



3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

## September 19th, 2021 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Gospel Meditation

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

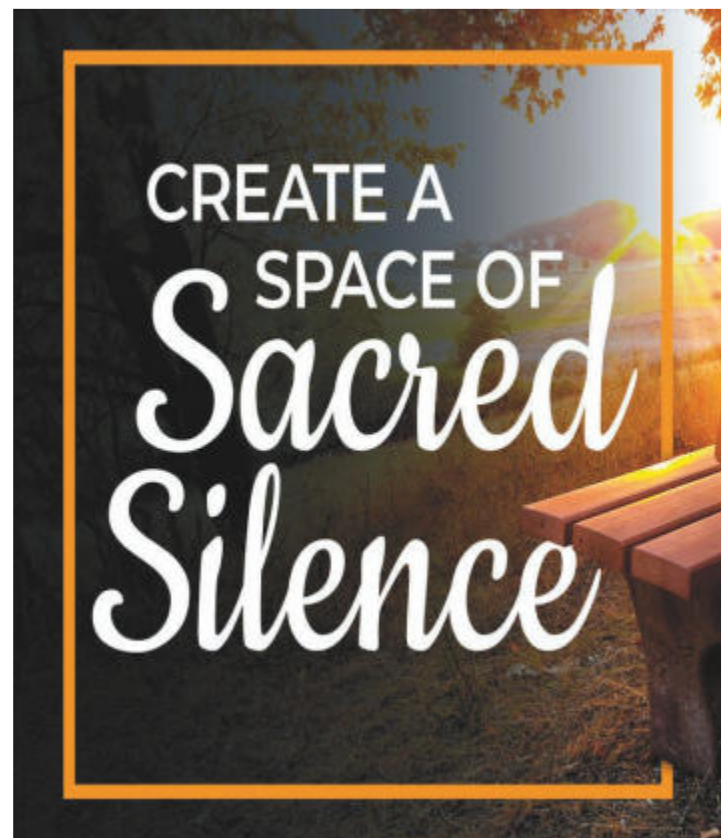
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### Jubilarian Celebration



Join us for a Jubilarian Celebration at all Masses on October 16 and 17. We will honor couples who are celebrating a five year mark of their wedding anniversary (10, 15 20 years etc.).

Please call Marcia (248-887-2967) or Diane (248-887-6448) to let us know which Mass you will be attending. Fr. Wayne will announce the couples at that particular Mass and vows will be repeated. Please join us for this special blessing.



## Mike's Musings

St. Januarius-Bishop/Martyr

Nothing is known of his life. He is believed to have been martyred in the persecution of Diocletian in 305. Legend has it that he was thrown to the bears in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, he was beheaded, and his blood ultimately brought to Naples. Comment: It is defined Catholic doctrine that miracles can happen and can be recognized - hardly a mind-boggling statement to anyone who believes in God. Problems arise, however when we decide an occurrence is unexplainable, in natural terms, or only unexplained. All men do well to avoid excessive credulity, which may be a sign of insecurity. On the other hand, when even scientists speak about "probabilities" rather than "laws" of nature, it is something less than imaginative for Christians to think that God is so "scientific" that he cannot work extraordinary miracles to wake us up to the everyday miracles of sparrows and dandelions, raindrops and snowflakes. Quote: The liquefactions: According to the Catholic Encyclopedia: A dark mass that half fills a hermetically sealed 4 inch glass container, and is preserved in a double reliquary in the Naples cathedral as the blood of St. Januarius, liquefies 18 times during the year. This phenomenon goes back to the 14th century. Tradition connects it with a certain Eusebia, who had allegedly collected the blood after the martyrdom. The ceremony accompanying the liquefaction is performed by holding the reliquary close to the altar on which is located what is believed to be the martyr's head. While the people pray, often tumultuously, the priest turns the reliquary up and down in full sight of the onlookers until the liquefaction takes place. Various experiments have been applied, but the phenomenon eludes natural explanation. There are, however, similar miraculous claims for the blood of John the Baptist, Stephen, Pantaleon, Patricia, Nicholas of Tolentino and Aloysius Gonzaga - nearly all in the neighborhood of "Naples". I believe, do you?

Yours in Christ,  
Deacon Mike

## Holy Spirit Men's Retreat

November 5-7



It's time to make your plans for attending this year's annual retreat held at St. Paul of the Cross from 6 P.M. Friday Nov. 5 to noon on Sunday Nov. 7. Men from Holy Spirit have been attending St. Paul of the Cross as it offers a special moment to step back from the demands, challenges and noise of daily life and renew their faith in the presence of our loving God at the chapel and beautiful retreat grounds.

Why not make your plans to attend with our group around the theme of "Bouncing Back: Living in Hope". Several men will be participating, some have been attending for well over thirty years and would be happy to share their experiences.

If you would like more information, contact John Litzelman 248-889-5536 or visit St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House at [stpaulretreat.org](http://stpaulretreat.org).

## Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

### Monday, September 20

Office Open 9am-3pm  
11am-AA

### Tuesday, September 21

Office Open 9am-3pm  
10am-Women's Prayer Group  
5:10pm-Elementary FF  
6:30pm-6th, 7th & 8th grade FF

### Wednesday, September 22

Office Open 9am-3pm  
6:30pm-Elementary FF  
6:30pm-8th grade FF

### Thursday, September 23

Office Open 9am-3pm  
9am-Morning Mass  
10am-SAGS

### Friday, September 24

9am-Morning Mass

### Saturday, September 25

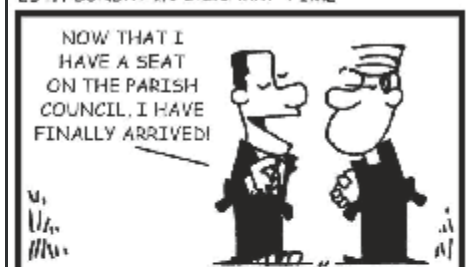
5pm-Mass

### Sunday, September 26

Pancake Breakfast  
9am-Mass  
11am-Mass



25TH 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.

*"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 their  
midst, and putting his arms  
around it, he said to them,  
"Whoever receives one child  
such as this in my name, receives me."*

**Mk 9:35b-37a**

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. Student materials are \$10.00 and you can **register online**, or by calling Jillian Peck 248-887-1634

## Seniors Aging Gracefully, Sometimes



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

### **Thursday, September 23rd**

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

### **Thursday, December 2nd**

10:00am, gather for a 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 September 19

### Mark 9:30-37

*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me. (Mark 9:37)*

The disciples were caught red-handed, and they knew it. Jesus had asked them what they were arguing about, and they had no choice but to tell him: they were caught up in a heated debate about which of them was the greatest disciple. In reply, Jesus told them to focus on being servants, not on becoming great. This probably wasn't the first time he had said something like this to them, and it surely wouldn't be the last!

But then instead of going deeper into his teaching about serving, he pivoted to the theme of receiving a child in his name. So why did Jesus change the subject?

He didn't. He just had a different definition of service than the disciples did—and probably a different definition than we do. Like the disciples, we might think of service in terms of quantity and impact. But that's not how Jesus sees it. If you lead a Bible study with fifty people and your neighbor leads one with five people, that doesn't necessarily make you a better servant. If you are spending all your free time helping out in numerous parish ministries and your neighbor is able to give up only one extra hour a week, that doesn't automatically mean you're more of a servant.

What makes you a servant? Your willingness to welcome Jesus no matter how he comes to you. If you're willing to "waste" your time with a child or any other vulnerable person, you're a servant. If you're willing to imitate Jesus' humility as he washed his disciples' feet, you're a servant. If you're willing to imitate his compassion as he stood up for a woman caught in adultery, you're a servant.

Jesus promised that those who become "the last of all and the servant of all" are the "first" (Mark 9:35). May we all learn how to live in the humility and lowliness of Christ.

*"Jesus, give me the heart of a servant. Give me your heart of love."*

### Readings for Sunday, September 26

Nm 11:25-29 | Jas 5:1-6 | Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## 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.

Debbie Adams	Lisa Grunwald	Jeff Mummery
Greg Azzoli	Dominic Guzzardo	Diane Nightengale
Jeannine Aubry	Juliann Heidt	Jamie O'Brien
Bob Behmer	Scott Hoensheid	Jan Oleszczak
Kathy Bergen	Carol Johnson	Mark Orn
Brooklyn Bridson	Jim Johnson	Don Owens
Amanda Burger	Jim Kelly	Josephine Polcyn
Kevin Burger	Tracy Kelly	Anthony Pilarz
Margaret Chenier	Mike Konopnick	Cole T. Quirolo, F3
Nancy Cooper-Bass	Ken Kost	Christine Rejniak
Betty Anne Crawford	Bob Kotulak	Paula Reynolds
Gene Demey	Rick Kowal	Kelly Rodgers
Steve Demey	Pete Lillemoen	Joe Romeo
John Dickey	Maurie Luther	Betty & Ken Simmons
Fred & Nancy Duzzie	Roberta Luther	Courtney Thompson
Susan Deming	Tom Mitch	Martin Tufts
Kathy Edwards	Ed Meyer	Linda Tudman
Ruthie Glover	Keri Mueller	Louie Weglarz



### Weekly Offertory Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
09/05	\$ 8,291	\$ 10,200	(\$ 1,909)
09/12	\$ 11,434	\$ 10,200	\$ 1,234
Y-T-D	\$100,382	\$112,200	(\$11,818)

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.

## Explore the Gospel



Second Prediction of the Passion and The Greatest in the Kingdom  
Mk 9:30-37

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 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."

## Take Time to Chat

1. Why was it hard for the disciples to grasp the idea that Jesus would be killed?
2. What does Jesus mean when he says, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all"?
3. Share a time when you have welcomed someone "in Jesus' name," that is, for the sake of Jesus.
4. In what way did Bl. Karolina's family shape her faith?



On behalf of the Holy Spirit Family, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of:

**Lillian Papierniak**

## 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. Karolina Kózka

Feast Day November 18

Aug. 2, 1898– Nov. 18, 1914

Karolina grew up in a Catholic family in rural Poland in the Diocese of Tarnow. She was one of eleven children. Her family prayed daily and displayed the love of God to her. Often, Karolina would gather neighbors and relatives, mainly children, and they would read the Scriptures together

under a pear tree near her home. She loved praying the rosary, using the beads given to her by her mother. Her prayers often caused her to get less sleep than she needed. She would pray the rosary constantly, and even though it was a long walk to Mass, she would go during the week, in addition to Sunday. Because of her love for serving, she helped her uncle in the library, and she also helped organize things at her parish. In addition to serving the Church, she taught her younger siblings and the children of the area their catechism. By age 16, Karolina was a beautiful, enthusiastic girl. In 1914, World War I broke out in Poland, and in November 1914, the Russian army controlled her city. On November 18, an armed Russian soldier attempted to force himself on her and eventually killed her. Karolina was only 16. Three thousand people flocked to her funeral and called for her cause for sainthood to be introduced. Pope John Paul II beatified her in Poland.

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

Look for as many opportunities as possible this week to put someone else's needs before your own.

**Mass Intentions****Monday, September 20**

Ezr 1:1-6 | Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday, September 21**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 | Mt 9:9-13

**Wednesday, September 22**

Ezr 9:5-9 | Lk 9:1-6

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Dana &amp; Gloria Bessen

9:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Thursday, September 23**

Hg 1:1-8 | Lk 9:7-9

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Dana &amp; Gloria Bessen

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls

**Friday, September 24**

Hg 2:1-9 | Lk 9:18-22

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Dana &amp; Gloria Bessen

9:00 a.m. Our Parish

**Saturday, September 25**

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Dana &amp; Gloria Bessen

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the  
Malik, Ciemiega & Hobbs Families**Sunday, September 26**

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Dana &amp; Gloria Bessen

9:00 a.m. +James Derek Lintol

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Dana &amp; Gloria Bessen

11:00 a.m. +James Derek Lintol

**Weekly Report**

Parish Target .....\$83,450  
 Pledged .....\$33,551  
 Amount Needed to Reach Goal.....\$49,899

Thank you for your generous response.

**Lector Schedule****Saturday, September 25:**5:00 p.m.

Jim Pipoly

**Sunday, September 26:**9:00 a.m.

Donna Cole

11:00 a.m.

Cindie Audia

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**Mass Schedule**

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

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. &amp; 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.

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when making these changes.



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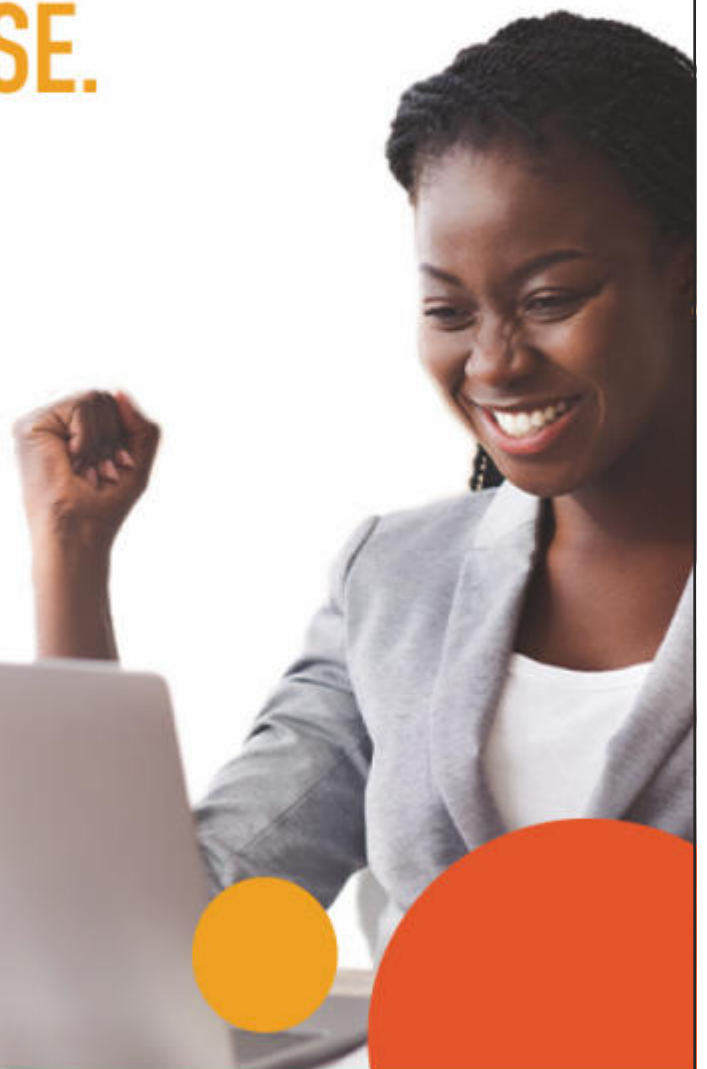
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