



Church of the Holy Spirit

3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

August 29th, 2021 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demand creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgement and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the steps to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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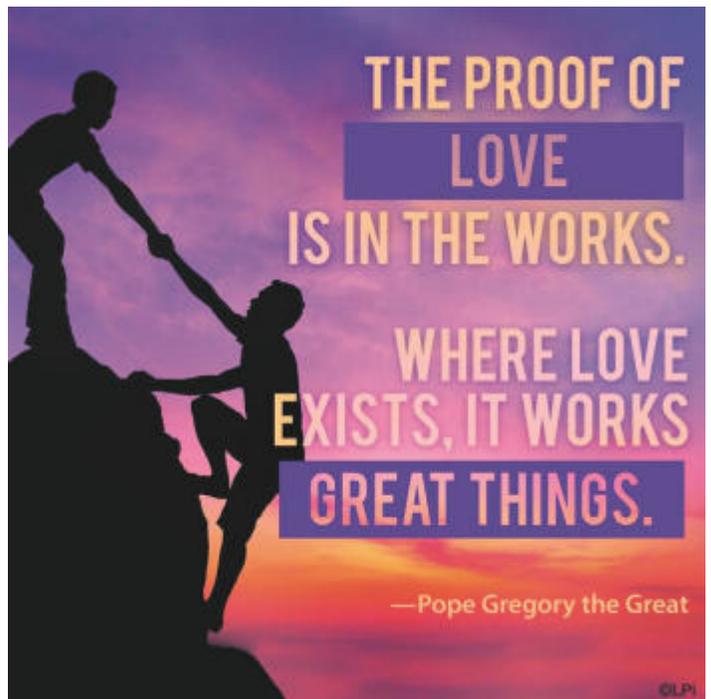
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Mike's Musings

Model Saint- -St. Peter Claver



A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the New World. He sailed into Cartagena (now Columbia), a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly one hundred years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled "supreme villainy" by Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

Peter Claver's predecessor, Jesuit Father Alfonso de Sandoval, had devoted himself to the service of the slaves for 40 years before Claver arrived to continue his work, declaring himself "the slave of the Negroes forever."

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and miserable passengers. After, the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds. Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons and tobacco. With the help of interpreters, he gave basic instructions and insured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's saving love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

His apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the Apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders, as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

After four years of sickness which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, he died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the Negro outcasts, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great pomp.

He was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among Negroes. Peter Claver was stunningly heroic, and when we measure our lives against such a man's, we become aware of our own barely used potential and our own need to open ourselves more to the jolting power of Jesus' Spirit. Deacon Mike.

Be sure to check us out online!

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Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, August 30

Office Open 9am-3pm
11am-AA

Tuesday, August 31

Office Open 9am-3pm
10am-Women's Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 1

Office Open 9am-3pm
9am-Morning Mass

Thursday, September 2

Office Open 9am-3pm
9am-Morning Mass

Friday, September 3

NO MORNING MASS
11am-Larry Newman Funeral

Saturday, September 4

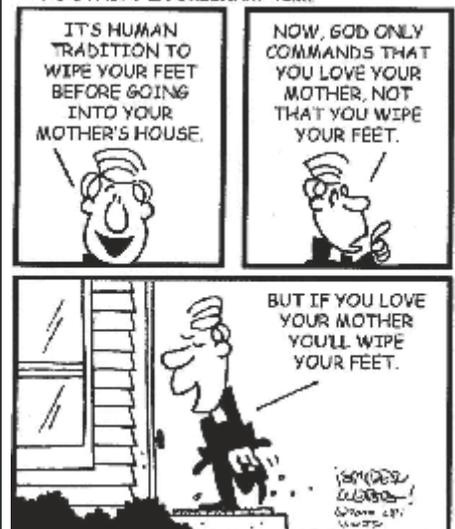
10am-Monica McGuire Funeral
5pm-Last Outdoor Mass

Sunday, September 5

9am-Mass
11am-Mass



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Vision: To Be Christ to All.

Our Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.



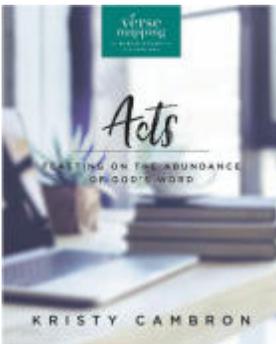
Catechists needed

Faith Formation classes will resume face-to-face in September. I am in need of a few adult catechists to share the faith as catechists. If you are available **Tuesdays from 5:00 – 6:20pm for grades 4 & 5, or Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:40pm for grades 1 & 3**; please give me a call or email! jillian@holyspirithighland.com 248-887-1634. God's blessings will flourish when we share our gifts and talents.

Adult Faith Formation

Acts of the Apostles:

Feasting on the Abundance of God's Word



If you have a deep desire to unpack the meaning of the Scriptures you're reading but you want to do it in a simple way—then verse mapping is for you. Verse mapping includes Hebrew/Greek word studies, finding connections in Scripture, comparing Bible translations, and learning as much as you can from your time

with the Holy Spirit. And it's even better when you do it with others as a group.

Simply put, verse mapping is getting real about studying Scripture. More than just reading a verse or passage, it's about researching everything you can about what you've read to learn more about who God is and how He speaks into your life through His Word.

In this six-session video Bible study we will journey through the book of Acts together. Sessions offered Monday evenings 7-9 pm, Tuesdays at noon, or Wednesdays at 9:45 am, and begin the week of October 4th. Student materials are \$10.00 and you can register online, or by calling Jillian Peck 248-887-1634

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Seniors Aging Gracefully, Sometimes



Come and see what SAGS is all about. There is something for everyone! Here are our upcoming events:

Thursday, August 26th

Frankenmuth River Lunch Cruise, gather at Church 10:00am. Lunch at Zehnder's followed by a cruise of the Cass River on an historic paddle boat, The River Bell.

Flyers available at the information station.

Thursday, September 9th

10:00am, Guest speaker on different types of Insurance available for health care when you need it the most.

Thursday, September 23rd

10:00am, gather at Church for a trip to Spicers for a trip to the Cider Mill. Including lunch, hayride and wine tasting.

Thursday, December 2nd

10:00am, gather for trip to Meadowbrook Hall for Lunch and a Christmas Tour.

Flyers available at the information station.

Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel

Hours needing to be immediately filled.

Sunday	3-4AM
Monday	9-10AM
Tuesday	8-9PM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 3-4PM
Thursday	3-4AM, 4-5AM, 5-6PM
Saturday	5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

Children's Hour - Monday's 11AM-Noon

COVID Cleaning Schedule

Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers. Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623
Or Autumn Woodcox 248-872-6607

Meditations for August 29
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Console one another with these words.

What does it mean when the Bible refers to death as “sleep”? We see it in today’s first reading as well as in other parts of the Bible. For example, Daniel 12:2 refers to the dead as “those who sleep in the dust of the earth,” and before he raised him from the dead, Jesus referred to Lazarus as “asleep” (John 11:11).

We often use “sleep” as a comforting metaphor for death, and that’s understandable. Death is scary. Most of us spend the better part of our lives trying to avoid it. Sleeping, on the other hand, is not scary. It’s easier to relate to, and it gives the impression that death is temporary.

But “sleep” is more than just a peaceful metaphor. Deep down, we all sense that we were made for more than this life. We all sense that something—or better yet, Someone—awaits us on the other side. And that sense is right.

Jesus told us over and over that we should trust him and not be afraid—and nowhere is that more appropriate than when we think about death. God has promised that we will someday “wake up” to be with him forever.

Jesus said it best when he said that his Father “is not God of the dead but of the living” (Mark 12:27). He promised that even when we sleep in death, we are alive in God. That can happen, he taught, because his salvation opens the door for us to live forever—and to be fully united with him, with all the saints, and with our loved ones who have walked the path ahead of us.

This gives death new meaning. It is no longer a “hard stop” to life that we should fear; it’s a gateway to a new and even better life. The happiness we will experience in heaven will far surpass any of our greatest joys here on earth. That’s why Paul’s words today aren’t gloomy—they’re uplifting!

So let Jesus lessen whatever fears you may have about death. Ask him instead to fill you with a greater sense of hope and expectation for that day when you awake to new life with him!

“Jesus, thank you for opening the gates of heaven for me and my loved ones!”

Prayer
REQUESTS

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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Weekly Offertory Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
08/22	\$ 8,498	\$10,200	(\$1,702)
Y-T-D	\$72,336	\$81,600	(\$9,264)

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children’s collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

Readings for Sunday, September 5
Is 35:4-7a | Jas 2:1-5 | Mk 7:31-37

Explore the Gospel



The Tradition of the Elders
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. —So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

Take Time to Chat

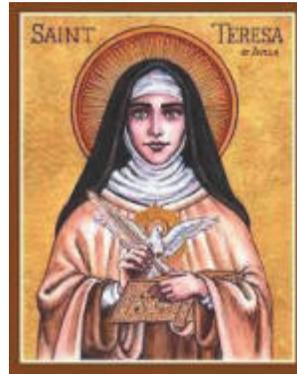
1. Why does Jesus call the Pharisees and scribes hypocrites?
2. Jesus teaches us that peoples' words and actions can cause evil. In what way do words and actions hurt people today?
3. In what way do people use words and actions on social media for good or for bad?
4. Compare the life of Blessed Maria Mercedes Prat to the Pharisees and scribes in today's Gospel story. In what way does her life exemplify how Jesus is calling us to live?

Christian Service Corner

We are in need of the following items:
Laundry Detergent, Mayo, Toilet Paper, 2qt Juice
All Purpose Cleaner (spray bottle), Paper Towel

**Due to COVID we can no longer take plastic or paper bags and we cannot accept expired food.*

Meet Our Extended Family



Bl. Maria Mercedes Prat
March 6, 1880- July 24, 1936
Born in Barcelona, Spain, Blessed Maria Mercedes Prat showed a great love for her neighbor and tried to inspire that type of love in others. She attended Mass daily and gave herself to God completely as a child. Maria was a devoted student, painter, and excelled in sewing. After her parents' deaths, she helped care for her younger siblings. As an orphan and the eldest daughter, she combined successfully her prayer life, her responsibilities in the home, her artistic talent, and her apostolate as a catechist and a member of the Teresian Arch-confraternity. Once her siblings were old enough, she entered the Society of St. Teresa of Jesus in Tortosa and eventually went back to Barcelona for her assignment at the motherhouse. There, she taught joyfully in the community school for sixteen years until the sisters were forced to flee due to the unrest from the Spanish Civil War and the persecution of Catholics. She was arrested and shot for being a religious sister. The words of the Our Father were the last words on her lips. The sisters in the order described her as a "true Teresian—a religious according to the heart of God."

Family Prayer

7 Words from Pope Francis

Repeat this phrase from Pope Francis 7 times together:

Jesus, make my heart more like yours.

Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

Monday, August 30

1 Thes 4:13-18 | Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, August 31

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 | Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 1

Col 1:1-8 | Lk 4:38-44

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Joseph & Laura Piwko

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Malik, Ciemiega & Hobbs Families

Thursday, September 2

Col 1:9-14 | Lk 5:1-11

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Joseph & Laura Piwko

9:00 a.m. +Don Dopierala

Friday, September 3

Col 1:15-20 | Lk 5:33-39

NO MORNING MASS

10:00 a.m Visitation for Larry Newman

11:00 a.m. Funeral for Larry Newman

Saturday, September 4

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Joseph & Laura Piwko

5:00 p.m. +Fr. Vincent Cappodano

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the the
Griglak & Waldowski Families

Sunday, September 5

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Joseph & Laura Piwko

9:00 a.m. +Larry Rejniak

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Joseph & Laura Piwko

11:00 a.m. +Larry Rejniak

Saturday, September 4:

5:00 p.m.

Audrey Schilkey

Sunday, September 5:

9:00 a.m.

Sherry Meyer

11:00 a.m.

Maurena Muldoon

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Michael Somervell, Deacon

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4pm or by Appointment

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Pastoral Council

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms

Contact Deacon Mike at 248-887-8813

Marriages

Contact Fr. Wayne 6 months before your wedding date.

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday at noon

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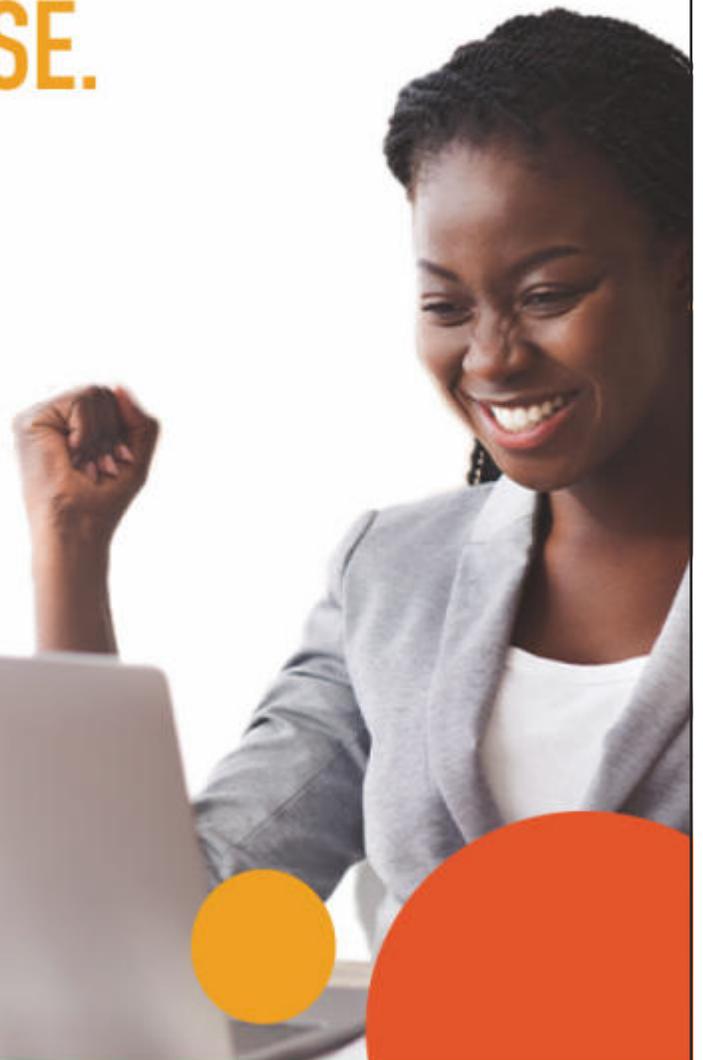
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