



# *St. Mary Great Mother of God Catholic Church*

*July 17, 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*



## *16<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was  
Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat  
beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

**Masses for the week of July 18, 2022**

Mon	July 18	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tue	July 19	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Wed	July 20	7:45 am	Mass-for the repose of the soul of Gary Wohlsheid
		8:15 am to 6:45 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thur	July 21	7:45 am	Mass-for the repose of the soul of Julia Rasch
Fri	July 22	7:45 am	Mass- for the Dick & Kathy Noskey Family
Sat	July 23	8:30 am	Mass-for the perseverance of all priests and religious
		5:00 pm	Mass-for Beth Pfaller
Sun	July 24	10:30 am	Mass-for all parishioners

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF July 23 & 24**

	<u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Jim Pfaller</b>	<b>Eric Pugh</b>
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Mike Organek</b>	<b>Roger/Kathy Southland</b>
<b>Green Acres/Homebound</b>	<b>Brigitta Boston</b>	
<b>Flower Schedule</b>	<b>Janice O'Neill</b>	



**Dinners and House Blessings!**

Fr. Michael would love to get to know the parish community. If you would like to invite him over for a lunch or dinner, please email Father and give some available dates and times. Fr. Michael is generally not available for meals on Sundays and Mondays.

**Deposit for 7/10/2022**

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 6582.00
Loose collection:	\$ 1276.25
Children's:	\$ 0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 7858.25</b>



**Needed for budget \$5500.00**

The Knights of Council 7719 invite the families of St. Mary to spend time with our Savior in holy Adoration on Wednesday evenings this summer and then join us in the PLC after the Benediction at 6:45 p.m. for an ice cream treat and some Christian fellowship. The Knights will provide ice cream and activities for families each Wednesday from the end of Benediction until approximately 8 p.m. throughout the summer.

**Happy Birthday to You!**

Jul 18	Janet Thompson, Dominic Schmitz
Jul 21	Angela Patyi
Jul 22	Diane Schmidt, Melissa Amaya
Jul 23	Dick Horsch, Carmen Spike



**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, 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.

## Ask Fr. Michael?



### Where did you grow up?

I grew up in East Moriches, NY, a small hamlet on the east end of Long Island with a current population of about 5,249 people. It became known internationally because the plane TWA Flight 800 exploded 8 miles off the coast of our

town and our local coast guard became the staging ground for the recovery operation.

**How many siblings?** I grew up in my home with a half-brother (Stephen) and half-sister (Elizabeth) and also had two other half-brothers (Philip and Donald) that were already grown adults with families of their own when I was a little child. (pictured is my Dad(Howard) and Mom (Margaret-Mary), along with Stephen, Liz, and myself)



### When and how did you know that you wanted to be a priest?

About a year after becoming Catholic, I started praying about the vocation to

priesthood and had some new Catholic friends recommend I explore it. I also visited current priests in our Diocese and asked them about priesthood.

### What do you like most about being a priest?

I love celebrating the Sacraments (particularly Confession, the Eucharist, and Baptism) and helping people allow the faith to take deeper root and more greatly impact their everyday lives.

**Will you encourage parish community events?** (Coffee/donuts, picnics, etc?)

Yes. I want to encourage both parish community events and events in which we reach out to our community with prayer and fellowship.

**Please feel free to email questions to the parish office or Father Michael directly at: [fathermichaelgood1@gmail.com](mailto:fathermichaelgood1@gmail.com).**



The Monsignor Hugh Michael Beahan Council 7719 of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce the following Good of the Order awards in recognition of the faith, works and charity of these St. Mary parishioners for the month of July 2022:

### Knight of the Month

Worthy Brother Pieter Serne

In recognition of his hard work completing the membership billing process and fraternal year audits for our Council.

### Family of the Month

The Forney Family

In recognition of Jennie's work in support of the children of St. Mary Great Mother of God Parish and the whole family's involvement in making the 2022 Vacation Bible School a success.

### Youth of the Month

John Paul Poelma

In recognition of his service to the parish community during the spring MI Drive.

Please join Council 7719 in congratulating these parishioners on this well-deserved recognition and thank them for all they do spread God's love through our parish and the world!

Vivat Jesus,  
Bryan Forney  
Grand Knight



## BE READY FOR GOD TO “STOP BY”

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called “stopping by.” They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. “I was just in the neighborhood,” they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

“Crazy,” you might exclaim. “People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope

with the uncertainty?” Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply

two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.



## LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We become a welcoming person when we can step aside from our own needs and desires to create space for someone else. Welcoming involves a quality of listening and presence that communicates to another person that what they are sharing and who they are have importance. When we shift attention and focus from ourselves and direct it toward someone else, positive things can happen. When someone knows that their story matters, it can be life changing and life-giving. Hospitality brings forth life and celebrates relationships. Whether we are actively tending to the business of serving the needs of others or opening ourselves to listening to their story, devotion and attentiveness are friends of love. Becoming anxious and preoccupied with one's personal agenda leaves no room for the creative, nurturing and spontaneous power of God's love.



Thank you to Valley City Linen for donating the use of the tablecloths for Fr. Ferris' Farewell party. Also, thank you to Diane Schmidt, Cathy Gutowski, Michael Wohlsheid, and all the others who helped with set up and clean up. Thank you to Matt VanderWerff for being Emcee for the party. It was a very nice send off and I know Fr. Ferris was very appreciative!

### 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)



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Looking to add a little more sparkle and fireworks to your marriage and your faith? Plan NOW to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this fall:

Sep. 30-Oct. 2 at the Augustine Center in Petoskey

Oct. 28-30 at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish in Wyandotte

Nov. 18-20 at the Comfort Inn in Farmington Hills.

Apply at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or contact Chris & Darla at 517-667-0433 for more info.

"A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children."

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