Mission Statement:

We, with the Guidance of the Holy Trinity, The Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Communion of Saints, endeavor to spread and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to assist one another through the precepts of the Catholic Faith in attaining eternal salvation.

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All Masses have Resumed

(under the AOD Covid-19 Guidelines)

DIVINE GRACE PARISH
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Patrick
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Joseph
Sunday 11:00 am at St. Patrick
Monday 9:00am at St. Patrick
Tuesday 7:00 pm at St. Patrick
Wednesday 9:00 am at St. Joseph
Thursday No Mass
Friday 11:00 am at St. Patrick
(School Mass)

CONFESSIONS
Saturday at 3:00—3:30pm at St. Patrick
Or by Appointment at St. Patrick or St. Joseph

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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MASS SCHEDULE

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, October 11
9:00 am, Carleton
+Ethel Jackson req. by Dale Sass
Tuesday, October 12
7:00 pm, Carleton
+Deceased of Roscoe Family req. by Elaine Esper
Wednesday, October 13
9:00 am, Maybee
+Charles Blaser req. by Family
Thursday, October 14
No Mass
Friday, October 15
11:00 am, Carleton
+Doris Grabetz req. by Don & Margaret Simmons
Saturday, October 16
4:00 pm, Carleton
+Leonard Busenbark req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cook
Sunday, October 17
8:00 am, Maybee
Parishioners of Divine Grace
11:00 am, Carleton
+Art & Dorothy LeVasseur req. by Family & Friends

If there is not Mass on a day that you had a scheduled Mass Intention please call the office at 734-654-2500 to reschedule.

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekend Offerings
9/4/2021 & 9/5/2021
Total $7,465.00

Thank you for your continued support.

COVID-19 Protocol Update

With the increase of COVID-19 cases in recent days, especially with the Delta variation, the Archdiocese of Detroit has adjusted its COVID-19 Liturgy policy.

We are encouraging Mass-goers, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face-coverings in the churches and to practice social distancing.

I am reminding you that there are two small sections in each church on either side in the center which are reserved for social distancing. Even people not seated in these sections should carefully watch their distancing with those around them.

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/ Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Observances for the week of October 10, 2021
Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM
Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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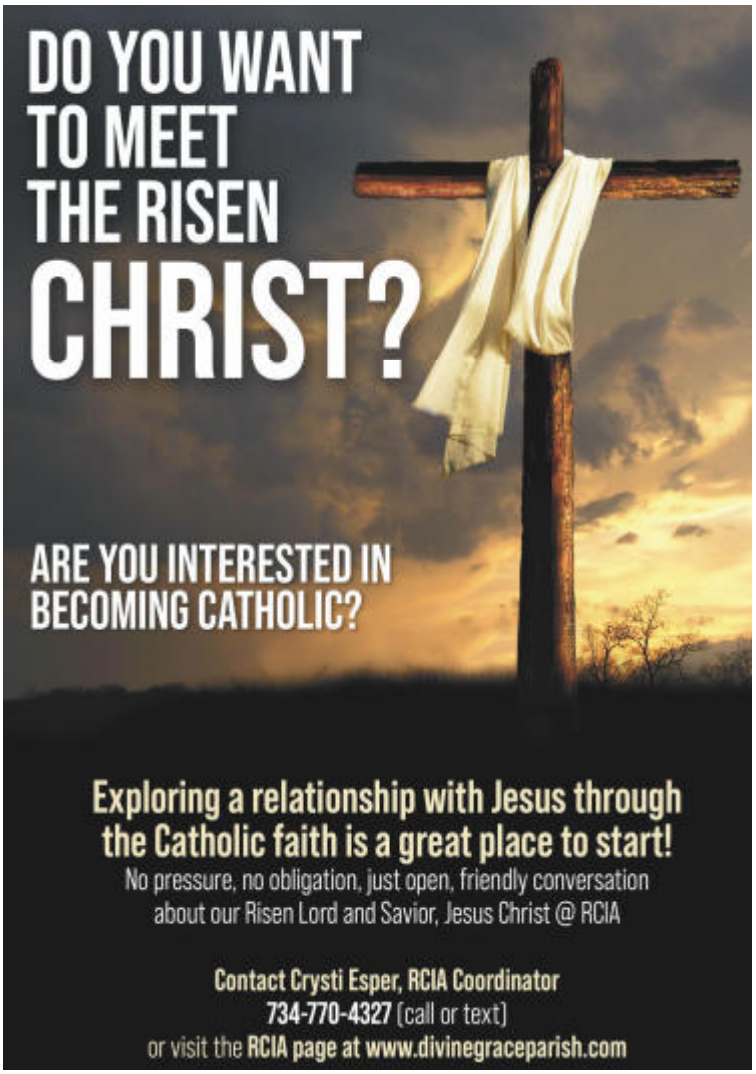

A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

October 10, 2021

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

Parish Festival

Spring 2021 Virtual Festival

The final numbers have been compiled from the spring 2021 virtual Festival held at the Carleton Campus. We are proud to announce earnings totaled **$20,185!**

Thank you for all the help making this Virtual festival a success. We are looking forward to having an in-person Festival next Spring.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Divine Grace Parish still needs your support. Although, some of us may not be able to celebrate Mass in our parish community, we still have a need to pay our staff, maintain the church building, and, importantly, continue our outreach ministries. We ask that, to the best of your ability, you continue to make your weekly offertory donations by,

•Mailing them to the parish at Divine Grace Parish 2996. W. Labo Rd. Carleton, Michigan 48117

•Your bank, via bill pay (typically this is a free service through your bank which will allow you to make a one time payment and or recurring payment. The bank can electronically produces a check and mail it directly to the parish at no additional cost to you, the consumer.)

•Through the Archdiocese of Detroit website at give.aod.org.

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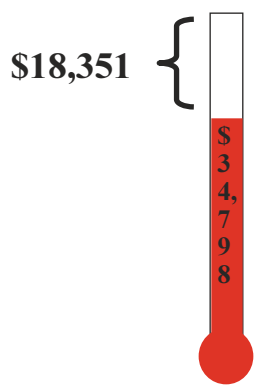

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2021 Fun Run Winners

5K Men (13 and over)

1. Tom Busen– 22:28
2. Tim Busen– 23:09
3. Paul Neidermeyer– 27:05

5K Women (13 and over)

1. Jennifer Peshinski– 25:55
2. Jenny Totten– 26:05
3. Adela Illes– 39:43

5K Boys (12 and under)

1. Jonah Busen– 22:11
2. Phineas Totten– 22:16
3. Gabe Busen– 22:17

1 Mile Girls

1. Rose Totten– 8:48
2. Avery Jones– 9:26
3. Emma O'Dell– 10:40

1 Mile Boys

1. Ben Illes– 8:08
2. Caden Williams– 9:51
3. Jacob Carter– 9:52

Tot Dash

1. Colton Cupchak
2. Issac (Iggy) Goins
3. Lucia Jones

CYO Basketball Signups

Signup for CYO girls and boys basketball is currently open. The 2021-22 CYO basketball is open to all Divine Grace Parish Members, Religious Education Students and St. Patrick School Students. Girls and Boys in grades 4-8 are eligible.

Please register with Dave Illes at (734) 731-0348 ASAP,
Registration ends October 24th.

Bottle Drive

Our St. Patrick School is doing a bottle/can drive, throughout the entire school year. We're asking you to bring your (clean) returnables to the school office. All of the proceeds will go towards the School. Thank You in advance for your support.

Thank you to all who supported and participated in this year's Fun Run!

JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION

Congratulations to the following couples that participated in our Jubilarian Celebration last Sunday. (The Jubilarian Celebration is an annual recognition for any parish couple celebrating a milestone anniversary):

Pam and Brian O'Rourke, 30 Years
Jan and Dave Martell, 40 Years
Beverly and Jim Stevens, 40 Years
JoAnn and Bill Meyer, 50 Years

If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.*

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Do You Know….

Divine Grace Parish now has an official Facebook page. Our Saturday, 4PM Mass in Carleton is now being livestreamed. Like us on Facebook at Divine Grace Carleton-Maybee

Live the Liturgy

Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn't operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize. Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides through all of life's attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God's gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love.

Join the 2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade

The Public Square Rosary is sponsored by *America Needs Fatima* and will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place across the United States on that day. Please join us.

What: The Holy Rosary
Where: St. Mary Catholic Church, West Campus 127 N. Monroe St., Monroe MI 48162
When: October 16, 2021, at 12:00 Noon

Please note: Seating will not be provided.
It is recommended that you bring your own.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 –3:30 pm. at St. Patrick

Registered Parishioners
In order to be considered a registered parishioner you must be receiving offertory envelopes. Anyone 18 years of age and older should register with the parish office as soon as possible.

Sacrament of Baptism
You must be a registered parishioner (receiving envelopes) attending Mass regularly, and take Baptismal Preparation Class.

Sacrament of Marriage
You must be a registered (receiving envelopes) and active member of Divine Grace Parish for at least six months **before a wedding date will be scheduled**. Weddings will take place six months or more **after scheduling the date.**

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound
Notify the Parish Office of illness, hospitalization or nursing home status as soon as possible.

RCIA (Rite of Initiation for Adults)
Anyone interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, or in becoming a member of our Catholic Community, is invited to contact the parish office or Crysti Esper, RCIA Coordinator at RCIA@divinegraceparish.com, 734-770-4327.

Bulletin Email
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Bulletin Deadline
Articles and inserts must be received by email no later than Friday, 12 noon 2 weeks prior and must provide the dates desired for publication. (No inserts will be done on Holiday weekends or when the parish office is closed)

Covid-19

Parish office hours are typically 9am-2pm, M-T-W-F. At this time we are requesting appointments be made for all in-person visits.

God Bless Our Service Men and

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Alexander Brant, U.S. Air Force
Carissa Burgess U.S. Air Force
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