

The Catholic Community of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian



4:00pm Frank & Tammy March Saturday, Aug 7th

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

10:30am Mary Helen Ried &

Arnulfo (Arnie) Rodriguez

11:00am Arnulfo Rodriguez Funeral Tue, Aug 10th

12:10am Ralph Pax Sr Wed, Aug 11th

10:30am Karen Heeney Funeral Thursday, Aug 12th

11:00am Rene 'Randy' Ramirez Funeral Saturday, Aug 14th

4:00pm Dillard Garrison

Sunday, Aug 15th 8:30am Karen Heeney

10:30am For the People of the Parish

**Please note that Father still does Mass intentions



Adoration

Please join us this Friday, August 13th at 7pm, at the Mason campus.

For Adoration & the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

> This will also be livestreamed.

We Need You!

Each Mass requires parishioners to help Father. There are numerous ways that you can share your talents in acts of service. Please check out the Liturgical Ministers section for descriptions & to sign up on our website!

www.saintsjcc.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND











Saturday, August 14th 4:00 P.M.

Sacristan Theresa Seman

Comm. Need 1 Lector Need 1

EM Theresa Seman, Need 1 Greeters Sara Goodman, Need 3 **Ushers** Margaret Weyer, Pauline Bowyer,

Norman & Ann Puma Music Tech Need 1

Sunday, August 15th 8:30 A.M.

Sacristan Need 1 Lector Joan Weber ΕM Need 1 Greeters Need 4 Ushers Need 4

Sunday, August 15th 10:30 A.M.

Sacristan Margaret Weyer

Comm. Need 1 Lector Need 1

ΕM Gretchen White, Need 1

Greeters Need 4

Ushers Paul Schnipke, Pauline Bowyer

Need 2

Music Tech Need 1

Sign up online: www.saintsjcc.org

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

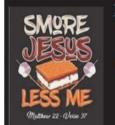
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May the Angels welcome you to Paradise...

Arnulfo (Arnie) Rodriguez

Please email heather@saintsicc.org if you have a seriously ill relative or friend, prayer need, or deceased to be added to our prayer list. Also please email any updates needed to the current list.



ROCK & Encounter Youth Group Bonfire

Mark your calendars, August 20th at

C&C campus, starting at 7 pm

Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on, if you have a favorite roasting stick that too. S'more supplies provided

Let's all come together for S' more of Jesus

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

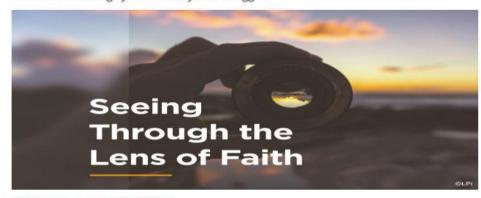
The prophet Elijah was exhausted and literally prayed for death. The Lord answered his prayer by sending Elijah food and drink for strength. How do you encourage others in your life who are spiritually drained?

Second Reading

Paul held Christian communities to very high standards of conduct. How well do you think your faith community holds to these standards today?

Gospel Reading

We hear today John's account of Jesus' rejection by his own people. The Jews struggled to think of Jesus as "the living bread that came down from heaven." What are some of Jesus' words that challenge you or cause you to struggle?



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8TH



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 4:30 - 5:2 Jn 6:41-51

Monday

Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday

Jos 24:1-13 Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24 Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
Mt 19:13-15
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16
16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14
1 Cor 15:54b-57
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Day:

Rv 11:19a 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56



The Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian Knights of Columbus are hosting a church picnic for all of us on Sunday, September 19th from noon-4:00. A free-will donation will be accepted for the meal on the day of the event.

We are asking all parishioners to help sell tickets for several drawings happening at the picnic. Please pick -up tickets to sell after both the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday Masses in the parking lot. Tickets are only \$1.00 a piece.! 1st place is \$500, 2nd place \$300, 3rd place \$200, & 4th place \$100! Do not need to be present to win!

Karen M Heeney

A Funeral Mass will be held for Karen M Heeney on Thursday, August 12th at 10:30am at St. James, Cornelius & Cyprian church in Bunker HIII. The family invite all who would like to celebrate her life and refreshments to join them anytime during the afternoon or evening at her home located at: 2699 Heeney Rd, Stockbridge, MI 49285

Rene 'Randy' Ramirez

There will be a celebration of Life for Randy at Sts Cornelius & Cyprian at Saturday, August 14, 2021 Visitation at the church: 10 - 11 am, Mass: 11 am Luncheon after at George & Soledad Heilers, 3433 Williamston Rd, Leslie, MI 49251

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Knights of Columbus Corner

Upcoming Events for Mason Council #9182



August 11 - 7:00 PM 4th Degree Bishop Povish Meeting at the Mason Campus.

August 13 - Family Vocation Night at Jackson National Ballpark.

August 18 - Fraternal Benefit Webinar. We need 10 Knights to join to get credit.

Please register on line thru our Web-Site so we get the credit.

September 10 - 4:30 - 7:00 PM will be the first of 5 Fall Drive Thru Famous St. James Fish Fry.

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

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.



MASON COUNCIL #9182 K of C FAMOUS FALL FISH FRIES

Please use the Cedar Street Entrance

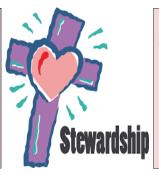
Yes, the Famous Mason Council #9182 Knights of Columbus Fall Fish Fries at 1010 S. Lansing St., Ma-

son, have come back and will be going from September 10 thru October 8th. With the uncertainty of the new virus, it will be Drive Thru only. We ask that you come in the Cedar St. entrance and process to the North Side of the hall where there will be a table to take your money and order your food. Payment will be by Credit Card, Check or Cash. If you have un-used punch cards, they can be used. Hours of operation will be from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$11.00 for everyone. The meal will include: 3 Fried or Baked Pieces of Cod, Shrimp, Home Made Fries, Cole slaw, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Dinner Roll and Dessert. Pop and Water is not included but can be purchased separately. What a way to get a great Friday Night Fish Dinner!

A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:

> Pregnancy Services





Thank you to our sponsor this week:

Vickers Leslie Funeral Home



STEWARDSHIP

St. James, Cornelius & Cyprian

Last Week's Collections

August 1st \$15,413.00

Last Year \$7,464.00

(94 EFTs, 54 envelopes from 860 registered households)

Fiscal Year to Date (since July 1st)

\$55,525.12

Year to Date Last Year

\$47,393.76



READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compared himself to manna. A long time ago God's people ate manna in the desert, because there was no other food to eat. By sending manna falling from the sky every morning, God taught his people to trust him. Manna tasted good, and it kept them healthy. God took care of them and gave them all they needed. Then, hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus down from heaven, so people could have everlasting life with him.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus down from heaven so that we can look forward to living with you forever in heaven. Amen.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

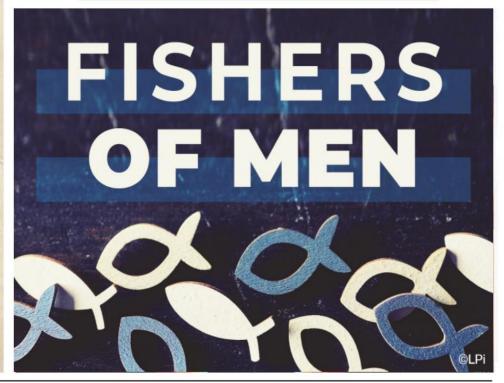
The Hebrews often baked manna into little cakes. Ask your parents if you can make pancakes this weekend, and talk about how lesus is like manna.

KIDS CORNER

Find and circle eight things that are different.







"A parish in the Diocese of Lansing makes and forms Missionary Disciples by having a discipleship process that moves people of all ages to spiritual maturity."

Dear Friend.

I know something from corporate life, where over the course of my career there were several takeovers and I found myself in a new culture: listen to the language the leaders are speaking, use the language and tools of the organization you are in if you want to be heard and if you want to be part of the culture. This I know.



So, if we claim that a healthy parish...makes and forms missionary disciples...by having a discipleship process that moves people of all ages to spiritual maturity, I thought I should review what the bishop has initiated and taught, to align my words with prior and current teaching, so I went to the Diocese website. Behold! A discipleship process has been outlined in very clear terms in work over the past 7 years or so. While it scarcely needs explaining, I will summarize that outline here for your benefit, and encourage you as pastors, deacons, parish staff, parish finance councils and parish councils, and parishioners, to engage, develop, and sustain life of this well-defined process in your parish units. Start now, don't wait. First, let's define a few terms.

A process is a set of interrelated or interacting activities which transforms inputs into outputs; it is a systematic, ordered series of events directed to some end that comprise an approach or methodology to achieve an objective.

Discipleship is a lifelong process of following Jesus, learning from, and growing close to Him, increasing in love with Him. Growing in discipleship is an intentional act on our part and leads to missionary activity – that is, to propose, promote, advocate, and champion the love of Christ – extending to others the personal relationship we have with Jesus!

Okay. So, a discipleship process that leads to spiritual maturity is something that has some formal activities centered around bringing us as individuals to encounter Jesus and his love, grow in relationship with Him, and share that with others as acts of love. Note that the process involves first an opening to encounter with Jesus, opening our lives to relationship with Him.

Next, we decide to convert, freely choosing to deepen that relationship in our personal life and in our communal life in the parish by belonging and participating. Then, we decide to train – to formalize a discipleship plan. We stop holding back and give ourselves over to growth, to work in communion with other disciples and go out. The training is a process itself, outlined in the Diocese' Lifelong Discipleship Plan:

Pray: Daily prayer, daily scripture, scripture study. This is essential to know God and build relationship by listening to His Word.

Study: Deepen your study of the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), and enrich that study by supplemental books. Anna and I have found tremendous spiritual growth through the Catholic Biblical School (CBS) of Michigan, and we recommend it highly - this source of study indeed supplements scripture with the CCC and great books, such as and relevant to this topic, Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus (Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg), and it builds you up in relationship with other disciples! Truly, CBS is a great gift.

Engage and Serve: We are to do this in our daily lives, but our parish must be characterized as a place where we can serve, where we are called upon to serve and where many opportunities to serve are found. Engagement includes parish involvement and deepens our commitment, including financially through tithing. But our time and talent are to be tithed as well, so we learn to progress to give with abandon - in and outside of the parish, giving of ourselves in service, because we love Jesus, share that love with others, and we are witnesses of Christ's love. We develop to encounter others, pray for and with them, witness to them and sense opportunities to invite them into our lives, be a friend to them, accompany them, and help them open to a relationship with God.

So, a Lifelong Discipleship Plan is a training plan. You might ask "who trains us?" and "why are we training?" While our rabbi, our teacher, is Jesus, we find human support in our pastoral leaders and in our fellow parishioners who are in training with us. A discipleship partner is an important support and encouragement. Husbands and wives often can be the best partners. In addition, find or build associations in your own parish with several others, follow the Lifelong Discipleship Plan, and talk about it with your pastoral leaders.

We are training so we can "go out" to serve, to love, to witness, to invite and accompany. In fact, we are supposed to be going out now – there is no amount of training prescribed before you are "allowed" to go. Ha! Part of your training is to go and come back to your disciple-ship partner or group and discuss it. Didn't Jesus send the disciples out in pairs, with relatively minimal formation, and they came back and told of their experiences?

You are in "the big show" as they say in baseball, whether you realize it or not. Were you baptized? You are in the major leagues now. You got the call to be holy and to go on mission - you are out there in the arena – both your home arena and as a visitor to others' arenas - to do that right now. If you are like me, you are not dripping with talent, but you are dripping with the water of your baptism. Wow! Baptism opened our eyes – we woke up in "the big show" of our lives.

We can't do this holiness and mission very well on our own. We need to learn and train. Embrace the discipleship process, ask for it in your parish and get involved with others to have training partners, get the material already on the Diocese' website, and grow and go!

Karol Wojtyla (Pope St John Paul the Great) explained the relationship of an individual's acknowledgement of their Person to that of their Acts. In the sense of our individual acts in relation to others in society around us, there are four basic attitudes of action: solidarity, opposition, withdrawal, and conformance. The last two are illegitimate because they deny us a free will choice to engage a good or oppose an evil in concert with others. Withdrawal and conformance come from alienation and its roots in individualism and/or totalism. However, if we properly see that we are unique persons, with personal responsibility, from which comes value by the choices we make, we see that we can act in association with others to achieve some common good or truth, in which we will find joy.

Now, the building of community, as in our parish units, comes from our individual decisions to act in concert with others, to have our own personhood and the value resident within us act with other persons for positive action. See, we individually decide to be in solidarity, to give the good of our action to the group for the benefit of the group.

Therefore, disciples work in pairs, disciples are taught and trained in groups. The act of working together acknowledges the truth of the uniqueness of the other as with our self. The gifts brought by the other help us and enrich us. As the number of fellow disciples with whom we engage multiplies, we find increasing joy in the solidarity of action. We are individuals freely choosing to grow in love with Jesus and growing together, as a community, to share that love outwardly.

Yours in Christ, Steve Nowaczewski

* Steve Nowaczewski is a parishioner Saint Joseph parish in Ypsilanti as well as a member of the Realign Resources for Mission committee. A married father of four, Steve brings to the committee great experience in strategy, planning, integrity management, and changemanagement courtesy of working at a high-level in the energy sector over several decades.

The church gardens are in need of weeding. If you would like to help spruce up our grounds, there is a small group meeting in the gazebo garden on no-rain Mondays from 11:00-12:30. Bring rake, shovel, knee pads... whatever you think you will need. We have a wheelbarrow available to us.

a wheelbarrow available to us. Many hands make light work. Thank you! Please contact Paulette Fox at 517-676-1807 for more info.



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