

# STAR OF THE NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Fr. Emmanuel T. Finbarr, Administrator

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2022 - Year C



## Mass Times

### *Saint Joseph*

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

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online at  
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### *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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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Monday, August 15**

No Mass

**Tuesday, August 16**

9:30a.m. **Mass** Art & Sharon Galea **St Joseph**

**Wednesday, August 17**

9:30a.m. **Mass** Deceased members of the  
Harry Lester family **St Joseph**

**Thursday, August 18**

11:10 a.m. **Rosary** **Holy Family**

11:30 a.m. **Mass** Barb Gleason **Holy Family**

**\*\*Meeting at Rose City Café to follow mass\*\***

**Friday, August 19**

9:30a.m. **Mass** **St. Joseph**

**Saturday, August 20**

4:00-4:45p.m. **Private Confession** **St Joseph**

5:00p.m. **Mass** Janet Buhlman **St Joseph**

**Sunday, August 21**

8:00a.m. **Mass** Jerry Lehman **St Joseph**

9:30a.m. **Mass** For the people of Holy Family  
& St Joseph Parishes **Holy Family**

11:00a.m. **Mass** Leon Rau **St Joseph**



## ST. JOSEPH WEEKEND COLLECTION

8/7/22

Offertory: \$8,044.00

Seminarian Fund: \$1,610.00

**2022 CSA Target:** \$81,093.00

85 Pledges for a total of: \$39,495.00



## HOLY FAMILY WEEKEND COLLECTION

8/7/22

Offertory: \$3,927.00

Seminarian Fund: \$523.00

**2022 CSA Target:** \$20,570.00

52 Pledges for a total of: \$14,990.00



Thank you all for supporting our future  
clergy through prayer and financial gifts!

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

3rd weekend August 20th & 21st

### Altar Servers

5:00PM Casey Klofft  
8:00AM Emily and/or Olivia Leibler  
9:30AM **VOLUNTEERS**  
11:00AM Chase Brewer

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00PM **3 Needed**  
8:00AM **3 Needed**  
9:30AM William Schneider, Angela  
Schneider, Jane Hollobaugh, Sally  
Vanderbush

11:00AM **3 Needed**

### Proclaimers of the Word

5:00PM T. Hollenbeck, Ken & Kathy Zettel  
8:00AM Sue Bergevin, Joan Denemy, As  
requested  
9:30AM Gary Andres, Don Rozzi  
11:00AM Brian Sikorski, Angie Sikorski, &  
Lamont Swain,

### Hospitality Ministers

5:00PM **VOLUNTEERS**  
8:00AM Brian Leibler, Rick Leibler, Dick  
Ehinger, Andrew Bak  
9:30AM **VOLUNTEERS**  
11:00AM William Kuzenko

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

\*\*\*If you cannot attend mass during the  
week or weekend you can mail-in your tithes,  
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.

# THANK YOU!

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to all who have made their gift to  
the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal. St.  
Joseph is 49% towards their goal of  
\$81,093. Holy Family is 73% towards their  
goal of \$20,570. If you have not yet made a  
gift or pledge, it is not too late to help us  
meet and even exceed our target. Please  
participate in the support of our diocesan  
church by giving today.

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## ST. JOSEPH CCW NEWS

### Visit to Blessed Father Solanus Casey Shrine:

Holy Family East Tawas is planning a day for us to visit the relics in Hillman. The date is **Wednesday August 17th**. The day begins with the rosary at 8:30am with Mass at 9am. Coffee and snacks will be provided. There will be a movie on the life of Fr. Casey. They also expect one of the miracle recipients to speak about his healing with the help of Fr. Casey. You may bring a sack lunch or stop at restaurant on your way home. There will be time for private prayer.

**Coming soon—A Library!** In the old “cry room” by the main entrance of the church, we hope to have a library set up by September. You may take a book, read it and return it or pass it on to a friend. There is no “signing” the books out. Roberta Beck is leading this committee.



**Southeast CCW Regional Meeting will be held Wednesday August 24th** at St. Pius X Church in Hale beginning with Mass at 9am with Fr. Cureton. Registration with coffee and breakfast treats will follow. David Seitz, OFS will be our speaker **“Keeping the Peace of Christ When the World is in Chaos” lunch** is next and then we will have our meeting. **Reservations are needed by August 7, as lunch is being catered. Call Sharon.**

Michigan Catholic Women’s conference: **“For such time as this”** will be held at the Lansing Center October 15th, 9am-5pm. There are 5 speakers: Theresa Tomeo, Sheri Wohlfelt, Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, Erin Looby Carlson, and Melanie Rea. I had heard at least two of these speakers and they are wonderful and very inspiring. Details are on the website or call Sharon.

**Meditation for the week:** “ Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

Questions, ideas, suggestions, please call Sharon Fritz at 989-343-0772.

**We are responsible for cleaning the church in August.** If you can help, please call Lorie Levasseur (989)343-4668.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2022 NEWS

### August 1st-15th Calendar Winners

- 1st- 568 Myles Kimbl \$25
- 2nd- 259 Matt McGregor \$25
- 3rd- 348 Rodney Wolosonovich \$25
- 4th-363 Jacob Hesch \$25
- 5th- 448 Neil DeShano \$25
- 6th- 183 Angie David \$25
- 7th- 839 Ron DiDomenico \$50
- 8th- Gene Wagoner \$25
- 9th- 483 Bill Ballard \$25
- 10th- 908 Jim Tourence \$25
- 11th- 775 Debbie Gagne \$25
- 12th- 380 Stephanie Hearit \$25
- 13th- 904 John Wasarzewski \$25
- 14th- 295 Debbie DiDomenico \$50
- 15th- 295 Debbie DiDomenico \$25



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### K OF C CALENDAR RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus 2023 calendar raffle is in full swing. **They again are \$25 dollars.** We are only selling 1000 calendars. Special prizes for Sunday's & holiday's! Numbers are drawn for every day of the year! **365 chances to win!** Get yours today, before they are gone!

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Rick Leibler, 989 312-2295

**THANK YOU in advance for your support!**



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### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Happy August! The summer is flying by. A special thank you to Jean Hintz for working so hard to get our classrooms cleaned and shined up for the new school year! Thank you also to **Steam Brite Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning** in Alger for cleaning our carpets and rugs again this summer! He donates his time and equipment every year. We appreciate you!



The school office will be closed on August 22 & 23 for staff meetings and retreats. Sorry for the inconvenience. There are still openings in all grades except for Preschool. This year we have 104 students registered in Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is up over 20 students from last year.



God is good! With much prayer, we are thankful that most of our positions are in the process of being filled. Once everything is final we will do an official welcome. We however, are still in need of a 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies and Religion teacher. This will be a part-time position.

Students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades are enjoying a Summer Refresher last week and this week. Students are enjoying some fun activities, reading, writing and math to get them ready for the coming school year.

School begins August 29<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to welcome everyone back from summer break!

### PRAYER REQUEST

Sylvia Selesky, Karen Benjamin, Geraldine Chrivia, Mary Ellen Houston, Cecil Zettel, Joe Hintz, Donna Fritz-Stanley, Rosie & Brian Evans, Geri Tabaka, Rita Rhead, Hazel Peralta & Tina Peralta Wilkes, Steve Kenworthy, Virginia Bailey, & Cathy Adamski.



An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

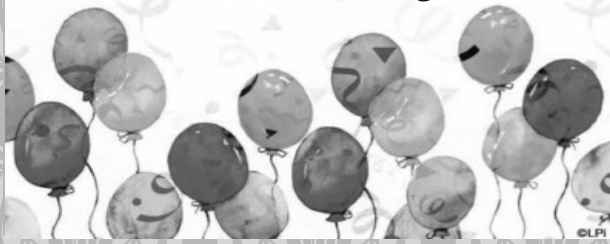
**CONGRATULATIONS  
FATHER EMMANUEL!**

20th Priestly Anniversary Celebration  
for Father Emmanuel Tizhe Finbarr

Sunday, August 28th at 4:00pm  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
601 Columbus Drive  
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\*\*Please RSVP by Monday August 22nd  
to pc.stjoseph@gmail.com or call (989)  
345-0064 x301 with your name and  
number attending\*\*



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**



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

**HOLY FAMILY CCW MEETING**

Thursday, August 18th  
11:10am Rosary at church  
11:30am Mass  
Luncheon and meeting afterwards at Rose City Café

**SAVE THE DATE**

Holy Family CCW Bake Sale  
September 4th, 9:30am mass



**Monday, August 15 THE ASSUMP-  
TION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1  
Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Because she belonged to Christ (2), Mary, our queen (Ps), is raised on high (3), a great sign (1) for all who believe in her Son.

**Tuesday, August 16 S Stephen**

Ez 28:1-10; (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36b; Mt 19:23-30

The prince of Tyre is condemned because of insolence (Ps) and greed (1). How difficult it is for the rich to experience salvation (2).

**Wednesday, August 17**

Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

The Lord himself will shepherd the flock (1, Ps). God's love far exceeds human justice (2).

**Thursday, August 18**

Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

The Lord will cleanse us of our sins and place a new spirit within us (1, Ps). All are invited to feast at Christ's banquet (2).

**Friday, August 19 S John Eudes**

Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

A national restoration is foreseen (1), the redeemed being gathered far and wide (Ps). The whole law can be summed up in one word: love (2).

**Saturday, August 20 S Bernard**

Ez 43:1-7b; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Israel's monotheism is celebrated in a new temple (1) where the Lord dwells (Ps). There is only one God and Father of us all (2).

**Sunday, August 21 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

No one is to be excluded from the kingdom for all peoples are called to proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess his holy name. No ethnic or religious group possesses exclusive right to the kingdom (1, Ps, 3). Suffering and pain are part of the human condition (2).



## **\*\*STAR OF THE NORTH CLUSTER**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Office hours are as usual, however appointments are preferred. 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.

Monday - 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday - 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Friday - 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

### **BAPTISM**

To have your child baptized please contact the parish office 989-345-0064 extension 301 to make arrangements for baptismal preparation.

### **MARRIAGE PREP & R.C.I.A.**

Anyone planning on getting married or would like to become a Catholic, please contact Joan Denemy at 989-345-0064 extension 304. For weddings please contact at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

### **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH**

If you would like to become a registered parishioner of St. Joseph or Holy Family church please let us know. You can stop by the parish office to pick up a Parish Registration Form, send a request in the collection, or call the office (989)345-0064 and we can mail you one. Thank you for joining us!

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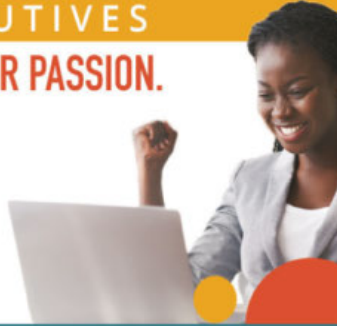


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