

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 7/03	Feast of Saint Thomas Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29 12:15 MASS – Fr. Tim Ferguson
Tuesday 7/04	Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week Ordinary Time Gn 19:15-29/ Mt 8:23-27 Special 10:30 am MASS – <i>The American Republic</i>
Wednesday 7/05	Wednesday of Thirteenth Week Ordinary Time Gn 21:5, 8-20a/ Mt 8:28-34 6 PM MASS + <i>Theresa Olszewski</i>
Thursday 7/06	Thursday of Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8 10 AM MASS - <i>Coleman Sovis</i> ADORATION ENDING WITH BENEDICTION FROM 10 AM to 8PM (IT)
Friday 7/07	Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13 9AM MASS (PE) FOLLOWED BY EXPOSTION
Saturday 7/08	Saturday of Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 /Mt 9:14-17 5:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): + Fr. Martin Zelinsky
Sunday 7/09	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10/ Mt 11:25-30 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): - <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:00 am MASS (IT): – <i>Drew Endter</i>
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., July 08	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Ann Franich
Sun., July 09	9:00 am Mass (PE): Tim Donohue
Sun., July 09	11:00 am Mass (IT): Tony Huntoon
USHERS	
Sat., July 08	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., July 09	9:00 am Mass (PE): Daryl Trefil
Sun., July 09	11:00 am Mass (IT): Drew Endter Chris Barancik
GREETERS	
Sat., July 08	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Marita & Doug Harkness
Sun., July 09	9:00 am Mass (PE): Daryl Trefil
Sun., July 09	11:00 am Mass (IT): Dane & Stacy Loganbach

Dear Parish Family,

This coming Tuesday is Independence Day. To celebrate all that God has given this republic, and to ask his blessings upon our country, there will be a special Mass at 10:30am on July 4th. I anticipate that the Mass will be no longer than 40 minutes.

There will be plenty of talk and song this week about freedom, and that freedom is a blessing. God's will is that we have free will. Nevertheless, God's will is never that we use that free will for vice. Dark forces of the culture will attempt to convince us that freedom is the license to do whatever we please. That is not freedom. That will only harm others, and harm the individual. Freedom is having the power to behave as one ought.

The American republic offers us the opportunity to grow in virtue, and holiness with great latitude. We have the Christian responsibility to cooperate with that opportunity in the grace of God. We have the God-given mission to make this republic a land of Christian virtue, by practicing virtue. Voting matters. It does. Living a virtuous life in Christ, however, is far, far, more influential.

Prayers,

Fr. ECD



**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT  
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART**  
ST PAUL PARISH: 6/18/2023: \$4,244.76  
**LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**  
... **THE RECENTLY DECEASED**  
... **THE MILITARY:**  
Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger

*Remember those who have no one to pray for them.*

PARISH SCHEDULE	
Sat 7/04	Special Mass 10:30am
Sun 7/16	Parish Picnic! 1:00 pm Reed Park Pavilion 3
Sat 8/05	Changes Mystery Living Rosary Before Mass

**PILGRAME IN ITALY**

Fr. Marcel Portelli invites you to join him on a memorable pilgrimage through the heart of Italy this October. Pray at the mountain-top monastery of St. Benedict, the tombs of saints Francis and Clare in Assisi, the tomb of the incorrupt body of St. Padre Pio, and the grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Tour magnificent Florence and the Amalfi Coast. In Rome, we'll venerate the relics of St. Paul, visit St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican museums, then attend an audience with Pope Francis. Call (989) 426-7154 or download full brochure here:  
<https://bit.ly/3SxegQw> <<https://bit.ly/3SxegQw>>

**PARISH PICNIC**

Please come to our Parish Picnic, Sunday, July 16, 1:00 P.M., at Reed Park. We will be at Pavilion 3, the same one as for the past two years. Sloppy Joes, drinks, and table service will be provided. Come and enjoy swimming, beach volleyball, corn hole, bocce ball, and much more. There is an amazing play area for young children. Please bring a dish to pass by signing up on the sheet in the vestibule.

**SUMMER CATECHESIS CLASSES**

Children and parents are invited to a summer catechesis session. The St. Paul Parish Hall doors open at 10:45am on July 20. Bring a sack lunch. There will be games, and a 20-30 minute lesson given by Fr. Dwyer. All are also invited to 10am Mass and adoration that day.

**CHRIST'S MISSION APPEAL**

As of now, we are behind last year's benchmark for Christ's Mission Appeal. We have collected \$25,605.56. **That means we owe \$8,911.44** to the Diocese of Saginaw ***before July 1st.*** Although we have made great strides in developing programs in the parish in the last year, paying back this amount will make a huge dent in our ability to keep developing programs that benefit our evangelization outside and inside our parish. Please consider giving to this appeal today!

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP**

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation In-person Workshop offers information for engaged couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Among the topics presented are Marriage as a Sacrament, Marital Intimacy, Natural Family Planning, Communication, Conflict Resolution, and Family of Origin. The workshop features presentations by trained marriage facilitators, practical couple exercises, private couple discussions and prayer. The workshop will be held at the Center for Ministry located at 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw on **July 15** from 9am to 4pm. The cost is \$90 per couple. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Contact Beth Bauer for more information at [bbauer@diosag.org](mailto:bbauer@diosag.org) or call 989.797.6655. To register go to <https://dioceseofsaginawweb.myshelby.org/default.aspx?page=3347> or contact Maria Coss at [mcoss@diosag.org](mailto:mcoss@diosag.org)

**K of C GOLF OUTING**

The Ithaca Knights of Columbus Council 8785 is hosting its 25th annual golf outing Saturday, August 19, at North Star Golf Course at 9 am. Cost per four-person team is \$200 for golf/with cart, light lunch, dinner and prizes. Individuals, families, businesses, and corporations can donate \$50 or 100 hole sponsorships (tax deductible) by August 10th. Contact Paul Hornak at [p1hornak@gmail.com](mailto:p1hornak@gmail.com) or John Pohl 989-640-6081 for forms and more information.