

THE TRAVELER

Our parish Family is a Catholic faith community serving Jesus Christ and His Church. Together, we reach out to the congregation and larger community through prayer, service, evangelization and fellowship. We welcome and invite all on our journey with Christ.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

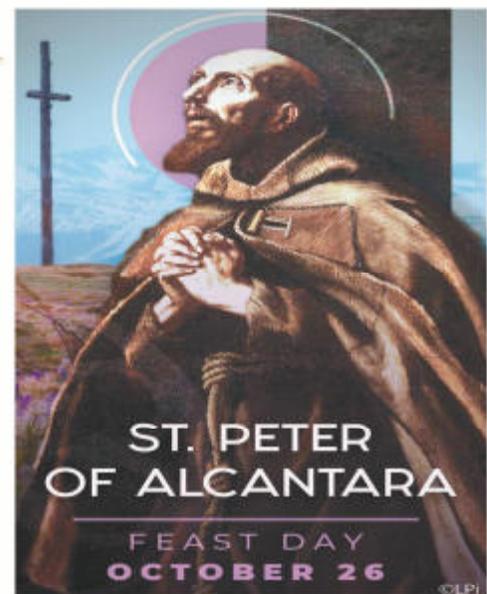
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!” We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, “Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross.” He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669.



"Can you not spend one hour with Me?"
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Tuesday
After 8:30am Mass until NOON

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Alan Baumgardner, Coby Carpentier, Cooper Frederick, David Fry, Christopher Gazley, Heather Ingalls, Christopher Larry, Christopher Laveirge, Eric Polson, Robert Previch & Michael Genga.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen

RCIA

Have you shared your faith recently with someone either through a smile, a kind word, a helping hand? We are God's messengers of peace and love.

You can invite someone to our church or to an activity that we are involved in. If you know someone who is interested in our Catholic faith, invite them to experience our community spirit. We are the church and let's all do our part to welcome others. Peace and blessings. ~ Sr. Margretta



Thursday, October 28 men only breakfast at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia. 9am.
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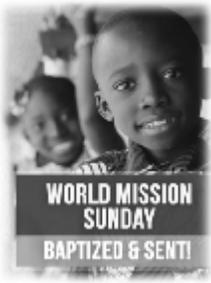
Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...



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| Minnie Armstrong | Bea MacDonald |
| Patty Baumgardner | Debbie MacDonald |
| Mildred Beck | James McDonald |
| Art Bork | Harlean McGrath |
| Tom Borkowski | David Mallory |
| Bob Brown | Michelle Martoia |
| George Cascos | Mary E. Menninger |
| Carmen Cassar | Les/Carol Miner |
| John Dallacqua | Marilyn Mootsey |
| Christoper/Susan Davenport | John Mueller |
| Margaret David | Mike Murphy |
| Isabella Davis | Suzanne Nattress |
| John Davis Family | Margarete Pringle |
| Mike DeCapua | Grant Racine |
| Don Devine | Kais Rayes |
| Andrew Fedor | Mary Rayes |
| Tony Ferro | Liam S-W |
| Nikole Frederick | Tim Simpson |
| Eileen Graham | Angie/Rich Sloan |
| Juan Hernandez | Robin Sunday |
| Lisa Hernandez | Nelson/Pat Taylor |
| Joan Kelly | Alice Torres |
| Jim Kilmark | Helen Walker |
| Jim Kimpton | Debbie/Pat Weier |
| Jennifer Koskie | Lynne Wendt |
| John/Nancy Lengyel | Williamson Family |
| Dee McClain | Joe Willim |
| | Woodward Family |

Today is World Mission Sunday.

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests; religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



ALL Saints

Thurs. 10-28: Sts. Simon and Jude

Black Catholic Ministry Gospel Choir Concert: 10th Anniversary



Location: Sacred Heart Church, 1000 Eliot St., Detroit, MI 48207
Date: Sunday, Nov. 7th at 5pm

The Concert will feature a performance by the Black Catholic Ministry Gospel Choir of the Archdiocese of Detroit!

To purchase your ticket please visit: aod.org/gospelchoirconcert

Masks preferred

Promotional assets available on website.



MASS INTENTIONS



- Monday, October 25 2021
8:30am + Antonio Montanari by Graziano Canini
- Tuesday, October 26
8:30am + Jose Noronah by Jane Noronah
- Saturday, October 30
4:00pm + David Lefforge by the Family
+ Antonio Mantanari by Graziano Canini
+ Margaret Velloze by the Soares Family
- Sunday, October 31
10:00am + Antonio Montanari by Graziano Canini
+ Dee Taranowski by SVdP

STEWARDSHIP

FIRST CHRISTIAN STEWARD: MARY

From: catholicstewardship.com

"Canticle of Mary, recorded in the Gospel of Luke is the Virgin Mary's song of joy in response to her cousin Elizabeth's greeting and summarizes Mary's deep faith and trust in God. This joyous song is also known as the Magnificat, from the opening line of scripture's Latin translation which means 'My soul magnifies the Lord' (Magnificat anima mea Dominum). The Magnificat is a beautiful stewardship prayer used by the Church every day since the fifth century. It is a hymn at Evening Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Magnificat:... is the song both of the Mother of God and of the Church; the song of the Daughter of Zion and of the new People of God; the song of thanksgiving for the fullness of graces poured out in the economy of salvation and the song of the 'poor' whose hope is met by the fulfillment....

Among the many stewardship themes the prayer helps us realize that God's stewardship plan turns the world's values upside down. God comes to the aid of the poor and lowly, to the detriment of the rich and powerful. And for those who entrust their lives to the Lord, they are filled with good things. As a young woman, humble and poor, Mary becomes an interpreter of God's plan of salvation, she reveals to us the fundamentals of good stewardship, and she becomes a prophetic witness to social justice for all future generations who 'will call me blessed'.

Mary was the first disciple, the first Christian steward of God's plan. Take a few moments and pray this stewardship prayer. Consider its implications for your life. How do you magnify the Lord? How do you make God 'bigger' in your day-to-day world? How do you bring God's compassion to the poor?"

God bless!

CALLING ALL GARDEN
ANGELS...

Where are you?



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

The wonder of today's Gospel passage is that we are worthy in Jesus' eyes, despite the fact that we are sinners. Jesus loves everyone! His Father welcomes all of us. It does not matter if we are rich or poor, healthy or unhealthy.

We live, however, in a world that excludes so many. Prejudice and racism rule. Jesus shares his love in today's Gospel passage by curing Bartimaeus' blindness. The crowd disapproved of Bartimaeus, telling him to be silent even as he called out "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" The crowd thought that his blindness was the result of sin, making him unworthy of any pity from Jesus or anyone else. But Jesus did not reject him. Instead, Jesus took the time to heal and answer Bartimaeus' plea.

Remember today to call out to Jesus all that is worrying you. Jesus will take the time to answer your prayers. Jesus wants us to come to him, so let's run to Jesus today with all of our concerns and hopes. His arms are open and he hopes we fly into them.
Jesus, you are our hope!

Schedule for the week 10-25-21

Monday, 10-25

8:30a Mass
6:00p Religious Ed Classes
6:30p Bible Study

Tuesday, 10-26

8:30a Mass/Adoration

Thursday, 10-27

10:30a Intercessory
Prayer Group
6:00p Legion of Mary

Saturday, 10-30

2:30p Confessions
3:40p Holy Rosary
4:00p Mass

Sunday, 10-24

9:40a Holy Rosary
10:00a Mass

Walking with Purpose ~~

*we believe that
relationships matter, truth
matters and you matter.*

I don't have the time, I make the time. My dear friends and I have been meeting every other week for three years to do Walking with Purpose Bible studies. We began casually, needing something to do that involved other people. So we brewed a pot of coffee, and gathered together in prayer, discussion, and scripture reflection. Little did we know the profound impact this choice would have on our spiritual lives and on our friendship.

In our sharing of our lives and how we connected to the readings for the week, we were challenged to be vulnerable with one another and gentle in our reception of one another. Through being open about our journeys, we received tenderness, compassion, accountability, and strength.

Make the time for reading the Lord's Word with others. Make the time for prayer. Make the time for community. Fill your cup with coffee and Love.

— Monica O., Independent
Small Group Study, Newtown, CT

CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

Finger food donations are needed for the gathering after the All Souls Day Mass, Tuesday evening, Nov. 2nd. Please bring the finger food donations to the Berry/Ryan hall before Mass. Thank you and God bless you!





Liturgical Calendar Update

November 1st Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Monday this year thus it is not a Holy Day of obligation.

A place of beauty and welcome. Spirit of “radical hospitality” is transforming cathedral into an arts and cultural destination site — for everyone.

We stand in the sanctuary of the mother church of the archdiocese, looking up at angels nearly eight feet tall. “Both are carved from a single tree trunk,” Marian Bart explains, “But perhaps not the wings.” Bart coordinates evangelization programs for the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. She points to a wall across from the sanctuary. “Wait until you see what’s behind that curtain,” she says cheerfully.

We walk across a sanctuary bathed in brilliant light pouring from immense stained-glass windows. Bart pulls back the velvet curtain. What she reveals is a marvel: a lineup of 12 intricately carved, multi-hued statues of the Twelve Apostles. Each, astoundingly, is almost eight feet tall, like the angels; each is sculpted from a single trunk of a tree. They have been saved from oblivion by cathedral Rector Father J.J. Mech, who salvaged them from a closed parish he once pastored. These statues, these giants of our faith, are hidden now — but not for long. They are a critical part of a Cathedral Master Plan to transform Blessed Sacrament Cathedral into an “apostolic center of arts and culture;” a regional destination site; and, just as ambitiously, a driver of neighborhood renewal.

SPIRIT OF WELCOME
The master plan is a product of many contributors, Father Mech explains. But the soul of the plan is the Spirit-inspired vision — and trust — of Archbishop Allen Vigneron. “After the archbishop asked me to be cathedral rector in 2015, he kept using the term apostolic center: ‘I want you to make the cathedral an apostolic center.’ “Finally, I asked, ‘Could you define that term?’ His answer: ‘No, I don’t want to hinder your creativity.’” Father Mech sought guidance from prayer and looked inside himself for insight. He loved art and architecture; in fact, he once sponsored an art show that drew 6,000 people to his parish. He had long admired Pope St. John Paul II’s “Letter to Artists,” in which the Holy Father explores the magnificent idea that “the proof of God is beauty.” Father Mech found the most inspiration from Archbishop Vigneron’s pastoral letter “Unleash the Gospel.” Key concepts began to explode from its pages.

The archbishop calls for a “spirit of radical hospitality” to permeate a parish. He recommends providing “shallow entry points” to make it easier for the unchurched to discover a

life-changing experience of Christ. What does it mean to become an apostolic center? The answer became clear for Father Mech, pastoral associate Christine Broses and the entire cathedral staff. Why not use art and cultural events as the primary shallow entry points? Why not become an apostolic center of arts and culture? And what about a renewed spirit of welcome toward the surrounding neighbors? Why shouldn’t Blessed Sacrament Cathedral be a center of social activity and community renewal — as were the cathedrals of the Middle Ages — instead of that “big stone church across the street.” The archbishop’s answer? “Go for it!” Father Mech recalls, laughing.

LOURDES GROTTA
The cathedral’s stretched-to-the-limit team needed help to make the vision real. They invited a motivated group of people with different gifts to become part of an Archdiocesan Cathedral Council. The council’s first job: commission a Cathedral Master Plan with specific projects, and then seek funding to make the projects happen. Completed in April 2020, the plan’s initiatives include constructing a Lourdes Grotto to be a spiritual and community gathering place; renovating the campus to feature two parks and a garden walk; and, surprisingly, creating a dog park. “It’s what our neighbors are most excited about,” Father Mech says. “They really see the dog park as a way to build community.” The plan recommends converting an unused gymnasium into an event center with meeting spaces for local groups. “Everyone is to feel welcome when they come here,” Broses expresses. “We want the cathedral to be the center of the area, the middle of the hub.”

TAILORED PILGRIMAGES
While the exterior renovations address the social person, the interior renovations really touch the spirit. A central element of the master plan is a “Journey with the Saints” pilgrimage outreach. A proposed museum-quality exhibit will match each apostle’s statue with a first-class relic of the apostle. According to relics expert Father Carlos Martins, CC, the exhibit will be the only one like it, with so many relics so physically near for pilgrims to revere. A separate devotional area in the eucharistic chapel will display authenticated relics of more than 80 saints. The cathedral staff is busy developing liturgical events and tailored pilgrimages centered on the artifacts. The nonprofit “Art for God’s Sake” is raising support for this outstanding program.

SHOWCASE OF ART
On May 21, the Catholic Foundation of Michigan organized an event where a small group of attendees enjoyed a sneak preview of a Journey with the Saints pilgrimage, one with a Pentecost theme, on May 21. As attendees entered the cathedral, a breathtaking “Upper Room” scene greeted them. The statues of the apostles were gloriously arrayed behind the sanctuary altar. After Mass and a presentation, pilgrims drifted through a candle-lit cathedral, quietly venerating the apostles’ relics. “It’s hard to put into words the reverence I felt,” says Anthony Schena, who attended with wife Kristy. “The experience left me feeling incredible peace, but also strength.” Anthony calls the cathedral “a hidden gem that needs to be celebrated.” (to be continued next week)



OLL Parish Health Ministry
presents: "You are not alone"
 by Ascension Health

It is clear that added stress associated with the pandemic and its effect on our daily lives can be daunting for ourselves, our families and our communities.

How can we maintain mental wellness and composure in the midst of all of this? First and foremost, it's important to know that you are not alone. When we feel alone, isolated, stressed and frustrated, it may tempt us to give up hope. Giving up hope can cause us to behave in ways we will later regret. It's been said that where the mind goes the behavior or actions follow. It's critical that we maintain our mental and emotional health. Here are some of the things we can do.

- **Connect with others.** This includes spending time with people you trust, and using some of that time to express your feelings. Holding in negative or stressful feelings will fester and grow. Remember, feelings buried alive never die. They may come out in other negative ways.
- **Take care of yourself.** No one can get rest, get enough sleep, eat healthy or participate in physical activity for you. Choose to do what you can in these areas to take care of yourself. Remember your body and mind are connected.



- **Do something you enjoy.** Even if you have only a short amount of time to focus on these activities, they can relax and refresh you. Pay attention so you don't seek a quick fix to feel better by excessive alcohol intake or other harmful drugs.

- **Ask for help if you don't feel better, or things get worse.** There are resources and support for those experiencing depression, anxiety, sleeplessness and other signs of mental and emotional distress. One free resource is the MY Strength web-based support system. It can be accessed using your phone or computer at www.dwihn.org/health-wellness-support. They also have an app.

There is an old saying that **this too will pass**. However, I say it's how you pass through this that will determine the outcome. Pass through with gratitude for what is good in your life. Pass through knowing that you are not alone.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening..... 4:00 pm
 Sunday..... 10:00am
 Mon. & Tues..... 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 2:30 pm & by appt.

BAPTISMS: Family must be an active registered parishioner. Class held as arranged. Baptism by appointment.

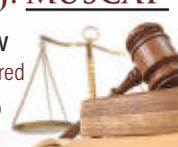
MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made in advance (6 months min.). At least one of the couples must be an active registered member of OLL.

SICK & COMMUNION CALLS: We are happy to visit the sick. Notify the Rectory.

REGISTRATION: All new members are asked to register in person.

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