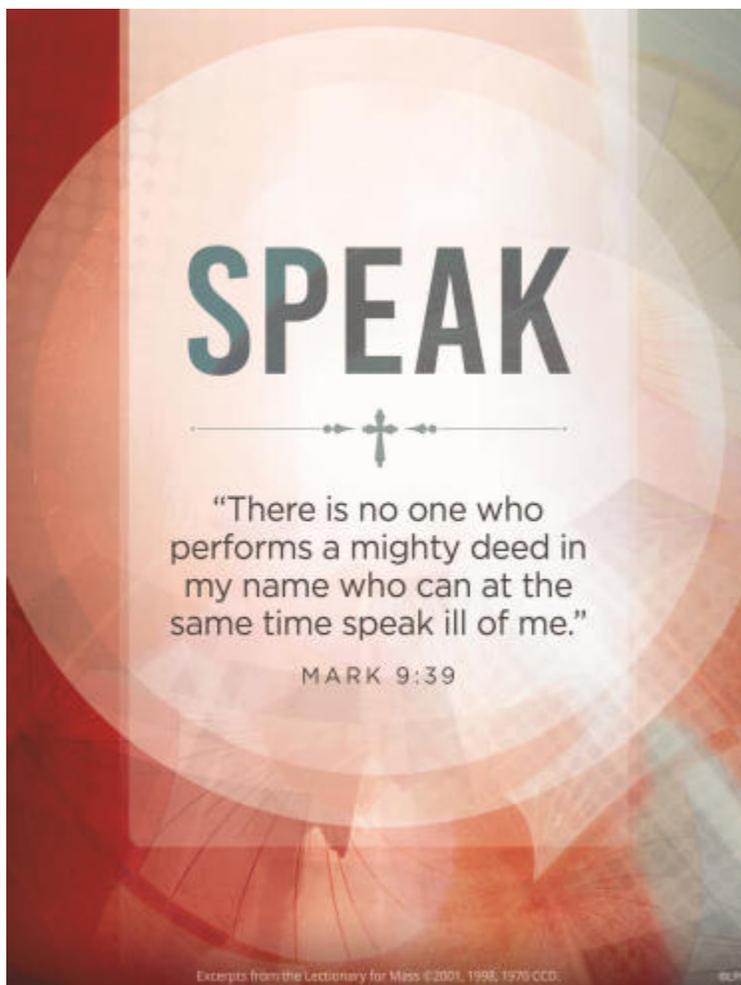


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at Transfiguration*

Rev. Paul F. Chateau,
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South Oakland Family 5
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M, W, F 10:00 am—2:00 pm

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Parish Email

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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 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

Rev. John J. Echlin (1976)

Monday, September 27, 2021

Rev. Charles F. O'Neill (2008)

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

9 am - Ferndale

Rev. Sigmund J. Osmialowski (2005)

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Rev. John LaCasse (2011)

Thursday, September 30, 2021

9 am – Oak Park

Msgr. Edward J. Hickey (1993)

Friday, October 1, 2021

Rev. John P. Maierle (2001)

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Vigil of The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Timothy F. Babcock (2019)

Sunday, October 3, 2021

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Al Fliger by Carol Fliger

Rev. William B. Davidson (1998)

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seiler

by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

Bernard and Orma Sweeney by Stephen and Maureen Hudak

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, Michelle Ciambelli Milewkovic, Richard Gadoua

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?***

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES

SEPT. 26TH, 2021—26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE HOTTEST SPOT IN TOWN - GEHENNA—(MK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

John goes to Jesus and tells him, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to expel demons and we tried to stop him because he is not one of our company." Jesus tells John not to stop the man. "If the man is not speaking ill of me than anyone who is not against us is with us." The power and authority to exercise demons comes from God. It is God's timing and will that this man exercises demons in the name of Jesus. The Twelve themselves likewise have the power and authority to exercise demons (Mk 3:13-16).

Jesus continues with, "Any man who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without reward." Jesus then presents a "but." To lead one of the simple believers astray, that person should be "plunged" in the sea with a great millstone fastened around his neck. Jesus makes quite a serious point for a drowning death for leading a believer astray. Woe to those who lead someone astray!

Jesus then gives three parallel warnings against self-ensnarement and subsequent punishment. Again, Jesus uses extreme examples for the purpose of emphasis for his message against causing oneself to go astray. Jesus was not advocating the mutilation of one's body by cutting off a hand, a foot or tearing out one's eye. Jesus is saying to his disciples look at what does lead a person astray. To the Jewish mindset to be crippled, maimed, or infirmed was thought as a curse or a punishment by God and perhaps because of a sin. The person was not likely to enter the fullness of the kingdom of God if at all. Jesus uses the image of the fire of Gehenna as a painful punishment for the wicked and sinner even to the extreme destruction of that person's body and soul.

The Valley of Hinnom, Gehenna, had an unholy reputation. The place was cursed by the prophet Jeremiah (Jer 7:32). It was a place where human sacrifice took place to cultic gods. King Ahaz immolated his sons in cultic sacrifice in the valley (2 Chr 28:3). In Jesus's time, Gehenna was an ever-burning garbage dump. Jesus tells the group, "better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than be thrown with both eyes into Gehenna, where 'the worm dies not and the fire is never extinguished'." Jesus in the above passage is quoting from Is 66:24, "They shall go out and see the corpses of the men who rebelled against me, their worm shall not die, nor their fire extinguished; and they shall be abhorrent to all mankind."

Take some time this week and reflect upon what in your life might lead you astray or cause you to lead another astray.

SEPTEMBER 27—MEMORIAL OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We hear and know of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul but who was St. Vincent de Paul? We celebrate his memorial on September 27.

Vincent was born April 24, c.1580 in Pouy France. His parents were peasant framers. Vincent had an inclination for learning and at the age of 15 sent to the seminary, college, and the University of Toulouse. Vincent was ordained a priest in 1600. Fr. Vincent in his travels was captured by pirates and enslaved in Algeria. In 1607 Fr. Vincent escaped and went to Avignon, France then to Rome and sent on a secret mission to meet with Henry IV of France (1553-1610).

Fr. Vincent de Paul in 1618 meets (St.) Francis de Sales (1567-1622) and Francis de Sales had a great influence on Fr. Vincent and his future ministry. Fr. Vincent went on to found the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) to do missionary work among the French peasant population. He established parish confraternities to aid the poor. Fr. Vincent established seminaries and reformed seminary education and formation and conducted retreats to clergy to reform the abuses and lack of education among the priests. With (St.) Louise de Marillac (1591-1660) co-founded the Daughters of Charity and helped to establish hospitals, orphanages, and ransom Christian slaves from North Africa. Fr. Vincent vigorously opposed and condemned the heretical teaching of Jansenism that was sweeping through France and Europe.

Fr. Vincent de Paul died September 27, 1660. He was canonized on June 16, 1737, by Pope Clement XII (1652-1740). St. Vincent de Paul is the patron of charities, hospitals, prisoners, and Madagascar. His name and legacy lives on in the Congregation of the Mission and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul established in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853).

In the words of St. Vincent de Paul:

I learned a terrible thing: Before we can save the souls of the poor, we must give them a life worthy of the name.

You will find that charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the bowl of soup and the full basket of bread, This the rich can do, You are the servant of the poor...They are your masters, and the more difficult they will be, the more unjust and insulting, the more love you must give them. It is for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give them.

If God is the center of your life, no words necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts.

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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 inainospace@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	\$9,195	\$38,778
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$1,618)	(\$9,583)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$151)	(\$12,624)
Week of 09-12-2021 Offertory total: \$3,531.00		

On-line giving totaled \$1,750.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$7,445.00 for a grand total for 2 weeks of September deposits totaled \$9,195.00.

2021 CSA Goal for the Parish: \$37,746.00

As of 09-13-2021:	105 pledges received; 97 fully paid
Total pledged:	\$54,815.66
Total paid:	\$63,650.66 [approx. 169% of goal]
Total refund to date:	\$25,904.66
Refund due parish:	\$14,930.00
Refunds issued:	\$10,974.66

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/
Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk
9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk
10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1
-5, 10
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb
2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 26, 2021

Monday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Tuesday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Thursday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of
the Church
Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life
Sunday



FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS

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SUNDAY, OCT. 31ST

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FOR OUR FAMILY'S PASTORS

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

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking for them.

The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it.

Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying. *By Leonard Piasta, FFC*

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...

"The Eucharist is here to remind us who God is. It does not do so just in words, but in a concrete way, showing us God as bread broken, as love crucified and bestowed."

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