

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man did not come
to be served but to serve
and to give his life
as a ransom for many."
Mt 10:45



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Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Fridays: Office closed

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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 3:30 pm until all are heard or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM: Parents should contact the parish office either before or after the baby is born.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples should contact the parish office before setting a wedding date. Marriage preparation classes through this parish are required.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: If homebound or hospitalized, notify the parish office so that requested sacraments or a visit can be arranged. In case of an emergency, call the pastor anytime - day or night.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Each Friday from 8:30-11:30 and Saturday from 10:00-11:00.

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Scripture Readings for the Week of October 17, 2021

Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 5:00 PM (Sat. Vigil): +Ed Spayd 8:30 AM Mass: People of the Parish 10:30 AM Mass: deceased members of the Beal City Knights of Columbus
Monday	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday	Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38 5:30 PM Mass: +Cecil Clare
Wednesday	Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48 8:00 AM Mass: +Russell Martin
Thursday	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2-4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53 8:00 AM Mass: +Francis Engler
Friday	Saint John Paul II, Pope Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59 8:00 AM Mass & Adoration: Cecilia Dubravec
Saturday	Saint John of Capistrano, Priest Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9 9:30 AM Mass & Adoration 3:30 PM Confessions
Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52 5:00 PM (Sat. Vigil): +Stacie Van Horn 8:30 AM Mass: +Floyd Hauck 10:30 AM Mass: People of the Parish

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago, Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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Pray the Rosary daily!

"To those who pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces."

(Promises made by Our Lady to St. Dominic)

Join us 1/2 hour prior to each Mass to pray the rosary together as a faith community.



MINISTERS OF WORD

October 23 Saturday, 5:00 PM Mass: Mary Boge

October 24 Sunday, 8:30 AM Mass: Joyce Martin

October 24, Sunday, 10:30 AM Mass: Sue Johnston

Week of: October 17-23

The Sanctuary Lamp is lighted for
+Katherine Martin

Please keep this intention in your prayers this week.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT: *Always alight, 24 hours each day, here in our church.....a comforting guide to the tabernacle.*

Now, in addition to Mass offerings, parishioners may request that the sanctuary light be offered as a call to memory and for prayers for deceased family members, friends or parishioners for a period of a week. Call the Parish office to schedule a week-long dedication for your loved one. A notice of the memorial will be placed in the bulletin. A monetary offering may be extended to the church for the dedication if you choose.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFE CHOICES OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN is hosting their *Baby Bottle Campaign* at St. Joseph the Worker in the month of October. Bottles are in the gathering space. Please take a bottle home and place coins, currency or checks in the bottle. Return bottles by Sunday, November 7. You may also donate online at <https://www.lifechoicescm.com/babybottle>. All proceeds are used to support the mission of Life Choices to protect life, share the Truth, and empower people to make healthy life choices through their Medical Clinic & Family Education Center.



John Urban will celebrate his 95th revolution around the sun on October 29. If you would like to wish him a happy birthday, please send a card to 6613 W. Little Turtle Way, Weidman, MI 48893.

CCW TURKEY DINNER: Sunday, November 7, from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. at the K of C Hall. Dinners are \$10 for adults; \$6 for under 12 years; 5 years and under are free.

THE SAGINAW DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Saturday, October 30, at Holy Spirit Church (N. River Rd.) in Saginaw/Shields. All women of the diocese are invited to attend. Registration is from 9:15—9:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated, and the presenter is Fr. Robert Byrne who will speak on the topic of *The Choices We Make*. Cost is \$10 (snack provided—no lunch). Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Joyce Raducha (989-875-2650) by Tuesday, October 26.

JOB OPENING: Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor of the Diocese of Saginaw. The Administrative Assistant coordinates major projects, including preparation for and follow-up on corporation meetings and resolutions; handling legal and canonical matters, coordinating safe environment training, and assuring policies are being fulfilled. To view the job description, visit Saginaw Diocese website at <https://saginaw.org/employment/diocese-saginaw/administrative-assistant>.



The family of Larry Theisen wishes to thank Carol Matthews and all the ladies who provided the food for his funeral luncheon. It was much appreciated!

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SCHOOL NEWS

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SCHOOL MASS: School Mass will be Thursday, October 21, at 8:00 a.m. Please join us!



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St. John Vianney's short prayer before Holy Communion

This prayer is simple, but profound in its spiritual depth.

St. John Vianney possessed a great devotion to the Eucharist, recognizing the reality that Jesus is truly present under the appearances of bread and wine. There is a short prayer attributed to him that is simple yet profound. It is to be said before receiving Holy Communion, and asks Jesus to dwell within us. It expresses the truth that God is coming to us in the Eucharist and that he desires to dwell within us, just as we desire to dwell within him.

O my God, come to me, so that You may dwell in me and I may dwell in you.



Sunday Collections	10/10/2021	Year-To-Date
Envelopes/Online	\$ 11,172.26	\$ 142,586.12
Youth Envelopes	\$ -	\$ 11.00
School Support Fund	\$ 425.00	\$ 3,600.00
Cemetery Mtnc	\$ -	\$ 1,146.00
Youth Ministry	\$ -	\$ 140.00
Loose	\$ 828.00	\$ 10,049.96
Collection Total	\$ 12,425.26	\$ 157,533.08
Total Budgeted	\$ 10,573.07	\$ 154,064.64
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,852.19	\$ 3,468.44
Capital Improvement	\$ 105.00	\$ 5,711.00
Flower Offering	\$ 10.00	\$ 445.00

MARTYRS

Who are the North American Martyrs?

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"The blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians." This maxim, credited to the second-century ecclesiastical writer Tertullian, was profoundly evidenced by eight Jesuit missionaries who brought Jesus to the Indians of North America during the 17th century. In the face of extreme suffering and hardship, these brave Frenchmen met violent deaths while serving God and the Church in remote areas of eastern Canada and New York state. They became known as the North American Martyrs.

There were six priests and two oblate laymen, Jesuits all, who the Church raised to sainthood as a result of their heroic missionary efforts between the years 1625 and 1649. In an eight-year period (1642-1649), they were all murdered while spreading the Gospel to the North American Indians and as a group were canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1930. ***Their feast day is Oct. 19.***

Although each of these missionaries had heard about the severe environment of the area called New France, none could fathom what the situation was actually like: disease, severe weather, lack of food, unsanitary living conditions, impassable forests, solitude and a hostile population. Travel was by canoe on treacherous waterways or walking for miles through dense insect-filled and uncharted forests. The Jesuit mission was to witness to a population of Indians who spoke a different language, were violent enemies and were not opposed to the use of torture. Despite the anticipated hardships and often being urged not to go, the Jesuits sought out, some even begged for, missionary duties in North America.

Scholars and writers have long debated the impact of the Jesuits in the overall history of New France. What can't be debated is the well-documented story of eight heroic and faith-filled Frenchmen who never doubted they were planting the seed of Christianity and bringing Jesus Christ into the world of the Indian. Their zeal, courage and willingness to sacrifice to the point where they laid down their lives to witness for Jesus is a shining star on the North American continent and in the Church.

North American Martyrs

- Father John de Brebeuf (1593-1649)
- Father Noël Chabanel (1613-1649)
- Father Antony Daniel (1601-1648)
- Father Charles Garnier (1606-1649)
- Oblate René Goupil (1608-1642)
- Father Isaac Jogues (1607-1646)
- Oblate John de Lalande (died 1646)
- Father Gabriel Lalemant (1610-1649)

Novena in Honor of Saint Joseph

October 24, 2021 - November 1, 2021

Friday, October 29: Confession available beginning at 5 p.m. &

Mass and Novena at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Church (2163 N. Winn Road, Mt. Pleasant)



Designated Saint Joseph Pilgrimage Churches

Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption Parish, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw

St. Joseph the Worker Church, 2163 N. Winn Road, Mt. Pleasant

Mount Saint Joseph Church/Nativity of the Lord Parish, 605 Franklin Street, Saint Louis

Saint Joseph Church/Saint Christopher Parish, 375 W. Ohmer Road, Mayville

Saint Joseph Church/Saint Hubert Parish, 3455 Rapson Road, Rapson

Saint Joseph Church/Holy Family Parish, 59 Moore St., Sandusky

Saint Joseph Church/Resurrection of the Lord Parish, 7842 Newberry Street, Alger

Saint Joseph Church/Saint Gabriel Parish, 84 W. Midland Road, Auburn

You are invited to visit and participate:

- Pray the Novena to Saint Joseph at the various designated Pilgrimage sites (parishes dedicated to Saint Joseph).
- Join in the celebration of numerous Masses
- Reception of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and
- Pray for the holy intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis
- Go to Saginaw.org/novena for a schedule of Masses and Confession.

INDULGENCES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS YEAR:

- This special year includes particular indulgences "to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole church to the powerful patronage of the custodian of Jesus" (Apostolic Penitentiary).
- Indulgences remit the temporal punishment (Purgatory) due to our sins.
- To receive the grace of a plenary (full) indulgence, one must receive sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion and pray for the pope's holy intentions.
- There are 15 ways to receive an indulgence this year, including reciting the Litany of St. Joseph for persecuted Christians, entrusting one's daily work to St. Joseph the Worker and praying the Rosary as a family.