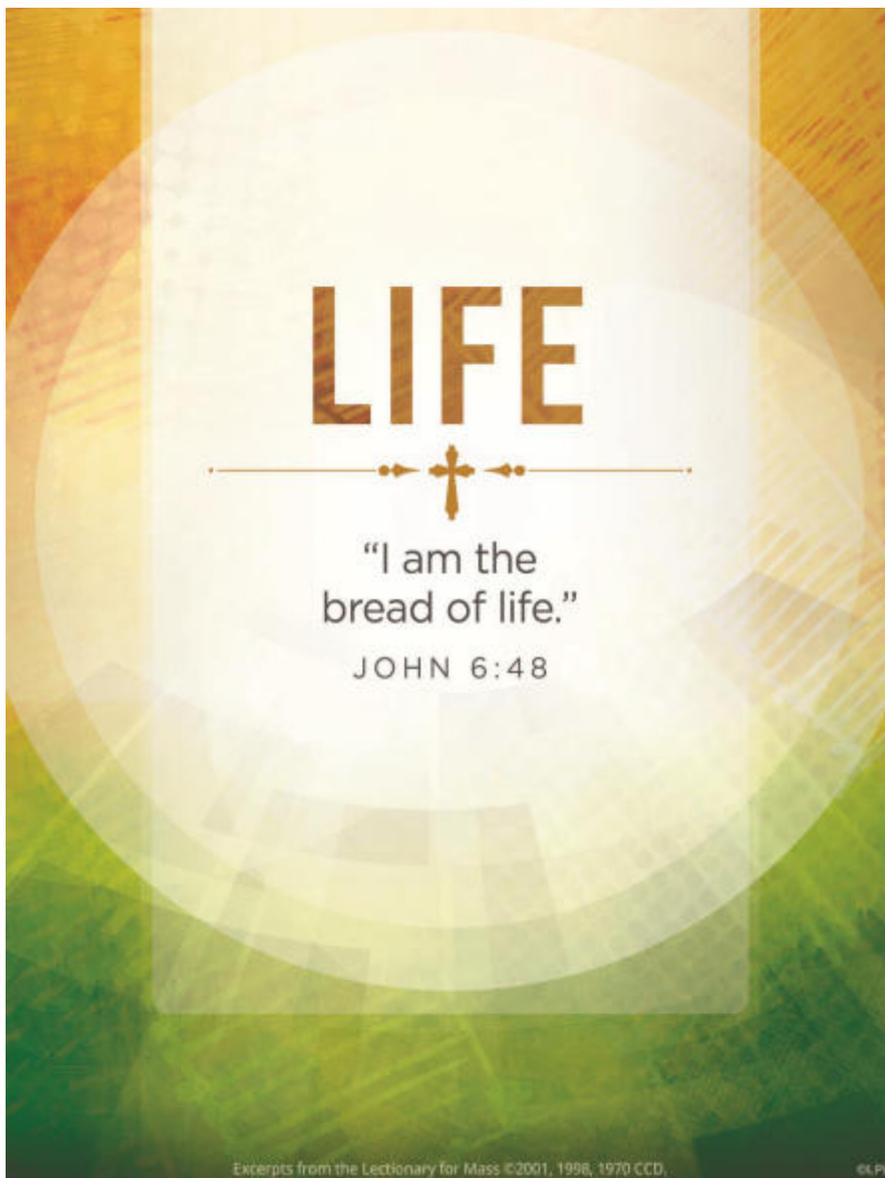


8 AUGUST 2021—19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Office Hours

M, W, F 10:00 am—2:00 pm

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248.545.2312

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omophparish@gmail.com

Parish Website

www.omoph.org

Mass Schedule

**Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park
and 11:00 am in Ferndale**

Tuesday 9:00 am in Ferndale

**Thursday 9:00 am in Oak Park (First
Thursday of the Month 7pm Mass will
replace the 9am Mass)**

Sacraments:

**Baptism,
Anointing of the Sick,
and Reconciliation**

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310

Marriage

**Must be active and registered members
of the parish for at least 6 months prior
to scheduling**

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at
248.533.5424

See page 3 for Faith Formation Perspectives on the Gospel



Saturday, August 7, 2021

Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Leo Broderick (2017)

Sunday, August 8, 2021

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Special Intention for Mike

Maryanne Chmielewski by Carol Fliger

William Cummings—41st Anniversary of Death—

by Caren and Jerry Kissick

Rocco D. Palazzolo

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Monday, August 9, 2021

Rev. Daniel Homan (2011)

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

9 am - Ferndale

Msgr. John G. Cook (1951)

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Rev. Carlson A. Robideau (1978)

Thursday, August 12, 2021

9 am – Oak Park

Msgr. Herbert F. Weier (1983)

Friday, August 13, 2021

Rev. Benedict J. Rembelski (1987)

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Vigil of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Rev. Arthur J. Bell (1997)

Sunday, August 15, 2021

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Special Intention for Mike

Dorothy and Ted Wisner by Carol Fliger

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.

Prayer REQUESTS

Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers, and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners

Michael Kollenberg, David Doig, Chuck Yodhes, Susanne Smith

Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin--Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

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OUR MISSION—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

OUR VISION—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

***How do you live out
our mission and vision?***

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...

It would be good to ask ourselves every day: "What do I bring to Jesus today?" He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things.

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES

AUGUST 8 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BREAD FOR THE BODY, BREAD FOR THE WORLD—JN 6:41-51 PART 3

The Jews within the crowd begin to murmur in protest citing Jesus' claim, "I am the bread that came from heaven." John in writing this passage identifies that it is the Jews who are protesting Jesus' claim of who he is. The Jews in the crowd know Jesus' parentage. They state is Jesus not the son of Joseph? These Jews know his father and mother, so, how can he claim to have come down from heaven? Jesus' claim does not make any sense to the Jews.

Jesus tells these Jews to stop their murmuring. He presents to the crowd, "no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him." Jesus continues his response to the murmuring, "only the one who is from God has seen the Father." (see Jn 1:18) Since Jesus is from God, as such, he has seen the Father and those who believe in him will have eternal life. Just imagine what the Jews are saying about Jesus now.

Again, Jesus states, "I am the bread of life." And, Jesus throws back to the crowd their argument that their ancestors were fed in the desert with manna and it did not bring eternal life. The bread Jesus is offering will bring eternal, everlasting life. "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world." The crowd wants daily bread from Jesus to live another day free from hunger. In John's gospel, Jesus proclaiming he is the bread of life and giving his flesh for the life of the world presents a revelation of the Eucharist. But, in the Gospel of John, John does not write of the Last Supper event and the institution of the Eucharist that is found in Mt 26: 26-29; Mk 14: 22-25 and Lk 22:15-20. The crowd is asking for bread for the body and Jesus offers the crowd bread for the soul.

This week pray on the words of the hymn "I am the bread of life" from the hymnal 'Gather' #945

(vs. 2) "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever." (Refrain) "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day." (GIA Publications, Inc.)

AUGUST 9 - ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN) VIRGIN/MARTYR

Edith Stein was born on the Jewish Day of Atonement, October 12, 1891, in Breslau, Germany (now Wroclaw, Poland) to Jewish parents. Edith will face anti-Semitism throughout her life. Edith was a brilliant student growing up and at the local university, she majored in the field of philosophy. The study of philosophy was rarely entered by women. Ms. Stein went on to study philosophy under the noted brilliant German-Jewish philosopher Edmund Husserl (1859-1938). Edith Stein's passion was in the pursuit of truth.

In 1921, Edith read an Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), and this spiritual work influenced her to be baptized on January 1, 1922. Edith took the baptismal name Teresa and used it from then forward. Edith's baptism caused much heartache and tears for Edith's mother. Even though now Teresa was Catholic and of Jewish blood, she continued to face anti-Semitism and lost teaching positions in state-run universities. Teresa was offered a position at a Dominican Catholic college for women in Speyer, Germany. Teresa continued her research in philosophy, writing, teaching, and translating various Catholic literary works.

After a decade of prayers and guidance from her spiritual director in 1933 Teresa was granted permission to enter the Carmelite convent in Cologne, Germany. And, Sr. Teresa took her first vows with the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. With the rise of Nazism and arrests of anyone with Jewish blood, Sr. Teresa had concern for the safety of her fellow sisters. Sr. Teresa was then transferred to the Carmelite convent in Echt, Holland in 1940. Rosa, Sr. Teresa's sister who was also baptized Catholic join her sister at the convent. While at the convent in Echt, Sr. Teresa continued her philosophical research as well as penning her spiritual writings. Sr. Edith continued her passion for truth in philosophy and in her Catholic faith.

German forces in 1940 invaded Holland and arrested anyone with Jewish blood especially the Catholic priests and religious who had Jewish parents. Sr. Teresa and Rosa were both arrested and sent to a prison camp in Westerbork, Holland. Sr. Teresa spiritually and physically comforted many of those who were also in the camp. On August 7, 1942, Sr. Teresa and Rosa were sent to Auschwitz. On August 9, 1942, Sr. Teresa and Rosa were stripped and then marched into a gas chamber.

Sr. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, and martyr was canonized by Pope (St.) John Paul II (1920-2005) on May 1, 1987.

FROM THE WRITINGS AND QUOTES OF ST. TERESA:

"For by doing what God demands of us with total surrender of our innermost being, we cause the divine life to become our own inner life. Entering into ourselves, we find God in our own selves." / "The limitless loving devotion to God, and the gift God makes of Himself to you, are the highest elevation of which the heart is capable; it is the highest degree of prayer. The souls that have reached this point are truly the heart of the Church." / "Every true prayer is a prayer of the Church; by means of that prayer the Church prays; since the Holy Spirit living in the Church, Who in every single soul 'prays in us with unspeakable groanings.'" / "Let go of your plans. The first hour of your morning belongs to God. Tackle the day's work that He charges you with and He will give you the power to accomplish it." / "And when night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with him." / "Each woman who lives in the light of eternity can fulfill her vocation no matter if it is in marriage, in a religious order, or in a worldly profession." / "The world doesn't need what women have, it needs what women are." / "One cannot desire freedom from the Cross when one is especially chosen for the Cross."

By Leonard Piasta, FFC

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 8, 2021
EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY

FIRST READING:

He got up, ate, and drank;
 then strengthened by that food,
 he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of
 God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
 as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us
 as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. (Eph
 5:1-2)

GOSPEL:

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw
 him,
 and I will raise him on the last day.” (Jn 6:44)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph
 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt
 17:22-27
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-
 26
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a
 and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt
 18:21—19:1
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt
 19:3-12
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt
 19:13-15
 Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-
 7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv
 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor
 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
 Virgin and Martyr
 Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin
 Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
 Saturday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
 Next Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION
QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST READING:

The prophet Elijah was exhausted and literally prayed for death. The Lord answered his prayer by sending Elijah food and drink for strength. How do you encourage others in your life who are spiritually drained?

SECOND READING:

Paul held Christian communities to very high standards of conduct. How well do you think your faith community holds to these standards today?

GOSPEL:

We hear today John’s account of Jesus’ rejection by his own people. The Jews struggled to think of Jesus as “the living bread that came down from heaven.” What are some of Jesus’ words that challenge you or cause you to struggle?

RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS—
WHAT’S YOUR HEARTH CAKE?

“Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” I’ve been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don’t know what it is exactly. Maybe it’s just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it’s about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we’re all just nicer people when we’re fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven’t fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that’s your hearth cake. That’s your jug of water. Don’t neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.”

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2021-2022:

	July TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$11,829	\$11,829
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$5,315)	(\$5,135)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$6,863)	(\$6,863)
Week of 07-25-2021 Offertory total: \$3,349.75		
On-line giving totaled \$2,505.75 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$9,323.00 for a grand total for 4 weeks of July deposits totaled \$11,828.75.		

Diocesan Collection for Peter's Pence through 07-25-2021: \$185.00

THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS:

	\$37,746.00
AS OF 07-26-2021:	92 PLEDGES RECEIVED
	88 FULLY PAID
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$34,779.66
TOTAL PAID:	\$38,229.66 [approx. 101% of goal]
REFUND DUE PARISH:	\$488.66



**YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET OUR NEW FAMILY!
REGISTER TODAY—THE NEXT GATHERING IS AUGUST 17TH**

FAMILY OF PARISHES GATHERINGS

You are invited to attend a series of Family Gatherings, involving members of Transfiguration, Divine Providence Lithuanians, Our Lady of La Salette, and Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parishes. These gatherings are an opportunity to learn more about our transition to Families of Parishes.

Each one of us is called to go and make disciples, to share the Good News. That's what's behind our move to Families of Parishes. We want each one of our Families to be places where people can encounter Jesus anew, grow in faith as disciples, and be equipped to be his witnesses.

THE SECOND GATHERING—GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH AS A FAMILY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021, 7-9 PM—DIVINE PROVIDENCE LITHUANIAN

This gathering will aim to deepen those new, faith-founded relationships and begin to grow together as disciples.

THE THIRD FAMILY GATHERING—WITNESSING WITH SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, 7-9 PM—OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

This gathering will encourage Family members to celebrate together as a Family, receiving the grace that comes with confidently bearing witness to the Gospel.

All parishioners are invited to participate. There must be no bystanders in our mission! We also hope you will encourage your fellow parishioners to sign up.

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