



Saturday, Sept 18th 4:00pm Thomas Gray Jr

Sunday, Sept 19th 11:00am Barney Zonca (Bunkerhill)

10:30am Arnie Rodriguez

**Tuesday, Sept 21st** 12:10pm For People of Our Parish

Wed Sept 22nd 12:10pm David Gehringer

Thursday, Sept 23rd 11:00am For the Youth of Our Parish

Friday, Sept 24th 11:10am For the Elderly of Our Parish

Saturday, Sept 25th 4:00pm Cecelia Vincent

Sunday, Sept 26th 8:30am For the People of Our Parish

10:30am Lisa Carey

\*\*Please note that Father still does Mass intentions in a private Mass when no public Mass is held. Please contact the office to request a Mass Intention.

# PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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Please contact the office if you have a seriously ill relative or friend, prayer need, or deceased to be added to our prayer list.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND



## Saturday, September 25th 4:00 P.M.

Sacristan Theresa Seman

Comm. Need 1 Lector Need 1 EM Need 1 Greeters Need 4

**Ushers** Norman & Ann Puma,

Sandy Deview, Need 1

Music Tech Need 1



## Sunday, September 26th 8:30 A.M.

Sacristan Need 1 Lector Need 1 EM Need 1

**Greeters** Soledad & George Heiler

Need 2

Ushers Need 4



## Sunday, September 26th 10:30 A.M.

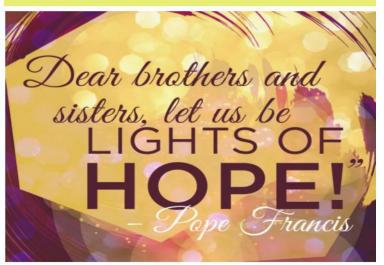
Sacristan Sue Powers
Comm. Need 1
Lector IvyLynn Olson
EM Need 2
Greeters Need 4
Ushers Need 4

Sign up online: www.saintsjcc.org

Music Tech Need 1

#### Join Our Staff Team!

We are currently seeking a new team player to join our staff as our Evangelization and Outreach Coordinator. For specifics and application information, Please contact: Bonnie at bonnie@saintsjcc.org



#### Seasons of Change

Thank you everyone for all the love and support over these last five years. St. James has always felt like home to me, and being able to serve our parish family even more as a staff member has been a life changing experience. It is time for me to start a new chapter, and I am excited to see what God has planned. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11

I still plan to be involved and am happy to help out when I can. I look forward to strengthening relationships, getting to know more of you, & allowing my faith to continue growing deeper. Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of your faith journey and for being a part of mine. Love Heather:)

## LITURGICAL LIFE

## **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

#### First Reading

The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?

#### Second Reading

James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?

#### **Gospel Reading**

We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord?



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

## **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19TH



## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 Jas 3:16 - 4:3 Mk 9:30-37

#### Monday

Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Lc 8:16-18

## **Tuesday**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Mt 9:9-13

#### Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9 Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

#### **Thursday**

Hg 1:1-8
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
Lk 9:7-9

## **Friday**

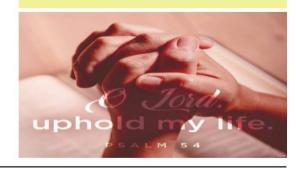
Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 Lk 9:18-22

## Saturday

Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Lk 9:43b-45

## **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



## The Coats for Kids Benefit Dinner

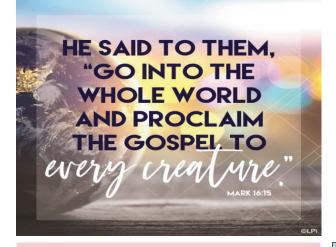
will be held at the A&W Restaurant on **Monday**, **September 20th.** 

It will be a ham dinner with all the trimmings. The drive-thru hours are 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Inside dinning hours are 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Coats for Kids will receive \$2.00 from each dinner purchased.



## **TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE!**

The Knights of Columbus annual M/I Tootsie Roll drive takes place this year on October 8th, 9th, & 10th. Anyone who would care to help, may sign up with one of the Knights in the gathering space. If you are watching mass online please contact any of the Knights to sign up! We will be reaching out to all current members as well.



## Register for a Women's Retreat

at St. Francis Retreat Center

"Rediscovering Jesus - Called, Formed, Sent"

Looking to step away from the chaos of the world and spend a weekend with the Lord? Drawing on the wisdom of the book, "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly, we will be revisiting what we know about the personhood and divinity of Jesus Christ. From the Incarnation to the Resurrection and beyond, we will strive to deepen our understanding of what Jesus said about who he is. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call the St. Francis office at (517) 669-8321.

The suggested donation is \$185.

St. Francis is offering this women's retreat theme for 6 weekends:

October 8-10, 2021

November 12-14, 2021 (Sts. JC&C weekend)

March 11-13, 2022 April 8-10, 2022

This is a wonderful spiritual experience to share with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

We hope to see you there!

## **Knights of Columbus Corner**

Upcoming Events for Mason Council #9182

September 24 - 4:30 to 7:00 PM St. James Fish Fry.

**September 26 -** 5:00 PM Mason Council Officer's Meeting.

**September 26 -** 6:00 PM Mason Council Regular Meeting.

September 26 - 6:00 PM St James Knight's Angels Meeting.

October 1 - 4:30 to 7:00 PM St. James Fish Fry.

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

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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.

## MASON COUNCIL #9182 K of C FAMOUS FALL FISH FRIES

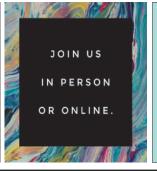
Please use the Cedar Street Entrance

Yes, the Famous Mason Council #9182 Knights of Columbus Fall Fish Fries at 1010 S. Lansing St., Mason, have come back and will be going now 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:

St Luke Lutheran Church Community Kitchen





Thank you to our sponsor this week:

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## **STEWARDSHIP**

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Last Week's Collections

(60 EFTs, 84 envelopes from 860 registered households)

September 12<sup>th</sup>

\$8,128.00

Last Year

\$10,277.00

Fiscal Year to Date (since July 1st)

\$111,757.12

Year to Date Last Year

\$109,051.76

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# READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!



## SHARING THE GOSPEL

God smiles when you help others. Take water to the thirsty. Donate your old clothes to the needy. Comfort those who are crying. Give one of your toys to a child with no toys. Share your favorite blanket with a child who is cold. If you spend your life helping others, God will take your hand and say, "Come, my child. Live with me in heaven forever."

## PRAYER

Lord, fill my heart with love to help others, even when I would rather play a game.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Every day I will ask my parents, "Do you need any help?"

## KIDS CORNER



Circle the pictures that are facing the same way. Then color in all the pictures.



























## Registration is open for Fall Faith Formation!

All students through 12th grade need to be registered.
You can sign up on our website: www.saintsjcc.org

\*Financial Assistance Available

# THE VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE LINE

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# WHY ARE CATHOLICS REQUIRED TO FAST BEFORE COMMUNION?

How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for quests.

We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before holy Communion



has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one-hour

observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.



**St. Casimir Parish Reunion** (at St. Mary Cathedral) On Sunday, September 26, at 2:00 p.m. St. Mary Cathedral will be hosting the St. Casimir Parish reunion. Fr. Bill Lugger will be presiding, with a dinner to follow in the Parish Hall. RSVP's are not needed, but are welcome and can be sent to kpung@stmarylansing.org.

## **Attention Catholic Homeschooling Families**

Raising Saints Homeschool Enrichment Program is planning to come back this year with various events and opportunities for homeschooling families to get together for mass, socialization, support, and enrichment throughout this school year. If you would like more information and to be kept updated please contact Kristine Witkowski at kristinewitkowski@gmail.com.



## Generous University Scholarships & Opportunity for a Free College Visit!

Attention high school seniors! Ave Maria University (near Naples, FL) is offering the Michigan Scholarship (\$28,000 over 4 years) and the Michigan Homeschool Scholarship (\$36,000 over 4 years) to local Catholic students, making an authentic Catholic education truly affordable.

Additional institutional and federal aid are available. You are also invited to participate in the 2022 AMU Michigan Fly-In, which is a FREE college visit to AMU TH, Jan. 27 – SUN, Jan. 30, including airfare, lodging, food, etc. Limited spots available! For more information or to apply for the Fly-In, visit www.avemariafoundation.org.

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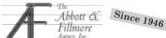


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