

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Parish Livonia



25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19, 2021

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

FROM FR. TOM

Hopefully your week was filled with God's grace and His presence.

Can you imagine what a shock it was for the disciples arguing about which of them was the greatest when Jesus placed a child before them? In Palestine at the time of Jesus, children were last. Children had no status until they matured. But Jesus, goes even deeper saying: "if you want to be first, you must be last of all and servant of all".

The disciples and Jesus had two different ideas of service and how to achieve greatness. In today's Gospel passage, they had not yet learned what true greatness was and were arguing about it among themselves. They did in time learn what true greatness is and they followed Jesus in their deaths, being martyred. Peter was crucified upside down on an X-shaped cross in Rome. Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped cross in Greece and is said to have preached to his crucifixioners for two hours until he died. Bartholomew, also known as Nathanael, was killed by continuous whipping in Asia. Thomas was stabbed with a spear in India. James was put to death by the sword in Jerusalem. By their martyrdoms they won many souls for Christ. How they later matured from that day in today's Gospel when they were arguing on the road. They truly recognized what the word GREATNESS means in the eyes of God!

What's the lesson for us? The more we drift away from God the less we recognize what is truly great and comes first and the more the we resemble the pathetic attitude of the disciples arguing on the road. The Church, our Mother, in its ministry reminds us what is truly great and comes first. She reminds us that power, drink, sex and money are not the ultimate goals of life, that the ultimate goal of life is to know, love, and serve God. We take our image and model and ideal of what is truly great from Jesus and his Good News. We do not want to be contaminated by the world, but want to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world and to show the world what comes first. For this let us pray!

Catechetical Sunday

This weekend we recognize and bless all of these men and women who voluntarily decided to serve our community of faith as catechists and religion teachers. At 11 am Mass we will pray for them all, giving them a special blessing as they began this journey of spreading the good news to our children. Please support and pray for them. May their service be effective according to the will of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Faith Formation kick off

September 22nd is the beginning of the Faith Formation classes. Please, pray for all of these children and youth, their parents, catechists, and FF coordinators. May they all work together to know God better and to serve Him and those in need.

Successful Parish Picnic

It was a beautiful event. I am grateful and filled with joy after my first Parish Picnic with you all. The weather was great. The turnout was very satisfying. The involvement of the people was wonderful. Let me express our gratitude to all of the parish groups: Men's Club, Women's Sodality, Saint Vincent de Paul, Faith Formation, Young Adults, Choir Members, Parish Staff, and many volunteers including Chris Edmonds and Chris Tebow, the DJ (let's call them CC, both of them did a fabulous job). It was truly a family celebration. I am blessed being a part of such a loving and open parish community. Let's continue our journey of faith supporting and carrying each other.

ST. MICHAEL'S DEVOTION

You are all invited to **St. Michael's devotion** this Tuesday, Mass at 7 pm and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We all need St. Michael's protection to stay strong in our faith! St. Michael – pray for us.

Have a blessed week. Fr. Tom

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Saturday, September 18:

3:30 pm 4:30 pm Confession
5 pm Mass

Sunday, September 19:

9 am Mass
11 am Mass

Monday, September 20:

8:30 am Confessions
9 am Mass, Rosary following

Tuesday, September 21:

6:30 pm Confessions
7 pm Mass & St. Michael
The Archangel Devotions
7:30 pm Men's Club

Wednesday, September 22:

8:30 am Confessions
9 am Mass followed by Mother of
Perpetual Help Devotions

Thursday, September 23:

8:30 am Confessions
9 am Mass, Rosary following

Friday, September 24:

8:30 am Confessions
9 am Mass followed by Adoration
until 12:00 pm

Saturday, September 25:

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions
5 pm Mass

Sunday, September 26:

9 am Mass
11 am Mass

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FIRST READING

Wis 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING

Jas 3:16—4:3

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ALLELUIA

Cf. 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL READING

Mk 9:30-37

THE LORD BE WITH YOU. AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do Thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Leo XIII (1810-1903)

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This year, the Archdiocese of Detroit will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021, with the theme “Disciples of Jesus: Witnesses to the Gospel”. On this special day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to our parish community to pass on the Catholic Faith to our families. Today we celebrate our catechists’ response to the Lord’s invitation to develop their own relationship with Jesus. Catechists teach us to recognize Jesus’ voice and invitation in our own lives so that we will grow as His disciples and witness his love and mercy in our world. We also celebrate our parents, grandparents, and guardians by recognizing their important role in teaching the faith. The parish community is encouraged to pray for all catechists who dedicate themselves to the mission of helping those they teach to hear the voice of Jesus and to grow in relationship with Him.

Prayer for Parents & Guardians

Lord, thank you for entrusting me with the gift of my children. As their first teacher of the faith, I pray that I may lead them to experience a personal encounter with your Son Jesus so that they may grow as his joyful disciples. Help me to always teach my children in truth, modeling your love and mercy, so that they will be strong witnesses of the Gospel in their daily lives, at school, and on the playground. Come, Holy Spirit, strengthen your gifts in me so that I may confidently embrace my important role in guiding [children’s names] in your power and grace. Amen.

WITNESSES TO THE GOSPEL CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2021

Prayer for Catechists

Lord, as I respond to your call to serve you as a catechist, I pray that you open my eyes, ears, mind, and heart to see you and to hear your voice so that I may be an instrument of your love, mercy, and truth to those I teach. Use me, Lord, to help them to experience a personal encounter with your Son Jesus so that they will become joyful witnesses of the Gospel in their daily lives, at work and at school, and in their families. Come, Holy Spirit, fill me with your gifts so that I may confidently serve those you send me today. Amen.

I would like to introduce our incredible Faith Formation staff for this school year:

K/1 – Mrs. Sherry Luszcz □ 2nd – Mrs. Barbara Janeczko □ 3rd/4th - Mrs. Loretta Gelhaus
5th/6th – Mrs. Suezane Canfield □ 7th – Mrs. Gloria Platek □ 8th – Mrs. Karen Bonanno
Classroom Aide—Jan Belleperche □ - R.C.I.A – Mrs. Karen Bonanno & Mrs. Mary Tabone
Baptismal classes – □ Mr. and Mrs. Randall Janisch
Secretary – Mrs. Kellie Chamberland □ Office Support – Mr. Mark Mazur



The Archdiocese is blessed to have 95 retired priests who dedicated, in some cases, more than 50 years of their lives to caring for and ministering to others. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are most grateful.

At age 70, priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit begin receiving a \$1,575 monthly pension and health and automobile insurance from the Priests’ Pension Plan. The Archdiocese annually assesses each parish \$11,075 per priest serving there to support this fund.

Next weekend, September 25th and 26th, our parish will take up a special collection to help defray the cost of this assessment and to show our appreciation for those priests who have cared for us and ministered to us throughout the years. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best contribute to the With Thanks for Their Service in Christ collection this year. You may return your special collection envelope at Mass next weekend or mail it to the parish office.

**ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND IN THE
GATHERING AREA NEXT WEEKEND.**

**ST. GENEVIEVE-ST. MAURICE PARISH PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**



FRIENDS WALK - SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Members of your Saint Vincent de Paul are participating in the annual Friends Walk at Belle Isle on **Saturday, September 25th**. This is an annual walk to raise awareness of those in need within the Archdiocese of Detroit, while enjoying the comradery of friends.

Consider joining or supporting Delcia Toth, Denice Yarber, and other Saint Vincent de Paul members for a walk through the beautiful paths of Belle Isle, a true nature gem in our area. There is no registration fee, however a State Park Recreation Pass or \$11 per vehicle will be required. The check in starts at **9 am** with the walk starting at **10 am**. Each walker will receive a shirt, food and drinks.

To register on line or make a donation go www.Friendswalk.org. Please note the benefactor ID for your Saint Vincent de Paul is 1255381.

NURSING HOME

SENIOR LIVING CENTER VOLUNTEERS

Calling all kind-hearted people who would like to visit with the elderly and brighten their day. We are looking for volunteers to join our Nursing Home/Senior Livonia Center Ministry to distribute the Holy Eucharist to those that cannot get out. All it take is 1 to 2 hours of your time per month. There will be Eucharistic Minister training for all the volunteers.

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 734.427.5200

****Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love.*-***
Mother Teresa



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18:

5 pm St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish Family

Sunday, September 19:

9 am † Don Blaharski by Dolores Zimmer
 Intentions of Gary Head by Craig & Debra Head
 † Joseph & Camilla Rydzewski
 by Rydzewski Family
 For a long & healthy retirement for Fr. Howard
 Vogan by Eleanor Homich

11 am † Cassie Homich, Dorothy & Harold Konkel
 by Eleanor Homich

Monday, September 20:

9 am Intentions of Amy Golanka by Friends

Tuesday, September 21:

7 pm † Kevin Breen by Sheila Breen

Wednesday, September 22:

9 am † Harry Ross by Marie Ross
 Intentions of Fr. Tom Wilisowski
 by Dave & Patrice Tay

Thursday, September 23:

9 am † Rosemary Jablonski by Lucille & Gary Riegel

Friday, September 24:

9 am † Teresita Sabandal by Rina Achacon

Saturday, September 25:

5 pm Intentions of Andy & Phyllis Chudzinski
 † Mary & Frank Janeczko by Tom & Barb Janeczko
 Special Intentions of Sheryl Nordstrom
 † Ed Tabor by Tom & Barb Janeczko

Sunday, September 26:

9 am † John F. Dora by Gladys Keener
 11 am St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish Family



HEALING PRAYERS

Martha Andzlinger
 Nancy Comben
 Karoline DeRosia
 John R. Fineh
 Marian Floan
 Patricia Gerwolls
 Susan Hancock
 Erin Helmick
 Monica Housey
 Mary Ellen Jackson
 Janet Janieki
 Rich Kraus
 Vicki Kubus

Jill Lazarus
 Fiona McCarthy
 Michael Muns
 Patricia Mannix
 Linda Padula
 Nancy Perein
 Jerry Platzk
 Brennan Randazzo
 Gerald Roosen
 David Schuit
 Brenda Sorrin
 Beverly Uhl

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! LIFE CHAIN



Sunday, October 3, 2021

From 2:00 pm—3:30 pm

Join your fellow parishioners in the 33rd annual Life Chain.
 Look for more details in next weeks bulletin.



This year our parish will participate
 with St. Michael the Archangel.

**ALL ACTIVITIES WILL ORIGINATE
 FROM THE ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL CAFETERIA
 AT 11441 HUBBARD, LIVONIA.**

Registration is through an online google form, and the link
 can be found on our parish website or facebook. We will
 publish the list of projects in following bulletins, and you
 may also call the parish office for help registering.

Mercy in Action Service Day Timeline:

9 am—9:30 am: Check-in & continental breakfast
9:30 am—Noon: Prayer, instructions, and working on
 projects.
12 pm: Reflection & Closing Prayer

Volunteers of all ages are welcome! People under 18 must
 be accompanied by an adult and have an adult sign the
 waiver form.

SUNDAY TITHING: September 12, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$	6,729.00
Online Giving	\$	1,269.00
Total	\$	7,998.00

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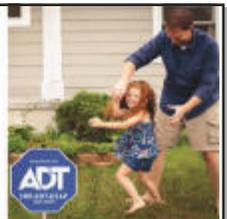
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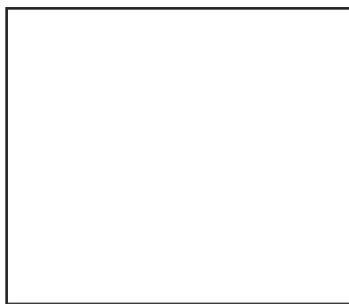
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