



*St. Mary Great Mother of God
Catholic Church
July 10, 2022*

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The Parish Office is open Monday-
Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm

Daily Mass: 7:45 am Wed-Friday
Saturday morning: 8:30 am
No Mass on Mondays or Tuesdays

Weekend Masses:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

Adoration:
Wednesdays
8:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Confession:
Wednesdays 5-6p.m.
Saturdays 3-4:30 p.m.
Or by appointment

For other Sacraments please call the
parish office

*The Best Way to Find Love
is to Find God*



15th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon
him was moved with compassion at
the sight." - Lk 10:33

Masses for the week of July 11, 2022

Mon	July 11	No Mass Today-God Bless America!	
Tue	July 12	No Mass Today	
Wed	July 13	7:45 am	Mass-for the repose of the soul of Bill Reid Jr.
		8:15 am to 6:45 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thur	July 14	7:45 am	Mass-for George & Heather Pfaller
Fri	July 15	7:45 am	Mass- for the Dick & Kathy Noskey Family
Sat	July 16	8:30 am	Mass-for the perseverance of all priests and religious
		5:00 pm	Mass-for the repose of the soul of Kathy Noseky
Sun	July 17	10:30 am	Mass-for all parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF July 16 & 17

	<u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
Lectors	Dr. Jim Reagan	Lisa Mills
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rhonda Fitzpatrick	Neil Mills
Green Acres/Homebound	Barb Boland	
Flower Schedule	Rhonda Fitzpatrick	



ASK FATHER MICHAEL

In an effort to connect with you, Fr. Michael will be answering questions about faith, or details of his own life that you are curious about. Please submit your questions to the parish email at stmarylowell@att.net or put them in writing and he will answer them via a bulletin article.

Deposit for 7/3/2022 will be in next week.

Adult Envelopes:	\$	
Loose collection:	\$	
Children's:	\$	0.00
Total:	\$	



Needed for budget \$5500.00

Happy Birthday to You!

- Jul 13 Cheryl Doyle, Bruce Langlois
- Jul 14 Bethany Kaczanowski, June Serne
- Jul 16 Wayne Bradeen
- Jul 17 Kari Halfmann, Elissa Eckard

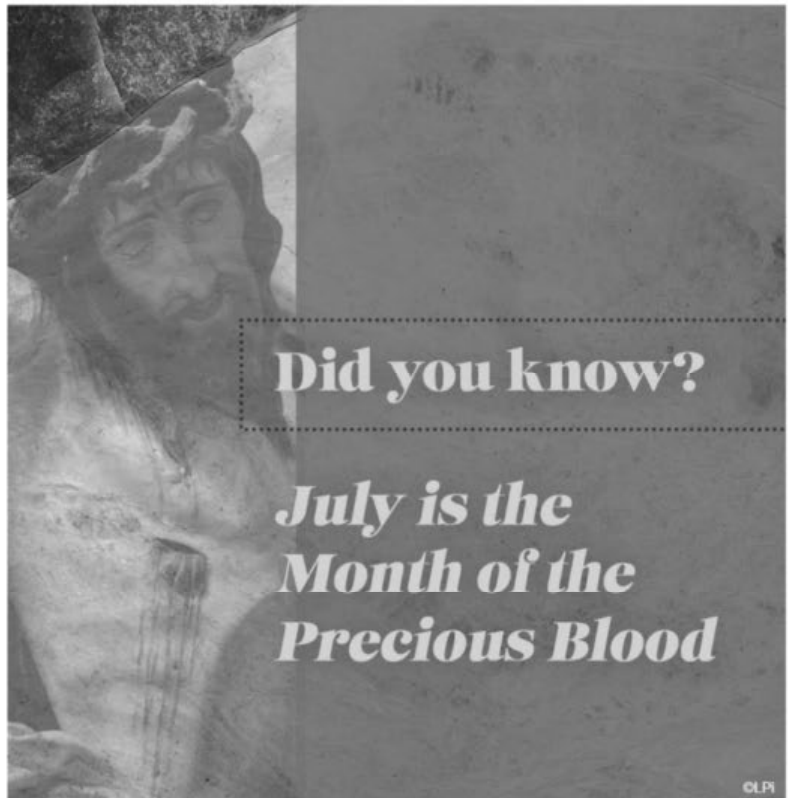


Rest in Peace-for our deceased & their loved ones; All of our fallen heroes and the faithful departed. **Support Prayer for comfort & healing to those who are ill or injured, for the homebound & for caregivers and those in the Military;** all those affected by Covid-19 and natural disasters, the people of Ukraine, Melanie Starr, Noah Langlois, Suzie Doherty, Susan Serne, Bob Graham, Lisa Zigmont, Vee Sarb, Bob & Barb Hess, Pat O'Connor, Jim Roskamp, Jeff Bowles, Betsy Davidson, Donna Roskamp, Dave & Martha Roskamp, Rosemary Gamble, Tom Scheidel, Gertrude Zygaj, Anna Organek, the unemployed, Michigan's economy, and war wounded, justice and peace in the world, and for all priests and religious, and the Holy Catholic Church.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It's important to keep our eyes open. Otherwise, we can easily dismiss things that truly require our attention. Whether it is someone needing care, a wrong that must be rectified, an injustice that must be addressed, or someone in need of a helping hand, the lens through which we view life (and even the rules by which we live) can prevent us from stopping and acting. Whether it's an obsession with being on time, a compulsion to complete tasks according to a schedule, or a rigidity with not breaking a law or fear of taking a risk, we miss daily opportunities to show mercy. We often fail in our duty to be a good neighbor, especially when it involves brothers and sisters remote from us whom we have never met. The pain of the world is our pain. God's law of love, mercy, and compassion is not something remote. It's already within us and very near. All we have to do is open our eyes and carry it out.



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



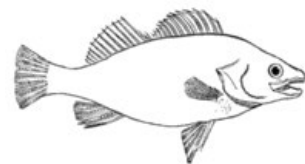
Fish Fry Surplus Sale

The Knights of Columbus have unopened boxes of frozen fish and bags of frozen French fries and fish sticks left over from the Fish Fry. If you are interested in purchasing either, please contact Matt VanderWerff, Bryan Forney or the parish office at 616-897-9820.

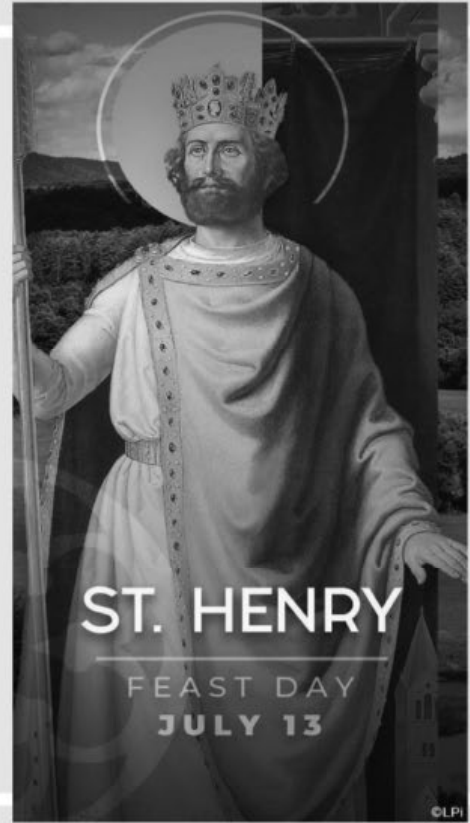
Fish is \$36 for 5lb box of 4 oz. un-breaded cod loins.

Fries are \$5.50 a 4 lb. bag.

Fish Sticks are \$12.00 for 4 lb bag (60 sticks)



We were able to take 12 high school students to the Steubenville Youth Conference held at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH the weekend of June 24th-26th. We would like to thank the St. Mary's Education Foundation for providing scholarships to help cover the cost of the conference. Thank you to everyone in the parish who has been purchasing SCRIP; the proceeds helped cover the cost of transportation to the conference. And, a special thank you to our adult chaperones: Eric Pugh, Neil Mills and Georgia Schmitz who helped our teens grow in their faith over the weekend. It truly was an unforgettable experience for all! Jennie Forney, Director of Religious Education.



Saint of the Week

Saint Henry was born in 972 to Henry, Duke of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife Gisela of Burgundy. Saint Henry's early life was permeated with Christianity, among those who guided his education was Bishop Wolfgang of Ratisbon, who became a saint himself. In 995, Saint Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. In 1014, Saint Henry undertook the long journey from Germany to Rome to be crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict XIII.

In 1022 Saint Henry assisted Pope Benedict VIII in holding the Council of Pavia, which promoted clerical celibacy and sought to end simony (the buying and selling of ecclesiastical goods and offices). During his reign, Saint Henry used his wealth and position for the Church. He confirmed Benedict's authority over Rome, was a patron of churches and monasteries, supported the Cluniac Reforms, restored episcopal sees, and founded the Diocese of Bamberg where he built a cathedral. Saint Henry was married to Cunigunde of Luxembourg, to whom he was incredibly devoted. Although disputed by some historians, some stories of the couple's marriage report they took vows of chastity because their union was childless. Saint Henry died in July of 1024 and was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III.



WHAT JESUS DOESN'T SAY

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content

of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?



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