Star of the North Catholic Community

Fr. Emmanuel T. Finbarr, Administrator

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2021 - Year B

Mass Times

Saint Joseph
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Holy Family
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saint Joseph
Saturday, 4:00-4:45p.m.

Holy Family
Thurs, 10:00-10:30a.m.
(after Mass)

and by appointment ……..

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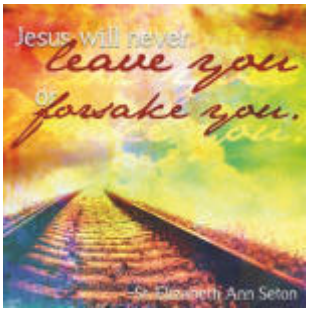

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 18
9:15a.m. **No Mass** **St Joseph**
Tuesday, January 19
9:30a.m. **No Mass** **St Joseph**
Wednesday, January 20
9:30a.m. **No Mass** **St Joseph**
Thursday, January 21
9:30a.m. **No Mass** **Holy Family**
10:00-10:30am Private Confessions **H Family**
Friday, January 22
9:30 p.m. **No Mass** **St Joseph**
Saturday, January 23
4:00-4:45p.m. Private Confession **St Joseph**
5:00p.m. **Mass** **St Joseph**
Sunday, January 24
8:00a.m. **Mass** **St Joseph**
9:30a.m. **Mass** Marlene Booms **Holy Family**
11:00a.m. **Mass** For the people of St Joseph & Holy Family Parishes **St Joe**

****Fr. Emmanuel will be gone until February 12th. There will be no Masses during the week.**

Liturgical Ministers

4th Sunday January 23 & 24

Altar Servers

5:00PM	Casey Klopft
8:00AM	Emily and/or Olivia Leibler
11:00AM	**VOLUNTEERS**

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00PM	Joan Denemy
8:00AM	Joan Denemy
9:30AM	
11:00AM	Joan Denemy

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00PM	Joan Denemy, Peggy & Bryce Zettle
8:00AM	Sue Bergevin, Joan Denemy
9:30AM	
11:00AM	Brian Sikorski, Lamont Swain, Joan Denemy

Hospitality Ministers

5:00PM	**VOLUNTEERS**
8:00AM	Mike Balser, Brian Leibler, Charles Misiak, Mark White
9:30AM	**VOLUNTEERS**
11:00AM	William Kuzenko

ST. JOSEPH WEEKEND COLLECTION 1-10-2021

Offertory: $ 7,624.01 (includes monthly tithe)

2020 CSA Target: $59,228.00
134 Pledges (to date)

*****If you cannot attend mass during the week or weekend you can mail-in your tithe or sign-up for electronic transfer (call the parish office for information) or you can put your envelope in the mail box at the parish center.**

To those who continue to support the parish financially and with your prayers!

HOLY FAMILY WEEKEND COLLECTION 1-10-2021

Offertory: $ 1667.00

2020 CSA Target: $18,740.00
67 Pledges (to date)

"Love is patient,
Love is kind."
1 Corinthians 13:4

THANK YOU *to everyone who has pledged so far. May God bless you for your generosity!!*

Please Remember in Your Prayers

The intentions requested in the parish petition book, our sick, and our deceased Dorothy Noble and her family.

Please say one decade of the Rosary for those who have passed away this month.

Knights of Columbus Council 2022 upcoming News

Hello to all, I hope this finds everyone safe & doing well!

Due to the covid-19 pandemic & all the dining & health concerns. The Knights of Columbus **86th annual Sausage Supper Celebration** will be TAKE-OUT ONLY! Dinners as always will be $10. It is to be held at the Columbus Home Hall on Friday Feb 12th 2021 in West Branch. Serving will be from 5:00 till 7:30pm.The Council has also decided to open the event up to the general public. Sausage will also be available the night of the supper in assorted #2 lb packages.

Also, the **Appreciation Sparerib Dinner**, will be TAKE OUT ONLY on Sunday Feb 14th from 4-6pm at the hall. Dinners will also be $10. The Council is also opening this event up to the public. You can call & pre-order your meals & extra sausage, at the Columbus Home Hall #989 345-7110. Please leave your name & a brief message with your order. Also tell us where you're from. Let us do the cooking for you, plus take some great fresh sausage back home with you!

If you need further information, I can be reached at 989 345-7069, or e-mail me @ gk2022@mikofc.org.

We **THANK YOU** in advance for your support, during these difficult times!

Fraternally yours,

Rick Leibler, & all the members of Ogemaw Council #2022.

Location of the Blessed Sacrament

Question:
Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:
While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document Built of Living Stones (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous Eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

PRAYER Requests

Our Thoughts and Prayers are With You

Sylvia Selesky, Karen Benjamin, Helen Austin, Geraldine Chrivia, Mary Ellen Houston, Cecil Zettel, Joe Hintz, Beverly Schneider & Theresa Santos (Quackenbush), Donna Fritz-Stanley and Rosie & Brian Evans.

School News

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DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

It is such a blessing to work at a Catholic School where we can pray and share our faith with our youth.

While Fr. Emmanuel is home, the staff and students will have various prayer services on Wednesday morning's. Last week, the school children prayed the Litany of Saints for an end to the pandemic.

This coming Wednesday the fifth and sixth grade will lead the Rosary for our country.

THE GOLDEN TICKET

Don't forget to tune into Facebook Monday, January 18th at 6:30 pm for our live monthly Golden Ticket Raffle. This has been a fun way to stay connected during these crazy times!

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more … ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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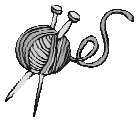
The Spirituality of the Evangelist: Virtual Retreat with St. Paul Street Evangelization's Adam Janke

All are welcome for a Catholic Biblical School of Michigan (CBSM) sponsored virtual retreat on Sat January 23; 9 am to 3 pm, held on Zoom. Retreat will include talks by Adam Janke, times of quiet away from the computer for reflections, opportunities for group discussion, and guided prayer. Cost $10/household. Register by January 18th at cbsmich.org/retreat.

Yarn Needed



4 ply yarn, any color! Or if you are in need or know of anyone in need who would like a homemade Afghan, please call Virginia Linsenman at 345 -1355.

2020 Year End Giving Statements

If you would like a 2020 giving statement, please call the parish office at 345-0064 or put a note in the collection with your name and address stating you would like a 2020 year end statement or use the note below. Statements will be available to send after the first of the new year.

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2020 Year End Giving Statement

Name

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Parish

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Scripture Readings

Monday, January 18
Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Having been perfected through suffering, Jesus, our high priest (1,Ps), has inaugurated the messianic times (2).

Tuesday, January 19
Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
In Jesus we are delivered (Ps) and given sure hope of entry to the promised land (1). Jesus is Lord even of the Sabbath (2).

Wednesday, January 20 S Fabian & Sebastian
Heb 7:1-3, 151-7; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Melchizedek's priesthood (Ps) prefigures that of Jesus (1) whose ministry transcends the prescriptions of the Sabbath laws (2).

Thursday, January 21 S Agnes
Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Jesus heals the afflicted (2) thus doing the Father's will (Ps). As our high priest, Jesus intercedes on our behalf (1).

Friday, January 22
Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-14; Mk 3:13-19
Through God's saving help (Ps), we seek to be faithful to Jesus' new covenant (1) which the Twelve proclaimed (2).

Saturday, January 23 Ss Vincent & Marianne Cope
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
When Christ ascended (Ps) into the heavenly sanctuary, he cleansed us of sin (1). Members of Jesus' own family would not even accept him (2).

Sunday, January 24 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways (1)., thus experiencing the Lord's compassion (Ps). Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus (3)? Do we invest our lives in the world rather than in God's Kingdom (2)?

HYMNS THIS WEEKEND

Here I Am, Lord
Taste and See
Seek Ye First

And the responsorial psalm will be: "Here am I, Lord; Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

LOCATION OF SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

Fr. Emmanuel will be hearing confessions on Saturday afternoon from 4PM to 4:45 PM in the side chapel, located at the west door of the church. If you see that someone is with him, please wait in the body of the church until you see the person leave. Thank you!

STAR OF THE NORTH CLUSTER OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are as usual, however the offices are still closed to the public. Please call the office during these hours and we will be here to answer or leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

MARRIAGE PREP & R.C.I.A.

Anyone planning on getting married or would like to become a Catholic, please contact Deacon Glen or Joan Denemy at 989-345-0064 ext 304.

Please remember to turn in your CSA pledge if you have not already done so. We are short of our target and would like to try to make our goal again this year. **Thank you** to all who have pledged this year and in the past campaigns. We appreciate your generosity! If you would like a pledge card, please call the parish office and one will be mailed to you. Thank You

NEWS FROM HOLY FAMILY CCW

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the annual **Pierogi & Kielbasa Dinner** will not be held this year. It is our hope to resume it again next year!

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH will soon be forming an **Arts and Environment Committee** to assist in decorating the church for the different liturgical seasons of the year. Please prayerfully consider joining this committee to assist in the beautification of our church. Details will be forthcoming in the bulletin.

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Holy Family

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Friday: 10:00am to 12:00pm
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