

STAR OF THE NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Fr. Emmanuel T. Finbarr, Administrator

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 2022 - Year C



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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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, September 5

No Mass

Tuesday, September 6

10:30a.m. Mass *WB Villa (Residents only)

Wednesday, September 7

9:30a.m. Mass Bernadette Sunderman SJ

Thursday, September 8

10:30a.m. Mass **RC Villa

Friday, September 9

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

Saturday, September 10

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

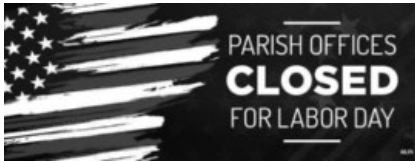
5:00p.m. Mass Jim Martinson St Joseph

Sunday, September 11

8:00a.m. Mass For the people of Holy Family & St Joseph Parishes St Joseph

9:30a.m. Mass Gert Musialowski Holy Family

11:00a.m. Mass Dorothy Gassman St Joseph



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

2nd Sunday September 10th & 11th

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 Pat O'Rourke, Shannon Rea, Irv Booms, Janette McCleary
- 11:00AM **3 Needed**

Proclaimers of the Word

- 5:00PM Roberta Beck, Madison Kline-Pierce
- 8:00AM Ethan Neubecker, Joe Bak
- 9:30AM Toni Thomas, Margaret MacNamara
- 11:00AM Ken Newsham, Joan Denemy

Hospitality Ministers

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH WEEKEND COLLECTION

8/28/22

Offertory: \$ 8,046.00



2022 CSA Target: \$81,093.00

93 Pledges for a total of: \$43,755.00

HOLY FAMILY WEEKEND COLLECTION

8/28/22

Offertory: \$2,008.00



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.

Thank you ❤️

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to all who have made their gift to the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal. St. Joseph is 54% 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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU.....TO EVERYONE who helped make Fr. Emmanuel's party such a success! "Many hands make the work light" somewhere I heard that and we did have many people involved from Holy Family and St. Joseph with financial and food donations. There is no way I can name everyone, but God knows what you did and I know Fr. Emmanuel was very pleased.

CCW Meeting: Monday September 14, 2pm at the KC Hall. We hope you will try and attend. Our meeting is about an hour. We use the small room on the west side of the building.

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: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5

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



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...

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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!



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.



LIGHTING CANDLES IN CHURCH

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically “shining a light” on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.



THANK YOU!!

Father Emmanuel wishes to thank everyone for the role they played in celebrating his 20th priestly anniversary! He prays for God's blessing on all of our families through Christ our Lord. Thank you!

THE FOOD TRUCK IS COMING

The Food Truck is coming on Wednesday, **September 14th** from **Noon to 1:00 pm** to the Holy Family Parish Hall. Families or individuals who are having difficult times and are in need are invited to come and receive a free box of food. The distribution is drive thru only. You must be a resident of Ogemaw County. Volunteer workers are asked to be at the hall between 10:30 and 11:30 to set up. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council No. 8948.



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.

HOLY FAMILY CCW UPCOMING EVENTS

Bake Sale: September 4th, 9:30am mass

CCW Luncheon & Meeting:

Thursday, September 15th, 12:00pm at the parish hall.

Garage Sale:

Drop off days:

Monday, Sept 19th 10am-4pm

Tuesday, Sept 20th 10am-4pm

Wednesday, Sept 21st 12pm-6pm

Thursday, Sept 22nd 10am-4pm

Sale days:

Friday, Sept 23rd 9am-5pm

Saturday, Sept 24th 9am-5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



The intentions requested in the parish petition book, our sick, and our deceased.

PIANOS FOR SALE

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



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

CEMETERY NEWS

The water in St. Joseph Cemetery has been repaired. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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!



Scripture Readings



Monday, September 5

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Put aside the old leaven of wickedness and corruption (1, Ps). Instead, put on love, assisting those who are along and in need (2).

Tuesday, September 6

1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

The Lord delights in his people (Ps) who are to display charity when judging others (1). The Twelve are chosen by Jesus (2).

Wednesday, September 7

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Above all, be ready for Christ's coming (1), for he is the Lord (Ps). Blest are those who will inherit the kingdom (2).

Thursday, September 8

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Let us rejoice (Ps) in Mary's birth, the mother of Jesus (2). She was predestined (1b) to give birth "by the strength of the Lord" (1a).

Friday, September 9

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Relying on the Lord's strength (Ps), Paul preaches the gospel, hoping to win an imperishable crown (1). Before judging others, look honestly within your own heart (2).

Saturday, September 10

1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Paul speaks of eucharistic realism (1) and its sacrificial character (Ps). A moral life is verified by the fruit it produces (2).

Sunday, September 11

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Moses intercedes on behalf of the people who had turned away from the covenant (1). The Lord delights not in sin, but in our turning back to him (3), for a contrite and humbled heart God will never spurn (Ps). He sent his Son into the world not to condemn sinners, but to save them (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.

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus says clearly; "Anyone who does not take up the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." You and Jesus can carry your cross together. Then, you can follow!

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.



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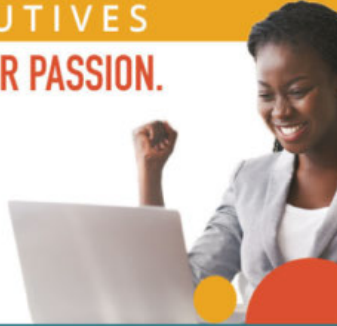


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