



# St. Valentine Church Heartline

**Mission Statement:** Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all may come to know God. As a Catholic Church and School Community we welcome, serve, teach, learn, reconcile and provide comfort and hope in the spirit of St Valentine.



September 5,  
2021

## JESUS HEALED ME! LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT IT!

For over 80 years, Alcoholics Anonymous has helped people overcome addictions to alcohol, drugs, and other destructive behaviors. When people working the program achieve a certain level of serenity and healing, they learn that it is not enough to simply stop drinking or using drugs. If they are to know true and lasting healing, they cannot keep their stories to themselves. They have to reach out to others with the good news that their addictions can be overcome. It is part of the healing process itself to help bring others to experience healing in their own lives.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The same is true with those who are healed by Jesus. They are so overcome with joy after their encounter with him that they have to tell everyone about it. It is interesting that throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus commands people not to tell anyone who he is and what he has done for them. It seems strange to us that Jesus would want to hide his identity, but he needed it to be clear that he was not a political Messiah who would liberate them from Roman rule, but a suffering servant who would free them from the tyranny of sin. Nonetheless, those whom Jesus heals cannot help but go around telling everyone they meet about the powerful prophet who restored them to health. For them, telling the story of Jesus' healing power is part of the healing process itself.

This Sunday's gospel is no different. Jesus opens the ears of a deaf man and heals his speech impediment. Throughout his whole life he was unable to hear the sounds all around him. Now the first voice he hears is that of Jesus commanding his ears to be opened. During his life he probably spoke only when necessary because he was ashamed of his speech impediment. Now, with his tongue loosened, he cannot help but tell everyone about the miracle that God performed in his life. His first clear words were praise of God for the gift of healing he received in Jesus. How could he now be expected to keep silent about the great work God performed in his life?

Jesus continues to be in our midst exercising his healing powers. Though it is rare, it still happens that people are cured of diseases or physical impairments through the power of prayer. Most often, however, the healings we experience through faith are of an emotional or spiritual nature. Because of our own prayers or those of others, we may find ourselves finally able to forgive someone who has hurt us. Or we may find the ability to let go of a burden of anger which we have been carrying for years. Or we may simply be overcome with a sense of God's infinite mercy and believe that our sins have been forgiven. In one way or another, each of us has been touched by Jesus and healed. Now it is up to us to tell others about it so that they too may meet Jesus, the healer. If we want to hold on to the healing we have received, and if we want it to deepen in our lives, we must spread the good news about what Jesus has done for us.

*Douglas Sousa*



# Liturgy Schedule Mass Intentions

## Monday—September 6, Weekday, Labor Day

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

## Tuesday— September 7, Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

Frank Gostomski req. by Frank & Norann Gostomski

## Wednesday—September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass at St. Valentine or Our Lady of Loretto

## Thursday— September 9, St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church  
Maryanne Senkowski req. by Russ & Katie Hesch

## Friday—September 10, Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church  
Richard & Georgiana Rydzewski req. by The Uses Family

## Saturday—September 11, Weekday

5:30 p.m. Mass in Church  
Bernard Boyle req. by The Family  
For veterans and those in active duty

## Sunday—September 12, Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church  
Bruce Anderson req. by Adelaide  
12 noon Mass in Church  
Richard & Georgiana Rydzewski  
and the Ustes Family req. by The Family  
Shirley Zimmerman req. by John & Linda Murzin

Let us pray for those who are ill and have asked for our prayer:

Judi Marshall  
Josiah Wardrop  
John Dillon  
Colleen Devine  
Clara Macek  
Autumn  
Pattenaude  
Carol Sneary  
Joan Reilly  
Barb Schenden  
Andrew Ricotta  
Jeanette  
Shamma  
Enrico Canini  
Dan Jenkins  
Tony Janisse  
Patricia Longo  
Mike Rodriguez  
Dick Nelson  
Bette Dishman  
Rita Barthlow  
Parish Family  
Marcia Favor  
Suzy Cervi  
Paul Danic  
Marilyn Mootsey

Judy Gregory  
Maureen Polania  
Tom Beaudoin  
Brent Schriber  
Cyndee Danic  
Art Kolasa  
Janice Modes  
Edward Zettler  
Robert Koenig  
Molly Haduch  
Loretta Kemp  
Jim Kimpton  
Ricardo Silva  
Terry Galloway  
Mary Card  
Fadia West  
Paul Milewski  
Laurene  
Boskovich  
Gerry Mularoni  
Christine  
Stanievich  
Esseerenza Rea  
Grace Oku  
Dee Loveday  
Mark Curtin

## Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a  
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]  
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3  
Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]  
Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15  
Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]  
Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30  
Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17  
Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]  
Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14  
Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]  
Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17  
Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]  
Lk 6:43-49  
**Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a  
Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]  
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

## Readings



## Prayer Requests

We enjoy hearing the good news of recovery and extend our deepest sympathy to those who have departed. Please contact the parish office 313-532-4394 for any changes.



We offer our deepest sympathy to Patricia McCarthy upon the death of her husband, Kevin. May all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## All Are Invited

Join us on the 13th of the month thru October...Fr. Socorro will be praying the rosary in the Church at 6 p.m. all are invited to join him.

## Collection

### August 29, 2021

Budgeted Amount	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Collected	<u>\$ 6,223.00</u>
	\$ (277.00)
Second Collection For the Needy	\$ 400.00

If you are able to donate at this time, please drop off your envelope at the parish office and place your donation in the black mailbox or mail it to St. Valentine Parish Office, 25881 Dow, Redford, MI 48239. Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

Give to our parish whether you're in the pews or not. Call the office at 313-532-4394 for information.



## RCIA

If you know of anyone interested in becoming Catholic, please invite them to contact the Parish Office at 313-532-4394 and ask for Fr. Socorro. If you are interested yourself in learning more about our Faith, you are also invited to attend the RCIA sessions. Classes will begin in October.

## Intention of the Holy Father for September An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



**From Faith Formation  
Choosing Deafness**

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Faith Formation**

Faith Formation classes will begin on Monday, September 27th. Please be sure to register before classes begin.

Thank you.



**Faith Formation News**

If you have a child preparing next year for First Communion, Reconciliation or Confirmation and do not attend a Catholic school, please be sure to register them for Faith Formation classes.

We are also accepting registrations for grades 1-8. Registration sheets can be found in the back of church.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 313-532-4394 x201.

Bonnie



**Right to Life-  
Lifespan  
The Massive  
Importance of Dobbs**

Many legal analysts are predicting a "moderate" ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that would uphold state laws banning abortion prior to viability, while maintaining a limited "right" to abortion. Others increasingly make a case that this is the moment the Supreme Court will need to plant its flag and either support the *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* rulings upholding a right to abortion prior to viability or decisively rule to overturn the morally ruinous and constitutionally spurious *Roe* jurisprudence. The *Dobbs* decision will affect us for generations. Pray for a merciful end to the slaughter of the preborn in America!

**Discerning a Call to the  
Diaconate?**

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be hosting an in-person Vocation Awareness Information Night at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for all who are discerning a call to the Diaconate. Please pass along the following information if you know of any interested men or would like to encourage someone you know. Diaconate Vocation Awareness Information Night In-person at Sacred Heart Major Seminary Tuesday, September 14, 2021 7:00 – 8:30 pm RSVP to the Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life. Wives are HIGHLY encouraged to attend

**Liturgical Ministers—  
September 11—5:30 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** S. Mote

**Lector:**

**EMHC:**

**Usher:**

**September 12—8:30 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** J. Soter

**Lector:** J. Danic

**EMHC:** P. Soter, B. Danic

**Usher:**

**September 12— 12 noon**

**Sacristan:**

**Lector:** C. Williams, Pat Bonenfant

**EMHC:**

**Usher:** M. Nowak

**Save the Date  
Fun Run and Spaghetti Dinner  
September 19th!  
Walkers, Runners & Volunteers  
Needed!**

**Spaghetti Dinner**

If you are interested in attending the dinner only, we would appreciate it if you please submit a registration form.

However, walk-ins will be welcome.

**Honor Guard Needed**

We are looking for active servicemen and women who are serving in the armed forces, reserves or any veterans to participate in the Honor Guard at the Fun Run. Please call Ron Fron at 313-815-8840 to participate.

**Bake Sale**

Our 8th graders are sponsoring a bake sale at the Fun Run dinner. If you would like to donate a baked good, they would appreciate it! The monies raised will help with their graduation expenses. You may drop off your goodies at the Gym on Saturday or Sunday morning.

Thank you,  
Jim Soter & Bonnie Danic  
Co Chairs



**CSA—2021**

**"Fuel the Mission"**

**Goal: \$47,281**

**Total Pledged: \$ 55,380**

**Total Received: \$ 44,645**

**Families pledged: 115**

## 52 Sundays Take Time to Chat

- Imagine you are the man in the story. What is it like to encounter Jesus so intimately?
- Consider the people who brought the deaf man to Jesus. How are we called to be like them?
- Why do you think Jesus told the crowd not to tell anyone about the healing?



### Fun Facts

There is a prayer that is said at the ritual of Baptism shortly after the actual baptism has taken place called the Ephphatha (be opened) prayer. As the celebrant

touches the ears and then the mouth of the child, he prays, "May the Lord Jesus who made the deaf hear and the mute speak grant that you may soon receive his word with your ears and profess the faith with your lips to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen."

### Liturgy Link

The lectors and the priest or deacon proclaim the Word of God from the ambo. Where is the ambo located in your parish?

### Family Fun

#### Incredible Accomplishments

Today, help your family appreciate two people in history who experienced hearing loss and have done great things.

Ludwig van Beethoven is one of the most famous composers that ever lived. He was profoundly deaf, but that didn't stop him from composing his world-renowned music. Beethoven had lost 60% of his hearing by the age of 31 and became completely deaf at 46. He wrote his famous 5th Symphony as he was losing his hearing.

Thomas Edison was quite possibly the greatest inventor of all time. Many of his inventions have improved the quality of our modern day lives. During his career Edison's inventions included the incandescent light bulb, the phonograph, and the motion picture camera. Thomas Edison was completely deaf in one ear and hard of hearing in the other. He believed that his deafness was a benefit to his work, as it would help keep conversations short so that he could have more time for work! Plan a trip to Greenfield Village to see Edison's laboratory and more!

**Meet Our Extended Family**  
**Bl. Vilmos Apor**

## Feast Day May 23 1892-1945

Vilmos Apor de Altorja was a Hungarian Roman Catholic bishop, born in Segesvar, Transylvania (at that time, Hungary, now Romania). He was a baron in the noble Apor Family and served as a bishop during World War II. He became famous for his steadfast commitment to the poor. During the persecution of the Jews, he actively defended the persecuted and employed all his contacts in favor of those seeking refuge; the episcopal estates, convents and hospitals gave shelter to the needy. He was a gentle and kind person and dedicated himself to opposing both communism and Nazism. He used his sermons as a chance to condemn them, though coming at a great personal risk to himself. On Good Friday 1945, he sacrificed his life for his faithful while defending the women hidden in the cellar of the episcopal palace against abuse from violent Soviet soldiers. The bullets that penetrated his body formed the shape of a cross.

The beatification process opened on 5 March 1991 and culminated after Pope John Paul II presided over the beatification in St. Peter's Square on November 9, 1997.

### Family Prayer 5 Finger Prayer

*We hear in today's Gospel of Jesus using his finger to heal the deaf man. Pope Francis created a 5-Finger prayer where each finger has a specific intention. Name the intention for that finger and then allow*

*family members to share any intentions they have in that area.*



#### Thumb

Pray for those closest to you.

#### Index Finger

Pray for those who heal, instruct, and teach you, that God may help them as they direct others.

#### Middle Finger

Pray for those in authority, like our government leaders, that God may guide them.

#### Ring Finger

Pray for the weak among us—the poor, the sick, the excluded, and those facing other difficulties.

#### Pinkie Finger

Pray for yourself. It is easier to pray for your needs once you have prayed for the other four areas.

## It is a Joy to Welcome into the Family of God

We welcome your newly baptized child into our parish family. We share your joy and excitement. Your child is a gift to all of us. With you we celebrated the beginning of your child's faith. May God bless your family and guide us all as we journey together. To the newest Christian in your home, welcome!

**Harper Lee Domingo**

Child of Kevin Domingo and  
Sara Moores



## St. Valentine Adult Choir is Coming Back

Yes, after 18 months, the St. Val's Adult Choir is coming back to celebrate weekend liturgies! **We will begin our Fall rehearsals on Thursday, Sept 9, 2021 at 7:30pm in the choir loft.**

We need and welcome new members to please join us in song. Anyone Confirmation age and up is invited to sing; there are no tryouts, auditions, or fees, you don't even have to read music; just the desire to make new friends and help lead the music at the 8:30am mass on the weekend.

Why come and sing with us? You'll make new friends. You get a great view of Fr. Socorro's shining face on the weekends. The organ is much louder upstairs. There's always a parking spot for you. Padded chairs, and no kneelers. Cool robes. Not to mention that we have great fun and sing some pretty awesome music in harmony.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Kevin Cushman at 313-930-8907 or email at [kcushman78@gmail.com](mailto:kcushman78@gmail.com) for more information. We hope to see you on the 9<sup>th</sup>!

## Golden Years



Come join the Golden Years Club for cards, coffee and conversation on Tuesday's at 12:30 a.m. in the School Meeting Room. Please join us!

## Catholic Teaching on Labor

### Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

### Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching. ©LPi

### Labor Day

Good and Gracious God,  
You created human beings in Your  
image and likeness  
and gave us dominion over creation  
to be stewards of the land  
and co-creators of Your Kingdom.  
Jesus, You became one of us  
and labored as a carpenter.  
You ask all people --  
whatever our state of life --  
to follow you faithfully.  
Holy Spirit, bless all  
workers this Labor Day.  
May all our actions be  
animated by Your love,  
as we do all things for  
the glory of God. Amen.

## Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All,  
You have created the  
human person as good.  
You have placed us in the  
world as one human family,  
as sisters and brothers.  
We pray today for all victims  
of violence across the world,  
for the healing of their mind and body,  
for their mourning family members,  
for the repose of their souls.  
Jesus, You have told us to  
love our enemies,  
and to pray for those  
who persecute us.  
Give us the strength and  
courage to forgive.  
Remove all lingering desire for  
revenge.  
Holy Spirit, reveal to us  
the mercy of God.  
Give us the gift of Your peace  
that surpasses all understanding.  
Amen.



### A Prayer for Workers

God our Creator,  
Your Word worked wonders to create  
the heavens and the earth and all they  
contain.  
Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother,  
You labored alongside your foster  
father Joseph,  
living the life of an ordinary worker.  
Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your  
life.  
You live and move and have your  
being in us  
as we go about our daily tasks.  
On this Employee Appreciation Day,  
may all who work recognize their  
intrinsic value.  
Show them that their worth depends  
not  
on any task, responsibility, or skill.  
Remind them that their dignity lies in  
You, oh Lord.  
In all of our labors,  
may we remember that we imitate You.



## Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy,  
in your word of Scripture, you instruct  
us to  
"Do to others as you would have them  
do to you."

Give us today the courage to assist  
those around us  
who may need our assistance.  
Give us patience when we become  
impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who  
perished on  
United Airlines 93, American Airlines  
11,  
United Airlines 175, American Airlines  
77,  
and those in the Twin Towers and  
Pentagon.

Give us a heart  
thankful for those who gave their lives  
as first responders, as did the men and  
women  
who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One  
who first responded to our need for a  
savior,  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.



### Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for the gift of learning!  
I want to grow closer to you  
in everything I do at school.  
In math and science, help me to see  
your beautiful plan in the world.  
Help me to discover new stories  
and values as I read and write.  
In arts and music, help me to be crea-  
tive.  
In sports, help me to treat my team-  
mates  
and my opponents fairly.  
Help me to learn new skills  
in technology.  
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.  
Help me to listen with open ears,  
an open heart, and an open mind  
to all my teachers at school.  
Help me to treat my classmates  
with care, kindness, and respect.  
Thank you, Jesus, for school!  
Amen.  
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**Bold Beginnings—Marriage  
Preparation Retreat  
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat  
Center**

“Love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor.” Romans 12:10

Marriage Preparation Retreat:  
Saturday, October 9th. 9 am—6 pm.  
The cost is \$75 a couple and includes meals. Please register at  
[boldbeginningsoctober.eventbrite.com](http://boldbeginningsoctober.eventbrite.com)

**The Catholic Biblical School of  
Michigan:**

**Bringing the Bible to Life**

Ever wonder about the Biblical roots of our faith? Start a journey through the entire Bible, guided by expert live teachers with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan's new classes starting this September at: **St. Sabina in Dearborn Heights** (Thu 7-9 pm), **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Beverly Hills** (Tue 7-9 pm), **Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak** (Wed 1-3 pm), **Holy Family in Grand Blanc** (Tue 7-9 pm) or **online** (any day/time). Find out more at an Info Night (Aug 25 -Sept 1). Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Find out more at [cbsmich.org/join](http://cbsmich.org/join) or call/text 586-438-3085.

**Labor Day Holiday  
Office Hours**

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, September 3rd thru Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day Holiday. We will reopen Tuesday, September 7th at 8:30 a.m.



**Parish Regular Office Hours  
To Return**

The Parish Office will resume regular office hours beginning Tuesday, September 7th.

Monday—Friday  
8:30 am—4:00 pm

The office is closed between  
11:30 am and 12:30 pm

**Coming Up This Week**

**Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Labor Day—Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Golden Years, School Meeting Room—  
12:30 am

**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Christian Service, Parish Office  
Meeting Room – 6:30 pm

**Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Confessions, Church, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Choir Practice, Church – 7:30 pm

**Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Mass and 12:00 noon Mass

Prayer Group, Parish Office Meeting  
Room – following 8:30 am Mass

**Women's Club**

**September 30<sup>th</sup>—8:00 p.m.**

Hello!

We are excited to announce that the Women's Club is back and will be in full action this year! We are resurrecting the group and will include similar affairs, as in past years of the Women's Club; they have hosted many charitable events and social evenings. We would also like to journey together in prayer, reflection and study. We hope this group grows with love, laughter, celebration and even struggles. In addition to these things, we hope to support and be supported by the Parish, School and Men's Club. My reflection of host is that I was once very much a part of the school and the PTC board. After my daughter went to High School rather than follow her there and her journey I chose to stay with my group of friends at St. Valentines. I decided and know that we can progress here and be a part of this wonderful community and build on it. So together I hope you join us once a month every third Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the meeting room. Our first inaugural meeting will be September 30th at 8:00 p.m.

Vickie Treglowne



**23rd Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time**

From the time we are born into this world until we die,

our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar

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into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.  
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**Abitibi Recycling Bin Newspapers**

Thank you for dropping off your newspapers, magazines, etc. to our Abitibi Recycling bin. Please be sure you shred any important documents you may have before putting them in the recycling bin, the recycling bin is not in a secure location.

**Bottles and Cans**

Please continue to drop off your bottles and cans at the Rectory Garage entry door. Thank you for your donations.



**Support of U.S. Armed Forces**



As a parish community we would like to support the men and women serving in our Armed Forces with our prayer.

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.

Michael Arsenault, David DeAngelis, Christopher LePain, Patricia Molloy, Scott Shoemaker, Christopher Tabei, Joshua Coe, Anthony Potter, Andrew Kliman, Luke Leveillee, Michael Cain, Kristen Lauber, Frank Bordo, Bonda Bordo, Larry Silk, Bradley Swanson, Gary Semon, Brian Jones, Seth DeTavernier, Timothy Mc Carthy, Rob Nitz, Jesse Moore, Michael J. Ryan, Daniel T. Ryan, Justin Ryan, Micheal Nalepa, Steven Tomlinson and Alex Blackwell.

We also pray for all first responders and law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.

**St. Valentine Directory**

Redford, MI 48239

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Thursday ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday evening ..... 5:30 p.m.

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Thursday & Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.

**Holyday Schedule**

**Holyday:** ..... 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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Saturday afternoon at Our Lady of Loretto .... 2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. or by appointment

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**Catechumenate-RCIA**

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**St. Valentine Parish Office Hours**

**Summer Hours**

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