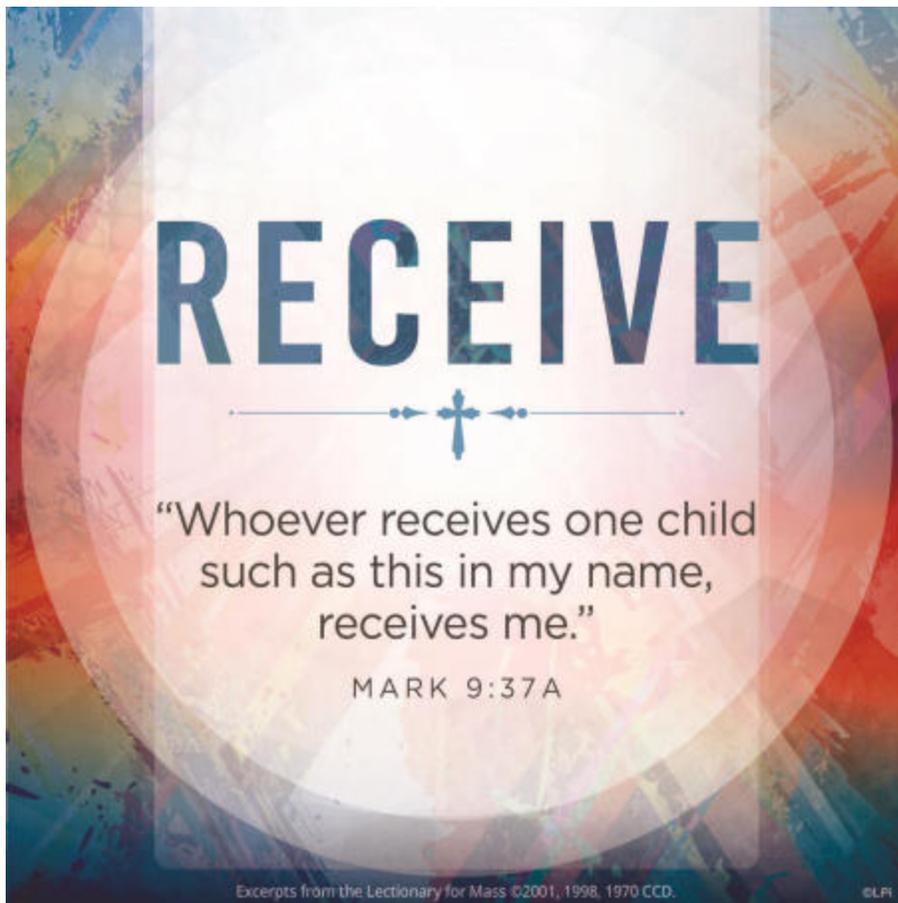


19 SEPTEMBER 2021—25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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at Transfiguration*

Rev. Paul F. Chateau,
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• Oak Park, MI 48237
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M, W, F 10:00 am—2:00 pm

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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



Saturday, September 18, 2021
Vigil of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Rev. Bernard N. Geller (1973)

Sunday, September 19, 2021
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
 Special Intention for Mike
 Al Fliger by Carol Fliger
 Mary Belkowski by Barbara Schoenbach
 Angela Mancini by Pat Koykka
 Bob Montgomery by Fran and Jerry Kollenberg
 Marilyn Meier—1st Anniversary of Death—
 by Maryann Nowak
 Rev. Leonard S. Burcki (1994)

11 am – Ferndale
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis
 Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton
 Rev. Michael J. O'Hara (1999)

Monday, September 20, 2021
 Mr. Albert J. Seiler
 by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

Tuesday, September 21, 2021
9 am - Ferndale
 Kathleen Dryovage
 by Jeannie (Dryovage) Lillystone Families

Wednesday, September 22, 2021
 Rev. Anthony Kosnik (2017)

Thursday, September 23, 2021
9 am – Oak Park
 Rev. Charles S. Fontana (2014)

Friday, September 24, 2021
 Rev. Valentine A. Gattari (2014)

Saturday, September 25, 2021
Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Rev. Nicholas A. Ghelfi (1986)
 Rev. Bohdan Kosicki (2012)

Sunday, September 26, 2021
The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 am – Oak Park
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
 Special Intention for Mike
 Toney Kapala by Family
 Angie Mancini by 50+ Club
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, Judy Chmielewski, Margaret Devereaux

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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AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

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?***

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES**SEPT. 19TH****25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****TO BE A CHILD—Mk 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples come down from the mountain and are going through Galilee and doing so to avoid the crowds who have been following him. He continues to teach his disciples that the Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will put him to death and three days later he will rise. This is the second prediction by Jesus to his disciples of his passion, death, and resurrection. And, again, these disciples did not understand his words and were afraid to question him on his prediction.

At a house in Capernaum, Jesus asks his disciples what they were arguing about on their journey to the house. They fell silent because they were arguing about who is the most important one of their group. Jesus puts to them, "If anyone wishes to rank first, he must remain the last one of all and the servant of all." Then Jesus takes a little child in their midst puts his arms around him saying, "Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes, not me, but him who sent me."

Jesus is not extoling childlike virtues of humility or simplicity. Instead, "whoever considers himself of little account like this little child means what it says, the child was without rights to consideration in society, totally dependent upon the good will of his elders, an "it" rather than a "he." By deliberate choice, Jesus says, his disciples must be what the child is by necessity. This is the only greatness allowable in the kingdom of him who came to the servant of all." And, "to receive a child such as this - succor the needy, the helpless, the abandoned - in my name, is to take in Christ and his revelation of the God of love and mercy." (Bruce Vawter, C.M., The Four Gospels, Vol. 1, p. 297)

Am I willing to be a little child again for the sake of the kingdom?

By Leonard Piasta, FFC

*Lord God,
source of all wisdom and knowledge,
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us
and to proclaim his message of faith, hope,
and love to all nations.*

*In your goodness bless our brothers and sisters
who have offered themselves as catechists for your Church.*

Strengthen them with your gifts,

*that they may teach by word and by example
the truth that comes from you.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

**RECOGNIZE GOD****IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS****THE VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE LINE**

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 19, 2021

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, and Paul Chõng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES LITURGICAL PROTOCOLS

On August 17, 2021 The Archdiocese issued updated COVID 19 Guidelines related to Liturgical Protocols to reduce exposure to COVID-19.

As Oakland County is an area of high transmission of COVID-19 we have implemented the following protocols for all Masses and other liturgical celebrations:

- Masks wearing for all Mass goers, regardless of vaccination status
- Establish an area where social distancing is observed
- Hang signage indicating masking and social distancing are encouraged
- Evaluate space for our musicians, and those who are unvaccinated won't participate as a musician at this time
- Retain sanitization/face covering surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion

The faithful are reminded that particular dispensations from the obligation to participate in Holy Mass remain in effect for people who are ill or who find themselves in other specific circumstances. More information is available at: aod.org/emergencyresponse

INAI HOSTS EXHIBIT OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND POETRY

Photography as "visual poetry" and seeing with the "eyes of the heart" are two themes in the artistic works of Sister Suzanne Schreiber, OP, and Rev. Cathy Johnson. These works will be shown at INAI Gallery.

The exhibits – Quiet Places, Sacred Spaces by Sister Suzanne and Glimpses of Grace: Reflections on our Shared Life by Cathy – are on display through Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Quiet Places, Sacred Spaces is a retrospective of black and white photographs, originally made on film and then digitized and toned to a soft brown, giving them the feel of endurance that transcends time. Glimpses of Grace, a collection of images and words, invites viewers to see with the eyes of their hearts to notice more closely the presence of the Holy One in our shared life.

INAI: A Space Apart is adjacent to Weber Retreat and Conference Center, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters' Motherhouse. Gallery hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. INAI (in-EYE) is a Japanese word meaning within. INAI is a place for quiet reflection and art and is open to the public.

For information, contact Sister Suzanne,
Coordinator of INAI,
at 517-266-4090 or inainspace@adriandominicans.org.

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:

	Sept. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$5,664	\$35,247
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$370)	(\$8,333)
Over/(Under) Budget	\$991	(\$11,482)
Week of 09-05-2021 Offertory total: \$5,664.00		

On-line giving totaled \$1,170.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$4,494.00 for a grand total for 1 week of September deposits totaled \$5,664.00.

THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: \$37,746.00

AS OF 08-30-2021: 103 PLEDGES RECEIVED

95 FULLY PAID

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$49,515.66

TOTAL PAID: \$57,445.66 [approx. 152% of goal]

ACTUAL SHORTFALL: NONE

TOTAL REFUND TO DATE \$19,699.66

REFUND DUE PARISH: \$8,725.00

REFUNDS ISSUED: \$10,974.66

CLIMATE EMERGENCY:

HOW DO WE RESPOND AS PEOPLE OF FAITH?

Sunday, October 24, 2-4 PM

St. Thomas More, 4580 Adams Rd, Troy, MI. 48098

Speakers: Fr. Charles Morris, assistant professor at Madonna University and founder of Michigan Interfaith Power & Light, speaking to the specifics of the Laudato Si Action Platform.

Students active with the Johnson Nature Center, Bloomfield Hills, speaking about their climate concerns and personal choices for action.

Table discussions and Q&A

Sharing of resources

Communal Prayer

Caring for our brothers and sisters means caring for the home we share. This responsibility is "essential to a life of virtue" (Laudato Si #217).

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FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, OCT. 31ST
INSTALLATION MASS
FOR OUR FAMILY'S PASTORS

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

TRANSFIGURATION INVITES US TO PARTICIPATE
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

THE CHOSEN:

We are invited to join others at Transfiguration in watching the first season: Tuesdays 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by brief discussion.

September 21, 28 / October 5, 12, 19, 26 / November 2, 9

Call 248-356-8787 to let them know if you are coming so they can be prepared! Bring a friend!

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. It is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus, and season one was the highest crowd-funded TV series or film project of all time. The series' creators stated that they had hoped to distinguish the new series from previous portrayals of Jesus by crafting a multi-season, episode-based story. The series portrays Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him, "but also to show him in a way that is more "personal, intimate, immediate."

The first season introduces Jesus and the calling of his initial disciples. The second season focuses on the beginning of his public ministry and what happens as word of his ministry begins to spread. Other seasons are yet to be developed as funds are available.

GREAT THEMES OF THE BIBLE

In this program we will explore central themes in the Bible as they are presented first in the Old Testament and then developed in the New Testament. Through themes such as creation, the exodus from Egypt, covenant, biblical theology of history, and wisdom the Bible reveals who God is and what God wants for us and for the whole world.

This program will allow participants not only to gain a greater understanding of the events and themes of the Christian Bible, but also a greater appreciation of the theological and spiritual depth of both Testaments, whose message continues to challenge and encourage Christians today.

Led by Br. John Barker, OFM, PhD in the Bible. Program meets most Wednesday mornings, 9:00-10:30, beginning September 29.

Please call 248-356-8787 and let them know if you are interested.

Bring your Bible!



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The Deacons of our Parish Family will begin visiting our parish on a rotating basis. Please welcome them.



IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...

“Our common home, creation, is not a mere “resource”. Creatures have a value in themselves and each one reflects in its own way a ray of God’s infinite wisdom and goodness.”

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