



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 - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17, 2021

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death!

Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege. ©LPi



Pope St. John Paul II | Feast Day October 22

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyła in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus’ example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson’s disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He was canonized a saint on April 27, 2014. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct. 18 St. Luke, Evangelist

8 am Fr. Jack Child

6:30 pm +Craig Stephens 1st ann. by Parish

Tuesday, Oct. 19 SS. John deBrebeuf & Issac Joques, priests & Martyr Companions

8 am +Robert Dwornick by brother Dave

Wednesday, Oct. 20 St. Paul of the Cross

8 am + Mickey Holuta by family

Thurs., Oct. 21 Weekday

8 am +Mary Tofil by Frank Tofil

Fri., Oct. 22 Pope St. John Paul II

8 am +Joann Sanscrainte by Kathy

+Lawrence LaVictoire by family

Saturday, Oct. 23 St. Juan de Capistrano

4 pm +Wanda Cebulski by family

Sunday, Oct. 24 30th Sunday

8 am +Cathy Bulger by family

+Joe Marlett by Linda Wielkopolan

10 am Installation Mass for new pastor

+Elaine Goebel by family

5 pm People of the Parish

+Flo Aniol by Piwowar Family



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
©2015 The American National Red Cross

SANCTUARY LAMP



The Sanctuary Lamp burns brightly this week in remembrance of:

†Fr. Jack Child



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.

The Lennon Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive Next Weekend

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

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world.



Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of

God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God.

Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion. ©LPi

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Readings today, Jesus professes in St. Mark's Gospel, *whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant*. The Book of the Prophet Isaiah and the Letter to the Hebrews also describe examples of Christ's humility for us to model. In other words, glory in God's Kingdom is not



achieved through high status or rank, like the secular world proclaims, but through being a humble servant to all. This includes service to the poor among us.

In a spirit of evangelization, expressed through stewardship, we strive to offer in thanksgiving to God our time in prayer, service, and generosity to our parish and other worthy causes. Every parish community is always in need of readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Parish Pastoral Council members, Finance Council members, Evangelization and Stewardship Committee members, and school volunteers, to name just a few ways we can serve God through the Church.

God graces everyone with unique gifts to build up the Kingdom that no one else can do. To discover your gifts, attend a *Called and Gifted* seminar in your area.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It



doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if

you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Did you miss me? I really missed writing "A Minute of Your Time" last week. The fact of the matter is that I had an unwanted visit from an annoying little friend. I was out of commission due to a kidney stone. VERY painful! My smart-alec youngest daughter played "Papa Was A Rolling Stone" by the Temptations for me ... Ha Ha! Very Funny!



A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME

Deacon Regis

Moving right along, today we'll review the third precept of the Catholic Church. For newcomers, the precepts of the Catholic Church are man-made requirements, and together with the ten commandments given to us by God, are the bare minimum requirements for someone who professes to be a Catholic Christian. In creating them, the Church has exercised the authority given Her by Christ Himself to loosen and bind (Mat 18:18). So, let's go over the 3rd precept.

The 3rd precept is, You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. At first this might seem difficult, but remember that the Easter Season is FIFTY liturgical days!

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Faith! It is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of God's Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ; Whose life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life! He feeds our souls with His very essence! Without this food we "DO NOT HAVE LIFE WITHIN US"! If this is true, and our Jesus tells us that it is, we should desire to receive this food as often as allowed; but the minimum requirement is that we receive Our Lord at least during the Easter Season. That's like saying we must eat once each month to stay alive. While that is true, which of us would only eat once each month?

I pray that no one reading this would seriously consider receiving the Eucharist only once each year. As we said in the beginning of our discussion of the precepts, these are minimum requirements. But remember that there are five major benefits to more frequent reception:

1. **Eternal Life:** Jesus promises on multiple occasions in the Gospels that holy Communion is the food that enables and sustains eternal life.
2. **Spiritual Joy:** Holy Communion is the medicine leading to spiritual joy. Without frequent reception of the Eucharist, we are bound to feel weighed down by the commands of Jesus.
3. **Forgiveness of Venial Sins:** Communion provides both the remission of the guilt of venial sin and the remission of the punishment we deserve from venial sin.
4. **Supernatural Protection:** Communion provides the supernatural protection we cannot do without. It both decreases the likelihood that we will sin and acts as spiritual armor against the temptation to sin.
5. **Closeness to the Trinity:** Every holy Communion made worthily draws us more and more into the life of the Holy Trinity.

**God Is Good All the Time!
All the Time God Is Good!**

Don't forget, join us this Friday and every Friday at 3PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on ZOOM. See the ad in our bulletin or on the parish website for details on how to join in. Hope to see you there!

Do you love babies, children, and want to do a little volunteering in a prolife office? The Lennon Pregnancy Center needs YOU!! We need people on Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, to put together bags of clothing for our clients. Come 1/month, 1/year, 1/week- you decide! Time is 12-1pm Please call Katherine at 313.277.5637 for more information. Thank you

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.

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5). ©LPi

Right to Life – LIFESPAN National Pro-Life Chalk Day is October 26

Take advantage of another opportunity to celebrate Respect Life Month 2021 by taking part in National Pro-Life Chalk Day on Tuesday, October 26. This is a simple and fun way to encourage the children and adolescents of your school, Sunday school, or religious formation group to spread the pro-life message to the world. LIFESPAN can even provide you with the chalk. Note, there is no reason you cannot chalk next Sunday, Oct. 24 instead of Tuesday! Adults feel free to chalk as well! Visit the flier at www.milifespan.org or call Lynn Gura at 248-816-1546 or e-mail youth@milifespan.org for details or to ask for chalk.

Question: Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer: It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Isaiah speaks of our redemption through the suffering of the Lord's servant. When have you experienced God's presence in your suffering?

Second Reading: Hebrews tells us that Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses because he, too, "has been tested in every way." What are some ways that you are tested in life?



Gospel: Jesus uses the request of James and John as a teachable moment for his disciples on the importance of humility and service to others. What other qualities do you think are necessary for true discipleship? ©LPi

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."



When you give the furniture, clothing and household items you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

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
Patricia MCoy
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*

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1 Isaiah 53:10-11 Communion in Suffering



The mystery of human suffering haunts every life. No one likes to endure suffering. We feel better about it if it produces some good. But for those who suffer needlessly and pointlessly, life seems bitter.

The prophet Isaiah speaks words that offer little consolation. “The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity.” That sounds like our worst nightmare. It sounds like God took pleasure in crushing someone with illness. It appears to support the perverse belief that God takes delight in human suffering.

But Isaiah goes on. God has given a task to those burdened with miseries. If they give their lives as an offering, they shall obtain their reward. God can work wonders through the heavy-hearted who place themselves at the service of others.

If someone else has the same sorrows we have, we can give them hope. Our weakness shows them that they are not alone. All humans share the same condition, a condition that leads to life through death.

Not everyone can bear burdens with hope. But infirmity need not bring despair. It can be a source of connection with others, an occasion for insight into the meaning of life, and a glimpse at the pleasure of God.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2 Hebrews 4:14-16 High Priest like None Other

Priests are people, but a lot of people feel some distance from priests. Perhaps it’s celibacy, the vestments, their residence—or that they usually serve a parish a few years and then leave. People respect priests, love them—but they usually don’t get too close.

Apparently, it was also true in the Old Testament. The high priest of the temple offered sacrifice. He was one of the people, but regarded as someone different. He was privileged to enter the Holy of Holies, and trusted enough to speak for the people, and to catch the ear of God. Because of his distinguished life, the high priest did not always appreciate the difficulties of ordinary people.



When the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as a high priest, it sets him apart from others. Like other priests, Jesus entered the Holy of Holies, but unlike them he actually entered heaven itself. Like other high priests, Jesus was human, but unlike them he was also God. And unlike some of them, he knew what it was to suffer. Hebrews says, “We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.”

Jesus is our priest. He is like us, yet unlike us. We are close to him, yet he is set apart. “So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.”

DAILY MARRIAGE TIP (from www.usccb.org)

1. Re-connecting after a business trip? There are typically two conflicting needs. The traveling spouse might be looking forward to relaxing while the at-home spouse may be looking for reinforcements (with kids, chores, etc.). Connect first by talking, then reinforce, and finally relax together.
2. “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” (Mk 10:21) When you have family members to care for, you cannot sell everything, but that doesn’t mean you can’t live a simple life. Give what you can to others and give all that you have to God.
3. Don’t feel especially loving today (or some days)? Try doing a loving action like giving your spouse a hug or writing a love note. Emotions often follow an action. Remember that love is a verb, not just a feeling.
4. If you’re about to accuse your spouse of losing an important paper, forgetting to write that thank-you note, or another offense, try giving him or her the benefit of the doubt first. Maybe *YOU* misunderstood.



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:

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 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. 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	Maryellen Sobczak	Pat Woodby	Maryellen Sobczak
Nov. 6/7	Gretchen Searynck	Tom Koselka	Richard Fron	M.J. Favot

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

ST. JOSEPH BOOKSTORE at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 18637 Ray Street (off Sibley Road just past Fort Street), Riverview, MI 48193 Tel. 734-281-1445.

Open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also open after every First Friday and First Saturday Mass.

BULLETIN EDITOR
** bulletin@smgoretti.com **

All submissions are due 10 days before publication date.

The deadline for bulletin submissions: **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*

PARISH COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS AND GROUPS

Parish Council

Chairperson: Richard Fron

Co-Chairperson: Chris Bergeron

Secretary: Thomas Koselka

Members at Large: Barbara Balnius Mario Ferrante
Pat Wallace David Griswack Valerie Koselka
John O'Callaghan Marge Taylor Sandy VanAssche
Linda Wielkopolan

Worship Commission: David Griswack

Education/Formation Comm: Marge Taylor

Christian Svc. Commission: Cathy Nagle

Finance Council: Dianna Dunne

Ushers President: Dave Griswack
313.999.5144

ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH DIRECTORY

20710 Colgate, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125

WEBSITE: www.stmariagorettiparish.com

FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/groups/st.mariagoretti48125

PARISH OFFICE parishoffice@smgoretti.com
Phone: 313.562.5356 Fax: 313.562.0058

PARISH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

PASTOR Rev. David Lesniak pastor@smgoretti.com

SENIOR DEACON Rev. Mr. Lawrence Girard

PARISH DEACON

Rev. Mr. Regis Buckley deacon@smgoretti.com

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE Jan Russell - DRE
DRE@smgoretti.com or FaithForm@smgoretti.com
313.563.0960

DIRECTOR OF LITURGY & MUSIC music@smgoretti.com

BULLETIN EDITOR bulletin@smgoretti.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY EXT. 309
Matt Kulczyk Direct Number: 313.563.3970

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:
parishoffice@smgoretti.com

Sunday, Oct 17, 2021 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Come face-to-face with Jesus Spiritual truths often sound mysterious and paradoxical. God is a Trinity; Jesus is human and divine; the last will be first. But not everything in the life of faith is a mystery. Take poverty. It's where Jesus said we'd always see him face to face. Poverty's roots are well understood: malnutrition, limited healthcare, unsafe housing, dangerous work conditions, unequal access to justice, and no political voice. In founding today's Poverty Eradication Day, French priest Joseph Wresinski dared us to rewrite these terms of modern civilization. Pray the Rosary's Sorrowful Mysteries and commit to undercutting poverty's roots. TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 (146). "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."

Monday, Oct 18, 2021 FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST First in line for Marian devotion As the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Luke the Evangelist penned over a quarter of the New Testament—more than anyone else. The Virgin Mary has a special place in his gospel—it is only here that we find the story of the Annunciation, her visit to Elizabeth, the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple, and the finding of the child Jesus preaching in the temple. In art, Luke is sometimes depicted painting images of Mary (and he is the patron saint of painters). Revisit the richness of what we know about Mary thanks to Luke by giving his gospel another good read. TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Tuesday, Oct 19, 2021 MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS Learn the language of God's love In 1642, Jesuit missionary John de Brébeuf penned "The Huron Carol." Drawing from the experience of indigenous Americans, it lauds a babe born into modest means—wrapped in a "ragged robe of rabbit skin." Instead of shepherds and Magi, Native American hunters and chiefs arrive to pay homage to "Jesus, your King." While the famous Canadian carol comes under some cultural scrutiny in modern times, it also gets credit for preserving the Huron/Wendat language it was written in. Mostly, it reminds us to speak other people's languages—figuratively, if not literally—when sharing the Good News. TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38 (474). "Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more."

Wednesday, Oct 20, 2021 MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST Need some passion in your life? "Passion" is a fiery word with various meanings, from an intense love relationship to an activity that we give our all to. Christians also have a unique understanding of "passion" as the suffering and death of Jesus. Saint Paul of the Cross was so fired up by this that he founded a religious community dedicated to the Passion of Jesus. But wait a minute, how did we get from intense love to suffering? Paul makes the connection for us—the Passion is about Jesus' great love, a love so great that he was willing to suffer and die for us. Take a moment to reflect anew what you live—or would die—passionately for. TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). "But thanks be to God that . . . you have become obedient from the heart."

Thursday, Oct 21, 2021 God at work Summer vacations are now a faded memory as workplaces and schools operate at full swing. The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of seeing work as more than a necessity and duty. Through work we transform nature—a creative act, just as God's ongoing creation of the world is a creative act. A job that contributes to well-being can also be a path toward personal fulfillment. Whatever your work involves today, offer it up to God and take note of how God is able to work through you. TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 (476). "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

Friday, Oct 22, 2021 MEMORIAL OF JOHN PAUL II, POPE Reasonable faith In this era of "alternative facts," it is challenging to find the truth. Saint John Paul II gave us good counsel on seeking truth. In the encyclical letter *Fides et Ratio* ("Faith and Reason") he wrote, ". . . believers do not surrender. They can continue on their way to the truth because they are certain that God has created them 'explorers,' whose mission it is to leave no stone unturned, though the temptation to doubt is always there. Leaning on God, they continue to reach out, always and everywhere, for all that is beautiful, good and true." How might you be an "explorer" in situations where truth is difficult to find? TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 (477). "Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"

Saturday, Oct 23, 2021 MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST You get as good as you give Jesus, his disciples, and the early evangelists were all clear about one thing: “the wages of sin is death.” Beyond physical death, the selfishness of sin cuts off our relationship with God and the opportunity for true peace and joy. Paying attention to the needs of others as well as yourself keeps us alive in Christ. Study after study shows that happiness comes from social connectedness and a spirit of generosity. Franciscan Saint John Capistrano says of the faithful: “The brightness of their wisdom must make them like the light of the world that brings light to others.” Ponder the ways that you can acquire wisdom to share with others. **TODAY’S READINGS:** Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9 (478). “The concern of the flesh is death, but the concern of the spirit is life and peace.”

©2021 TrueQuest Communications. TakeFiveForFaith.com; mail@takefiveforfaith.com. All rights reserved. Noncommercial reprints permitted with the following credit: Reprinted with permission from TakeFiveForFaith.com. Scripture citations from the New American Bible Revised Edition. For more information about TAKE FIVE and our regular contributors, go to PrepareTheWord.com. Free daily email and app available online at TakeFiveForFaith.com/subscribe

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.

Mike’s Plumbing
 COMPLETE PLUMBING
 SEWER & DRAIN CLEANING
 MASTER PLUMBER
MICHAEL J. WOOD
313-255-5063

DON’S PLUMBING
313-255-1199
 Expert Plumbing Sewer
 & Drain Cleaning
 LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER
Donald J. Wood

support our
ADVERTISERS

FREE
AD DESIGN
 WITH PURCHASE
 OF THIS SPACE
 CALL
800.477.4574

PARK PLACE CATERERS
 Banquet Facility and Caterers
 23400 Park Street, Dearborn
313-274-4499
 www.parkplacecaterers.com



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH.
 Buy a bulletin ad space today!

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!
ADVERTISE HERE NOW!
 Contact **John Plagens**
 to place an ad today!
jplagens@4LPi.com or
(800) 477-4574 x6471

PERRY CELLINI, D.D.S., P.C.
 GENERAL DENTISTRY
 Hours By Appointment
 Emergencies Welcome
 2845 Monroe, Dearborn
313-561-0500

LOGAN GLASS CO.
 Complete Glass Service
 Residential • Commercial
 22667 Michigan Avenue • Dearborn, MI
 313.563.7000

(734) 374-2554 HUGE selection of Carpet, Hardwood, Vinyl, and Tile



Joe's Carpet Service, LLC
Your Complete Flooring Source
15490 Racho Road • Taylor, MI 48180

\$199 1 BEDROOM SPECIAL
Carpet • Labor • Pad
Up to 16 yards. Selected Styles Only

Say it with **Flowers** *Parishioner*

Your Full Service Florist
Serving the Parish with pride!
WEDDING & FUNERAL SPECIALIST

7635 Allen Rd., Allen Park
www.SayItWithFlowersUSA.com
(313) 383-5222

LICENSED & INSURED
MASTER PLUMBER



WATERWORK PLUMBING

Senior Discounts • 24 Hr. Emergency Service
313-558-8757
WaterWorkPlumbing.com

\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE

HACKETT METCALF

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

2640 Monroe Blvd.
Dearborn, Michigan
(313) 274-4000
www.hackettmetcalf.com
Funeral Directors Since 1903

QUERFELD

Funeral Home & Cremation Services
313.561.0002
www.querfeldfuneralhome.com

JOHN WOOD PLUMBING
313-278-9300

Fast Professional Service
Expert Sewer & Drain Cleaning
Lic. Master Plumber
Reasonable Rates
www.johnwoodplumbingllc.com

313-291-8200

A TO Z
TOTAL HEATING & COOLING & APPLIANCE REPAIR



All Makes & Models
www.atozheating.com
10% PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

Kramar Jewelry, Inc.

Fine Diamond Setting
Expert Jewelry Repairing
All Shapes of Diamonds
Wholesale Prices

25766 Woodward Ave. • Royal Oak
(1/2 mile north of I-696)
Mon-Fri 10a-6p
Saturday 10a-5p
www.kramarjewelry.com
248-968-3010
WE BUY GOLD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE.
IN SERVICE TO ALL.

www.kofc.org

TOTAL TREE SERVICE
TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL, FIREWOOD
STUMP GRINDING
Insured, Senior Discounts
30 Yrs. Exp. • I.S.A. Certified Arborist
Free Estimate **734-266-4015**
www.frankstree.com

VORAN FUNERAL HOME



– Family Owned and Operated for Over 70 Years –
DEARBORN - 23701 Ford Rd - (313) 278-5100
Preplanning & Grief Counseling Services Available
Se Habla Español
www.voranfuneralhome.com

TOO HOT? TOO COLD? NO HOT WATER? DUCTWORK DIRTY?



MECHANICAL HEATING & COOLING
313-395-1144

CALL US WE CAN HELP!

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH.

4Pi Buy a bulletin ad space today!

We've Missed You!
Welcome Back to Mass



Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com

FREE AD DESIGN

WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE

4Pi CALL **800.477.4574**

WE'RE HIRING

AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community



Contact us at careers@4pi.com
www.4pi.com/careers

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider **SafeStreets** **1-855-225-4251**



Are You a Hospital Employee?
You now qualify for Meemic Insurance.

Save Big, up to 35% on Auto & Home Insurance

Call Mariam, **313-914-3813**



Mariam Ibrahim Seadi
Owner/Licensed Agent

Meemic
Westborn Agency

21925 Garrison St. • West Dearborn | WestbornAgency.com