



The Spotlight

Immaculate Conception Church

Ira Township, Michigan

September 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Enter for Worship, Depart for Service



24th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Whoever wishes to come after Me
must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."*

Mark 8:34

Mass Times & Information

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
 9764 Dixie Highway, Ira Township, MI 48023
 Phone: 586-725-3051 Fax: 586-725-8240
www.iccatholic.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	8am 10am 12pm
Monday	8:30am
Tuesday	6:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am
Thursday	8:30am
Friday	8:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9am to 4pm
 closed 12-1pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday	9:15am
Saturday	3:30pm

BAPTISM

Parents must be registered for three months in the parish and complete two baptism preparation sessions before celebrating baptism.

MARRIAGE

Couple must meet with the pastor prior to choosing the wedding date and complete six months of marriage preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / HOMEBOUND

Call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery or if you would like Holy Communion brought to your home.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available in the parish office or you may register online at iccatholic.org.

PARISH DATABASE

Immaculate Conception invites you to create your own member account. You may contact the parish office with your e-mail address and we will send you a link to join our **Breeze** system where you may update your personal information and start or adjust online giving. (ic.breezechms.com)

ONLINE OR TEXT TO GIVE

For your convenience we offer Online Giving. You may contribute using a checking or savings account, credit, or debit card, and you may update or cancel at any time. You may make a one-time donation or set up a repeating schedule. We also offer Text-to-Give — just text your donation amount to **586-435-0011**. To give online just visit iccatholic.org/e-giving, call the parish office, 586-725-3051, if you need help.



THIS WEEK AT IC

**MON
13**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Loving Hands
 3:00pm.....SVdP
 6:00pm.....SoulCore
 7:00pm.....Handbell Practice

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

**TUES
14**

8:00 & 9:15am..... SoulCore
 1:00pm..... Christian Service Mtg
 6:30pm..... Mass
 7:15-9:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
 7:15pm..... Finance Council

Dm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn

**WED
15**

8:30am.....Mass
 6:30pm.....Called & Gifted
 7:00pm.....Choir Rehearsal

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**THUR
16**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Confessions
 9:30am.....Bible Study
 6:30pm.....Bible Study
 7:30pm.....Fatima Devotions

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

**FRI
17**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:30-12:00pmEucharistic Adoration

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

**SAT
18**

3:30pm.....Confessions
 4:30pm.....Mass

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

**SUN
19**

Catechetical Sunday

8:00am.....Mass
 10:00am.....Mass
 11:00am.....Catechist Reception
 11:00am.....Coffee & Donuts
 11:00am.....Rosary Makers
 12:00pm.....Mass
 1:00pm.....Baptisms
 1:00pm.....Youth Group

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



Fr. Joe's Jottings

Twenty years ago our nation was in mourning and shock; the September 11 terror attacks which killed some 3,000 of our fellow citizens also destroyed our national sense of invulnerability and security. Americans had always believed that God was “on our side,” and thus would never allow our enemies to assault and harm us on such a scale. As the world’s only superpower, the United States was supposed to be exempt from this sort of tragedy—and so, when 9-11 happened, it forced us to re-think many of our comforting assumptions.

Thousands of people flocked to churches, asking God to bless and protect our country—but this was a short-lived phenomenon; church attendance soon returned to its regular numbers. Moreover, even most of those who did continue praying to God overlooked the need for national repentance—for we have no right to ask for the Lord’s blessings if we are unwilling to humble ourselves in His sight.

From a moral and religious perspective, America is in far worse moral and spiritual condition today than just twenty years ago. There are no signs of a widespread spirit of repentance and renewal; rather, the laws of God are not only ignored and disobeyed, but mocked and rejected—and the dignity and rights of those who *do* strive to obey and serve God are increasingly scorned and assaulted. Adherents to traditional moral and religious values are all subject to oppression by political correctness, “woke-ness,” and the “cancel culture,” even as increasing numbers of self-appointed “cultural watchdogs” are quick to take offense at any expression of religious faith in public settings.

America has not humbled herself before God, and if anything, is now more set on the ways of immorality and religious rebellion than just twenty years ago. However, God will not be mocked (Gal. 6:7)—and if we as a nation choose to exalt ourselves against the Lord, He will humble us—probably in a very painful manner (cf. Lk. 14:11). The recent tragic and shameful withdrawal from Afghanistan—a backward country attacked by U.S. military forces with overwhelming power just one month after the 9-11 attacks—may very well be an example of this.

These events show the value and importance of the monthly Masses of Reparation (held on the third Monday of the month at 7pm) we’ve been offering for many years now. Praying for America’s moral and spiritual renewal is perhaps more crucial than ever before. Even as average Americans (especially our military and political leaders) overestimate our national strength and our ability to reshape the world to our liking, the average Christian underestimates the power of prayer and penance to affect the world around us. The more we strive to humble ourselves in God’s sight, the more we allow Him to heal our land and bless us (2 Chr. 7:14).

It is not enough that our country remembers the events of twenty years ago, and honors the memory of all the victims of 9-11 and all those who died defending our national

liberty and way of life. As a people we must also repent of our sins, return to the Lord, and allow Him to restore and renew us. The United States has always claimed to be “one nation under God,” and our society’s freedom and future will be secure only to the extent this remains true.

Let us pray fervently for an end to abortion, sexual immorality, restrictions on the freedom of religion, same-sex marriage, genetic experimentation, and every other moral aberration which calls down Divine Justice on our land—for if enough of us are united in this manner, these next twenty years can still become a time of grace, renewal, and blessing.

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As I mentioned in my bulletin column last week, an anointing with “Good Friday Oil” is being offered after Mass today. This is *not* the Sacrament of Anointing, but a blessing for persons wishing to be healed of or spared from any terrible side-effects of the COVID vaccine, and preserved from harm caused by any future pandemic.

Good Friday Oil is based on a “recipe” allegedly given by Our Lady in the late 19th century in Puerto Rico, and also to St. Andre Bessette in 20th century Canada. (It requires certain prayers to be said in honor of Jesus and Mary, while being prepared at 3 o’clock on Good Friday morning.) It is a *sacramental* (not a Sacrament)—that is, a prayer, ritual action, or blessing of the Church, whose effectiveness depends on *the recipient’s faith* in the saving and healing power of Jesus.

I will continue to make this anointing available as needed for persons unable to receive it today.

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The Catholic Services Appeal is continuing; as you can see from the numbers listed elsewhere in today’s bulletin, we still have a ways to go before we reach our goal of \$125,230.

If you have not yet contributed to the CSA, please prayerfully consider doing so; your participation in this campaign will be of great assistance to our parish.

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Q. What do you call those persons who sit in the rear of church and exit before Mass is ended?

A. The faithful departed.

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During his homily at a children’s liturgy, a priest asked, “What does a bishop do?” One lad raised his hand and answered, “Moves diagonally.”

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Thought for the Day:

Just as men’s joy for the world’s sake has a sorrow that accompanies it, so also godly tears are a seed of perpetual and unending joy.

--St. John Chrysostom

Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

Catechetical Sunday

This year, the Archdiocese of Detroit will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19th, with the theme "Disciples of Jesus: Witnesses to the Gospel." On this special day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to our parish community to pass on the Catholic Faith to our families.

Next weekend at the 10am Mass, we will celebrate our catechists' response to the Lord's invitation to develop their own relationship with Jesus. Catechists teach us to recognize Jesus' voice and invitation in our own lives so that we will grow as His disciples and witness His love and mercy in our world.

We also celebrate our parents, grandparents, and guardians by recognizing their important role in teaching the faith. The parish community is encouraged to pray for all catechists who dedicate themselves to the mission of helping those they teach to hear the voice of Jesus and to grow in relationship with Him.

Have a great week!
Tina Kovalcik, DRE

RCIA Inquiry Gatherings Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is the process by which adults join the Catholic Church. The RCIA sessions take place within the context of the parish community, and after a suitable period of formation, culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Formation includes several areas following the Encounter, Grow, Witness paradigm.

Scripture:	The stories of God's people.
Teaching:	What Catholics Believe
Prayer:	How we communicate with God.
Liturgy:	How the community worships.
Mission:	How we live out what we believe.

RCIA is for adults who were baptized Catholic but have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is also for those baptized in another Christian faith tradition and wish to become Catholic and for those who have never been baptized and wish to become Catholic. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, please call the Faith Formation Office at 586-725-1762 to register.

Our formal sessions begin on Sunday, October 3rd at 10:00am in the school library.

Adult Confirmation

Have you been baptized Catholic and received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion but missed Confirmation? Let us help you to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Adults 16 years of age or older, who are catechized and never received this Sacrament, may enter an 8-week preparation process that takes place twice a year. We begin the week of September 20th and end the week of November 8th.

This offering is FREE to all interested. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 586-725-1762.



Now Registering for Faith Formation 2021-2022 Ages 3-5 and Grades K-8

Registration information can be found on our parish website at www.iccatholic.org/faith-formation. You can call the Faith Formation Office at 586-725-1762 or email at fsecretary@iccatholic.org with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Classes begin Monday, September 20th at 5:15pm and Sunday, September 26th at 8:30am

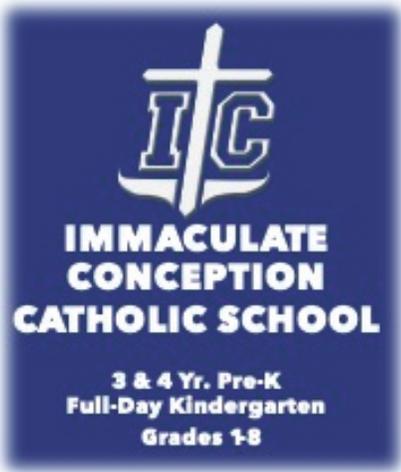
Holy Spirit Employment Agency

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time, and talents with others? Our Faith Formation department needs YOU!! Catechists are needed once a month on Sunday beginning September 26th for grades 4, & 5 and every Monday beginning September 20th for Kindergarten and 3rd grade.

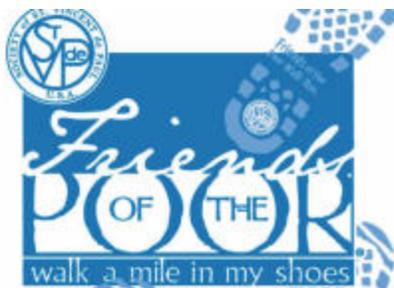
Please prayerfully consider whether this rewarding ministry is right for you! All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program and have a cleared background check on file.

Call the Faith Formation Office to inquire.





*Confidence in Education,
Anchored In Faith, Prepared for Life*



It's that time of year again. I'm happy to announce St. Vincent dePaul, Shine Youth Group, friends and parishioners will be participating in the 2nd Annual Walk for Our Friends in Need on **Saturday, October 2nd following the 9:00am Mass.** Last year we had a great turnout and we are hoping we have an even bigger turnout this year.

The walk is about three miles around our small community. There will be a water stop in the parking lot of the Fire Department on Meldrum Road and a light lunch at the end of the walk.

If you are interested in walking, please pick up a sponsor/registration form from the parish office. Ask your friends and family to sponsor your walk so that we can help many families in need. If you can't walk that day and want to make a donation, you can drop it at the parish office or in the collection, marked "Friends of the Poor Walk", payable to SVdP.

Thank you and God bless !

Sponsor a Classroom at Immaculate Conception!

Your funding will help defray the costs associated with classroom materials and supplies needed to provide a rigorous education for the students of Immaculate Conception.



What will you receive when you sponsor a classroom, besides an A+ in community spirit?

BRONZE SPONSOR \$250	SILVER SPONSOR \$500	GOLD SPONSOR \$1,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates from the Teacher about the classroom Updates from the Students themselves 	All Bronze items as well as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second row seating at our school's Spring Musical held in May 2022 	All Bronze and Silver items as well as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free monthly advertising in the Spotlight, the school's bi-weekly newsletter (for businesses)



If you are interested, please contact Mr. Ricard at the school office: 586-725-0078.

Thank you in advance!

*** The 4th / 5th grade classrooms have already been sponsored!!!



Knightly News



Congratulations to the following men who were installed as officers for the K of C Au Lac Council 10724 on September 2 by District Deputy Ron DePestel!

- Grand Knight**
- Deputy Grand Knight**
- Financial Secretary**
- Chancellor**
- Recorder**
- Warden**
- Treasurer**
- Advocate**
- Lecturer**
- Inside Guard**
- Outside Guard**
- 3rd Year Trustee**
- 2nd Year Trustee**
- 1st Year Trustee**

- Jeff Wooten**
- Brian Lents**
- Jim Mattina PGK**
- Steve Campbell**
- Mark Kehoe PGK; FDD**
- Bob VanDriessche**
- Bryant Sebastian**
- Richard Robinson PGK**
- Pat Bohr**
- Alan Austin**
- Ron Murmeys**
- Jack Sweeney PGK**
- Tony Czerniawski**
- Jim Haase PGK**

D e a c o n S p e a k e r

Mass of Reparation is Monday, September 20th, at 7pm. What is the definition of “reparation”? According to Merriam-Webster, “reparation is a repairing or keeping in repair; the act of making amends, offering expiation, or giving satisfaction for a wrong or injury; something done or given as mends or satisfaction.”

From the Catholic Dictionary, “reparation is the act or fact of making amends. It implies an attempt to restore things to their normal or sound conditions, as they were before something wrong was done. It applies mainly to recompense for the losses sustained or the harm caused by some morally bad action. With respect to God, it means making up with greater love for the failure in love through sin; it means restoring what was unjustly taken and compensating with generosity for the selfishness that caused the injury. (Etym. Latin reparare, to prepare anew, restore.)”

*If my people pray and turn from their wicked ways,
I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin.*

God invites us to become vessels of mercy by making reparation on behalf of sinners. Making reparation on behalf of others, especially when praying for them at Holy Mass, makes us instruments and intercessors of God's healing love and is a great act of mercy. The infinite merits of Christ's Passion enable us to add our daily prayers, labors, trials, and sufferings to those of the Lord: “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is the Church.” (Colossians 1:24) “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Come and join us, be united with Jesus Christ; and, pray for the healing of our nation.

Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and grant us healing. Praise God! Deacon Ken

Rosary Makers



The Rosary Makers will meet next Sunday, September 19th following the 10am Mass in the parish hall.

Please stop by and see what this fantastic group has been up to. New members are always welcome.



Protecting God's Children Workshop

The Archdiocese of Detroit requires that all adults over the age of 18, who will be **volunteering with children, elderly or handicap persons** in any way attend this free workshop.

If you wish to chaperone a class trip, help at a school or faith formation event, take communion to the homebound or help in any other capacity where you will be around children, elderly or handicap persons, you will need to attend this workshop!

To register, please go online to www.virtus.org. Contact Colleen with any questions, cwooten@iccatholic.org or call the parish office.

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

5:30pm Light Meal

Workshop 6pm to 9pm in the Parish Hall

ACTS

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Bible Study!

Two times to choose from!
9:30am or 6:30pm.
Location: Immaculate
Conception Parish Hall

We will be using a video and discussion series called Lectio from Formed. Dr. Mary Healy will be our video presenter as we explore “Acts of the Apostles” and dive into what it means to live out the Gospel message in today's society.

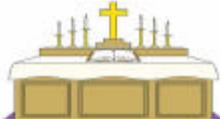
Please register by contacting Laura at 810 334-5101 (call or text) or call the Parish Office at 586 725-3051.

Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night



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 are or if you know of any interested men or would like to encourage someone you know.

Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night
In-person at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
7:00 – 8:30 pm
RSVP – Dewimille.erin@aod.org
Wives are HIGHLY encouraged to attend



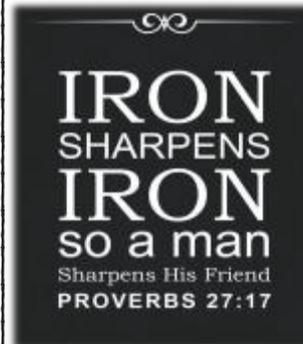
Sacristans Desperately Needed

Have you ever considered being a sacristan? If you are able to attend morning Mass during the week, please consider serving your Church as a Sacristan. You will be trained to prepare everything for Mass and to serve during Mass.

Please pray for guidance and call the parish office if you can help in this ministry.

Kapaun's Men

Immaculate Conception, Ira



Are you looking for a Catholic Men's study group where we learn the faith, talk about issues that pertain to today's world, while holding true to our Catholic faith?



We meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the Parish hall at 9:30am and ends at 10:30am, with fellowship following until 11am.



Starts Saturday, September 25, 2021 (9:30am)
 Contact Ray Somogy: 810.841.1218 (Text preferred)

Following The Messiah: Scott Hahn Reflects on The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see [John 6:15](#)).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see [Daniel 7:13-14](#)). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see [John 18:36](#)). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will

be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see [Galatians 5:6](#)).

Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.



Remember in Your Prayers

Names of the sick will be published for **four weeks**. If you wish to place the name again, please contact the office.

- Nichole Amicone
- Richard Barch
- Theresa Cangelosi
- Dennis Cyr
- Marion Eggeman
- Michael Endres
- Joe Finamore
- Kathy Kaufman Gleissner
- Mark Golden
- Baby Halie Henderson
- Tom Hickerson
- Donald Keller
- Mary Kot
- Marlene Krul
- Adam LaFrance
- Tom Lemanski
- Michael McCormick
- Melissa McDonner
- Mary Ann Milko
- Susan Neumann
- Barbara Novack
- Bob Novack
- Matthew Novak
- Guy & Titi Ratchford
- Grace Schmuck
- Scott Simons
- Joanne Smyth
- Gina Stahovick
- Elianna Grace Tomczak
- Delphine Wegryn



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 13

8:30am

- † Glenn Kandler— by his Family
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory— by the Kandler Family

Tuesday, September 14

6:30pm

- † Katie Meldrum — by Chris & Mary Jo Frank
- Mary C. Cornwell — Birthday Blessings — by her Family

Wednesday, September 15

8:30am

- For Protection, Love, Blessings & Good Health for Debbie & Vanessa
- † Ed Reim — by the Fred Mahn Family

Thursday, September 16

8:30am

- Blessings & Protection Upon Fr Joe — by The Daily Mass Group
- † Edward Tomkiewicz — By The IC Funeral Greeters

Friday, September 17

8:30am

- † Michael Knox— by the IC Funeral Greeters
- † Kathy DeBusschere — By Deacon Ken & Gloria

Saturday, September 18

4:30pm

- Jocille Crowe — Birthday Blessings — by her Family
- † Bill Kempt — by the Fred Mahn Family

Sunday, September 19

8:00am

- † William Kolodziejczak — By Tawnee Milko
- † Christopher Sommers — by Andy & Betty Nagaitis

10:00am

- For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

12:00pm

- † Bruce Spiekhout — by Bill & Jacque Thompson
- For an Increase in Vocations



Please Pray for our Military

- SSGT Chad Bohr, US Air Force
- Sgt Jason Finamore US Army
- Sgt Drake Jacobsen, US Army
- Alex Kurple, US Navy
- Fr. Lt. Tomek Maka, US Navy
- Sgt Mitchell Sikorski, USMC
- PS1, Felix Garcia, US Navy

Please send the name, branch of service and rank of any active Military persons to editor@iccatholic.org.



Today's Intentions

4:30pm

- † Greg Simons
- † William Kolodziejczak

8:00am

- † Esther Nolan
- † Helen & Gerald Brown

10:00am

- Bishop Robert Fisher
- † Patricia Day

12:00pm

- The People of IC

September 18 & 19, 2021

	Saturday 4:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
ALTAR SERVERS	Trey Poley (sub req.)	Danielle Ogilvy	Aidan McDonald	Rebecca Gordon
EMHC	Carol Kaufman - Host (1) Celebrant - Host	Dcn Dave Ebner Host (1) NOT FILLED - Host (2) Celebrant - Host	Dcn Dave Ebner - Host (1) Ashley Sebastian- Host (2) Celebrant - Host	Deacon Ken - Host (1) Todd Bont - Host (2) Celebrant - Host
LECTORS	Dominic Schirmer	James Ruemenapp	Tina Kovalcik	Lisa Bont
USHERS	David DeGregory Greg Milbreath Oscar Stefani	Peter Cornwell James Mattina Christine Plegue Bob Tharrett	Jim Zeck Chris Barrett Dave Furtah Don Plegue Ron Vigneron	Tad Gabryel Don Claeys Tammie Thelen Aleksander Zacharko Sandra Zinevich
GREETERS		Mary Jo Frank	Kim Gutenschwager	Eliana Hogarth Bryant Sebastian
SACRISTAN	Tom Dunn	Ted Stawiasz	Janis Cornwell	Ed Gates

Heroes & Heroines (Saints) From Our Family History

Mon., Sept. 13th, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church: John Chrysostom died on Sept. 14, 407. He was an ascetic, who became bishop of Constantinople in 397. He was an outstanding preacher (thus surnamed "golden mouthed"). He defended the poor, sought reform of the clergy. He was twice exiled due to royal opposition. He authored ascetical, apologetic, and polemical treatises as well as letters. He is one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church. He is the patron of preachers and of Istanbul

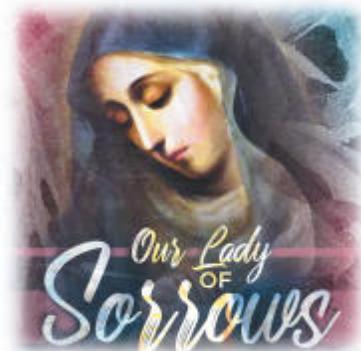
Tues., Sept. 14th, The Exaltation of The Cross: This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church, the Anastasis, above the empty grave of Jesus, and a basilica, the Martyrium, in the square between the two churches, a shrine, Calvarium, marking the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The two churches were rebuilt by Patriarch Modestus of Jerusalem c. 626, but were later destroyed by the Muslims in 1009. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149. Today also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's cross by the empress, St. Helena in 320.

Wed., Sept. 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows: By the 14th century, the sorrows of Mary numbered seven: the presentation of Jesus in the temple; the flight into Egypt; Jesus being lost in Jerusalem; the meeting of Jesus and Mary on the way to Calvary; the crucifixion; the taking down of Jesus' body from the cross; and Jesus burial.

Thurs., Sept. 16th, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs: Cornelius died in 253 in exile in Civitavecchia. He opposed Novatian and the rigorists in the lapsi controversy. He is buried in the cemetery of Callistus. Cyprian was decapitated on Sept. 14, 258 under Valerian. He was an ally of St. Cornelius; bishop of Carthage; wrote On the Unity of the Catholic Church. Cyprian disagreed with Pope Stephen I, who reigned 254-257, over the question of rebaptism of heretics and schismatics. He was the first African bishop to be martyred. He is the patron of North Africa and of Algeria. Both saints are mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Fri., Sept. 17th, St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop: Robert Bellarmine died in 1621; Tuscan, brilliant Jesuit scholar, preacher, writer, and systematic apologist of the Counter Reformation. He is most noted for his Catechism and Disputationes de Controversiis Christianae Fidei. He was involved in the Galileo affair. He was cardinal archbishop of Capua. He is the patron of catechists and catechumens.

From the Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist, 2021 Archdiocese of Detroit and the Six Dioceses of Michigan; (b.) The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. IV.



Stewardship in Action - Collection Update

August 23 - 29, 2021

Offertory	
Envelopes	\$6,354.00
E-Giving	\$3,128.00
Loose.	<u>\$325.59</u>
TOTAL	\$9,807.59
Goal — \$12,500 per week	
Thank You!	



2021 Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged Amount:	\$83,632
Budgeted Goal:	\$125,230
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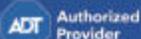
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