

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday 8/15	Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a. 10ab/ Ps 45: 10. 11. 12. 16/ 1 Cor 15: 20-27/ Lk 1: 39-56 12:15 a.m. Mass (IT): <i>Fr. Rag Bandaru</i> 6:00 p.m. Mass (PE): <i>Andrea Goerge, Gloria Thelen</i>
Tuesday 8/16	Stephen of Hungary, Martyr Ez 28: 1-10/ Dt 32: 26-27ab. 27cd-28. 30. 35cd-36ab/ Mt 19: 23-30
Wednesday 8/17	20 th Wednesday in Ordinary Time Ez 34: 1-11/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Mt 20: 1-1 5:30 p.m. CONFESSION 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>Mike Murphy & Michele Bates</i>
Thursday 8/18	20 th Thursday in Ordinary Time Ez 36: 23-28/ Ps 51: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/ Mt 22: 1-14 10:00 a.m. MASS, ADORATION – 8:00 p.m.
Friday 8/19	St. John Eudes, Priest Ez 37: 1-14/ Ps 107: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 22: 34-40 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): <i>Sue Bates</i>
Saturday 8/20	St. Bernard, Abbot Ez 43: 1-7ab/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-14/ Mt 23: 1-1 5:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>+ Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
Sunday 8/21	21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time Is 66: 18-21/Ps 117:1.2/Heb 12: 5-7. 11-13/ Lk 13: 22-3 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:00 am MASS (IT): <i>Theresa Olsezewski</i>

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat., Aug 20	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Marty McDaid
Sun., Aug 21	9:00 am Mass (PE): Cliff Thelen
Sun., Aug 21	11:00 am Mass (IT): Dan Drolett Ellie Steinhorst

USHERS

Sat., Aug 20	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., Aug 21	9:00 am Mass (PE): Chuck Tamulis
Sun., Aug 21	11:00 am Mass (IT): Ron Steinhorst Chuck Wieferich

GREETERS

Sat., Aug 20	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Marita & Doug Harkness
Sun., Aug 21	9:00 am Mass (PE): Chuck Tamulis
Sun., Aug 21	11:00 am Mass (IT): Bev & Troy Bellinger

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Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART**

ST PAUL PARISH: 7/31/2022: \$2,844

LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

... THE RECENTLY DECEASED

... THE MILITARY:

Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger | Lt. Col. Tom Sager
Remember those who have no one to pray for them.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Sun 8/14	Coffee & Donuts After 9 a.m. Mass (PE) SM Altar Society
Tue 8/23	CCW Meeting 2:00 p.m. Ithaca Room 4
Wed 8/24	Ladies Summer Outing See Bulletin article on the right
Sun 8/28	A Family of Faith Kickoff Meeting 10:00 a.m. at both church locations



Our goal this year is **\$33,686.00**. Please send your pledges and contributions directly to the Diocese of Saginaw in the envelopes provided.

Our current balance is \$7,956.00.

We have recently learned that this appeal has been extended until the end of August! Please help us reach our goal!



K of C GOLF OUTING

The Ithaca Knights of Columbus Council 8785 is hosting its 24th annual Golf Outing on Saturday August 20th at the North Star Golf Course. Four-person teams are needed for this scramble format fundraiser which starts at 9 am. The cost is \$200 per four-person team or \$50 per individual. The fee includes golf/with cart, light lunch, dinner and prizes after golf. The council is also seeking individuals, families, businesses, and corporations for \$100 hole sponsorships (tax deductible donation). The deadline for the hole sponsorship is July 15th. For more information contact Paul Hornak at 989 331-1168 or at p1hornak@gmail.com, John Pohl 989 640-6081.

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

We are beginning our registration for our Religious Education program A Family of Faith, for the second year. The theme this year is "The Sacraments". Our kickoff day will be Sunday August 28th, with Mass and a social gathering to distribute books and to pass on information. **Registration forms are available in the back of the church and on our website. You may also call the office for any information. Please be sure to register your family by August 24th! Thank you!!**

PARISH ANNUAL MISSION

On the weekend of September 3 and 4, Fr. Phillip Mayfield will speak at all Masses about the work of the PIME Missionaries. They are priests and brothers who dedicate themselves as lifelong messengers of the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the Word of God. They live and work alongside the poorest among us in 19 countries around the world. Find out more at: www.pimeusa.org.

LADIES SUMMER OUTING

All ladies of our parish are invited to a Summer Outing, Wednesday, August 24, 2022, with a tour of historic St. Adalbert's Basilica in Grand Rapids, followed by 12:05 Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. We will enjoy lunch at a restaurant yet to be determined. The carpool will leave Ithaca parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and leave Perrinton parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibules.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The volunteers at the Gratiot Community Personal Needs Pantry, ask for our parish's assistance in a fundraiser. We currently have a list of 400 Gratiot County families that are eligible to supplement their personal need items by coming to the pantry every month. They are asking for monetary donations to be sent to GCPNP, 116 S. Franklin St., St. Louis 48880.

VISITING OR INTERESTED IN OUR CHURCH?

Please contact the office (989-875-2852) if you would like to register with our parish.