ST. KIERAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 22, 2021: The Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING!
FOR ALL STUDENTS

Blessing will take place at all Masses the weekend of August 28/29 and receive a gift from Father Joe!

Bring your backpack if you would like!

We Welcome Another New Face!

Hello! My name is Austin Schneider and I am the new Coordinator of Youth Ministry here at St. Kieran. I grew up near Grand Rapids and attended college at Michigan State University, where I received a degree in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. It was during college that I fell in love with Jesus and the Church and first started to volunteer in youth ministry. My growing passion for theology and ministry led me to the University of Notre Dame, where I was able to participate in a graduate service program that combined receiving an MA in Theology with 2 years of working at a parish. After graduating from Notre Dame, I served as the Director of Campus Ministry at a small Catholic university in Escondido, CA. My wife, Jen, our 5-month-old son, Francis, and I are happy to be back in MI and to be part of the St. Kieran family. I look forward to getting to know you all and to serving the youth of the parish!

Mallia's Moments

A Gospel reflection from Father Joe and an update on upcoming events happening around the parish

"Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord". I would be willing to bet that this passage from Ephesians is one of the most misunderstood passages in all of the Bible. People know it, but don't know the verse before or for that matter, the verses that follow.

First and foremost, St. Paul speaks about the subordination in relationship to our reverence to Christ. This is not about the domination of one person above the other, but about a response to a covenant with Christ. In surrendering ourselves to God, we become free to accept his will in our lives. It is why celibacy and the chaste life is so important to vowed religious life and to priesthood. By being subordinate to the Lord, we are free to accept whatever ministry in whatever place the Lord calls the person to.

Secondly and most importantly, the call for wives to be subordinate to their husbands is based upon a clear understanding that the husband loves his wife in the exact way that Christ loves the Church. If he does not love her in that manner, then all bets are off for her having to be subordinate to him. Further, the passage reminds us that it is the responsibility of the husband to get his wife to heaven, keeping her from that which would lead her to sin. St. Paul tells us that the husband is to be able to present to God his wife "holy and without blemish".

To simply focus on one line of this passage is a manipulation of the Scripture for the sake of a manipulation of another person; a sin if there ever was one. This is why it is so important to "study" and not just "read" the Scriptures. This is why it is important to learn what the Church actually teaches. It is very easy to be misled by others into theological error if we are not aware of the truth. So, in September, we are offering anyone who wishes to attend, various opportunities to grow in your knowledge of Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Please make every attempt this year to deepen your knowledge about what we are called to believe and stop relying on the views of others, the things you see on TV or what you think you recall from when you were a kid. The beauty of the faith is found in the understanding of the truth. Hope to see you there.

The last time I went to church was...

Have you ever heard someone say something like that? Have you ever invited them back? You meet far more people than I do and so it is very important that you serve the Lord by being an instigator of invitation; the path that may lead someone into a deeper relationship with God.

Now, that means you have to do things like say, what if I meet you at church or I'll pick you up if you want. It may mean inviting people to a social event at the church first before you invite them back to mass. The point is, that we can't allow opportunities to pass us by any longer. We have to be active in the work of reuniting people with the God and their church. You don't have to be a pest, but if the topic comes up, don't let it pass by.

Don't look now, but...

I can't believe I am about to say this, but don't look now, summer is almost over! That means that school is about to go back in session. If you have not already signed up for Religious Education for your children, I strongly urge you to do so as soon as possible. Remember, children must have two years of faith formation prior to making a sacrament.

Also, if you are of high school age or older and have not completed your Sacraments of Initiation, you may want to get more information about the RCIA. For more information about what this is and how to begin, please call Pat.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE REQUESTING PRAYER

Names will remain on our sick list for 6 weeks. After 6 weeks contact the Parish Office if you wish to place the name back on the list. Names will remain on our military list for 1 year.

SICK LIST

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Antonino Cavataio
Famy Cusumano
Kate DeSmet
Jack Devereaux
Maryann Devereaux
Tyler Fina
Betsy Fisch
Joe Giancarli
Joann Gozdor
Joel Holland
Richard Jakubec
Casey Jones
Rosalynn Kettner
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Carmella Martz
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Daniel Otten-A
Joseph Pellerito– CG
Capt Steven Pickett-M
Jacob Risner-A
Patrick Roberts-A
Scott Socia-AF

MALLIA'S MOMENTS (continued)

Are you divorced?

If you have had a previous marriage and are now single or if you have entered into a second marriage that was not in the Catholic Church, I encourage you to come and see me about what we can do to help you in addressing that previous marriage. The process is free of charge and it may be significantly easier than you have heard it was from others. To make an appointment to see me, please contact the parish office.

I haven't been to confession in a long time...

When people have stayed away from the sacrament of reconciliation for some time, they come up with more excuses to stay away like, "I don't even know what to say anymore". No problem. We have a card either at the chair or on the kneeler that tells you what the formula for confession is, including the Act of Contrition. Besides, the format is not as important as you having your sins forgiven (I love to try to take your excuses away).

Have a great week and God bless you all.

Deacon Russ Reflects

Another saint depicted in one of our stained-glass windows lived in the 1200s. There was a church in Detroit named in her honor – St. Hedwig. It was clustered with St. Francis D 'Assisi Parish in 2004 and the two parishes merged into one in 2013, becoming St. Frances D 'Assisi-St. Hedwig Parish.

Looking back in Detroit history, the late 1800's brought about a large influx of Polish immigrants into a village named Grand Junction, just west of the Detroit City limits. The nearest parish for the new settlers was St. Francis, but as more immigrants poured into the area, the church appeared too small to accommodate all of them. Those who lived south of Michigan Avenue organized a committee to talk about creating a new parish in this area. About three hundred families petitioned then Bishop John S. Foley for a new parish. Although support was initially lacking, further investigation convinced Bishop Foley that a new parish south of Michigan Avenue could be organized and supported by the Polish population there.

In June of 1903, twelve lots were purchased on Junction Street between Norton and Rollins streets (later renamed St. Hedwig and Konkel streets) and that is where a new church and school would be built. On Sunday, December 18, 1904, the first Mass was held in the new building to the delight of the people!

So who was St. Hedwig? the daughter of a 12th-century count, Hedwig was educated in a monastery in Eastern Europe. At age 12, she married Henry I of Silesia, who was 18. In the 1200s, this was the usual age for marriage. The couple had seven children.

Henry succeeded his father to the throne, and he depended on Hedwig to help him rule. In a war with Conrad of Masovia, Henry was captured. With rare courage, Hedwig persuaded Conrad to return her husband. The gentle queen was loved more for her kindness to those who were poor than for her political undertakings. She founded a hospital for lepers. The doors of her castle were open to travelers and to those who were homeless, sick, and dying. Hedwig went to the cottages of those who were poor, visiting and serving them. Late at night she would darn their clothes and early in the morning, Hedwig would pray for the kingdom. She did all this while taking good care of her own family. Hedwig also invited religious to build monasteries in the kingdom.

Hedwig suffered when two of her sons disagreed over land given to them by their father, and went to war against each other. She bore this sorrow and the death of their son Henry with patience. After the death of her husband, Hedwig retired to Trebnitz, Germany and wore the Cistercian habit. She refrained from becoming a nun to retain her right over her wealth for the purpose of aiding the poor and the needy. Indeed, she allowed no one who came to her for assistance to go away uncomforted or unaided.

Considered a living saint by her contemporaries, and noted for her miraculous powers, Hedwig died on October 15, 1243, and was canonized by Pope Clement IV in 1267. St. Hedwig, pray for us!

Hope to see you at Mass!

Peace,

Deacon Russ

Living THE Faith

ENCOUNTER
GROW
WITNESS
52 SUNDAYS ...

Liturgy Link
The Desert Fathers spent a lot of time with God in silence. During Mass, when are you able to spend time with God in silence?

Family Challenge
St. Moses the Black is known as an apostle of non-violence. This week, focus on being a peacemaker in your family and in your friend group. Withhold negative comments and judgments and be a good listener.

Fun Facts!
The title "Desert Fathers" refer to Christian ascetics, hermits, and monks who live in Egypt in the 3rd century. There were also Desert Mothers.

Scripture Studies Coming In The Fall
Scripture Study with Father Joe-
starts September 16
Walking With Purpose– offered morning and evening—starts October 5
The Chosen—starts October 4
Watch Here for More Details!
Questions?? Please contact Susan Weyland at (586)781-6515 extension 112 or sue@stkieran.org.

Join us for Outdoor Mass!
11:30am on Sunday September 12th
Bring your lawn chair to mass outside, weather permitting. Mass will be in the back of the complex, so come early to get a good space then stay for all the picnic festivities!

You're invited!

Join us for the Parish Picnic on Sunday Sept. 12th, starting at 12:30pm. In addition to our gourmet hot dogs and hamburgers, scrumptious corn on the cob, and Good Humor ice cream from an ice cream cart, we are having a petting zoo and pony rides for the kids! Tickets are $2 per person and children under 5 are FREE. Tickets can be purchased online through our online giving site We Share or after mass. Hope to see you there!

The Gospel For All Ages...Family Catechesis

Take the Challenge!

Joshua 24:1-2; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

About the Gospel:
Jesus wanted to share the gift of himself with others through the Eucharist, but it seemed scary to many people. They walked away even after following him for years. He wondered if his friend, Peter, and the other Apostles would leave too, but they knew that only Jesus had the words of life.
In Church:
Watch as people approach the altar to receive Holy Communion. They are walking towards Jesus!
Question of the Week:
How did Jesus feel when he asked the Apostles if they would leave too?

ARE YOU A NEW FAMILY?
HAVE A FIRST GRADER?
DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER?
YOU CAN REGISTER BEGINNING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16TH FOR FAITH FORMATION

CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
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Believe. Grow. Share.

Walking With Purpose

Starts October 5th. This women's Bible Study aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal studies and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. The Adult Faith Formation Committee is looking for a Facilitator for this Bible Study. If you feel you have the ability and enthusiasm to lead this group, please contact Susan Weyland at (586)781-6515 extension 112 or sue@stkieran.org. All materials and training will be provided to you by the St. Kieran staff.

Come to this MUST-SEE EVENT!
The Greatest Story Ever Told!!
Don't miss this 8-part saga on the life of Jesus. Millions of people can't stop talking about it.
See Jesus through the eyes of those that met him.
See flyer on information desk with more details and specific dates.
You can register by contacting Susan Weyland at sue@stkieran.org or (586)781-6515 ext. 112

Verso L'alto

Saint Kieran Young Adults

Contact Laurel Schaaf at laurel@stkieran.org to learn more about Young Adult events and activities!

Verso L'alto Gathering
September 15, 2021 @ 7:00pm
Carlos Acutis Room
Dinner provided, BYOB

Family of Parishes Mass and Dinner Series
September 25, 2021
St. Kieran Catholic Church
4:30p Mass
Dinner at local restaurant following mass!

A.S.K.S.

Active St. Kieran Seniors

Tuesday Drop-in Golf
Cracklewood Golf Club
11:07 Tee Time, $23
Contact Bob at 586-556-1167 to sign up

Senior Card Club
Every Thursday @ 1:00 pm in the Blessed Solanus Casey Room

First Friday Breakfast
September 3 @ 9:30am
Come join other Seniors for Breakfast at Marcus Grill
No reservations needed.

Lunch Around the World
Thursday, September 16, 12:30p
Luciano's Italian Restaurant
Clinton Township, MI 48038
Call Cheryl at 586-246-6389 to reserve your spot!

Senior Golf Outing—Parish Festival Kick Off Event
Friday, September 10 @ 9am
Cracklewood Golf Club
2 Person Scramble, 9-holes, $35, 16 person cap!
Lunch at the Clubhouse following golf (not included)
Register by Sept. 3 with Laurel, laurel@stkieran.org

Christian Service Matters

Christian Service: the act of doing things for God with a willingness in the heart.

MCREST 2021

St. Kieran will be sponsoring MCREST once again beginning August 29 through September 5. Clients will be housed in a hotel near the MCREST office in Roseville as was done in 2020. We are once again asking for your help in the following ways:

- Quarters for laundry. Each load is $4.50.
- Monetary donations to help with housing and food costs. Checks can be made out to St. Kieran with MCREST in the memo line
- Travel size personal care items – shower gel/ soap, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, razors – most requested items
- Monetary donations to help with housing and food costs. Checks can be made out to St. Kieran with MCREST in the memo line, or online at We Share

Thank you for your continued support of our outreach in Macomb County! Donations accepted now through September 5. Please contact Marilyn in Christian Service if you need any additional information,
586-781-4942 ext 132 or marilyn@stkieran.org.

Stewardship Reflections

Pray. Share. Give.

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Knights Corner

The previously mentioned Degrees of Charity, Unity and Fraternity lead to the final degree of PATRIOTISM (4th Degree), which is the highest level of Knighthood in the Knights of Columbus. All of these are needed to bringRemember you can become a member of the Knights of Columbus if you are a practicing Catholic man over the age of 18 by going on line to http://www.kofc.org/joinus anytime! a sense of Brotherhood to a civil society. Our mission is to foster Patriotism, support our Church, the Order and our Country while serving our communities as though Christ were the one being served. We defend the laws that recognize the sanctity of life and true religious liberty. The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree that presents a visible reminder of our service to the community.

Members of this degree are eligible to have an Honor Guard present during their funeral and have a Chalice engraved with their name and donated to a needy priest. This is a true honor to then have you remembered during the Eucharistic celebration somewhere in the world.

Remember you can become a member of the Knights of Columbus if you are a practicing Catholic man over the age of 18 by going on line to http://www.kofc.org/joinus anytime!

St Kieran 6-Week Grief Support Series

The death of a loved one can be difficult for many persons. To help cope with the emotions and other issues often experienced following loss, St. Kieran is offering a 6-week Bereavement Support Series. All sessions are coordinated by a trained facilitator and will be held at St. Kieran Church, 53600 Mound Road, Shelby Twp., on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm on the following dates:

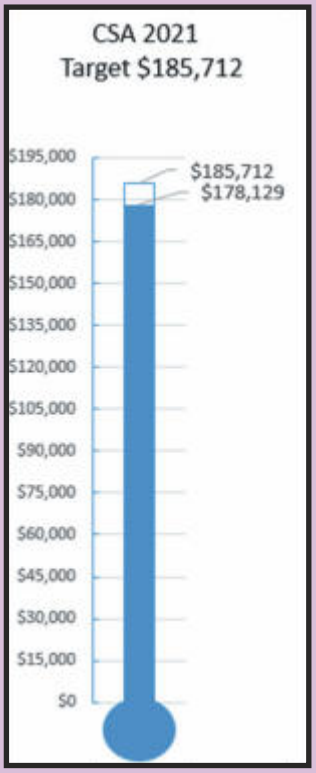
October 6,13, 20 & 27, November 3 & 10

To register for the series, please contact Barbara @ 248-453-5959.
There is no charge for the series.

CSA 2021

FUEL THE MISSION

Thank you to all who have responded to the annual CSA appeal. We are getting closer to our goal but have not quite reached it. If we don't reach our target in the next few weeks, we will have to send out reminder letters. Please consider helping the parish reach and exceed the goal, as all dollars received over the target come back to the parish, "tax-free".



CSA pledges can be paid in full or over a 9 month period. There are three ways to contribute and make a CSA pledge:

- Online at www.givecsa.org; Select St. Kieran
- To pay with debit or credit card: phone 888.331.8695
- By check, using the St. Kieran CSA envelope found in the gathering space or by using the prepaid envelope that came with the CSA materials.

Thank you for your support of the parish and of CSA.

Weekend Liturgy Schedule—August 28/29, 2021

Day/Time	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Mass Intentions	John Starzyk By Elaine Starzyk	John & Dolores Churilla By Chuck & Gini Filar	Jerome & Dee Schroeder By Ed & Rosalyn Kettner	Jim & Theola Buchman By Lenny & Kathy Gloss ---------- Jerry Sokolowki By Family
Lectors	Timothy Berry Krissy Bolda	Jill Bologna Ralph Engler	Jan Czarnota Douglass Hartley	Pam DeClercq Gary Miglio
Altar Servers	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6	Team 7

Weekday Liturgy Schedule

August 23-27, 2021

Monday 7:00 pm Mass **Mass followed by Perpetual Help Devotions** **Lector: Pam DeClerq**	Frank Raeb by George Schuetz
Tuesday 8:00 am Mass	
Wednesday 8:00 am Mass	For the "Special" Intention of Angelo & Patricia Colasanti (65th Wedding Anniversary)
Thursday 8:00 am Mass	Jeffrey Lucisano by Mary Lucisano
Friday 8:00 am Mass	

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You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs. Then you'll never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet. Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and reduces envelope printing and mailing costs. Online giving is simple, safe, and it keeps God at the top of your giving list. Join the 180 families that are already giving greener!

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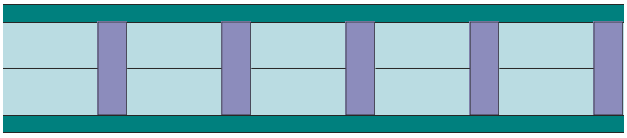
Daily Readings for the Week of 8/22

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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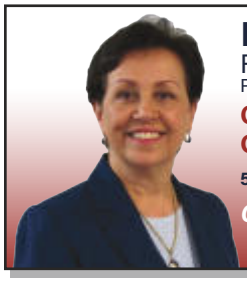
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