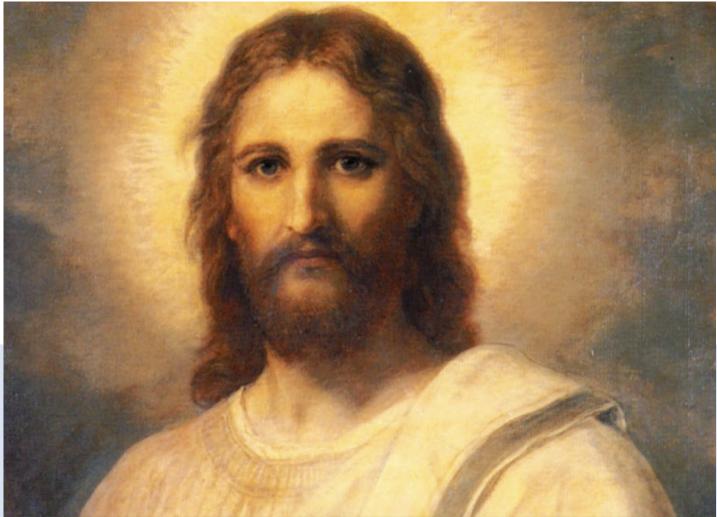
## THE LAPEER CATHOLIC IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 24, 2022



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OFFICE HOURS Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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## MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8AM,10AM and 12PM (Traditional Latin Mass) Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9AM First Friday and First Saturday of the Month: 9AM (Tues & Thurs– Traditional Latin Mass) Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM Holy Days: Please check the bulletin or the parish website.

## RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: following 9AM. Mass Saturdays: 3-3:45PM . 1st Wednesday of the month: 8:15PM For private appointment call the rectory.

## **BLESSING OF OBJECTS**

1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM in the church.

### **EXPOSITION**

Thursday Mornings after 10AM Mass until Benediction at 7PM.

## OUR SACRAMENTAL POLICY

## PARISH STAFF

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### 7/17/2022 statement available next week

Total	\$12,741.15
Collection	
Direct Deposit	\$1,803.00

#### GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

Scan the QR code with your phone to make your one time or recurring Sunday offering online. You can also visit lapeercatholic/ weshareonline.org



Six month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage. *Baptism*: Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requests that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic, and the Godparents must be practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If there are two godparents, one

must be male, one must be female. If there is one godparent, they may be male or female.

*Marriage*: Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Call the Rectory office. Officiate at the ceremony must be the Parish Pastor, Deacon, or a family member.

Funerals: Officiate must be the Parish Pastor of Immaculate Conception, or a family member

Please note: the services of the Parish Organists are used for all Weddings and Funerals.

For more details regarding our sacramental policies and procedures, please refer to the "Sacraments" tab on our parish website.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 24 4:30PM (Vigil) OF-MC People of the Parish 8:00AM OF-MC Theresa Mozader+ 10:00AM OF-MC Alejandro Lopez+ 12:00 PM UA-MC Mary Tersigni+ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (EF) 5th Sunday after Pentecost (UA)

Monday, July 25 9:00AM OF-LM Tony Schorr+ St. James (OF & UA)

**Tuesday, July 26 9:00AM UA-MC** Repose of the Souls of those Buried in Mt. Loretto Cemetery Sts. Joachim and Anne (OF) St. Anne (UA)

Wednesday, July 27 No Masses Scheduled

Thursday, July 28 9:00AM UA-MC Sheila Kathleen Siewert+ Sts. Nazarius & Celsus (UA)

Friday, July 29 No masses scheduled St. Martha (OF & UA)

Saturday, July 30 St/ Peter Chrysologus (OF)

Sunday, July 31 4:30PM(Vigil) OF-MC Regina Hawley+ 8:00AM OF-MC People of the Parish 10:00AM OF-MC Leonard Poremba+ 12:00 PM UA-MC William Hurleyi+ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) 8th Sunday after Pentecost (UA)

> OF - Ordinary Form (New Rite/Novus Ordo/English) UA - Usus Antiquior (Traditional Latin Mass) MC - Missa Cantata (Sung) LM - Low Mass

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday**: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28 **Tuesday**: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43 **Wednesday**: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46 **Thursday**: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

**Friday**: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Saturday**: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

**Next Sunday**: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

## PARISH APOSTOLATES

	Angels of Mercy For elderly and homebound of the parish. Bea Castenada	(810)813-4069
	<b>Food Pantry</b> Dawn Peskey	(586)924-1873
	<b>Homeschoolers</b> Co-op on Tuesdays through the school year. and activities as well. Ashley Gill	Meets for field trips (248)918-7008
Hospital, Homebound, and Nursing Home Extr		Extraordinary
	Ministers of Holy Communion Joe Hojna	(810)969-4082
	Knights of Columbus Meets first Tuesday of the month in the BKC Room. Phil Francis	S Community (810)728-2295
<b>Ladies League</b> Meets at 6PM on the last Tuesday of the month. All adult la of the parish are welcome. No meeting in Dec.		
	Mother of Perpetual Help Rosaries Meets first Wednesday of the month Jenni Hulway	(586)453-4580
Purgatorial SocietyIncreasing devotion and charity to the Holy Souls in PurgatoryMeets 1st Tuesday of the Month at 10AM in the church.Andrew Sprankle(706)840-156		
	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> Meets once a month in the rectory.	(810)664-8594
	<b>Youth Group</b> Lillian Peddemors	lillykp@gmail.com



## SUNDAY READINGS

### FIRST READING

Gn 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out." While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham.

Then Abraham drew nearer and said:

"Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?"

The LORD replied,

"If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham spoke up again:

"See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?"

He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?"

He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?"

The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty."

But he still persisted:

"Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?"

He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."



Lord, on the day I called for help, you an-swered me. I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple

and give thanks to your name.

## R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me.

#### **PSALM CONTINUED**

#### R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.

Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me;

against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.** Your right hand saves me.

The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

## SECOND READING

Col 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our

midst, nailing it to the cros**s**.

## GOSPEL

Lk 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,

"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,'

and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.'

I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds;

and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake

when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

# ST. JAMES

EAST DAY

JULY 25

## ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE - JULY 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

## KICKIN' BACK CONCERT

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 27 at 6PM. The band "Kickin' Back" is playing a concert in the BK Community Room. Bring a dish to pass, and there will be games for the kids to enjoy!

## ALTAR BOY BOOT CAMP

Altar boy training for the English Novus Ordo Mass is July 25, 26, and 28 from 10AM-3PM. Altar boy training for the Latin Usus Antiquior Mass is August 1, 2, and 4 from 10AM-3PM. Call the parish office for more information.

## ANGELS OF MERCY

! Our Group, The Angels of Mercy has been in existence since 2017. Now that the pandemic is receding we wish to provide services to our parishioners. We are still in need of volunteers that wish to help our ministry. We provide many services to the homebound members of our parish. We transport to church, doctors appointments, prescription pick up, grocery shopping or pick up, visits to Assisted Living facilities, Nursing homes, and private homes for prayer and support, if these services can be done safely . If you are aware of any parishioner that could benefit from our services pick up a pamphlet in the back of the church and call the number listed God Bless! Contact Bea Casteneda (810)813-4069 if you would like to volunteer for this ministry.

## CURRICULUM SALE AND SWAP

The Homeschoolers are having their fourth annual curriculum sale and item swap on August 12. Bring any gently-used clothing items, housewares, books, games, toys, etc. that you no longer need to the General Squire Park pavilion in Dryden at 1PM. No money is exchanged for the swap, take what you like and leftovers will be taken to a local donation center.

We will have a separate area for the curriculum sale so that people can buy/sell curriculum. You will need to man your own table if you plan to sell curriculum and arrive at 10:30AM, but we will set up an area for that and make sure the sale is clearly marked as not part of the free Swap. Email Jenny Porter with any questions (porterfamily810@yahoo.com)

### FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS TIMES

If you need to find Mass times for our Family of Parishes, a master calendar with the Mass times for Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, St. Cornelius, and St. Nicholas is on our Lapeer Catholic Website. Click the "Families of Parishes Calendar" tab on the tabs list to see the listings.

### PRAYER LIST

Andy	
John	
Kelly	
Francis	
Mary Pfeifer	
Martin Rice	
Janet Wood	
Michael Arnett	

Mary Gillett Dwayne Ryan Connie Suzette Loewer Edward Sefcovic Jim Skwirsk Lyndsay

If yto have your loved one put on the prayer list, please call the rectory. The names will remain on the list for four weeks, or you can call the rectory to have their name relisted

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS** Catechists sought for 2022-2023 School Year

It is time to begin preparing for the 2022-2023 Religious Education Program. Won't you please consider helping our children grow in the knowledge of God and His one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church? We need teachers and classroom aides to lead Grades Pre-K through 8. We will give you all the materials and the help you need. Our classes begin Wednesday, September 14 (note the corrected date), from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. As with any volunteers, all catechists and classroom aides must undergo a criminal background check and complete the Archdiocesan "Protecting God's Children" training (or arrange to complete it as soon as possible). Whether you are a returning catechist or new to our program, we appreciate all the help you can provide. For more information or to sign up, please contact Laura Brestovansky at

lbrestovansky@lapeercatholic.org or call 810-664-0808 M-F from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

## ASK DEACON JOE

## Why does the Catholic Church prohibit participation in the Masons?

There are two reasons for the prohibition against Catholics becoming Masons. The first is tied to the historical roots of Freemasonry and its origins in Europe as an anti-Catholic organization. For this reason, the 1917 Code of Canon Law imposed a penalty of excommunication for those that joined the Masons. The current 1983 Code of Canon Law no longer specifically refers to the Masons by name, but states: "A person who joins an association which plots against the Church is to be punished with a just penalty." (Can. 1374) One could argue that the Masons in their current form in the United States no longer "plot against the Church," and that this canon would no longer be applicable to those joining the Masons. The intentions of the upper levels of the Mason's organization, however, are still unclear. Regardless of the current state of Freemasonry's anti-Catholic activities, Catholics are still not allowed to join the Masons for a different reason.

The second reason that the Catholic Church does not allow her members to join the Masons, is that Freemasonry is in itself considered a naturalistic religion. Pope Leo XIII wrote in his encyclical against Freemasonry, Humanum Genus, about naturalistic religions: "For they deny that anything has been taught by God; they allow no dogma of religion or truth which cannot be understood by human intelligence nor any teacher who ought to be believed by reason of his authority." In a letter issued by the U.S. Bishops in 1985, they point to some examples why Freemasonry is clearly a religion: "Freemasonry has a creed and ritual, prayers to the Great Architect of the Universe, an altar and temples, feast days, chaplains, an initiation ceremony, a creed and



## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH AND THIER FAMILIES

## Richard Kray Jr Roger Dupont

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.



a system of morality. As its funeral service makes plain, the lodge promises its members salvation and entry into the Grand Lodge Above if they follow the precepts of the craft." When a man joins the Masons, he is not just joining a social organization, he is being initiated into a second religion whose teachings are inconsistent with Catholic teachings. You can work with Masons and cooperate with them in charitable activities, just like you can with members of any other religion, but you can't be a member of two religions. In 1983, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (who later became Pope Benedict XVI) as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a document (Quaesitum est) to resolve questions about the changes in the new Code of Canon Law and the deletion of a specific reference to Masonic associations. In that document he states: "Therefore, the Church's negative judgment in regard to Masonic associations remains unchanged since their principles have always been considered irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church and, therefore, membership in them remains forbidden. The faithful, who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion." **Deacon Joe** 

Got a question for Deacon Joe? Put it in the box near the side entrance of the church and look for the answer in an upcoming bulletin.

For more of Deacon's writing, check out his blog: orthoscopy.net





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