



# St. Mary Great Mother of God Church

## We Welcome You!

### September 18, 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

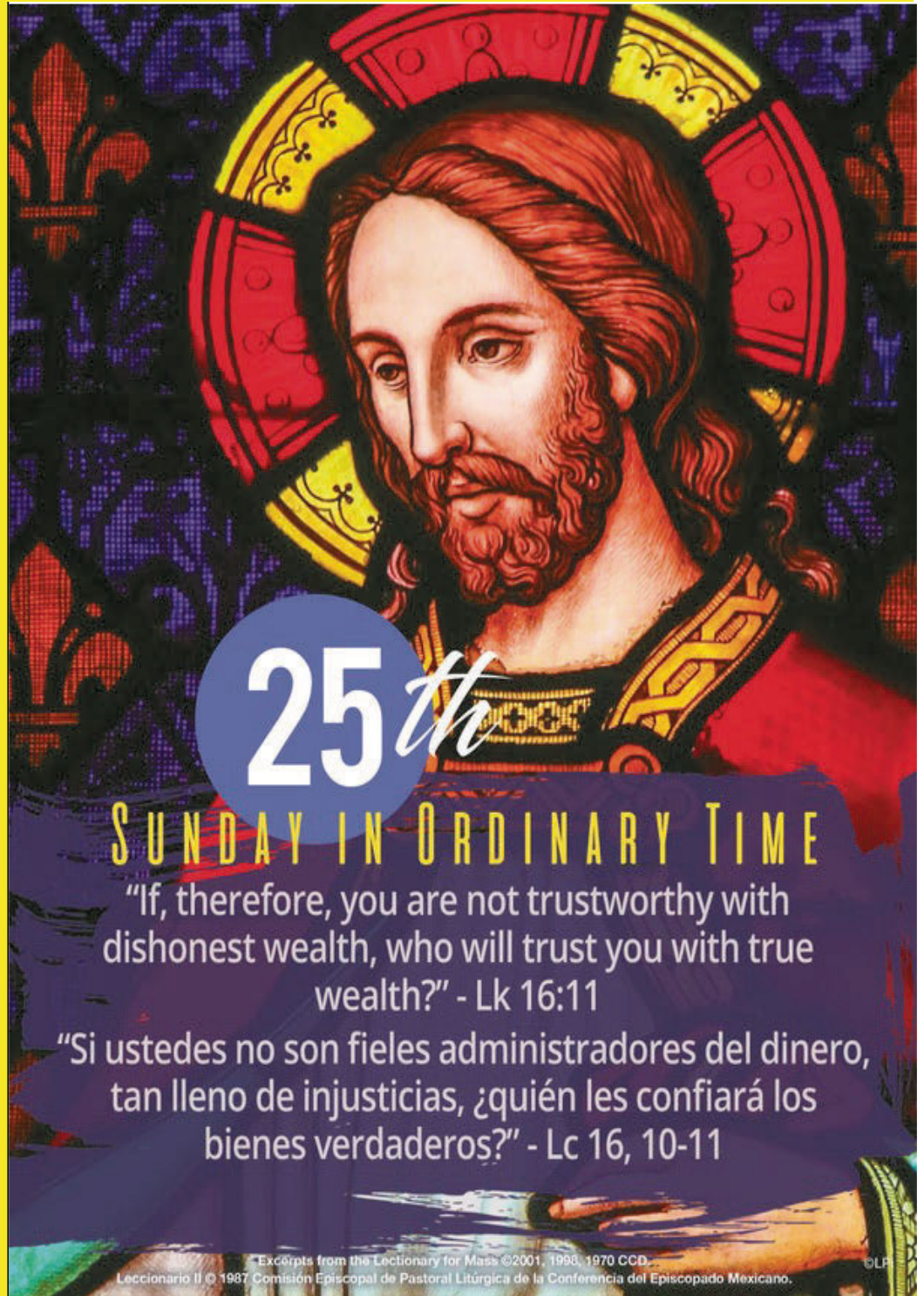
**Adoration:**  
Wednesdays 8:15 a.m. to 6:45 pm

**Confession:**  
Wednesdays 5-6on  
Saturdays 3-4:30 pm  
Or by appointment

**First Fridays of each month:**  
5-8pm Confession & Adoration

**First Saturdays of each month:**  
Rosary 8:00 am followed by  
Mass at 8:30 am

For other Sacraments please call the  
parish office



# 25<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with  
dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true  
wealth?" - Lk 16:11

"Si ustedes no son fieles administradores del dinero,  
tan lleno de injusticias, ¿quién les confiará los  
bienes verdaderos?" - Lc 16, 10-11

## Masses for the week of September 19, 2022

Mon	Sept. 19	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tue	Sept. 20	<b>St. Anthony Church/Saranac</b> -Confession & Vespers 5:30-6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm	
Wed	Sept. 21	7:45 am	Mass-for the repose of the soul of Julia Rasch
		8:15 am to 6:05 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		Vespers & Benediction 6:05 –6:15 pm	
Thur	Sept. 22	7:45 am	Mass-for Rhonda Fitzpatrick
Fri	Sept. 23	7:45 am	Mass- for Jeanne Feldpausch
Sat	Sept. 24	8:30 am	Mass-for the perseverance of all priests and religious
		5:00 pm	Mass-for Michael Fischer
Sun	Sept. 25	10:30 am	Mass-for all parishioners



### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF September 24 & 25

	<u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>	
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Mike Leseons</b>	<b>Christie Huhn</b>	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Mike Organek</b>	<b>Grant Hengesbach</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Dirk Ritzema, Jim Reagan, Dave Roskamp and Lisa Boles</b>	<b>Pat Huhn, David Stump Eric Krieger, Joe Krieger</b>	
<b>Nursing Home/Homebound</b>	<b>Denise Dommer</b>		
<b>Flower Schedule</b>	<b>Rhonda Fitzpatrick</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 9/7/22**

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2305.00
Loose collection:	\$ 1,732.00
Children's:	\$ 0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,037.00</b>



**Needed for budget \$5500.00**

### Happy Birthday to You!

- Sept 19 Bryce Rademacher
- Sept 21 Benjamin Mullins
- Sept 22 Rhonda Fitzpatrick
- Sept 23 Melissa Patyi
- Sept 25 Randall Eckard



**Adult Bible Study** is being held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the St. Joseph Room. We will be going through the Gospel of Mark: Faith Not Fear. Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance to make Mark's Gospel come to life. Please join us! For more information, please contact Jennie at [starmylowelldre@gmail.com](mailto:starmylowelldre@gmail.com).

*St. Matthew*



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Abraham Lincoln said the main cause of the Civil War was that America had forgotten God. Much the same could be said about the 60 million who have been killed through abortion since 1973. Let us continue the work, calling on God in repentance and asking for His aide in helping to greatly reduce this scourge that has stained the character and purpose of our country.—Cal Thomas

BE THE  
LIGHT  
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

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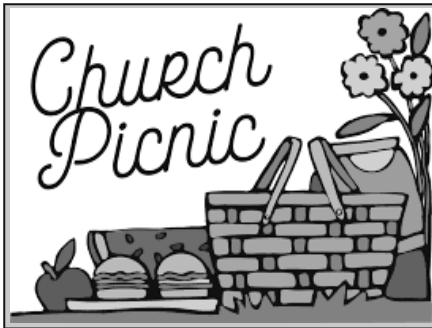
Save a life; donate blood. St. Mary will be having a blood drive on October 2, 2022 . More details to follow. Please sign up with the link below:

[https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/149215](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/149215)

St. Mary Council of Catholic Women invite you to join us in a “Thinking of You” card shower for Tom Scheidel, a long-time St. Mary member. Please send cards to: Tom Scheidel, 6081 West River Dive NE Room 107, Belmont, MI 49306. Thank you!



**Holy Family Radio** is having their Fall Pledge Drive this week, September 19-23. Please tune in to **your** local Catholic Radio station at 1140AM and support Catholic broadcast ministry. God bless!



**Today, September 18th:** Parish Picnic after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the parish. Bring a dish to pass. The church will provide BBQ sandwiches, chips, drinks and tableware.

"I don't know where this is going. But where you lead me, I will follow."  
*Desert Road, Casting Crowns*

### Explore Priesthood Discernment Group Meeting Dates

The Explore Priesthood Group is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations. Each month, young men (ages 16 – 35) are invited to gather and discern God's will for their lives.

Time for prayer and reflection will be held monthly at St. Stephen Parish in East Grand Rapids from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **This year's discernment opportunities are offered on the following Sundays: Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Jan. 8, 2023, Feb. 12, March 12, Apr. 23.**

Sons of the Holy Family Initiative: Introduction and training for men and boys will be September 25th in the St. Joseph Room after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. A light brunch will be served after Mass. A comprehensive description of this initiative is printed and can be found in the bulletin pockets at the church entrances.

### Fight Like Heaven 54-day Novena

Governor Whitmer has repeatedly said, both she and her allies in the pro-abortion lobby will, quote, "fight like hell" to ensure abortion is legal in Michigan. This November, Planned Parenthood and the ACLU are trying to amend our State Constitution with the "Reproductive Freedom for All" Initiative.

In addition to voting NO, we must 'Fight Like Heaven!' to combat this proposed amendment. The Diocese of Lansing is inviting Catholics across the state to join them in a novena beginning on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Sept. 15. It runs through election day. You can sign up for a daily text providing information and inspiration across each of the 54 days by texting 'FightLikeHeaven' to 84576.



Life Chain Sunday is coming up on Sunday October 2nd from 2-3pm. Pray to end abortion and to be a witness for all the innocent unborn children that have been

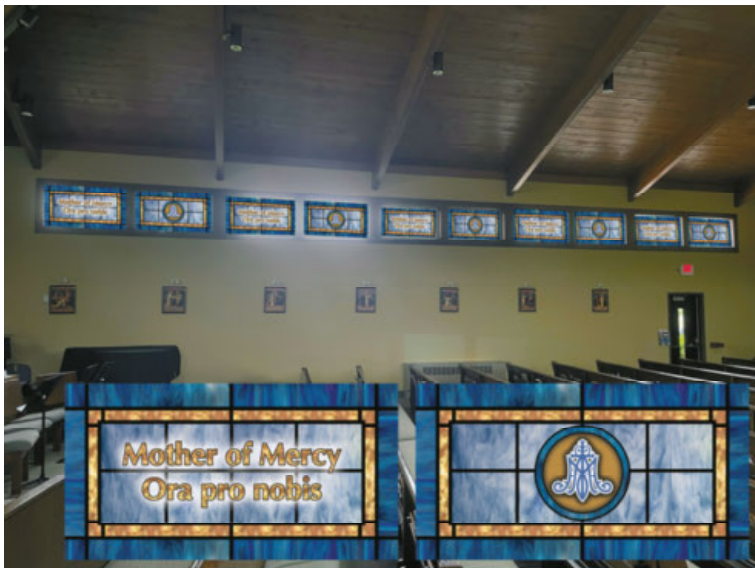
and are being killed in our country. We will meet in the Little Caesar's parking lot to pick up signs and stand along Main street in Lowell for the hour. For ?'s call Melissa Gast at 616-558-5602.



**From Fr. Michael's desk:**

I wanted to provide an update on some of our parish facility improvement/beautification projects that are being planned.

If any of you have noticed, our 50+ year old church sign out front has problems. I am just going to leave it at that. Anyway, I've have been collaborating with Ionia signs about some new signage around the parish and also a couple of directional signs along M21 across from Amity Street. There will be some slight modifications to these concepts, but I wanted to get you these concepts so you can provide any feedback on them. As always, feel free to email or call the parish office. I'm happy to hear from you.



Also, an update on the stained glass window concepts. I wanted to share a new edit of the stained glass films for the windows inside the Church. We may scale back on some of the other windows we considered outside the main Church to keep our costs down. Any final cost and options will be presented to the parish. One factor is that we may need to actually replace some of the window glass in the Church as many of them have broken vacuum seals between the double panes and are no longer energy efficient. Any ongoing feedback or suggestions are welcome! This project would likely start in early 2023.

**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.



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