



ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH

*St. Maria Goretti Parish was established on August 17, 2020.
The parish was created by the merger of
St. John the Baptist, St. Sebastian and St. Albert the Great Parishes.*

GOSPEL MEDITATION - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."
- Mk 10:26-27

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If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to

be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct. 11 Pope St. John XXIII

8 am Int of Mark & Janet Berlin

6:30 pm +Robert Favot by Lena Sabuda & family
+Rose & Stan Kowalski by family
+Gabriel Mannarino by Owens Family

Tuesday, Oct. 12 Weekday

8 am +Ed & Mary Schatzline

Wednesday, Oct. 13 Weekday

8 am +Kathleen Pressey by family
+Robert Czapiewski by family

Thurs., Oct. 14 Pope St. Callistus I, martyr

8 am +Elena Battina Muccianti

Fri., Oct. 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, virg./doct.

8 am +for Carmelites

Saturday, Oct. 16 St. Hedwig, religious & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

4 pm Int of Buttigieg Family
Health of Carol & Larry McGrew by Maryann

Sunday, Oct. 17 29th Sunday

8 am +Richard Schultz by family
+Robert Buhl by family

10 am +Craig Stevens (1st ann) by Mrs. Labadie

5 pm People of the Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp burns brightly this week in remembrance of:

†Richard Schultz
by family



GARAGE SALE IS BACK!!

Have you been saving your treasures looking for somewhere to take them. Well things are very slowly getting back to normal, so it's time for our semi-annual Garage Sale.

The Sale will be held on Saturday, October 23, from 9AM - 3PM.

Donations can be dropped off from 9-Noon and 1-6PM on Wednesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 21 and from 9-noon on Friday, October 22.

We will need lots and lots of help taking donations and on the day of the Sale itself, so, if you can spare a few hours, (and we will need both women and men) please call Chris Bergeron at 313-804-3731.



Carve out a new tradition. Give Blood! Blood Drive

St. Maria Goretti Parish

Activities Center

20710 Colgate Street

Dearborn Heights, MI 48125

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please log onto Red-CrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stmgparish) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | red-crossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App
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The Lennon Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive

The Lennon Pregnancy Center provides enrichment, non judgmental advice, education, counseling and material assistance before, during and after pregnancy.

The Center feels an obligation to women, who through their influence, chose to continue their pregnancy. Supportive services are available to Lennon Center clients for up to 5 years following the birth of the baby.

Our parish has helped support The Lennon Center for many years through the Baby Bottle Drive.

Baby bottles will be distributed on October 16 and 17 and collected on November 6 and 7 after all weekend Masses.

Fill your bottle with change or folding money or checks made out to "The Lennon Center."

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn't operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough.

That love is going to want to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize.

Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides us through all of life's attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God's gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love. ©LPi



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Today's reading presents wisdom and prudence as life's most precious gifts. Why do you think these virtues were held in such high regard by ancient Israel?

Second Reading: Hebrews connects the power of the word of God with divine judgement — one day we must all "render an account" of our lives before the Lord. How often do you think about your own judgement day?

Gospel: Jesus teaches the rich man and the disciples that while wealth can often hinder one from entering the kingdom of God, self-sacrifice and discipleship can earn eternal life. How well do you balance these realities in your life? ©LPi



Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Harry Iwasko, Virginia Cox and Victoria Wrobel** who were buried from our parish this week. May they share in the victory of Jesus Christ in glory. May their families be consoled in the hope of the resurrection.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

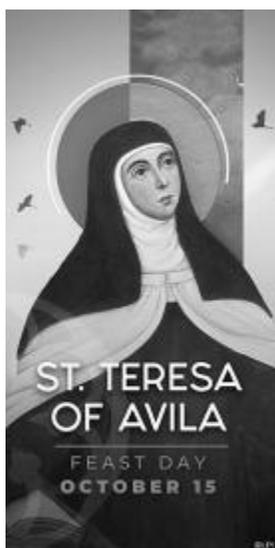
May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

A Holy Hour is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of the Scapular (2609 Tenth Street, Wyandotte) on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome. October 14 at 6:00 pm for Exposition, Benediction, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass follows at 7:00 pm.

Fatima Holy Hour: Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Scapular. The traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima has a permanent home at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 2609 Tenth Street, Wyandotte. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers, Litany and a reading of the events that happened on October 13, 1917 in the words of Sister Lucia who witnessed the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal.

The annual Focus on Life benefit sponsored by Downriver affiliates of Right to Life of Michigan will be held Thursday, October 21 at Metro City Church, next door to Home Depot on Eureka in Taylor. Beginning at 6 pm will be tours of the mobile ultrasound unit. At 7 pm the entertaining program begins in the auditorium with pro-life presentations and the keynote address by Kristina Karamo, "Embracing a Culture of Life." Details and tickets are at focusonlifedownriver.com. Tickets are also available at the Right to Life Resource Center: 2010 Eureka, Wyandotte; 734-282-6100.



St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her

writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri. Her feast day is October 15. ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Answer: Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event.

So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place. ©LPi

Question: I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

Answer: The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another. ©LPi

SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY NEEDS YOUR HELP



It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can

have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy please bring them to the boxes in the church or the parish office.

DIVINE CHILD HIGH SCHOOL FALL ADMISSION EVENTS

Divine Child is hosting the following events this Fall:

Discovery Day for 8th Graders is Wednesday, October 27 from 9am – 2pm. During Discovery Day, 8th graders will attend four mini-classes, have lunch on us, participate in a prayer service and experience a pep rally.

Falcon For A Day visits are being scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the Fall semester. 8th graders are encouraged to spend a school day at DC! 7th graders can shadow in the Spring.

Open House is Sunday, November 7 with tours starting between 1 and 3pm. Students in 7th and 8th grade and their parents will receive a tour of our campus and can chat with students, teachers, counselors and coaches.

The High School Placement Test is being administered on Saturday, November 20 (main date) and Saturday, December 4 (for students needing accommodations).

To register for our events and/or the High School Placement Test, please visit our admissions page on our website: <https://www.divinechildhighschool.org/admissions>. Parents with questions should contact Matt Saxer, Director of Admissions, at 313-216-0891 x268 or msaxer@divinechild.org.



Faith Formation Information:

Registration: Opening Day is MONDAY, OCTOBER 11! Registration forms were sent to current families on Monday, Aug. 30. Please contact the office if you did not receive one or if you have any questions. Payment is not due at this time and will remain the same as in the previous years.

Religious Education Teachers/Volunteers: Do you want to share our rich Catholic Faith with the children in our parish? If so, consider the ministry of catechetics here at St. Maria Goretti by contacting Jan through the parish office or Faith Formation office.

Do you want to join the Catholic Church?

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith and have desire to be closer to God? Perhaps you are already baptized but have not completed the sacraments of initiation- Communion and Confirmation. Then call the Faith Formation or parish office and ask for Jan Russell to begin the journey of deepening your relationship with Jesus through the Catholic Church.



In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me."

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Missalettes

We were unable to order missalettes for the fall, but you should expect some to arrive in time for Advent. Our parish is now on a yearly subscription.



Please
Pray
for...



Norm Abramczyk
Louise Ames
Anna Axe
Joyce Babosh
Harry Bacalia
Sue Bacalia
Norma Bak
Violet Barrette
Bob Behmer
Bob Bellottie
Jim Bellottie
Vincent Bellottie
Judy Bennett
Sharon Bieniek
Cynthia Blaha
Marilyn Block
Evelyn Boettger
Aaron Boyless
Thomas J. Brennan, Jr.
Joan Buzo
Jacob Cassar

Michaeline Chwastek
Richard Cline
Zoe Cossin
Betty Ann Crawford
Sylvia Cyncewicz
Judy Daniels
Brian Davis
Tina Doney
Mary Durkacs
Marsha Farmer
Geraldine Filippi
Cecil Fernandez
Tina Fernandez
Lisa Foster
Rose Fraley
Duane Glossa
Roseann Gomez
Bob & Lori Gonzales
Gary Graham Jr
Abigail Graves
Jennifer Hanna Green
Charlotte Gutierrez
Eileen Halpin
Annie Hapunowicz
Tina Hovis
Sue Jagodka
Joanne Kacher
Norman Kaletto
Brenda Kaletto
Fr. Terry Kerner

Phyllis Kinnell
Evelyn Kisell
Joan Klimchalk
Chris Kovac
John Kovac
Jenene Kozinski
George Kramar
Patrica Lacopelli
Joseph Lasky
Henry Lemmens
Guadalupe Madrigal
Phyllis Mareck
Donald Martin
Erin Martin
Larry & Carol McGrew
Frank & Jane Mellnick
Linda Molek
Steven Monroe
Pat Mozdzen
Suzanne Nicholas
Gigi Novak
Diane Owens
John Palmer
Mary Pellegrini
Helen Petroski
Jimmy Piche
Kathleen Pietras
Mary Pike
Jeff Pingilley
Jess Pingilley

Linda Pingilley
Robert Pingilley
Sam Pingilley
Wayne Pingilley
Carol Regnier
Whitney Regnier
Noemia Reid
Linda Robb
Richard Roberts
Laura Salazar
Fred Sanscrainte
Matt Sanscrainte
Joann Sanscrainte
Dennis Scanland
Darlene Shannon
Phil Shannon
Rose Shannon
Jaxon Shubik
Margaret Smith
Jimmy Stecki
Gerald Stevens
Jim Tokarczyk
Laurie Trupp
Michael Wheelock
Eileen Winnie
The Wirick Family
Frank Wojcik
Vickie Wrobel
Stephen Zelle



Air Force

*Matthew Thornton, Nicole Thornton,
Michelle Thornton, Brittany Mack,
Tiffany Kay Smith (Ladd), husband, Don Smith*

Army

*Josh Harpster, Zachary Robbins,
Robert Truchan, Anthony Lemieux,
Bryce Bieniek, Tony Pernicano, Jacob Grzebienik,
Matthew Hapunowicz*

Marines

*Joseph Krawzyk, 1st Lieutenant, Joseph McGinnis,
Corporal, Andrew Clark, 1st Lieutenant,
Cody S. Pratt, Luke Cohen, PFC 1st Class*

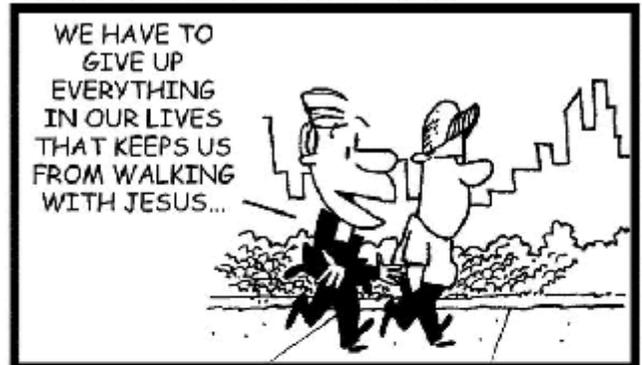
Navy

Ryan Detlor, Patrick Hanosh

Army National Guard

*Vincent Nowak, Spc. Kyle F. Johnson,
Michael Dunne*

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1

Wisdom 7:7-11 The Desire for Wisdom

There are many things we can possess. Advertisers remind us of this hundreds of times everyday. When we read the morning news, ads borrow the attention of our eyes. When we watch television, go to the movies, drive the highway, go to the ballgame, or pick up a program, we see the logos of merchants. These ads say they want us to be happy. But they really want us to shop.



DAILY MARRIAGE TIP (from www.usccb.org)

1. What's your decision-making style? Slow or fast? Do you weigh the pros and cons? Go with your gut feeling? How does *your* style mesh with that of your spouse? Being similar can make life easier, but being different can often help see different angles of the situation.
2. Research says it takes five positive comments to counteract one negative. Try keeping track for one day, and seek to affirm more than criticize.
3. It's usually easy to pray for your own children; their needs are so apparent. October is Respect Life Month. Pray today, not only for your own children, but for all children in our world, especially the unborn.
4. Who usually has the final word in an argument or family decision? If it doesn't balance out, check if one of you is taking unfair advantage of the other. Somebody may be talking too much.



Testimony from the Book of Wisdom speaks in favor of something else, though. The speaker asks for possessions, but not for things. The speaker asks for prudence and a spirit of wisdom.

Many of us have other goals. We work hard at our job to earn what we need to pay for home and food. We work hard in school to earn the grades that win us a degree and the chance for a job.

But the Book of Wisdom envisions something else. It envisions people working hard to learn God's wisdom first. Throughout this past week, what did you shop for? What kind of possessions did you want to bring home? What sacrifices are you making to obtain what you desire?

Do you desire something deeper? Do you desire prudence? A spirit of wisdom? What sacrifices are you making to obtain those desires?

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2

Hebrews 4:12-13 A Sharpened Sword

A good, sharp knife makes work a lot easier. It cuts meats and vegetables without cutting your hand. It whittles wood, slits envelopes, repairs arteries, trims reeds, and hacks a clear path. A dull knife won't do the same thing. A good knife is sharp.

"Sharper than any two-edged sword" is the word of God. The Letter to the Hebrews uses this image to describe Jesus, the Word of God, as well as his teaching. Hebrews says this word "is living and effective." And it has the properties of a sharpened sword: "penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." The word of God does intricate work.



HEBREWS 4:12-13

God's word knows us through and through. "No creature is concealed." Like a close friend, the word of God knows our sins and loves us still. Like a good doctor, the word knows what can heal and save us, and offers the medicine we need.

If you spend time with the God's word, you know it is true. By meditating on a passage from the bible, you find the word speaking to you in the quiet of your heart. You bring to the scriptures your desires and troubles, and the scriptures bring insight back to you. The word of God penetrates between your soul and spirit, and discerns with you the thoughts of your heart.



St. Vincent de Paul



Food Pantry

St. Maria Goretti Parish

Please drop off your donations on Mondays and Wednesdays between 12:00 and 2:00pm or call Matt at 313-595-1317

Here is the current list of needs for our pantry:

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| Diced Tomatoes | Carrots |
| Stove Top Stuffing | Cranberries |
| Coffee | Mustard |
| Green Beans | Tissues |

As the holidays are approaching so quickly, we are trying to be prepared for the rush. It never fails to amaze me on the kindness and love shown to all our clients in need. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Please continue to either drop-off your food at the pantry on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. or bring them to the church and leave them in the donation boxes/containers. There is such a demand for people in need of help with their DTE bills and rent. If possible, monetary donations are accepted and needed.

Thank you all and God's blessings upon you and your families.



ST. MARIA GORETTI LECTOR SCHEDULE

	4:00pm	8:00am	10:00am	5:00pm
Oct. 9/10	Chris Bergeron	Mary Ellen Sobczak	Dave Griswack	Betty Cayley
Oct. 16/17	Marge Taylor	Pat Wallace	Kathy Munoz	Francis Tofil
Oct. 23/24	Gary Schoenherr	Tom Koselka	Michael Munoz	Dave Griswack
Oct. 30/31	Sylvia Francis	Mary Ellen Sobczak	Pat Woodby	Mary Ellen Sobczak

SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM THROUGH MEIJER IN ALLEN PARK

Once again it's time for our **Simply Give Program** at Meijer. Beginning NOW thru January 1st, you can go to the Meijer Store on the hill in Allen Park, pick up a **Simply Give** donation card located at every other register and donate a minimum of \$10.00



which Meijer will MATCH. On December 11th Meijer will DOUBLE your donation.

Please help us keep our shelves stocked and your neighbors fed throughout the year. We have seen quite an increase and surely could use your help.

This is the holiday season and we thank you for thinking of others in need.

— St. Maria Goretti's St. Vincent de Paul Pantry



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All submissions are due 10 days before publication date.

The deadline for bulletin submissions is **2:00pm on Thursday, 10 days before the bulletin date.**

Exceptions occur when the bulletin is required to be sent early due to holidays.

Please plan ahead as submissions received past the deadline will be published in the following week's bulletin.

Submissions should be sent as a Word document (single spaced), PDF or photo format (JPEG, TIFF, GIF, PNG), attached to or in the body of an email

give online

Online giving makes it easy to give! You never have to bring envelopes, cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan its budget.

There are no fees for on-line giving.

- ★ Visit the St. Maria Goretti website at www.stmariagorettiparish.com
- ★ Click on the Online Giving link on the left side of the home page.
- ★ Complete the registration form

Please feel free to call the Parish Office if you should have any questions or want to know more about Online Giving.

Your donations are vital to the success of our Parish community.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

with Deacon Regis

Join us on

*Fridays at 3:00pm to pray the
Divine Mercy Chaplet on ZOOM.*

*To connect by computer use this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85478055945>*

*To connect by smart phone call
1 (312) 626 6799*

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday through Friday: 8 a.m.

Monday Evening: 6:30pm

First Friday: 8 a.m. & 12 Noon

First Saturday: 8 a.m.

CONFESSIONS Saturday: 3 - 3:30 p.m. or by request

HOLIDAYS TIMES TO BE DETERMINED

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Each Monday,
beginning at Noon, ending prior to 6:30pm Mass

BAPTISMS Contact Parish Office for arrangements.
Pre-Baptism Class required.

MARRIAGES Please contact Parish Office at least six (6)
months in advance.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*Calls after hours should be limited to emergencies
only.*

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm

(The office is closed daily for lunch Noon - 1 pm)

Friday: CLOSED for the time being

If you need to contact the parish office,
please call during regular business hours.
You can also reach the parish office by email:
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Sunday, Oct 10, 2021 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Open the eyes of my heart, Lord More than three-quarters of those suffering from mental illness worldwide have no access to the care that could restore them to healthy relationships and productive lives. The World Federation for Mental Health therefore dedicates this Mental Health Day to the theme "Mental Health in an Unequal World." Factors like race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and economic status complicate the path to adequate support. Pray the Rosary's Mysteries of Light today that clarity be given to those who struggle with mental health issues, and the societies that devalue them. TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 (143). "I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me."

Monday, Oct 11, 2021 MEMORIAL OF JOHN XXIII, POPE He saw thee more clearly The humble Pope John XXIII disliked the pomp and attention that came with his role, and he insisted on being called simply "the pope." Nearly 60 years since his pontificate, he is remembered in Italy as il papa buono, "the good pope." In the short time he was pope—less than five years before he died of cancer in 1963—he changed the Catholic Church like few others by convening the Second Vatican Council. On his deathbed, he said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better." We can always use the intercession of "the good pope" as we keep seeking to understand better what the gospel means in our changing times. TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). "Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."

Tuesday, Oct 12, 2021 Our pillar of strength Today is the feast day of Virgin Maria del Pilar, a Spanish devotion commemorating the first official Marian apparition of the Catholic Church. According to tradition, Mary first appeared—while still alive—to the apostle James in the year 40, as he preached the gospel to the people of Spain. Saint James, despondent over his progress, prayed for reassurance, and Our Lady appeared to him in a supernatural manner, standing upon a pillar held aloft by angels. Because October is the month of the Rosary, honor Maria with the beautiful Hail Holy Queen prayer that's part of that devotion. TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). "I am not ashamed of the Gospel."

Wednesday, Oct 13, 2021 God to humanity: Can't buy my love From at least the time of the Pharisees, important people in the eyes of the world often assumed they had the inside track on a pleasant afterlife. Pope Francis begged to differ in an Advent season homily several years back. At the Last Judgment, Francis said, Jesus will not say, "You, come with me because you have given so much money to the church. You are a benefactor of the church. Come, come to Heaven.' No. You can't buy your way into Heaven. And He won't say: 'You are very important, you have studied so much and earned so many honors, come into Heaven.' No. Awards do not open the gate of Heaven," Francis said. "What will Jesus tell us to open up the gates of Heaven? 'I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat. I was homeless, and you gave Me shelter. I was sick, and you came to see Me. I was in prison, and you came to visit Me.' Jesus is humility," Francis said. Close your purse or wallet, and open your heart! TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46 (469). "You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God."

Thursday, Oct 14, 2021 MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR Patron saint of second (or more) chances Saint Callistus I is inspiration to anyone who has made major errors in life. Callistus seriously messed up, not once but twice. Born into slavery, his master put him in charge of a bank that Callistus criminally mismanaged. After a while in prison, he was freed to earn back the money he owed. Instead, he was arrested for brawling in a synagogue. Strike two. Nonetheless, Callistus reformed himself, served the early church as a cemetery manager, and was eventually elected pope! Consider saying a prayer of thanks for a church that offers redemption (even the papacy) to people who have fallen hard. TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). "Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."

Friday, Oct 15, 2021 MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Don't be afraid of the dark The dark night of the soul, a term coined by Spanish mystic Saint John of the Cross, describes a period on the spiritual journey when one feels distant from God and suffers physical and emotional pain. Saint Teresa of Ávila, a close friend of John's, actually felt like she was going mad as she pursued the contemplative life. But then, in 1567, while gazing at a statue of Jesus, she felt an ecstasy beyond description as she reached "union with God." Teresa wrote much about her interior life, and she encouraged others to experience the "great gifts that come through abandoning everything to God and dying to oneself."

Pray for the patience and humility to stay the spiritual course. TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). "Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."

Saturday, Oct 16, 2021 I was hungry World Food Day was established in 1979 by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and is celebrated annually on this date in 150 countries. The theme for this year's celebration is, "Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow." The World Food Program (WFP) is the food-assistance branch of the organization. As of 2019, the WFP has served 97 million people in 88 countries, and it was awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat hunger and contribute to peace in conflict areas. Take a moment today to thank God for the food you eat and the people who produce it, and to support your local World Food Day celebration. TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472). "I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."

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