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January 23, 2022

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saint Joseph and Blessed Mary of Nazareth are Solemnly Betrothed

During these "Forty Days" of the Blessed Christmas Season, we commemorate on January 23rd the betrothal of Jesus' Parents. Betrothal was the first step to Marriage, something a bit more than just being engaged. So often we overlook the details of the lives of the saints and forget that they are so much like us in daily living. The thought of the happy days when Mary and Joseph were betrothed and began their lives as a happily married couple should be especially heart warming to us.

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Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri. 8:00AM-1:00PM
Wednesday and Saturday.....Closed

Mass Schedule
Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM-Polish 11:00 AM
Holydays: As announced

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday 7:00 PM
First Friday: Exposition at 5:00 PM
Benediction at 6:30 PM
Mass at 7:00 PM
Confessions: Saturdays at 3:00 PM
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM
Baptisms: Arrangements must be made
at the Rectory prior to the Baptism.
Parents must be registered.
Marriages: Bride and Groom must
come to the rectory at least six (6)
months before date of marriage.
Religious Instruction: At St. Vincent
Pallotti
R.C.I.A.: Monday 5:30 - 6:45 PM. Sept-
May
Parish Membership: Every family in
the Parish must be registered.
Change of address should be made
by calling the Rectory.
Sick Calls: Sick calls at any time.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 24th
7:00pm †Wally Vaughn by Mary
Jane Vaughn and children
Tuesday, January 25th
7:00pm †Irene Pokrzywnicki by
Sherry Necelis
Living and Deceased Anselmo and
Pevovar families by M/M Pevovar
Thursday, January 27th
7:00pm Living and Deceased
Members of the Henry Stec
family by Sharon
Friday, January 28th
12:00pm †Stephen Lopez and
Frank & Anna Zajac by family
Living and Deceased Members of
the Czarnik family and †Wayne
Belanger by M/M Larry Swistak
Saturday, January 29th
5:00pm †Salvatore, Giuseppa,
Nina, Faro and Lorenzo Vitale
by family
Sunday, January 30th
9:00am †Irena Bazydlo by
Chylaszek family
11:00am †Edward and Helen
Izbicki by Mike and Phyllis

For the Week

January 24th, Monday
10am-12pm Donation drop off at
St. Stan's/Christmas items only
January 25th, Tuesday
6:30pm Perpetual Help Novena
January 29th, Saturday
3:00pm Confessions
January 30th Candles Blessed
and Procession
Selling *Super Windfall Raffle*
Tickets for O. L. of the Angels at
Weekend Masses

**Marriage Anniversary Cele-
bration Mass** will be *Sunday,*
February 13th 2022 at the
11:00am Mass. If you are plan-
ning to attend the Mass please
call to confirm if you
have a milestone
Anniversary (5, 10,
15, 20, 25, etc.)



**CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS**

Are ready for pickup at the
Rectory for those who re-
quested them.

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I will pick up _____

Sanctuary Light

Jan 24th thru Jan 30th

- 1) For those suffering with Covid. May God grant them healing.



Fatima Light

Jan 24th thru Jan 30th

- 1) For Parishioners of Our Lady of the Scapular

The **Polish Heritage** has
space in only 2 classes...
March 12th-Galareta
April 9th-Palm Weaving
All other classes are full.
Thank you for your dedication!



If you registered for the **Klopsy** (Polish Meat
Balls) class, it is scheduled for **Saturday**
February 5th at Noon. Looking forward to
Seeing you there! *The Polish Heritage Group*



LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 29th

5:00pm Michele Kooney

Sunday, January 30th

9:00am Lukasz Baba

11:00am Diana Zajac

Saturday, February 5th

5:00pm Dennis Lemanski

Sunday, February 6th

9:00am Adam Rogowski

11:00am Jim Figurski



Jan 10th - Jan 16th

Weekly Offering \$ 6,841.00

Online Giving \$ 1,964.00

Total: \$ 8,805.00

Bóg Zapłać! God Bless You!

Sick List: Please remember Derek Kaunelis, Sean DeWitt, David LaForest, Judy Kuncaitis, Mary Amore, Robert Zak, Megan Wright, David Nowak, Judy VanBoxell, Fernando Montero, Tim Stacy, Thomas Petsuch Jr., Marie Williams, Rev. George Kowalski and Rev. Dan Zaleski in your prayers.



BCBSM Leadership Development Association Speech Competition

Anyone southeast, central and west Michigan high school student from grades 9-12 are invited to participate in giving a Speech presentation on "Leadership." This is an online virtual competition; details following contestant selection.

Wednesday, March 31, 2022 at 4:00pm.

\$500 scholarship. First Place Winner advances to compete nationally for grand prize \$4,000 scholarship.

Application deadline Friday, February 4th at 12 midnight.

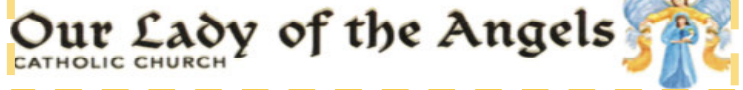
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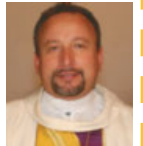
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Tickets available now at **Our Lady of the Scapular Parish** office during regular business hours and Weekend Masses starting

January 22nd.

Checks to be made out to
Our Lady of the Angels



Christmas in July Donation drop-off will be at **St. Stan's January 24th, 2022 from 10am-12noon.**

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Single Catholic Women Invited to 'Zoom and See' Life as an Adrian Dominican Sister

January 3, 2022, Adrian Michigan-Single Catholic women, age 19-35 who are searching for God's purpose in life. Date is Friday and Saturday, January 21-22, 2022. Weekend is **Free**. Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>. For info email Sister Katherine Frazier, OP, Vocation Co-director at kfrazier@adriandominicans.org or call or text 260-229-3045.

Stronica Proboszcza

The Pastor's Page

January 23rd, MMXXII

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Month of the Holy Name

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Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Sunday, January 23rd – Feast of the Betrothal of Mary & Joseph

When the Gospel mentions Mary and Joseph as being betrothed or espoused, it would be in, American terms, something more than an engagement, yet less than a marriage. An espousal or betrothal is a formal agreement to marry. In the Jewish culture of New Testament times, a young woman became marriageable at the age of twelve and a half. At a ceremony of betrothal, the bride and groom would exchange marital consent, but normally the bride would remain in the house of her father for somewhere between three months and a year. Marriage had the aspect of a man acquiring title to his bride, only later did he acquire actual possession.

We know that Mary and Joseph had completed the contract of betrothal from the testimony given by St. Matthew and by St. Luke. What causes some confusion though, is Luke's reference to "Mary his espoused wife" when Mary and Joseph were already in Bethlehem, seeking a place to give birth to our Infant Lord. For them to be in Bethlehem together, Joseph had obviously taken Mary from her father's house, and it seems clear that their betrothal had already been converted into a marriage. As he was aware of the circumstances of our Lord's conception by the Holy Spirit, Luke was probably following the custom of referring to a non-consumated marriage as an espousal.

The Scriptures don't record exactly when Mary and Joseph were married, but the first chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel describes the circumstances. It speaks of them being "betrothed...before they came together." Joseph, on learning that she is pregnant with the child Jesus, considers what he ought to do, then the situation is explained to him by an angel. We are then told that he "did as the angel commanded him, and took unto him his wife." Presumably, this took place in Nazareth, as he would not have brought her to Bethlehem if she was still a member of her father's household. It obviously has to have followed the Annunciation, and very likely followed the three months Mary spent with Elizabeth. No mention is made of Joseph in the narrative of the Visitation, which has Mary leaving Nazareth "in haste into the hill country, to a town of Judea, (Ain Karim)," and concludes about three months later with Mary "returned to her own house." That would put the events of Matthew at roughly the fourth month of Mary's pregnancy; a reasonable guess in that neither account has them immediately hurrying off to Bethlehem, and in that they are likely to have married before Mary publicly appeared to be pregnant. The Church commemorates the espousal of Mary and Joseph on January 23rd, which would put a July or August wedding celebration nicely within the three to twelve months normally observed at home after the espousal.

Monday, January 24th – the Feast Day of St. Francis de Sales

The noble father of Francis de Sales had planned a brilliant career for him as a lawyer in the senate of Savoy in France. But Francis had other plans. Although he earned a degree in law in his early 20's, his heart's desire was to serve the poor and preach the gospel. He struggled gently to persuade his family to allow him to enter the priesthood.

Francis was offered the opportunity to become an official of the diocese of Geneva. His father gave in and allowed him to be ordained. Francis found his work challenging, to say the least. At that time Geneva was a center for the heretical Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine he had remarkable success.

People in one province of his large diocese were warring with one another. Francis traveled on foot through the area for several years, preaching and ministering to the people. During this time he endured many dangers. Once he was beaten by a mob. On another occasion he spent a winter night in a tree surrounded by a pack of wolves. Eventually he restored peace and a prayerful spirit to the diocese.

In 1602 at age 35, Francis was appointed bishop of Geneva. He continued to travel constantly and took great joy in preaching and giving spiritual direction. He also loved teaching the children of his diocese, who followed him wherever he went. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press.

Francis loved to counsel ordinary people about their prayer lives. He assured them that "saintliness is both desirable and possible." For them, Francis wrote the Introduction to the Devout Life. It was translated into several languages and is still in print today.

In spite of his busy schedule and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation.

Francis's last word before he died was the name of Jesus.

Tuesday, January 25th – the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

The ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of Paul's conversion to Christ. This story is so important that St. Luke includes it two other times in the Acts of the Apostles, and Paul tells the story in his own words in the first chapter of his Letter to the Galatians.

Before he became known as Paul, his name was Saul. He was a tentmaker from the city of Tarsus. Saul had studied to become a teacher. When Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was killed, Saul held the coats of those who threw stones.

Saul set out for Damascus. He wanted to arrest any Christians who had escaped from Jerusalem after Stephen's death. Along the way, Saul was struck down to the ground and blinded. He heard the voice of Jesus. Jesus asked him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Saul was in shock. He allowed himself to be led to the home of Christians in Damascus. A holy man named Ananias prayed with him and his sight was restored. Saul went to an isolated spot to reflect on his new faith. Then he returned to Damascus and began preaching the gospel.

Everyone was astounded at the change in him. Now Saul was the one being persecuted. His friends feared for his life. They helped him to escape from Damascus by lowering him over the wall of the city in a basket.

Saul, who began to call himself by the Roman name of Paul, went out on missionary journeys. He crossed the Roman Empire four times to bring the good news of Christ to the world.

Wednesday, January 26th – Feast of Saints Timothy and Titus

On the day after the feast of St. Paul's conversion we remember his partners, Timothy and Titus, who traveled with him. Sometimes St. Paul would send one of them ahead as his messenger, or else he would ask one of them to stay behind when he moved on. That helped a new community establish itself.

Timothy and Titus served as St. Paul's representatives when he could not visit a community that needed him. Because they had some Gentile ancestry, both these young men seemed well-suited to bring the

gospel to Gentile lands. Also, both were beloved friends of St. Paul.

Timothy's mother was Jewish, so he studied the scriptures while growing up. That early training helped him to understand St. Paul's message when the apostle first preached in Timothy's hometown of Lystra. St. Paul called Timothy a preacher; this was a high compliment.

Eventually Timothy became the first bishop of Ephesus, a city in what is now Turkey. This meant that he carried responsibility for all the churches in the region. He was martyred for protesting the worship of pagan gods.

Titus was probably from Antioch, another city in Turkey. He served as St. Paul's secretary. He was a talented peacemaker, and he was sent by St. Paul to Corinth when there was a scandal in the community. He carried with him a stern letter from St. Paul.

Because Titus showed patience and tact, the Corinthians were able to accept St. Paul's scolding. Titus was so well respected in Corinth that he later returned there to ask for donations for needy members of the church. Eventually Titus was named bishop of the island of Crete. He worked very hard throughout his long life, and he died a peaceful death.

Friday, January 28th – the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

The classmates of St. Thomas Aquinas had a nick-name for him. They called him "the dumb Sicilian ox" because he was big, slow-moving and shy. They didn't realize until later that their classmate was fantastically intelligent.

Thomas's family was related to emperors. He was born in 1225 in the family castle at Rocca Secca in Italy. His parents prepared him for a life of importance. At age five he was sent to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parent's hopes that he would choose that way of life and later become Abbot. Instead, humble Thomas joined the Dominicans, an order whose friars took a vow of poverty.

His family felt angry that Thomas would be begging for his living. His six older brothers, who were soldiers like their father, held him captive for more than a year while his mother and sisters tried to talk him into changing his mind. During this time, Thomas calmly read and studied. He also learned a great deal of the Bible by heart. Finally his family gave in and allowed him to return to the Dominicans.

Thomas kept quiet in his university classes because he did not like to show off his intellect. However, he was so brilliant that he became a professor at the University of Paris. He was also known as a *great preacher*.

In those years, just about everyone talked about religion. They got into big arguments over small matters. Some people insisted that the truth of spiritual things is different from the truth of material things and that only spiritual truths really mattered. But Thomas said to look in a mirror. Ask yourself, where does the body stop and the soul begin? How is it possible to separate spirit and matter? In future years the ideas of Thomas Aquinas became the way that theology was taught in much of the Church.

Thomas's writings fill twenty volumes. Perhaps he was able to produce so much in the midst of a busy life because of his deep prayer life. The *Summa Theologica*, his last and unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6th, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." Celebrating the Eucharist often moved him to tears. He treated everyone with patience and kindness. During his whole life he was never known to lose his temper or speak sarcastically about another person.

Thomas died at age fifty on March 7th in 1274. Because of his writings, St. Thomas has been honored with the title "Angelic Doctor" (doctor here means "teacher"). By universal consent St. Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church.

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