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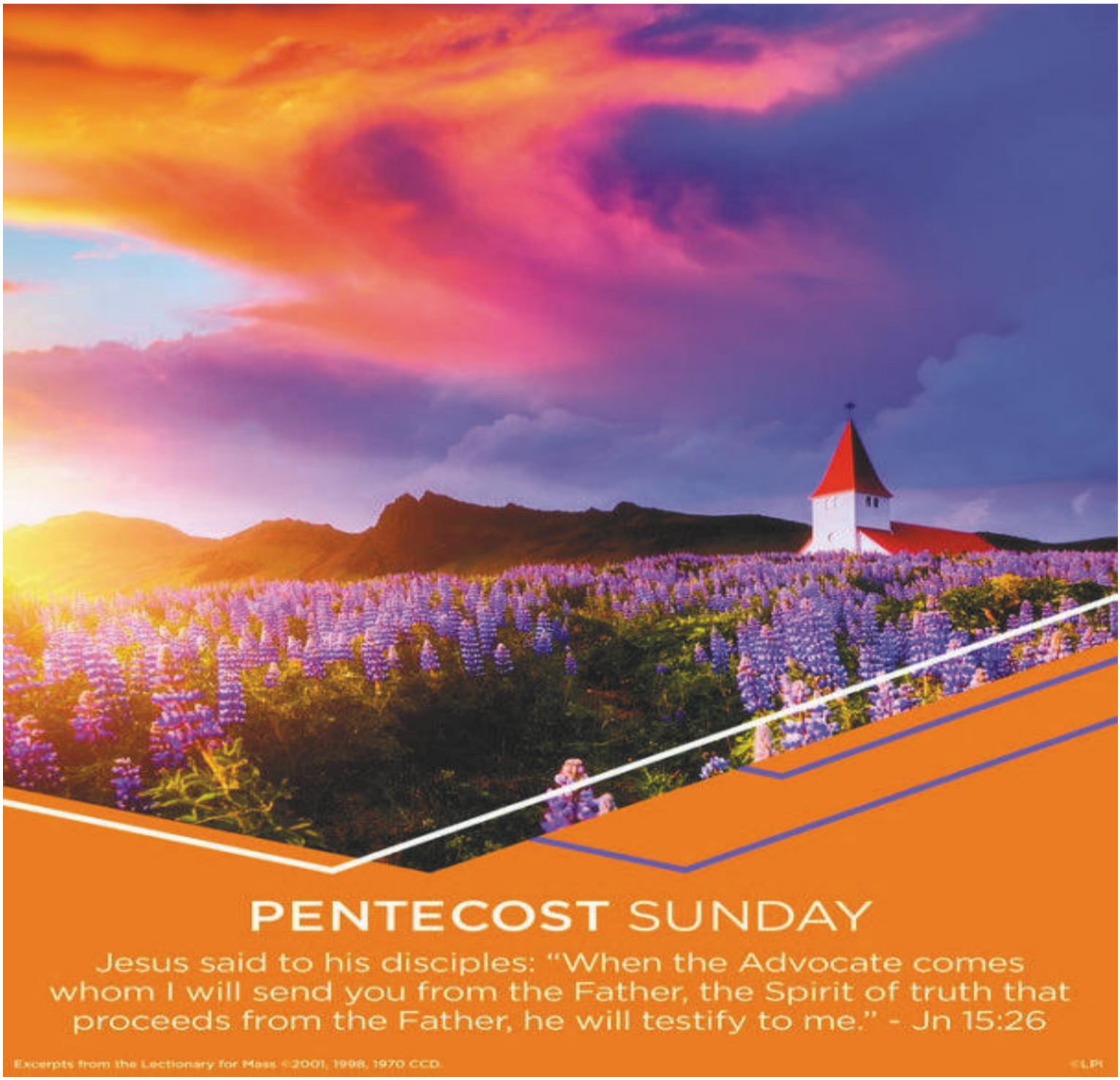

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HOW TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office or Fr. David with inquiries about the Sacraments at:
734-241-1644 or
parishoffice@stmarymonroe.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation room is in the left sacristy door behind the altar. The sacrament is available upon request from one of the priests.

In addition to regular confession times, arrangements can be made by calling the parish office.

MARRIAGE

At least one individual must be a member of St. Mary Church. A minimum of six months previous notice is required before the wedding date. Please phone the parish office for more information.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Anyone interested in inquiring about our faith, or anyone interested in becoming a Roman Catholic Christian please contact the parish office. Meetings on Tuesdays, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Heritage Hall.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Please contact the parish office for baptism dates at least one month in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament is available upon request for persons who are seriously ill, scheduled for a medical procedure, or with a chronic condition. A person can be anointed as often as their condition warrants.

Christ caring for people through people
STEPHEN MINISTRY

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Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, divorce, major illness, loneliness, financial stress and other life difficulties

Please call the parish office (734-241-1644) or 313-363-3545 for more information or to explore this opportunity in greater depth.

SPECIAL NOTES

We're glad you came to join with us in our worship time today.
We hope that you have felt God's love in a new, refreshing way.
We look forward to seeing you again next week!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

The World of Finance
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday	St. Michael 8:15 am
Tuesday	St. John 8:15 am
	St. Mary 6:00 pm
Wednesday	St. Mary 8:15 am
Thursday	St. John 8:15 am
	St. Mary 12:15 pm
Friday	St. Michael 8:15 am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	St. Mary 4:30 pm
	St. Michael 5:00 pm
	St. John 5:30 pm
Sunday	St. Mary - 7:30 am, 10:00 am, - Spanish Mass at 2:00
	St. Michael - 8:00 am, 10:30 am
	St. John - 9:00 am, 11:30 am

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASSES

4:30 am Channel 2, WJBK Fox Detroit

5:00 am Channel 11, WTOL Toledo

6:00 am Channel 24, WNWO Toledo

LIVESTREAM MASSES

Masses will continue to be livestreamed to our website or Facebook page every Sunday from either St. Mary at 10:00 am or St. John at 11:30 am.

The May 30th Mass will be livestreamed from St. Mary Church at 10:00 am

Following the livestream, these masses are *archived* and are available to watch from each website and will not require a Facebook account.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 25th
6:00 pm Mass
Parishioners of St. Mary Parish

Wednesday, May 26th
8:15 am Mass
Parishioners of St. Mary Parish

Thursday, May 27th
12:15 pm Mass
† Peter Rendina

Saturday, May 29th
4:30 pm Mass Father Zaid
† Edwin T. Leonard
† Karl Mathe

Sunday, May 30th
7:30 am Mass Father David
Parishioners of St. Mary Parish

10:00 am Mass Father David
† Anthony Stritt

2:00 pm Spanish Mass Father Giancarlo

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open for necessary business during the following hours until further notice.

Monday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
(closed between noon & 1:00 for staff lunch)
Wednesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (no lunch closures on Wednesdays and Fridays)

Please be aware that a mask will be required and there is a limited capacity allowed into the office.
Thank you for understanding and your cooperation.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dawn Banerian
Amanda Blanchette
Elaine Boudrie
Tom Boudrie
Pam Clark
Deb and Dewey Edwards
Monica and Bruce Evans
The Guy Family
Maryann Friday
Florence Grajewski
Jim Johnston
Frank Kolakowski
Dave Karuss
Margaret Kull
Lawson Lindner
George Maxwell
Catherine & Martin Nadeau
Ashley Motoligin
Logan Nielson
Tom Opperman
James Raymo
James Reaume
Mary Ann & Ted Reed
Alex Renaud
Aysiah Rose Rennert
Roseann Stefanski
Kay Thoma
Mark & Theresa Tom
Dorothy and Larry Tomasik

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

Alice Lorraine Care Center
John Kuras

Brookdale
Joanne Bondy

Brookdale-Ann Arbor
Beulah May

Cambrian, Tecumseh
Melvin Jasper

Elderly Solutions
Nancy Reaume

Fountain View
Lorraine Young

IHM Care Center
Mary Foshag
Rose Mary Kennedy
Iris Schroeder

Wellspring Lutheran Home
Dolores Bodine
Barbara Matthews
Joyce Stein
Don Toeppe

OUR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

TSgt Matthew Marshall, USAF
Lt. Hunter Smith, USAF
LCpl Trevor Tomkinson

PLEASE NOTE: In order for us to keep this list accurate and up to date, on the first Sunday of February, May, August and November, we will clear the names on this list with the exception of those in nursing/assisted living homes and our military people. Please contact the parish office to renew a person's listing.

To those who are homebound or in the hospital today: The love of God and the prayers of our parish family are with you even though you can't be present with us. When you are unable to attend Mass, know that we miss you and pray for your restoration of health and hope. We look forward to your return to Mass and pray that you will be uplifted by the beauty, presence, love and strength of the Holy Spirit.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Information about any of the events below can be found in the bulletin or by calling the parish office.

MAY

Tuesdays - RCIA
29 - Habitat for Humanity build day
31 - Memorial Day

JUNE

2 Families of Parishes
13 Graduation Mass
14 Abby Johnson

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MAY 29th and 30th	4:30 pm Mass	7:30 Mass	10:00 Mass
EME	**Mary Joan Godfroy**	Vicki Kipf **Bob McMillan**	**Colleen Whalen** Joel Whalen
GREETERS	Zennie Herkimer	Kathy Jondro	Heidi and Vince Galati
LECTORS	Marilyn Laboe **Sue Mathe**	Dorothy Ciacelli **Jack Ready**	Cathy Smith **Jim Smith**

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"How are you?" I asked because I really wanted to know, since I hadn't seen her in quite some time. *"Oh, all right I guess."* Her words had the emotion of watching paint dry. *"It's really nothing big,"* she said, *"just a bunch of things that bug me."* She followed with a list of concerns ranging from various world conflicts to challenges in her family and in her work. When she finished, she waited for me to respond, and when I didn't, she followed with, *"I know … in the big scheme of things, they're just paper cuts."*

That image really stuck with me. We've all experienced paper cuts, those annoying little things that, while not life-threatening, nevertheless hurt like crazy and stay with us for days.

Did you ever notice that we tend to apologize when we complain about the things that weigh us down, bother us, or take us off our game? In comparison to much bigger issues in the world, we sometimes feel guilty for allowing ourselves to complain about things that are akin to paper cuts. Fortunately, most of our lives aren't occupied with big, perhaps even catastrophic challenges. In actuality, much of what you and I struggle with throughout our lives probably wouldn't make headlines on a local news program. And yet they matter to us, and prevent us from living the wholeness God intended for us.

As I was pouring out my heart to God this week, it occurred to me that everything I had just unloaded on this Creator of the universe amounted to a grain of sand on a beach. Why should a God of such immenseness care about my paper cuts? Because that same God who created the universe also created you and me, and if you hurt, God hurts … even if the hurts come from paper cuts.

Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows. Luke 12:7

The Lighter Side . . .

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. When they reached the altar and the waiting groom, the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand.
The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the pastor smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

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A PENTECOST NOTE FROM FATHER DAVID

As the Easter season concludes, this is the great feast of the Holy Spirit! We need the Holy Spirit more than ever, it seems, to guide us through the journey of these times in which we live. The good news includes the message that all time belongs to God; when we make it our own, we are led astray. God's grace and power, inspiring the use of the gifts of the Spirit, will prevail. What gifts do you need most at this time in your life? Do you have the courage to use them according to God's plan for you? Are you open to the demands of living a Gospel life, witnessing to what you have seen and heard? The world needs your witness, as imperfect as it is. Remember that the Holy Spirit is available to help us every day of the year, not just at Pentecost.

BACK TO MORE LIKE NORMAL

I suspect that most of us are happy with the gradual easing of COVID restrictions. Please be patient as the parish implements changes over time. We must first get the permission from the archdiocese. As of this writing, we are still asking everyone to wear face coverings to Mass, and we are not yet opening all the seats in church. However, we can return to the traditional Communion line without special distancing.

On another positive note, we have received the green light to bring our hymnals back to church. We will wipe down the hymnals with some regularity for the near future, but not after each Mass. I pray that having hymnals available again will add to the participation level at mass. Let us sing to the Lord!

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER ZAID!

This weekend, we are happy to offer our prayers for newly ordained Father Zaid, as we see the Holy Spirit work in his life. We thank God for his willingness to respond to God's call to serve the Church as a priest, knowing the challenges of these times and this culture. Thanks to everyone, including the parish staffs, who helped in preparing for his Masses of Thanksgiving and reception at SMCC. It is a labor of love. I pray that more of our young people will reflect on the possibility that God may be calling them to serve as priests, religious, and lay leaders. We need you!

Father Zaid will become associate pastor of Our Lady of Good Council parish in Plymouth, MI on July 1st. Until then, he is transitioning and preparing for this new chapter of his life. You may see him here in Monroe before then as well, as he helps with some Masses according to his availability.

FAMIIES OF PARISHES PLANNING

This week, the clergy of our Family of Parishes (F of P) in Monroe, Detroit Beach, and Newport will gather in retreat and fraternity for a couple of days as we learn more about what F of P is about and our mutual commitment minister together to serve God's people. We will continue to share more information about F of P in the weeks ahead.

Remember that there is another zoom gathering of parishioners from our five parishes on Wednesday, June 2, at 6:30 pm. All interested parishioners are welcome to join us, even if you didn't participate in the first gathering. Come, meet the priests, other brothers, and sisters in the Lord, and learn more about families of parishes. We need you. To sign up, go to www.familiesofparishes.org . Look for "Families of Parishes gatherings", enter your parish and contact information, and you will be sent the link.

Faith Formation News

TAKE TIME TO CHAT:

- What's the difference between the peace that Jesus gives and the peace the world gives
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What is different about someone who allows the Holy Spirit to work in their life?

FUN FACTS:

The Monday after Pentecost is the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, which Pope Francis declared in 2018. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

FAMILY PRAYERS:

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

LITURGY LINK:

The priests says, "The Lord be with you!" What do we say in response?

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH

There are several ways for you to support your church:

1. Drop your donation in the collection basket at Mass.
2. Mail your envelope/check to St. Mary Church, 127 N. Monroe St., Monroe, MI 48162
3. Drop your envelope or check in the box alongside the church office door on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9 am and noon. A staff person will empty the box at noon.
3. Visit **give.aod.org** and select St. Mary Parish, Monroe.
4. Fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office to donate electronically.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of St. Mary Catholic Church

OFFERTORY REPORT

	February	YTD
Budget	$39,600	$336,600
Actual	$41,208	$320,054
Variance	**$1,608**	($16,546)

ACH Offertory of $6,970 included above

	March	YTD
Budget	$49,500	$386,100
Actual	$50,750	$370,804
Variance	**$1,250**	($15,296)

ACH Offertory of $7,010 included above

If you attend another church In the Monroe Vicariate, please use St. Mary's collection envelope. It will be forwarded to St. Mary's.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able bring the love of God to the poor by assisting families, providing food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

One who listens to "what the Spirit is telling me" in prayer, but who pays little heed to what others are saying in daily life is surely suspect. Prayer must be in contact with people and events, since God speaks not only in the silence of our hearts, but also (and often first of all) in the people around us. (Maloney, The Way of Vincent de Paul, p.24)

The Spirit dwells within us so we can be faithful and true disciples. The indwelling of the Spirit is a continual Pentecost!

Know that you are a constant in all our prayers.

P.S. Want to know more about our Society? Please send me an e-mail at: jstbernard1961@gmail.com

Check our weekly updates by: Visiting our website at www.svdpstmarymonroe.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of parish lay members - called Stephen Ministers- to provide high quality, one to one, Christ centered care to people in our parish and community experiencing life difficulties.

A Stephen Minister is……

A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting

A parish member with gifts for caregiving

A caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages

A Stephen Minister is someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver

If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, know someone who could benefit from a Stephen Minister, or want more information about the ministry, please contact John Castiglione at 313-363-3545, Lorie Bronson at 734-241-6088, or call the parish office at 734-241-1644

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

The Monroe Vicariate & St. Anthony Catholic Parish

The Monroe Vicariate &
St. Anthony Catholic Parish presents…

Abby Johnson

Monday, June 14th, 2021
St. Anthony Soccer Field –
Next to Kenna Hall

Tickets $5 (Suggested Donation) 12 & Under Free
Doors & Concessions open at 5:30pm
Music begins at 6:00pm
Abby Johnson speaks 7:00-8:30pm
Social Distancing & Masking Guidelines in effect
Kids Play Area Available
Bring a Lawn Chair or Blanket for Seating
Tickets on sale Mother's Day through Day of Event

After Abby's presentation, there will be a bit of time for Mrs. Johnson to sign books purchased at the event.

Please bring your seating with you – Chairs and blankets for sitting on the field are welcome!
Come early to grab a quick bite to eat, listen to music, find good seating, and enjoy a bit of fun and fellowship at this huge, outdoor open-air venue!

Food and other Concessions will be available for purchase in Kenna Hall in a properly maintained and clean environment. Proper distancing, masking, & unmasking guidelines and other precautions will be adhered to in order to provide safe dining areas both inside Kenna Hall and outside under the dining tent.

Sanitation stations will be located at entrances and other strategic areas throughout the venue to make sanitizer and masks available to any in need. Masks are required unless you are outside and properly distanced from others or if you fall into one of the categories of individuals who are exempt from this guideline/requirement.

For additional ticket and event information, please contact:
St. Anthony Parish Office – (734) 854-1143
Evangelization Rep Joe Boggs at (734) 755-1872

Note: Abby Johnson is an American anti-abortion activist who previously worked at Planned Parenthood as a clinic director, but resigned in October 2009. She states that she resigned after watching an abortion on an ultrasound.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to our High School and College Graduates

With praise and thanksgiving to God for the Blessing of being awarded a 2021 High School of College diploma, we invite our seniors and their families to gather in church on Sunday, June 13 at the 10 am Mass for a Graduation Mass with light hospitality following Mass.
Please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@stmarymonroe.org or (734-241-1644) to let us know that you are a 2021 graduate sharing the following information:

- Graduate's name
- School from which you are graduating
- College degree if applicable

We look forward to acknowledging your achievement and sharing the above information in a June issue of the Chronicle.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity

The St. Mary Christian service commission is organizing a Habitat build, open to members of the parishes in our family. The construction site is in **Woodland Beach.** The date for 2021 is Saturday, May 29th. The workday runs from 8 AM to 3:30 PM. Lunch, hard hats, and safety glasses will be provided. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. If under 18, a waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian. If interested, please contact Fred Fedorowicz at 734-755-4705 or fedorowicz@sbcglobal.net

ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS

This summer, Weber Center invites you to get your creative juices flowing with a virtual Summer Art Class taught by Adrian Dominican Associate Sharon Foley Bock. Each two-hour session – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. EDT on Thursdays, June 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2021 – is designed to help participants explore, create, and enjoy methods for fashioning whimsical pieces of two-dimensional art.

Each session leads participant through activities designed to boost their creative energies and review foundational practices that underlie successful art endeavors. Materials are easily obtained and prompts and techniques are provided each week. No artistic experience is required.

The $50 cost does not include supplies. Registration is required and is available at www.webercenter.org; click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by contacting Weber Center at 517-266-4000 or webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

For information, call the Weber Center at 517-266-4000.

ADDITIONAL MEMORIES OF FATHER BOB SINGELYN

Ann Brady: He was always kind to anyone who crossed his path.
One day, I was working in the rectory office and Fr. Bob came in the door and went to the kitchen. A few minutes later, a man rang the doorbell. I went to answer the door and the man advised me that "my husband" was making him a sandwich. (-- Oh boy - really?) Just then, Fr. Bob rounded the corner, said, "Here I am with your food." The man thanked us both, took the offered food and left. I wasn't sure if Fr. Bob heard how he addressed us - as married. But he quickly cleared that up saying, "I suppose we better tell Richard (my husband) that you now have two husbands!" We laughed and joked about this for years!

Susan and Mike Garrett: We have lost a wonderful priest!

David and Tina Heilman: We will always and forever remember that twinkle in the eye that was our dear Father Bob. He wore a peaceful and proverbial sense of joy ~ and it spread instantly to those around him. When celebrating Holy Mass he would actively welcome those who came to share in the Eucharist; holding his hand to his eyes as he "looked yonder" so as not to miss a single soul. He explained one day that "a blue day" in Brazil meant it was a very good day (blue skies) and always one to rejoice in. We remember our dear friend with smiles on our hearts, and we look forward to seeing him the Kingdom

Dione Oerther: My husband collapsed suddenly while at work and was taken to the ProMedica emergency room in Toledo, Ohio. I followed the ambulance, in a state of shock. Shortly after arriving there, I learned that my dear husband, David, had died. I asked that a call to St. Mary's be made, so that a priest could come to pray with and for me and David. Shortly after, Fr. Bob and Lorie Bronson walked into the ER room. As we stood there in that emergency room next to David, Fr. Bob said, "With great tragedy comes great blessings". Those words were a blessing from God, because from that moment of those spoken words given to Fr. Bob by God, it moved me to look for the blessings of life and to honor David's life so that his death wouldn't be in vain. I knew that my mission was to find the positives and be a blessing to others. At the time of David's death I was preparing to enter the Catholic Church through RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). My hope was that I would share my First communion with David when I was accepted into the Church, and that hope always gave me something to look forward to. The greatest blessing from David's death was being able to receive my First Holy Communion with David at his funeral on October 28, 2015. It was a great gift from God – a gift God knew that I needed at the time of his death so that I would not be torn apart from the grief. God wrapped me in His arms – just like a bubble – and He kept me safe from all harm. I will always remember those words from Fr. Bob: "With great tragedycome great blessings"; I know the wisdom shared by Fr. Bob continues to guide me every day.

Anonymous St. John Parishioner: I first met Fr. Bob when I was volunteering at "In the Spirit of Giving"; I did not know he was a priest at that time. Later he celebrated at Mass for several funerals that I assisted with at St. John. He also celebrated Sunday and weekday masses at St. John. I loved it when he would walk down the aisle as he was speaking. It reminded me of Jesus walking among the people and preaching. I am glad that our paths crossed. Rest in peace, Fr. Bob.

Sister Ann Nett, IHM : The mission in the area of Nova Descoberta in the city of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil began in 1965 with two priests from the Archdiocese of Detroit and four IHM Sisters. The parish' name was Nossa Senhora de Lourdes.
Fr. Bob Singelyn arrived in Brazil in 1970 and lived with Father Larry Dunn on the hillside in Nova Descoberta. Eventually, other priests and sisters would arrive, as would seminarians and even the archbishops of Detroit. The seminarians and archbishops would only visit.
The priests' mission was to accompany youth, children, workers and celebrate Eucharist in the main church, Nossa Senhora de Lourdes, and other areas as well. Some celebrations were in chapels and others in local communities that didn't, as yet, have any chapels. Father Bob continued in Nova Descobrta until 2006 and then served in the parish of Sao Laurenco de Mata from 2006-2015. He returned to Nova Descoberta in 2015.
He would come to the States for six months and then spend six months in Brazil. Here in the States, he would celebrate the Brazilian liturgy once a month in Novi, Michigan, celebrate at the IHM Motherhouse and in other areas as well.
While in Brazil, Fr. Bob organized workers' groups, couples' groups and children's' groups.
Ultimately, he lived with a Brazilian couple on a hillside in Nova Descoberta. Last year, Fr. Bob celebrated sixty years as a priest. Ultimately, he was in Brazil for fifty years.
We are very thankful for everything that Father Bob did in his lifetime. We hope that the local community can continue all that he began in his lifetime.
I am very grateful for having worked with Fr. Bob in Nova Descoberta until I moved on to a rural area where I began work with various communities and eventually began a project with herbal remedies.

Sunday, May 23, 2021
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
Sing a new church into being
Pentecost celebrates crowded places, multiple languages, and diverse people uniting in one Spirit. It's a hard feast to celebrate during a pandemic in an era clouded by social conflict. All the more reason to challenge ourselves by celebrating not only what makes us the same, but also what makes us different. God showers on the world "gifts that differ," as Benedictine hymnist Delores Dufner declares. So "Bring the hopes of every nation;/ bring the art of every race. /Weave a song of peace and justice;/ let it sound through time and space." And let the church say: Amen! TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 orGal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15"There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

Monday, May 24, 2021
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
The mother of all feasts
In 2018, Pope Francis created the new Marian memorial that the universal church celebrates today, the Monday after Pentecost. The title "Mother of the Church" was bestowed on Mary in 1964 by Pope Saint Paul VI at the closing of the Second Vatican Council. Her role as mother of the church goes back to when Jesus, on the cross, gave her and the beloved disciple to one another and to when she became the mother of Christ, whose body we are all members of. Not everyone has a mother figure to rely on—know that you can always rely on the mother of us all.
TODAY'S READINGS: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34 "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.'"

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
MEMORIAL OF MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, VIRGIN
A Spirit for the dry season
When Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun in 1583, she couldn't foresee the great physical suffering from an unknown disease that would besiege her. Nor could she foresee having the same type of ecstatic religious visions—followed by years of "spiritual dryness"—as did another Carmelite saint, Teresa of Ávila. Magdalene's bout of spiritual dryness, so severe that she considered suicide, ended on Pentecost in 1590. With Pentecost 2021 so recently behind us, pray as she did: "Come, Holy Spirit . . . Come, as you descended on Mary, that the Word might become flesh and work in us through grace."
TODAY'S READINGS: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31 "Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously."

Wednesday, May 26, 2021
MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST
Now is the time to do good
In the middle of Rome in the 16th century lived a man whose joyful nature made him something of a people magnet for both the powerful and the poor. Saint Philip Neri was a deeply spiritual man who exuded natural warmth, listened well, and in loving generously, led others to know God. This spiritual director, priest, and confessor was known to ask, "Well, when shall we begin to do good?" It is no surprise that Neri, known as the "Apostle of Rome," inspired followers to join him in caring for the sick and the poor. Where can you do some good today?
TODAY'S READINGS: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45 "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve."

Thursday, May 27, 2021
MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP
Can't win them all
Augustine of Canterbury, memorialized today, is remembered as a major figure in evangelizing England. The renowned Canterbury Cathedral was built on the site of a church and monastery he built around the end of the sixth century. In spite of his stature now as "Apostle of the English," he met with bitter disappointment, too. His efforts to bring the English bishops in line with Rome were roundly rebuffed, a disappointment he took to his death. Can you let go of your failures, knowing that, like Augustine, they do not define your life?
TODAY'S READINGS: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52 "He began to cry out and say, 'Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.'"

Friday, May 28, 2021
Give a fig!
Figs are a popular fruit in the Bible, from Genesis with Eve and Adam wearing fig leaves clear through the Book of Revelation's apocalyptic falling of winter figs. Why so many figs? The fig itself is sweet and has lots of dietary fiber, calcium, and various minerals and vitamins. It is a great source of energy and flavor. Perhaps because it is so plentiful, delicious, and nutritious, the fig is also rich in symbolism for health and abundance. In the gospels, Jesus expects us to be like figs—to be "nutritious" to others and abundant in our presence and giving. Let us go forth to nurture the world!
TODAY'S READINGS: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26 "As they were leaving Bethany Jesus was hungry. Seeing from a distance a fig tree in leaf, he went over to see if he could find anything on it."

Saturday, May 29, 2021
MEMORIAL OF PAUL VI, POPE
A Pentecostal pope
The ecumenical movement received a much-needed boost during the papacy of Saint Pope Paul VI (1963-78). After the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Pope Paul went out of his way to promote ecumenical dialogue and partnership. When asked by a cardinal for permission to initiate a joint Catholic-Protestant translation of the Bible, Paul is said to have responded, "I am totally in favor!" He issued formal approval later that year on Pentecost Sunday, our recently celebrated feast commemorating the moment when the Holy Spirit allowed believers of all backgrounds and languages to truly understand each other. Come, Holy Spirit!
TODAY'S READINGS: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33 "By what authority are you doing these things?"

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