

STAR OF THE NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Fr. Emmanuel T. Finbarr, Administrator
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 2022 - Year C



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."
- Lk 13:29-30

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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)

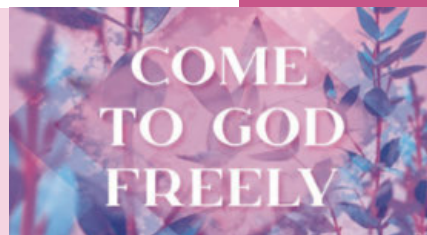
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 22

No Mass

Tuesday, August 23

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

Wednesday, August 24

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

Thursday, August 25

9:30a.m. **Mass** **Holy Family**

10:00-10:30a.m. **Private Confession** **HF**

Friday, August 26

9:30a.m. **Mass** Bernadette Sunderman **SJ**

Saturday, August 27

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

5:00p.m. **Mass** Donald Ketcham **St Joseph**

Sunday, August 28

8:00a.m. **Mass** Raymond Allain **St Joseph**

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

11:00a.m. **Mass** Dorothy Noble **St Joseph**

****The parish office will only be open 12pm-2pm on Tuesday August 23rd due to an office retreat****



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

4th Sunday August 27th & 28th

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 John Peralta, Hazel Peralta, Janette McCleary, Josie Burnham
- 11:00AM **3 Needed**

Proclaimers of the Word

- 5:00PM Joan Denemy, As requested
- 8:00AM Calli-Lawe-Barr, Sue Bergevin, Joan Denemy
- 9:30AM Irv Booms, Sally Vanderbush
- 11:00AM Brian Sikorski, Angie Sikorski, Lamont Swain

Hospitality Ministers

- 5:00PM **VOLUNTEERS**
- 8:00AM Brian Leibler, Rick Leibler, Dick Ehinger, Mike Balser
- 9:30AM **VOLUNTEERS**
- 11:00AM William Kuzenko

ST. JOSEPH WEEKEND COLLECTION

8/14/22

Offertory: \$10,553.00 (includes monthly tithes)
Total Seminarian Fund: \$1,842.00

2022 CSA Target: \$81,093.00
85 Pledges for a total of: \$39,695.00



HOLY FAMILY WEEKEND COLLECTION

8/14/22

Offertory: \$1,795.00
Total Seminarian Fund: \$628.00

2022 CSA Target: \$20,570.00
57 Pledges for a total of: \$16,196.00



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 tithe, 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.



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 79% 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.

ST. JOSEPH CCW NEWS

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. **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.

National Conference of CCW to be held in Minneapolis– St. Paul November 3rd-5th at the Minneapolis Marriott. Basic registration is \$400. Meal and activities (some include the speaker) is around \$300, rooms begin at \$146 plus taxes for single and goes up depending on how many are in the room. Again more information is online or contact Sharon.

Meditation for the week: “Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me.” Micah 7:8

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.

CEMETERY NEWS

Due to a water leak, the cemetery water is currently shut off. We are working on repairing it and will keep you updated on the status. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2022 NEWS

Stay tuned for the next ticket winners! Thank you to all for your support from the Knights of Columbus Council #2022

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!



Calendars can be purchased also at these locations...

- Fernelius Chevy in Rose City
- West Branch Automotive
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For more info, contact:

Dick Ehinger 989 942-0070 or

Rick Leibler, 989 312-2295

THANK YOU in advance for your support!

THANK YOU!

A special thank you from Life Choices Resource Center. We were able to raise \$544.98 in baby bottles drive for the organization.

SAVE THE DATE

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



ATTENTION

The Parish is in need of a Coordinator to organize and schedule the volunteer cleaners of the church. If you are interested, please call the parish center (989)345-0064.

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.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Congratulations August Golden Ticket Winners!

1st Draw for \$2500 - #18 Abby Coleman
2nd Draw for \$1250 - #88 Delinn Keetch
3rd Draw for \$1250 - #25 Jake Langendorfer



We're currently selling Golden Tickets for the yearlong drawing that begins in October. Tickets are \$1200 and family and friends can go in on a ticket. Each month we have three drawings 1 for \$2500 and 2 for \$1250. Each month your ball goes back in for a chance to win each month.



All the proceeds benefit St. Joseph School. Contact Casey Swartz if you want to purchase a ticket or learn more at 989-233-2393. Tickets can also be purchased at the school office.

Things have been changing throughout the past couple of weeks. Mrs. Ackerman has changed positions and will no longer be a teacher at St. Joe's. We wish her well in her new career! The 5/6th grade homeroom, ELA, SS position is back open as a full time.

Welcome new staff members! Pam Walker and Brianna Ridley as preschool aides, Lori Brindley as 1st/2nd grade teacher, Peggy Zettle as 3rd/4th grade teacher.

Reminder: The school office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, August 22nd & 23rd for staff meeting and spiritual retreat.

IN SEARCH OF

The St. Joseph CCW are looking for 2 book cases to be used for the library in the church. If anyone has one they would like to donate please call Roberta Beck (989)345-6822. Thank you!



The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. "When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)."

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, "all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews)."

"What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God's creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before.



**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
West Branch



****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.

HELP WANTED

St. Joseph Parish is hiring a part-time Maintenance Director to be responsible for the mechanical and maintenance issues for St. Joseph Church, Parish Center, and School. Duties will include routine inspection of boilers, emergency lights, fire alarms, building roofs, playground and equipment. The individual will also be responsible for changing furnace filters, painting, moving school furniture for cleaning, spraying for pest control, and other duties as needed. Applicants should work well independently, be flexible, hardworking, and conscientious. A knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith is preferred. If you are interested in applying, please complete the application at the Diocese of Gaylord's website (dioceseofgaylord.org). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



**Monday, August 22 The Queenship
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Paul proclaims the Lord's praises (Ps), giving thanks for his grace in Thessalonika (1). Beware of hypocrisy (2).

Tuesday, August 23 S Rose

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Through the Lord's coming (Ps) is certain, it will be delayed (1). Jesus criticizes those scribes and Pharisees who place observance of tradition over the demands of love (2).

Wednesday, August 24 S Bartholomew

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Bartholomew acclaims Jesus as Messiah and King (Ps, 2), the Lamb of the heavenly Jerusalem (1).

Thursday, August 25 S Louis; S Joseph Calasanz

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Paul praises the Lord (Ps) for graces bestowed upon the Corinthians. Let us remain blameless (1) till the day of the Lord (2).

Friday, August 26

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
The Lord's plan (Ps) entails the cross, a stumbling block and an absurdity for many (1). Be alert for the Lord's coming (2).

Saturday, August 27 S Monica

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
The Lord has chosen (Ps) the weak to shame the strong (1). We are called to exercise stewardship over our gifts (2).

Sunday, August 28 TWENTY_SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility (1) shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled (3). The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God (Ps) in the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem (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.

MACKINAW BRIDGE WALK

Join Bishop Walsh as he walks across the Mackinac Bridge to support Catholic Human Services.

This family friend event will allow you to walk the Mackinac Bridge alongside Bishop Walsh and the staff of Catholic Human Services on September 5th, 2022. Visit the DioceseofGaylord.org webpage to find out how to create a walker page and for more details.



VOCATION VIEW

Often Jesus followers are leaders. The best way to lead others through the narrow gate is to learn how to be a good and loving leader.

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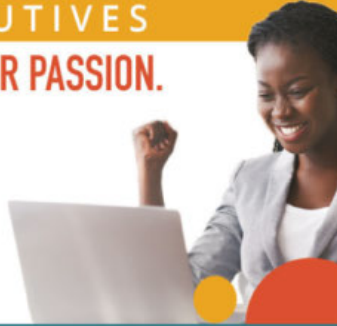


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