



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

AUGUST 27, 2023

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” - Mt 16:19

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Entrance Hymn

The Church's One Foundation #742

Responsorial Psalm #1152

Psalm 138: Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your
hands.

Communion Hymns

Christ, Be Our Light #590

Psalm 16: You Will Show Me
the Path of Life #30

Christ Is Made the Sure
Foundation #745

Closing Hymn

Holy God We Praise Thy Name #615

Readings

#1151

First Reading:
Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading:
Romans 11:33-36

Gospel:
Matthew 16:13-20



St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.



A CUP OF JOE

Greetings in Christ! I am afraid I have some rather sad news. I am typing this article on Wednesday, August 23rd. I need to tell you that two people visited our Church in the dead of the night and walked all through our buildings and property, committing acts of vandalism and desecration. They do not appear to have been able to get into the school.



By vandalism, I mean the intentional breaking or mistreating of non-sacred things. By desecration or sacrilege, I am referring to acts where sacred things are intentionally broken or mistreated.

As to why they did this, I have no idea. Since the Supreme Court decided that abortion is a state issue and not a right guaranteed in the constitution of the United States, the desecrations and vandalisms of Catholic Churches have risen at an astounding rate. Catholic Churches are being vandalized and desecrated at a rate that exceeds anything in American History since shortly before the American Civil War. It could be this.

It may also simply be an outburst that is completely unrelated to our faith. We really don't know and won't unless the perpetrators tell us. So, what do we do? First, our property is pretty much totally covered by security cameras and we now have pictures of the perpetrators in the act of vandalizing. The Police now have those as well and will do what they always do: their best to help.

It is a custom in the Catholic Church that a Mass of Reparation is a good response to Sacrilege or Desecration so the second thing we did was to pray that Mass on Friday of this week.

Third, we will pray for those who did these things and we will love them. Whatever their motives, if they even had any, these people are our patients, not our enemies and it is our duty as lovers of Jesus to act like Jesus did.

To be clear, I must remind us all that this is not an option Jesus offers us. This is a command He gives us.

We will bury the Sacred Objects that were broken and we will buy new ones. We will fix the non-Sacred things that are broken and replace the ones we cannot repair. We will love the people who did this with all our heart. We will forgive them and if they seek to reconcile with us, we will welcome them with open arms.

I'm sorry that this happened. By God's grace, we have worked hard to worship Him as He deserves, to grow in love and knowledge of Him, to care for those in need and to invite others to join us in doing so. This is why we exist and nothing that happened or will happen can stop us except ourselves.

I love you all and I'm so terribly blessed to be your priest.

Fjk

Welcome to our newest member who joined us through the Sacrament of Baptism.



Baptized on August 19, 2023

Kayson Cole Lasceski, son of Mitchell and Angelina Lasceski

Offering intentional gatherings to foster faith & friendship

Let's Gather

Kick-off Holy Family's Women's Ministry with

Faith, Friendship, Food, & Fr. Joe

Saturday, September 16, 2023
9 - 11:30 a.m.
Fr. Bush Parish Center | Holy Family

Join us to explore the unique ways women can grow in the understanding of scripture and live on mission while being strengthened by a community of friends.

Please register at hfqb.org.

STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

Knights of Columbus Family Rosary



Please join us as we pray the Rosary for the intentions of all Holy Family Parishioners. We will pray a family Rosary **Sunday, September 3** (the first Sunday of every month), shortly after the end of 10:00 AM Mass.

Mission Appeal Next Weekend

The Mission Office of our Diocese each Summer invites a missionary group to share about their mission work in all the parishes. Next weekend, we will have a guest speaker at all the Masses offering the annual mission appeal.

Foundation for Children in Need is a Catholic lay organization based in Arlington Heights, IL. Dr. Geetha Yeruva, Founder/President of FCN is incredibly happy to visit us and share about their mission work in the interior villages of India. FCN sponsors 2000 children and college students. They provide free medical check-ups and medicine to thousands of needy people and children. 2000 children born with Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate are helped with free corrective surgeries in the past nine years. We welcome Dr. Geetha and encourage you to support their mission work generously. There will be a second collection taken up next weekend. To know more about their mission work, please visit: www.fcncna.org.



“Others First” is Next Weekend



We depend on your generosity to stock our Outreach Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Please remember the needy as you shop this week. Our current need is for **tooth-paste (full-size), razors, deodorant, Kleenex, paper towels and toilet paper**. Bring nonperishable items to Mass next weekend or drop items off at Outreach (white building north of the church) Mon.- Fri. 10 am - 2 pm. Clothing items to donate may be placed in shed behind Outreach (shed is back closer to garage).

Your timely and wonderful generosity is appreciated, especially by our clients. It seems that no sooner are we low in supply, than you show up with products!

In addition to groceries and supplies, we greatly appreciate monetary donations which can be used to support our efforts. If you choose to give through Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, please designate **P152** to direct it to Holy Family. Thank you for any future giving that you might direct to Outreach!



Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

Are you or someone you know celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023: 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage? If so, please contact the parish office to let them know. The diocese is grateful for your witness and would like to particularly honor you on this momentous occasion.



Religious Education Catechists

Sundays 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Every two weeks September - March

We are in need of **substitute** Religious Education teachers! If you can help us with this, please contact Katie Buszek kbuszek@hfgb.org. All materials, instructions and guidance will be provided!

Stewardship of Treasure August 19th & 20th, 2023

Registered families	1938
Envelopes received this week	124
Mail-in givers this week	25
Online givers this week	255
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 6,085.00
Amount offered from mail	\$ 1,814.50
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 16,296.00
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 1,030.91
Total weekly offerings	\$ 25,226.41

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Do you have questions about...
God?
Jesus?
the Church?
the Catholic Faith?

Are you looking...
for a direction?
for belonging?
for a community?
to become Catholic?
to complete your sacraments?

Let us help walk that journey with you!

Church of the Holy Family
hfgb.org

For a schedule or more information, contact:
Deacon Dan Medich Jr. 694-4891 ext 2214 or
email: dmedich@hfgb.org

Catholic 101 September 10, 2023
This week's topic:
Rescue Project: Why is there something rather than nothing?

Whether you are already Catholic or becoming Catholic, ALL are welcome! Topics of discussion will be updated weekly. Please join us anytime!

Dcn. Dan Medich
dmedich@hfgb.org Sundays | 11:30 am - 1 pm
St. Joseph Center

Catholic 201 September 10, 2023
This week's topic:
The Prophetic Session 1

For those who are looking to go beyond the basics of our Catholic faith. Topics of discussion will be updated weekly. Please join us anytime!

- Discerning God's Voice
- Faith and Prophetic Foundation
- Four Keys to Hearing God's Voice

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Meals for Moms

Expecting a baby? The women of Holy Family would love to welcome your little one by bringing a few meals to your family after the baby is born.



Contact Elizabeth at 810-265-4189 or Vicky at 715-927-1970 or hfgbmealsformoms@gmail.com to make arrangements or to volunteer. **We are looking for a few more people who would be willing to take a meal to a new mom occasionally for this ministry.**

Andy's Deacon Journey / Milestone

Each year now I am instituted as a new lay minister - this year, lector. My fellow deacon candidates and some seminarians to the priesthood will also be receiving this rite. I'll be instituted as a Lector on **Tuesday, August 29**, at a Mass at 5:15 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in Lansing (219 Seymour Ave, Lansing, MI 48933).

I appreciate all the prayers that are supporting my efforts to become ordained as a deacon. You're invited to come support me and witness / participate in a very special Catholic Mass. God willing, my ordination will be in May of 2025.

Andy Cocagne

Altar Flowers

For August In Memory of

James and Evelyn Londrigan
by Paul and Desiree Londrigan

Douglas Ellsworth Moors by Paula Moors
1943 - 2003

John Schoendorff by Walter and Lorraine Schoendorff
15th anniversary of death - August 19, 2008

Byron L. Smith by Germaine Smith

Marcie Wohleben by Eric Wohleben

In Honor of

Ron and Cheryl Gelisse
45th wedding anniversary - August 4, 1978

Walter and Lorraine Schoendorff
60th wedding anniversary - August 24, 1963

Dr. Richard and Rose Marie Shick
65th wedding anniversary - August 2, 1958

Joel and Stacy Stiverson
25th wedding anniversary - August 1, 1998

Joseph and Dalene VanHouten
50th wedding anniversary - August 14, 1973

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

The 67th School Year at HFS Has Begun!

Students, faculty and staff began the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday, August 22, 2023. The halls were filled with excitement, anticipation and smiles as we welcome 49 new families and a total of 456 HFS Panthers. It's going to be a GREAT year!



Be a part of our Holy FAMILY!
Contact Lisa Harvey at 810-694-9072, ext. 0
or lharvey@hfsgb.org
www.hfsgb.org



WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Opening Your Heart, our foundational study, is perfect for a woman new to WWP (with or without Bible study experience). We invite you to be amazed at how Scripture applies to your everyday life.

Touching the Divine, a study of the Gospel of John, is designed for women who have participated in WWP in the past. This study draws us into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.



Thurs, Sept. 28 - Mar. 21 at 9 -11:00 am
St. Joseph Center

or

Thurs, Sept. 28 - Mar. 21 at 7 - 8:30 pm
via Zoom (*Touching the Divine* only)

Cost of book: \$40
(link to purchase book found in registration)

To register and for more information,
go to hfgb.org or Holy Family app!

For more information, contact:
Vikki Lasota
vlasota@msn.com or 248-653-2117
Kristin Smith
kristinsmith265@gmail.com



Sisters, do you need an excuse to sit and read good books? **Well-Read Mom** is a Catholic book club that draws women (not just moms) together to read and discuss great books and spiritual classics. Last year we read Steinbeck, Dorothy Day, and Anne Bronte, among others. This year we're reading Brother Lawrence and T.S. Eliot, along with other classics. Membership in Well-Read Mom also offers access to great reading suggestions for all ages of children. Monthly meetings will be held at Holy Family starting on **Thursday, September 7**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Bush Parish Center (large hall). If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Petrides 810-265-4189, or visit wellreadmom.com to register or for more information.

55 & Over Club

There are many chapters in our lives, so go with the changes.

I am still determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may be in.

Come join us each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. and find out what's going on. It may be something you would be interested in doing with us. No lunch on Tuesday, September 5th, due to Labor Day.



Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 1683)



"After some time, inner emptiness and dissatisfaction will come to [the soul's] attention. Oh, if only she would turn to Me then, I would help her to cleanse her heart, and I would fulfill everything in her soul; but without her knowledge and consent, I cannot be the Master of her heart."

Mass Intentions August 28 - Sept. 3

Monday, August 28

8:00 AM Carol Gillette by Randy and Elizabeth Petrides

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 AM Rich Cross (Living) by Theresa Cross

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 AM Graciela Tolento by Mansour Family

6:00 PM Joe Dunn (Living) by a friend

Thursday, August 31

8:00 AM Fr. Bill Wegher by Mark and Theresa Dyer

Friday, September 1

8:00 AM Cy and Thelma Wade by Dee Dye

Saturday, September 2

8:00 AM Monica Potasnik by Karen Horton

4:00 PM Betty Coggins by Len and Linda Nawrocki

Sunday, September 3

8:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners

10:00 AM Ed Suess by Roeser Family

12:00 PM Don and Terry Kita by Lisa and Gavin Beach

To schedule Mass intentions, please email Theresa Dyer at tdyer@hfgb.org or call 810-694-4891, ext. 2211, or stop in the parish office 9 a.m. - noon or 1 - 4 p.m. M-Th.

2023 Altar Flowers

Our web page for ordering Altar flowers is open! Please go to: <https://hfgbaltarflowers.pushpayevents.com/> Your \$50 donation for your specific month will help us provide flowers at the altar and around the sanctuary to beautify our worship space. Your loved one's name will be listed in the parish bulletin for that entire month. You may offer flowers in honor of a living person for a special occasion or in memory of your loved one.



We will continue to have Easter and Christmas memorial collections as well. **During Lent and Advent there will be no flowers in church.**

If you have any questions or if you need assistance ordering, you may contact Theresa Dyer at 810-694-4891, ext. 2211, or tdyer@hfgb.org.



Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Please join us in devotion each Wednesday in church after the 6:00 PM Mass to pray the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena.

Liturgical Ministry - September 2/3

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Darlene McKone, Gina Hunsinger

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Mary Throesch Paul Throesch

Altar Servers:

Mitchell Grondin Emily Martin Grace Martin

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Cristina Carlstrom, Greg Snyder

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Kevin Wilcox Paul Wolven

Altar Servers:

Gavin Raysin (help needed - 2)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Norman Fox, Deb Hawley

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Lisa McNally Ken Mraz

Altar Servers:

William Shaver Logan Sliwka Everett Teem

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Scott Heron, Thomas Hasselbach

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Karen Allen Bill Harris

Altar Servers:

Nick Abbott Helaina Barry Kolten Barry

Weekly Readings August 27 - Sept. 3

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-2

Pray the Patriotic Rosary

Please come to pray in the church at 4 p.m. every Thursday to "Put God Back in America." The more voices, the more powerful the prayer. For information, call Joe Dunn at 810-516-3543 or Richard Dent at 810-624-2996.

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

101st Pope – Gregory IV

Born in Rome of a noble family, he was elected pope on September 20, 827. Popes are powerful figures who hold immense religious, social, and political power, but, they were still required to have confirmation of Emperor Louis the Pious. He organized a powerful army under the command of the Duke of Tuscany, which defeated the Saracens pirates in Africa five times. Saracens, having landed in Italy, destroyed Civitavecchia, Ostia, and threatened Rome. In Ostia, he had a fortress built, calling it Gregoriopolis. He is also credited with the beautiful mosaics in Saint Mark's. Pope Gregory IV died January 11, 844, and is buried in the Vatican Grottoes.



Saint

August 27: St. Monica (322?-387)

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine (August 28), is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy (all flesh is evil) and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact, she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.



Marriage Banns

**Madison Rae Staudacher and
Jacob Benjamin Benson**

September 2, 2023

and

Rebecca Scalf and Alexander Lessnau

September 9, 2023

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Any youth 8th grade through high school who has already received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Reconciliation.



Parent-Child Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

The evening will begin with Mass at 6 pm with the meeting immediately following (approx. 6:30 pm) with an introduction and presentation with Fr. Joe.

Confirmation preparation for **Holy Family & St. Mark Religious Education** students consist of Confirmation Mini Sessions, Confirmation Retreat in January and complete 10 hours of service opportunities.

Holy Family Catholic School students will attend the Confirmation Retreat and the Candidate/Sponsor Session in February. All other preparation will be completed in the classroom.

The schedule and more information can be found on our website.

Register today [hfgb.org!](https://hfgb.org) 

If you have any questions, please feel free to email us.

Deacon Dan Medich dmedich@hfgb.org

Deacon Ron Kenney rkenney@stmarkgoodrich.org

For more information and registration

<https://hfgb.org/religious-education/sacramental-prep>

PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on August 18 for



Rest in Peace

Michael Stefanski. Michael, age 65, died on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. He was born on April 22, 1958, in Flint to Anthony and Marian Stefanski. Surviving are his former wife Rebecca Cason, a stepson, two grandsons, and four siblings. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on August 22 for **Margherita Simoni.** Margherita, age 91, died on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. She was born in Villa Santo Steffano, Italy, on July 3, 1932, to Augusto and Maria Toppetta. She married Mario Simoni on January 7, 1954. Surviving are sons Frank (Sheri), Jerry (Selina), and Sergio (Joyce Snider), as well as four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and four siblings.

Lord, we remember in our prayers Michael Stefanski and Margherita Simoni, whom you have called to be with you. May the calming peace of your love be with their families. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for September

For people living on the margins - We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never be considered of lesser importance.

Please Pray for the Ill and Their Caregivers



Please remember in prayer those listed in the August 6 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions (in the Gathering Space). Newly added: Eric Wohleben.



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the following Holy Family parishioners who died on these dates:

August 27

Melba Seaman, Jodi Piper-Bappert, Regis Benton, Bonnie Perrin

August 28

Carole Krohn, Leah Benton

August 29

Patricia Dicarie, Charlotte Warda, Benjamin John Filer, Lucille M. Tremblay, Samuel Smith

August 30

Julius Sompels, Tillie Ethier, Hazel Montpas, Jacqueline Peterman

August 31

Eva Peterson, Frank Sochor, Jr., Fernande Potter, Ruth Ellen Ranville, Hunter Antaya

September 1

John Gonsowski, Larry Princinsky, Donald Noblet, Wanda Pappenheimer, Edgardo Paguio

September 2

William Courtemanche, Wallace Vedrody

September 2023

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests... Lansing

Sept. 1 Rev. Vincent Richardson / Rev. Jason Brooks
Sept. 2 Rev. Alexei Woltomist / Rev. Tyler Arens
Sept. 3 Bishop Earl A. Boyea
Sept. 4 Rev. David Stawasz / Rev. Bogdan Rybchuk
Sept. 5 Rev. Joseph Campbell / Rev. Luis Felipe Villalobos
Sept. 6 Rev. John Machiorlatti / Rev. Michael Cassar
Sept. 7 Rev. Todd Koenigs knecht
Sept. 8 Rev. All Priests
Sept. 9 Rev. Richard J. Bauman / Rev. Mark Martin
Sept. 10 Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling
Sept. 11 Rev. Juan Sabadell / Rev. Louis Ekka
Sept. 12 Rev. Dennis Howard / Rev. Anthony Smela
Sept. 13 Rev. Roger Chikri / Rev. Francis George
Sept. 14 Our Holy Father
Sept. 15 Rev. Bosco Padamattummel / Rev. Jeffrey Robideau

Sept. 16 Rev. Steven Makranyi / **Rev. Leronio Vodivodi**
Sept. 17 Rev. Kyle Shinseki / Rev. Satheesh Alphonse
Sept. 18 Rev. Jon Taylor / Rev. Richard Eberle
Sept. 19 Rev. Pieter vanRooyen / Rev. Jay Kersten
Sept. 20 Rev. Anthony Strouse / Rev. Michael Petroski
Sept. 21 Rev. Joseph Kim / Rev. Robert H. McGraw
Sept. 22 Rev. Vincent VanDoan / Msgr. Raymond Goehring
Sept. 23 Rev. David Reamsnyder / Rev. James Rolph
Sept. 24 Rev. Gregg Pleiness / Rev. Gary Koenigs knecht
Sept. 25 Rev. Denis Spitzley / Rev. Carl Simon
Sept. 26 Rev. Kusitino Cobona / Rev. Edwin Emeli
Sept. 27 Msgr. Richard Groshek / Rev. Roy Horning
Sept. 28 Rev. Robert Pienta / Rev. John Vinton
Sept. 29 Rev. Timothy Nelson / Rev. Anthony Brooks
Sept. 30 Rev. Paul Ruddy / Rev. Enzo Addari

Prayerfully Prepared for You by the Sisters of the Community of the Resurrection, Cason, Maine

HERE AND THERE



by Matthew Kelly

Prologue

The Abbot rose each morning an hour before his brother monks and sat in the chapel asking God to give him the wisdom necessary to revitalize the monastery. But another summer came and went, and in the depths of the coldest winter ever, a profound sadness gripped the old Abbot's heart. He thought he had tried everything.

For hundreds of years people had come here longing for a glimpse of God and the monastery had thrived. What had he done wrong? He was wrapped in guilt and shame. The gap between his faith and his life had widened, and he didn't know how to close it.

On the first day of spring, the Abbot announced at breakfast that he was leaving the monastery to make a journey. "Where are you going?" Brother Killian asked. "I will visit the Hermit in the mountains to seek his council on our situation here at the monastery."

(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life.* Blue Sparrow. Pg. 3.



First Saturday Devotions

The World Apostolate of Fatima Diocesan Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace will be held at St. Robert's Church (310 Cherry St., Flushing 48433) on **September 2nd, at 8:30 am**. The morning will include Divine Liturgy, Investiture in the Brown Scapular, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour of Prayer and Rosary.

Please call Richard at (810) 624-2996 with any questions or concerns. More information on the website: www.wafgc.org

If You Knew the Gift of God

Liturgical Formation for Eucharistic Revival

"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." -John 4:10

Receiving the Gift of God requires an apprenticeship in the signs and symbols, words and actions, of how God works in the liturgy of His Church. As we learn to speak the language God speaks in the liturgy we become all the more able to help others ask for and receive the living water Jesus gives for the life of the world (John 6:51).

"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did."
-John 4:29

Join Bishop Boyea and an array of renowned national speakers for a day of liturgical formation that will take place on **Saturday, November 4th**, at St. Patrick's in Brighton. Comprised of liturgies, talks, and workshops, the day will enhance your ministry as priests, deacons, catechists, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, readers, music ministers, ushers, people who work in "sacred art and environment," sacristans, and any others who serve to make our liturgies reverent, worshipful, and worthy for the Lord.

The cost of the event will be \$20/person.

St. Patrick Parish Life Center
711 Rickett Rd. Brighton, MI, 48116
Saturday, November 4, 2023
Starts at 9:00 AM / 4:00PM

ONLINE Event Registration



AROUND THE DIOCESE



Registration is open for the 2023 Michigan Catholic Women's Conference! The 2023 Michigan Catholic Women's Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 21**, from 9am – 5pm in Lansing. The theme is "Quenched" and our guiding Bible verse is from Isaiah 58:11 - "Then the Lord will guide you always and satisfy your thirst in parched places, will give strength to your bones and you shall be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never fail." We will welcome Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of *Walking with Purpose*, as our Keynote Speaker, and Sheri Wohlfert, Karen Ervin and Fr. Dan Westermann will also share messages on this theme during the conference. The day will be filled with music and activities to build your spirit through the love of Jesus and the energy of the Holy Spirit.

Learn more about the conference and register now at **MichiganCWC.org**. Tickets are \$72.50 for regular admission, and Seniors (62+) and Students are \$65. We will offer conference T-shirts - only available for purchase during registration. If you'd like a T-shirt - be sure to order when you register.

Save the Date! Chair-ity Event

Thursday, October 26, 2023

The Newly Renovated Catholic Charities' Venue!
St. Michael's Conference Center
609 E 5th Ave, Flint, MI 48503

The evening will be filled with food, fun and all the feels! The spotlight will be trained on unique chairs designed and created by local artists and volunteers. Calling all Artists!

We are calling for uniquely designed chairs decorated by individual artists or groups to be auctioned at this signature fundraising event! Transform a chair into a work of art and your donation will not only provide someone with a one-of-a-kind piece of furniture, it will provide those most in need with help, hope and healing.

Register at catholiccharitiesflint.org

Deadline to submit a chair is **September 25, 2023**.

Men's & Women's Retreats:

Retreat for Revival

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

First Women's Retreats: **Sept. 15-17, Oct. 6-8, Oct. 27-29**, more dates online!

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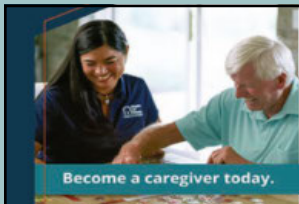
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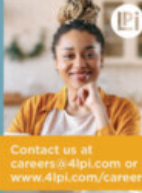
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