

saint John fisher chapel

UNIVERSITY PARISH

Parish Bulletin for August 23, 2020

Calendar August 22 - August 30, 2020

Saturday, August 22

- 3:00pm ● Mele/Adorjan Wedding
- 4:30pm ● Reconciliation
- 5:30pm ● Mass - Live
Welcomers: Gregory and Pauline Schultz
Lector: Elizabeth Kelly

Sunday, August 23

- 10:00am ● Mass - Live
Welcomer: Fabiola Tonna
Lector: Fabiola Tonna

Monday, August 24

- 12:15pm ● Mass
- 7:00pm ● Finance Council

Tuesday, August 25

- 12:15pm ● Mass

Wednesday, August 26

- Parish Offices and Building Closed
- 7:30pm ● Boy Scout Meeting

Thursday, August 27

- 6:00pm ● Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:15pm ● Mass

Friday, August 28

- 12:15pm ● Mass

Saturday, August 29

- 4:30pm ● Reconciliation
- 5:30pm ● Mass - Live
Welcomer: Sr. Margaret Hanson
Lector: Sr. Margaret Hanson

Sunday, August 30

- 10:00am ● Mass - Live
Welcomer: Susan Weber
Lector: Susan Weber

Readings for the week of August 23

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 ● **Monday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51 ● **Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26 ● **Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32 ● **Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51 ● **Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13 ● **Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29 ● **Next Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.” (Mt. 16:15)

Gospel Mantra: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

did you know? information, opportunities, notes ...

Archbishop lifts Mass obligation until Nov. 23, but Catholics must still keep Sundays holy

MICHAEL STECHSCHULTE

AUG 14, 2020 LOCAL

Fr. James Grau offers Communion to a man at the Basilica of Ste. Anne in southwest Detroit on July 26. In a new directive issued Aug. 14, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron extended the dispensation for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit to attend Sunday Mass until at least Monday, Nov. 23, as the coronavirus continues to spread in Michigan. (Valaurian Waller | Detroit Catholic)

Dispensation extended from original expiration of Sept. 6, but Catholics who engage in other risks 'should begin to return to Sunday Mass'

DETROIT - Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit are dispensed from their

obligation to attend Sunday Mass until at least Monday, Nov. 23, according to a new directive issued by Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron.

The dispensation was extended from its original expiration of Sunday, Sept. 6, in light of the continued spread of COVID-19 in Michigan and the "impossibility for parishes to safely accommodate all Catholics for Mass on Sundays," the directive states.

While in-person Masses are still being offered, the dispensation relieves the burden of conscience on those who have legitimate grave fears of contracting COVID-19 or who care for vulnerable individuals, the directive states.

However, "Catholics who engage in other activities which would present a similar or greater risk of contamination (eating out at restaurants, traveling, non-essential shopping, widening one's circle of contacts, etc.) should begin to return to Sunday Mass as they are able," said Fr. Stephen Pullis, who authored the message on behalf of the archbishop.

"While one does not commit a mortal sin by absenting one's self during these days due to the dispensation, one would be deprived of the immeasurable spiritual graces Christ desires for his faithful when they actively participate in the Mass," it said.

While Catholics are not obliged to attend Mass in person, they still have a "grave necessity" to keep holy the Lord's day, the directive reminds the faithful.

"When it is not possible to participate in person in the Sacrifice of the Mass, it is vitally important for every member of the Catholic Church to nourish his or her soul during these days," Fr. Pullis said. "This means cultivating a

prayer life in their homes, reading Sacred Scripture - especially the prescribed readings for the Sunday Mass - and making Christ the center of one's home and being his disciple the central identity of one's life."

This is especially important on Sundays, with or without the obligation to attend Mass.

"As the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, Christians from the earliest days set Sunday apart as a day unlike others," he continued. "This means activities on Sunday should be different from the pursuits of the rest of the week. Prayer and time for God, time for family, and works of charity should be central to a Catholic's Sunday."

The obligation to attend Mass, when not dispensed, "is a grave call for us who have been incorporated into Christ by our baptism to share in the sacrifice of Christ to the Father," Fr. Pullis wrote.

"While the dispensation remains in effect, it is imperative that we remember what awesomeness it is to participate at Mass, particularly in receiving Christ in the Holy Eucharist. To lose the centrality of the Mass in our lives would be a spiritual tragedy."

The Archdiocese of Detroit continues to provide a list of livestream Mass opportunities for the faithful, and many parishes have beefed up their online offerings.

A year ago, Archbishop Vigneron wrote a pastoral note, "The Day of the Lord," about Catholic families' obligation to observe Sunday as a day of rest set apart for God.

For a list of ideas for families to spend Sundays together in prayer, activities and reflection, visit unleashthegospel.org/spiritualcloseness

Contemplative Living

It is our duty as men and women to proceed as though the limits of our abilities do not exist.

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin



PeaceXPeace Ministry

PeaceXPeace is a group of women who gather to foster peace-making in our families, communities, nation, and the global reality. We meet monthly in the Faith Formation Lounge on the third Wednesday at 7pm. Recent meetings have been held via Zoom. For over 15 years we have been finding hope and awareness through our sharing of personal stories and experiences. We often utilize book studies, video programs, and greater community events to support our faith witnessing. We offer projects, articles and events, such as our annual Peace Pole ceremony, to bring awareness of actions for peace and hope to the larger parish community. Past activities have included a bi-racial presentation on Race and Faith, the Blessings of Aging, and Interfaith peace presentations.

Our gatherings include prayer, sharing, food and drink and new members are always welcome. In the past, our annual contributions have been to



Following Francis
Faith must lead us
believers to see other
persons as our brothers
and sisters that we need
to support and love.

- Pope Francis

Women for Women International, Oakland County Women's Jail Ministry, and Hope Warming Center to name just a few. Please feel free to reach out with any questions! - Liz Loria, 248-318-0012, lorializ@gmail.com

A Family Perspective

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

- Bud Ozar

Virtual Scare Away Hunger 5K Run/Walk!

Neighborhood House is celebrating its 10th annual Scare Away Hunger 5K Run/Walk virtually. Our virtual 5K is a race that you complete wherever you would like. We will provide a couple of routes which you can choose to use or not. **The 5K will take place between October 1-18.** Between that time, you can run, walk, or jog the distance to complete your 5K. While we are physically distant, we can remain connected through a community of people striving toward the same goal.

Your support of this event will make it possible to provide food, clothing, emergency financial help, job coaching, budget counseling, short-term mental health counseling, transportation and other self-sustainability programs to thousands of households in Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Oakland Township, and Addison Township. Last year, Neighborhood House served over 3,200 families.

Get the whole family involved by staying active and helping fight hunger in our own community! [Become a family sponsor for only \\$250!](#)

In Sympathy

The St. John Fisher Community extends its deepest sympathy and prayers to: Mary Mason and family on the death of her mother, **Patty Zurbriggen**, who passed away August 16, 2020.

Offertory Collections...

Our Offertory is the primary source of funds for our day-to-day operations.

Donations through our On Line Giving program are deposited daily. Please contact Lori Rafferty with any questions.

Week ending August 16, 2020:

Envelopes: \$799

Electronics: \$2,605

Total: \$3,404

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

YTD Offertory Collected: \$34,024

YTD Offertory Budgeted: \$44,104

Over/(Short) from Budget: \$(10,080)

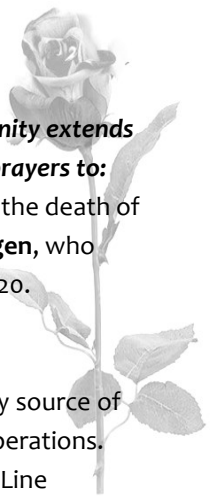
Other Collections:

Peter's Pence: \$205

Priests' Pension: \$200

Total: \$405

OUR CURRENT YEAR TO DATE OFFERTORY SHORTFALL OF \$8, 217 IS MEASURED AGAINST AN OFFERTORY BUDGET TARGET WHICH IS ABOUT 40% BELOW OUR PAST GIVING LEVEL. THIS TARGET WAS ESTABLISHED TO REFLECT GIVING LEVELS DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND FOLLOWING LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT THE PARISH. CURRENT PARISH OPERATIONS CANNOT BE SUSTAINED WITH THIS GROWING DEFICIT! WE WILL BE FORCED TO MAKE MORE OPERATIONAL CHANGES IF THIS LEVEL OF GIVING CONTINUES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.



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