

STAR OF THE NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Fr. Emmanuel T. Finbarr, Administrator

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28, 2022 - Year C



Mass Times

Saint Joseph

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

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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 29

No Mass

Tuesday, August 30

9:30a.m. **Mass** Deceased members of the Rhead/Novak families **St Joseph**

Wednesday, August 31

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

Thursday, September 1

9:30a.m. **Mass** **Holy Family**
10:00-10:30a.m. **Private Confession** **HF**

Friday, September 2

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

Saturday, September 3

4:00-4:45p.m. **Private Confession** **St Joseph**
5:00p.m. **Mass** Janice Illig **St Joseph**

Sunday, September 4

8:00a.m. **Mass** Brian Jones **St Joseph**

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

11:00a.m. **Mass** Art & Sharon Galea **St Joseph**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

1st Sunday— September 3rd & 4th

Altar Servers

- 5:00_{PM} Casey Klofft
- 8:00_{AM} Emily and/or Olivia Leibler
- 9:30_{AM}
- 11:00_{AM} Chase Brewer

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00_{PM} **3 Needed**
- 8:00_{AM} **3 Needed**
- 9:30_{AM} Becky Goulette, Sally Vanderbusch, Josie Burnham, Jane Hollobaugh

11:00_{AM} **3 Needed**

Proclaimers of the Word

- 5:00_{PM} Julie Meir, Joan Denemy, As requested
- 8:00_{AM} Tom & Elisabeth Kish, As requested
- 9:30_{AM} Doug Goulette, Rose Allard
- 11:00_{AM} Ken Newsham, Joan Denemy

Hospitality Ministers

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



**ST. JOSEPH
WEEKEND COLLECTION**

8/21/22

Offertory: \$ 7,016.30
Total Seminarian Fund: \$1,902.00

2022 CSA Target: \$81,093.00
88 Pledges for a total of: \$40,340.00



**HOLY FAMILY
WEEKEND COLLECTION**

8/21/22

Offertory: \$2,927.00
Total Seminarian Fund \$648.00

2022 CSA Target: \$20,570.00
58 Pledges for a total of: \$16,846.00



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 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.



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to all who have made their gift to the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal. St. Joseph is 50% towards their goal of \$81,093. Holy Family is 82% 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.

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: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path,” Psalm 119:105

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

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!



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2022 NEWS

August 16th-31st Calendar Winners!!

16th - 294 Elaine Shumway \$25
17th - 687 Anita Kelly \$25
18th - 540 Elizabeth Chamberlain \$25
19th - 889 Alexandria Moore \$25
20th - 082 Craig Scott \$25
21st - 539 Richard Riegle \$50
22nd - 804 Beth Ann Wendt \$25
23rd - 940 Calli Lawe-Barr \$25
24th - 437 Kathy Wilde \$25
25th - 080 Julie Drumm \$25
26th - 531 Jim Vantine Jr. \$25
27th - 572 Ron Dale \$25
28th - 616 Mary Jane Schnautz \$50
29th - 187 Ed Neubecker \$25
30th - 050 Peggy Zettle \$25
31st - 592 Robert Schein \$25



Congratulations! Thank you for supporting 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
- Diebold Insurance Agency West Branch
- Medler Electric in West Branch

For more info, contact:

Dick Ehinger 989 942-0070 or
Rick Leibler, 989 312-2295

THANK YOU in advance for your support!

August 28, 2022

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

School begins this Monday, August 29, 2022. Join us in praying for all who are returning to school.



Prayer FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR
God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;
Give wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you to Jeff Short and Rick and Brian Leibler for installing LED lights in the gym. They look great! These are the last of the lights that needed to be changed out to make our school more energy efficient. Another special thank you to Mary Short, Shantel Leibler, Jessica Gilbert, Casey Swartz, and Lyndsay Simmons and their children for helping spruce up the playground for the new school year! Everything looks great and we're ready for a fantastic school year!

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.

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA.



That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



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

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.

PIANOS FOR SALE

—Suzuki S-350 digital baby grand
—Yamaha digital CLP-585
\$500 each or best offer



SAVE THE DATE

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

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.

Scripture Readings



Monday, August 29

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29

Faith rests not on human wisdom but on the power of God (1) and his commands (Ps). Like John the Baptist, may we always hold to the truth (2).

Tuesday, August 30

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Jesus heals us (2). His Spirit helps us discern (Ps) all things, what is of this world and what is divine (1).

Wednesday, August 31

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Paul and Apollos are coworkers with God (1) in fashioning the hearts (Ps) of the Corinthians for the Lord. Jesus proclaims God's reign (2).

Thursday, September 1

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Those who follow Jesus (2) must forsake vanity (Ps) and worldly wisdom for the authentic wisdom of God (1).

Friday, September 2

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

It is the Lord who can truly judge us, who will bring to light what is hidden (1) when his justice dawns (Ps). Baptismal grace bespeaks rejection of sin (2).

Saturday, September 3

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

The Lord is near to those (Ps) who suffer. Thus is his wisdom revealed (1). Jesus reveals himself as "Lord even of the sabbath" (2).

Sunday, September 4 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Who can comprehend the Lord's ways or conceive what the Lord intends (1)? True wisdom leads us to acknowledge our limitations (a matter of "calculation") and our idols of materialism as we seek to follow the Lord without reservation (3). True discipleship calls us to forgive those who have wronged us (2). May we gain wisdom of heart (Ps) to discern more fully our call to take up the cross Jesus (3).



****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

Jesus keeps saying, "Let go. Come, follow me." If your pride is holding you back, or if you're looking for exaltation, let go. Follow Jesus!

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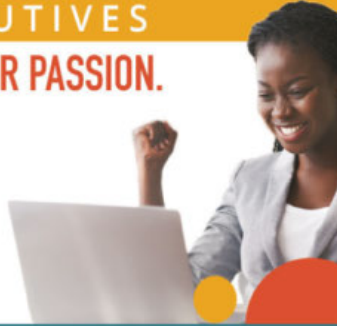


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