

### ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021** -

# 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

- Jn 6:67-69



#### **FIRST READING**

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

#### **PSALM**

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

### **SECOND READING**

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

#### **GOSPEL**

Simon Peter answered him, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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The Pope's monthly intention for:

### August

### The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



### MASS READINGS AND INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, August 21 -

**4:30pm Mass intentions:** ♦ Samantha Tolosa by Kraus family

- ♦ Dan DeCapua and deceased family members by family
- ♦ George Rollinger by family
- ♦ Donald J. Rynski (12th anniversary) by wife & son

#### Sunday, August 22 —

Readings: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

9:00am Mass intentions: Fr. Eamonn Shelly, LC by Nora Naughton

- ♦ George Zielinski by family
- † Barbara Kucharski by Barbara and Halina
- ♦ Matthew & Amelia Sandel by daughter, Barbara

11:00am Mass intentions: Parishioners of St. Ephrem

### Monday, August 23 — 9:00am Mass

Readings: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mt 23:13-22

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Blessings for students of Regina Caeli Academy on their first day of school

♦ Jerry Sniegur by Judy Taylor and ♦ Carl Lewis

#### Tuesday, August 24 — 9:00am Mass

Readings: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

<u>Mass Intentions</u>: Birthday blessings for Merene Victor

† Susan Dannhausen and families by Larry Dannhausen

#### Wednesday, August 25 — 9:00am Mass

Readings: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

<u>Mass intentions</u>: Wanda & Hubert Saunders by Gregory Elliott

† Renate Ososki (birthday remembrance) by Leonard Ososki

#### Thursday, August 26 —No Mass

Readings: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

### Friday, August 27—9:00am Mass

**Readings:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Mass intentions: ♦ Norman Freeman by family

🕈 Ed Varani by Judy Taylor

Saturday readings: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

#### Saturday, August 28 —

- **4:30pm Mass intentions:** In thanksgiving & blessings for Fr. Aro 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary blessings for Robert & Madeleine Gild
  - ♦ Deceased members of Council #12102
  - † Carl & Joan Lorkowski by family
  - ♦ Ken Francis by family

### Sunday, August 29 —

Readings: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

9:00am Mass intentions: Parishioners of St. Ephrem

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- **11:00am Mass intentions:** ♦ Deceased members of Council #12102
  - ♦ Oreste Centofanti by family
  - ♦ Joseph & Carl Cubba by family
  - ♦ George Zielinski by family
  - ♦ Maxim Miranda (6th death anniversary)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **Classes begin September 13!**

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is ongoing! Religious education classes meet on Monday evenings from 6:30pm-7:45pm, grades 1-8.

We are planning on in-person classes, however, should anything change, notification will be sent out. Registration forms are available in the parish office or on the magazine rack in the vestibule of church. Forms may also be mailed or emailed!

New to our program or have questions? Please contact the parish office at 586-264-1230 or office@stephrems.org.

### Help needed!

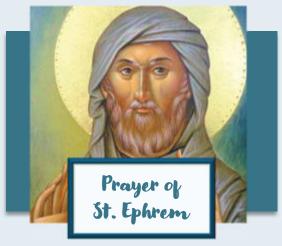
We are in need of catechists, substitute catechists, and hall monitors for our program. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help!

### Liturgical Ministers/ Volunteers needed!

We are in *great* need of lectors, EMHCs, altar servers, ushers, and sacristans to help assist at our weekend and funeral liturgies. We are also in need of help with cleaning the church on Thursdays. Please contact the parish office at 586-264-1230 or office@stephrems.org to learn more! Training will be provided.

For current ministers that have not been scheduled yet, please contact the parish office if you are able to begin serving again.

All volunteers at St. Ephrem are required to complete a background check, as well as *Protecting God's Children*, (safe environment program). Forms are available in the vestibule of church or in the parish office.



O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Prayed on Wednesdays at the end of Mass.)

The faith community of St. Ephrem extends our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of:

Norma Ward

August 25, 1936– August 12, 2021



Loving mother of
Michael (Amy) and Matthew (Kathy)

Grandmother of 4

Funeral Mass took place on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

### **Prayer for The Eternal Rest**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The St. Ephrem Food Pantry has been selected for the Meijer *Simply Give* Fall campaign at the *Fraser Meijer*.

\$10.00 donation cards are available at the back of church or at the Fraser Meijer store.

If you are unable to go to the store, cash donations are accepted in the parish office (or place in a separate envelope in the collection basket.) Pantry volunteers will go to the Fraser Meijer to make the donation for our pantry. Final double match day is on August 28! (SATURDAY!)

Non-perishable food donations may be left in the donation bin in the vestibule of the church.

Thank you for your support!

Aldi and Dollar Tree gift cards\*

Rice, Juice, Chicken ramen noodles, Tuna (Albacore, if possible), Diapers (size 6)

\*Gift cards are used by our food pantry to help supplement items that are needed each week to serve our pantry clients. <u>We</u> <u>cannot accept clothing or household items.</u>



### Goodfellow Dolls

Thank you to all who shared their talent in dressing Goodfellow Dolls. The creativity and the joy put into dressing the dolls will be a great blessing to someone in need!

### CSA UPDATE

Our 2021 goal: \$67,089.00

Total pledges: \$39,490.00
(As of 8/17/2021)

Current shortfall from goal: \$27,599.00

### Dear St. Ephrem Parish family,

Our support to CSA helps to continue the good work in our Archdiocese by supporting the ministries, programs, and services that reach the people in our neighborhoods.

The CSA is one of the most efficient ways to give to our parish. Any amount raised above our goal comes back our parish without an assessment. Thus far, we are just over halfway to our goal. If we do not reach our goal, that amount still has to be paid by the parish.

Thank you for the generosity you have shown to our parish over this past year and for all who have already made their 2021 donation. We are living in challenging times, however, these sacrifices will be blessed by the Lord.

For those who have not given yet, I humbly ask that you *prayerfully* consider giving to help meet our goal. If you are unable to donate financially, please offer prayers that we reach our goal. Pledge cards are available in the church, as well as the parish office. You may also give online by visiting the website listed below. Thank you in advance for your generosity. I continue to hold you all in prayer. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or need assistance.

With love in Christ, (Fr. Aro, MSFS) Fr. Arokiaselvam Nithiyaselvam, MSFS

Pledge securely online by visiting: stephrem.aodcsa.org.

### Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

Will you be celebrating a milestone anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60+ years)? Anniversary dates are pulled through ParishSOFT, but many files do not have wedding dates listed! Please contact the parish office to make sure we have your information correct.



## ST. EPHREM MERCY IN ACTION DAY OF SERVICE 2021

We continue our partnership with St. Aloysius parish by preparing "Blessing Bags" which contain hygiene items for men and women living on the streets of Detroit.

Our goal is to make 50 bags containing: TRAVEL SIZE: Shampoo, Body Wash, Hand Lotion, Antibacterial Hand Wipes (10 pack), lip balm, deodorant, shaving cream, razors and LOADS OF WARM, WHITE SOCKS!

Donations may be placed in the wooden box at the entrance to the church. Donations are being accepted during the months of AUGUST & SEPTEMBER.

St. Ephrem will also be hosting a "**Street Picnic**" in front of St. Aloysius church on Washington Blvd. in Detroit on Saturday, October 16th We will be preparing the food and serving approximately 200 homeless men and women, as well as long-time residents living in low-income housing in and around St. Aloysius parish.

- \* There is a need for drivers, servers, greeters, bakers, and prayer warriors!
- \* Donations of food will be needed in the early part of October.
- \* Volunteers will sign-up in September (Plan on carpooling)
- \* BAKERS are needed to make 1,200 chocolate chip Cookies

Time commitment on Saturday, October 16th will be from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (More details to come!)

St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Drive
Saturday, October 16th and Sunday, October 17th
(Donations are not accepted before these dates!)

"WHATSOEVER YOU DO TO THE LEAST OF YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, YOU DO UNTO ME." — Matthew 25:40

WHAT WILL YOU DO? For more information, please call the parish office at 586-264-1230.



The Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales have begun "the Year of Missions" which started on Pentecost Sunday 2021 and will end on Divine Mercy Sunday 2022. The year of Missions is a call to step out of our world and to give ourselves to others. We find ourselves when we give ourselves to others as Jesus gave himself to us on the cross.

The St. Ephrem Christian Service Commission is excited to announce some wonderful opportunities for all of us to reach across the globe to help young children in Africa, Brazil, and India.

#### **SUNDRESSES & SHORTS**

Can you sew? Consider making a sundress or shorts out of a colorful, *gently used or NEW* pillowcase or piece of cotton fabric. Dress and short patterns, along with instructions will be provided. We are looking to



make sundresses and shorts to fit toddlers through pre-teens. Look for more information in the Harp soon!

### DONATE PILLOWCASES AND COTTON FABRIC

Consider donating COLORFUL gently used or



NEW pillowcases and sheets. Donations of colorful cotton fabrics (no less than 1 yard) would also be appreciated.

Donations may be placed

in the wooden bin at the entrance of the church.

### **LEARN TO MAKE CORDED ROSARIES**

Consider learning the art of making corded rosaries. Detailed instructions, along with all of the materials will be provided at the classes, which will begin in January 2022.



### Announcements

The *general* dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation expired on March 13, 2021. Archbishop Vigneron grants these particular dispensations for the following groups:

- Those who are ill or whose health would be significantly compromised were they to contract a communicable illness:
- Those who care for the sick, homebound or infirmed or someone in a high-risk category;
- Pregnant women;
- Those age 65 or older;
- Those who cannot attend Mass for other reasons (such as a lack of transportation or being turned away because of capacity limits); and
- Those who have "significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass."

As a reminder, anyone who exhibits flu-like symptoms or believes they might be asymptomatically carrying COVID-19 or another communicable illness also are asked not to attend Mass "as an act of justice and charity" toward others. To read Archbishop Vigneron's full letter, visit: please www.aod.org/ comehometohope. To read the updated policies from the Archdiocese. please visit www.aod.org/emergencyresponse

All non-liturgical activities, (excluding food pantry), remain suspended until further notice. This includes all parish and support groups.

### Parish Raffle

Draw date: 08/11/2021 **Winning #450** 

**Joan Palmer** \$100.00 **Mary Steffes** \$25.00 John Mayer \$25.00

### Congratulations!

### WE PRAY FOR...

The faith community of St. Ephrem keeps in prayer all those who have asked for our prayers. Each Wednesday during Holy Hour, we pray for those listed . If you or someone you know is ill or in need of prayer, please contact the

- Randy Clarke
- · William C. Frey
- Anna
- Masakowski
- Ben
- Pannecouck • Paul & Maryann
- Bourgeau Teresa Yester
- Philip Mistretta
- Gerry Miranti
- Mary Jane & Michael Ziskie
- Kent Culpert
- Peter Ishioka
- Marcia Godawa · Richard &
- Elaine Jaye
- Izabel Randazzo
- Philip Kwiatkowski
- Ioan Bogel
- Hailey Petty • Luciana &
- Marisa Purtill Madeline
- Hafner Matthew Hafner
- · Tina Walker-
- Witulski · Noreen Kuzner
- Renee Calado
- Debbie Vido • Edgar Lee
- Buckner Jacqueline
- Irene Homnstrieter
- Dawn Moss
- · Kay Melnick
- · Dorothy Welch · Bernice Rynski
- Sally Gray Cheryl Linder
- Deborah Baranski
- Michael Gray
- Sonia
- DeChausse • Kathleen
- Wojerski • Glenda Lavigne
- Nick Schwartz
- John Busch Melissa Kashat
- · Daniella Kashat
- Ruth Sullivan
- · Susan Lill Michelle Trosper
- Maya Milovanovic Gladys Mosey

- Phyllis Marek · Krista Mertzer-Hafner
- Bob Gryebet
- Rick Gryebet • Christian & Nicholas Harting
- Robert Bryant Patty Lulek
- Sandra Moleski
- Sophie Moreton • Debbie
- Dombrowski Louis Barnard
- Neill Sladkin
- · Phoebe Hough Jeanie Quinn
- Joseph Prill
- Mary Prill Lori Cornelius
- Marie Hagedon
- Alice LoPiccolo Melissa Hunt
- Theresa Pierce
- Lucy Glinka Carol Girolamo
- Glenn Porth
- Steve Sadecki • Jerry Parka
- Michael Rvdzewski
- Bobby Cobb
- Carol Carr Sue Weatherly
- Richard Ruemenapp
- Roy Buzalski • Anna Buzalski
- Malcolm
- Scofield Tim Ries
- · Agatha Tovar
- · Maggie Leahy
- Bob Leahy Viktor Gjonaj
- Prela Gjonaj and family
- · Nicole Peltier
- Ike Rabafe · Elaine Rainko
- Robert Sheets
- Denise LaForest
- Iason Warner Eileen Albers
- Jeff Coon Anthony
- Leonardi Magdalene
- Gehring Floyd Jankowski
- · Thomas Sutton · Alfred Newton

- Sarah
- DeSchryver Linda Billette
- Angelina Ferris
- and family • Gloria
- Czerniakowski Richard Kasak
- Jenny Galka
- Riley Faith Sharon Kuzdal
- Doris Hagedon
- Garrett Adams
- Donna Daldine • Karen
- Rothenhauser Robert
- Kwiatkowski
- Ronald & Sylvia Kokesh
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- Marle
- Newberry • Marie Kurczak
- Valentine Menrath
- Wanda Tarnowski
- Donald Sanborn
- Chester Grabinski
- Ninoska Berbesi
- Sadya Neumann
- Peggy DiMercurio
- Nick Cirenese
- Fr. Blondell
- Roy Clason Marty Oglenski
- Randy Berry
- Ken Mosey • Thomas Breen
- Thomas Composto
- Mitchell Brand, Ir.
- · John Renaud Vera Rydzewski
- Joan Callaghan Mary Fran
- Leone Allyne Quatrine
- Cathy Trombley Angela Rashid
- Yvonne Hreno Joseph and Michelle Kupper

### ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH, WARREN, IS LOOKING FOR **PART-TIME WEEKEND CUSTODIAL HELP**

Assist the Head Maintenance in the cleaning and upkeep of the parish church, the parish center building and the surrounding Provides general grounds. ianitorial services.

Assists in setting up for Mass. Must be a self-starter, in good health, and willing to work in a Catholic environment, with some knowledge of Catholic parish life and practices.

Regular hours are Saturdays from 10 AM (if there is a Funeral) or 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM Sundays from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM. (May have to work additional hours as needed and available.)

Contact: Rev. Nick Zukowski, Pastor:

frnz@smdeporres.com.

### Families of Parishes

St. Ephrem is in the Central Macomb Vicariate Family 4 (Wave 2). This family includes the parishes of:

- St. Blase
- St. Ephrem
- St. Martin de Porres
- St. Michael

Please visit familiesofparishes.org for the latest information.

### St. Ephrem Parish Directory

### ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE: 586-264-1230 Parish E-mail: office@stephrems.org

Parish Website: www.saintephremchurch.org Office Hours: Monday-Thursday\*: 8:30am-5:00pm (\*Office opens at 9:30am on Wednesdays) Friday: 8:30am-Noon

Closed on Saturday and Sunday

### **REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE:**

(Masses first come, unless otherwise noted.) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9:00am **Saturday**: 4:30pm **Sunday**: 9:00am and 11:00am Confession schedule: Wednesday: 8:00am-8:45am, Saturday: 3:30pm-4:25pm and by appointment

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements and obtain preparation dates.

Weddings: Please contact the Parish Office at least six months (one year if not a registered parishioner) to arrange for marriage preparation. Wedding dates are not set by the Parish Office.

### **PARISH STAFF:**

(Fr. Aro, MSFS) Rev. Arokiaselvam Nithiyaselvam, MSFS

Administrator

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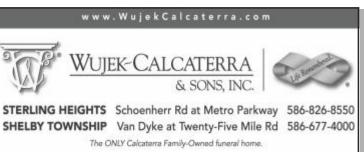
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