

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

The Catholic Community of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian



Saturday, July 10th 4:00pm Joe Choma

**Sunday, July 11th** 8:30am For People of the Parish

10:30am James Shaver, Sr

Tuesday, July 13th 12:10pm Albert Weyer

Wed, July 14th 12:10am Mary Lou Greenhoe

Thursday, July 15th 11:00am Fr. Francis Faraci (Bunkerhill)

Friday, July 16th 11:00am Ralph Pax Sr Funeral (Bunkerhill)

Saturday, July 17th 4:00pm Richard Coolidge

Sunday, July 18th 8:30am For People of the Parish

10:30am Lanny DeView

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#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND



#### Saturday, July 17th 4:00 P.M.

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Comm. Need 1 Lectors Dan Bishop

**EM** Theresa Seman & Karen Bishop

Greeters Need 4

Ushers Margaret Weyer, Pauline Bowyer,

Need 3

Music Tech Need 1



#### Sunday, July 18th 8:30 A.M.





#### Sunday, July 18th 10:30 A.M.

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EM Gretchen White, Need 1

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## LITURGICAL LIFE

#### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

#### First Reading

The priest Amaziah was threatened by the visions of the Lord received by Amos that warned of Israel's destruction. Amos' defense is that he was chosen by God to prophesy. When has your faith been a threat to others?

#### Second Reading

Paul speaks of the abundance of blessings we receive from God as believers in Jesus Christ. Paul asserts these blessings make us "holy and without blemish" before God. To whom in your life should you share this message of hope and redemption?

#### **Gospel Reading**

During his public ministry, Jesus commissioned the Twelve Apostles to evangelize by preaching repentance and healing the sick and demon possessed. What do you see as effective tools for evangelization today?



#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around likeminded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11TH



#### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13

#### Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Mt 10:34—11:1

#### **Tuesday**

Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24

#### Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27

#### **Thursday**

Ex 3:13-20
Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27
Mt 11:28-30

#### **Friday**

Ex 11:10 - 12:14
Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18
Mt 12:1-8

#### Saturday

Ex 12:37-42
Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15
Mt 12:14-21

#### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

#### RECONCILIATION

3:00PM SATURDAY (MASON)
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Dear Friend,

Next week I depart on summer vacation. I'm heading north to spend some treasured time with mom and dad, and some treasured time catching up on reading. That's in addition, of course, to reading the Holy Bible each day as part of the Diocese of Lansing's Year of the Bible. Day by day. Chapter by chapter. Book by book. It's been a great joy to lead this 12-month pilgrimage through sacred scripture accompanied by over eleven thousand fellow pilgrims every day. To all who are already embarked on this journey, thank you! To those who are not, why not sign up today? All you have to do is pick up your cellphone and text the letters BYOB – that stands for Bishop's Year of the Bible - to 84576. Alternatively, if you would rather receive the daily scripture reading via email, please contact the Diocese of Lansing.

Why read the Holy Bible? As that great figure of the Early Church, Saint Jerome, said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". Jesus Christ is our reason to read the Holy Bible. It is in the pages of Sacred Scripture that we encounter him; that we get to know him and he gets to know us; that we fall in love with him, and, thus, we discover our deepest peace, happiness and meaning.

What will you find if you sign up today? Well, our Year of the Bible is currently in the midst of the Book of Genesis and the incredible story of Joseph. He of the coat of many colors (Genesis 37:3). We will finish this book by mid-July. We'll then spend five days reading Saint Paul's First Letter to the Thessa-Ionians (July 16-20). After that, it's back to the Old Testament for the next 34 days (July 21 to August 23) when we will be reading the Book of Exodus together. If you choose join us, what will you discover? With plot spoiler alert included, let me give an overview as to why I think Exodus is well worth read-

Exodus is the second book of the Pentateuch (the five books) as they came to be known by both Jewish and Christian peoples. This book is all about God's formation of a people of the covenant. God will only make such a covenant when the people have been freed of their past shackles. Here we can see the need to be freed of the chains of sin and slavery to sin.

Having achieved that, God will then seek their cooperation, their freedom, to accept the relationship he is offering them. Thus, we have the wonderful pilgrimage to Sinai and the completion of the covenant through the sprinkling of blood. Thus, too our relationship with God as sons and daughters in Christ is accomplished through His blood. Finally, there are expectations that this new people will be faithful to God even as he has been faithful to them. Hence, we then find the commandments and the other laws of the Old Testament. Here, we see the need for us to put on Christ since we have been redeemed by him, that is, that we embrace the law of the Spirit. The final six chapters of the Book deal with the layout of the Ark of the Covenant and the materials surrounding the method of worship. I encourage you to read these on your own.

The saddest part of this Book of Exodus is the several occasions of failure on the part of the people and their leaders. The Golden Calf, the complaining about water and food, the lack of courage to take the land promised them and so many other events are part of the human story. Though freed by God, we are all subject to temptation and, unfortunately, we give in. God may keep us a while longer in

the desert but it is only so that we might be formed more clearly to be his people and to reaffirm for us that he is our God.

Assuring you of my prayers, I am sincerely yours in Christ, + Earl Bishop of Lansing



### **Knights of Columbus Corner**

Upcoming Events for Mason Council #9182



July 14 - 7:00 PM Bishop Povich 4th Degree Meeting at St Mary's Charlotte. Live or by Zoom. Food at 6:00 PM.

July 15 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM K of C Family Picnic. Bring a dish to pass and games. Meat and drinks will be provided.

July 25 - 5:00 PM Mason Council K of C Officer's Meeting.

July 25 - 6:00 PM Knights Angles Meeting.

July 25 - 6:00 PM Regular Mason Council K of C meeting.

In the month of July there will be the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers being said at 10:10 AM each Sunday morning before Mass.

Family Vocation Night at the Ballpark will be on August 13, with a 7:00 PM game at the Jackson National Ballpark. Tickets will be coming available. So mark your calendar. Call the church for more details.

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The deadline for free membership has been extended to December 31, 2021. Join the Mason Knights of Columbus by going to kofc.org/joinus, and enter the password of MCGIVNEY2020. Once you are a member, we will get you into our council. If you sign up before December 31st, your dues will be free for all of 2021.

To learn more about Mason #9182 Knights of Columbus Council visit www.masonknights.org, or contact any council member at Church.



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### LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.





#### 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# LITURGICAL LIFE



#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments** 

What We Carry from Town to Town

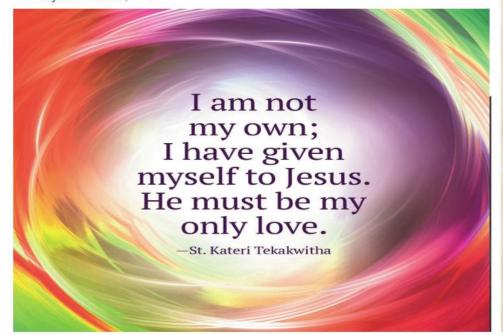
In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





# WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

#### Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance.

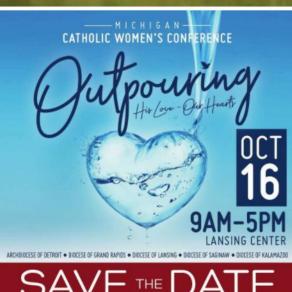
Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.



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