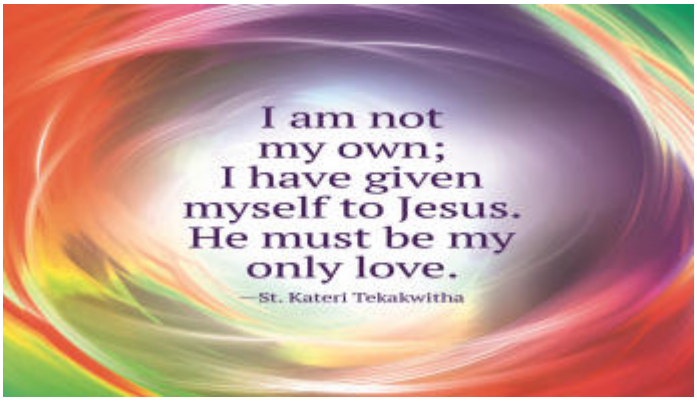
The Meijer fall "*Simply Give"* is in full swing and will run until October 2nd. Pick up a card in the back of church (or get one at the checkout), pay $10, a Meijer will match that amount for our food pantry. Summer can be extremely difficult for families to make ends meet so your help is truly appreciated. Double match days are August 14th and 28th. That means $30 goes to our pantry. The Flat Rock Meijer is our participating store. Thank you for your help!

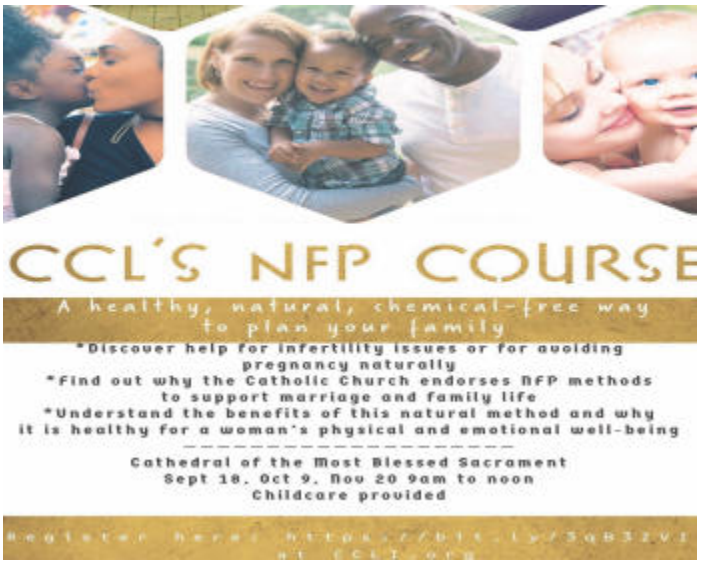
Thank you to the 63 families who have contributed $22,545 towards our CSA goal of $80,077. Please prayerfully consider how you can help support this important work of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Once we meet our goal, all funds are returned to the parish and are not subject to the annual assessment. If you plan to give an annual donation to the parish, please contribute through the CSA campaign. Donations can be dropped in the weekly collection, online through EOffering (see our website) www.stmaryannunciation.org or http://stmaryola.aodcsa.org Please contact the parish office with any questions at 734-379-9248 or stmaryrockwood@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your generosity.



Monday, July 26th from 9-1pm

St. Mary School Hall

Join us for a fun filled day of discovering God's love for us! VBS is open to all children, ages 5-12. Our day will include music, games, crafts, Bible stories, lunch, and much more. Registration forms are available on the parish website or in the parish office. All forms must be turned in by Wednesday, July 21st so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to sharing our love us Christ with your child. Any questions? Contact Leslie Swayze at ljswayze@yahoo.com.



Be sure to join us this Tuesday, July 13th from 2-3 pm in church as we pray the continuous Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. The Rosary is our weapon against the evil in our world. Bring the family or a friend.

Please Pray for the Sick…

Betty Beste
James Benyo
Nancy Benyo
Jerry Callaway
Bernadette Ciupak
Arlys Clegg
Karla Cobb
Mildred Costa
Olga Cronin
Diane Czajkowski
Mikey Czajkowski
Rita Davidson
Marlene Elwell
Robert Genaw
Joanne Gomoll
Andrew Hailo
Sandra Head
Ken Herzog
William Kaminske
Leo Kormos
Kim Landrith
Dave (DJ) Larner
Diane Leach
Lawrence Leach
Elizabeth Lovett
Ethan Martin
Eileen Herzog Przybylo
Ron Sitarski
Joyce Sitarski
Jerry Zemke
Terri Zemke

We have updated our prayer list. If someone has been removed that you would like re-added, please contact the parish office.

Please Pray for Those in the Armed Forces

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Andrew Benyo
Chaz Phipps
James T. Herzog
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Troy Masserant
Caitlin Mercure
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