

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 7/10	Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 28:10-22a /Mt 9:18-26 12:15 MASS – Bishop Gruss
Tuesday 7/11	Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot Gn 32:23-33 / Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday 7/12	Wednesday of Fourteenth Week Ordinary Time Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/ Mt 10:1-7 6 PM MASS + Theresa Olszewski
Thursday 7/13	Thursday of Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 /Mt 10:7-15 10 AM MASS ADORATION ENDING WITH BENEDICTION FROM 10 AM to 8PM (IT)
Friday 7/14	Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 /Mt 10:16-23 9AM MASS (PE) – Christian Ecologists
Saturday 7/15	Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33 5:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): + Fr. Tom Sutton
Sunday 7/16	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11 / Mt 13:1-23 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): - Pro Populo 11:00 am MASS (IT): - Pro Populo
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., July 15	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Raducha
Sun., July 16	9:00 am Mass (PE): Cliff Thelen
Sun., July 16	11:00 am Mass (IT): Courtney Patrick
USHERS	
Sat., July 15	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., July 16	9:00 am Mass (PE): Mike Braun
Sun., July 16	11:00 am Mass (IT): Adam Patrick Chuck Wieferich
GREETERS	
Sat., July 15	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Marty & Doug Harkness
Sun., July 16	9:00 am Mass (PE): Mike Braun
Sun., July 16	11:00 am Mass (IT): Michelle&Dan Drolett Family

Dear Parish Family,

This past Thursday (July 6) the Church celebrated the memorial of St. Maria Goretti. She was born at the end of the 19th Century to a most devout Catholic Family in Italy. She had a burning faith as a child and pre-teen. Her life was cut short at the age of 12 in an exercise of heroic virtue. A neighbor, Allesandro, was a very troubled 18 y/o man who had left God long ago. He tried on several occasions to have his way with Maria who refused. Eventually this led him to attack and kill her for not submitting to his evil. Word spread of her dedication to chastity, and many faithful began to visit her grave. Eventually, Maria appeared to Allesandro in his prison cell, and begged him to turn to God assuring him of her forgiveness. Allesandro did convert, and led a life of prayer and penance. The Gorettis forgave Allesandro and when Maria was canonized in 1950 he attended the ceremony alongside the family.

Maria is a patroness against sexual violence, and of healing for victims thereof. I need not tell you about the terrible abuse in the world, including by nefarious clerics. More and more Americans have become aware of the sickness, and vastness of human trafficking (including children). Below is a prayer to this little saint. I ask we all offer it for an end to such evil, for the well being of victims, and even the conversion of the perpetrators.

**Oh Saint Maria Goretti who, strengthened by God's grace, did not hesitate even at the age of twelve to shed your blood and sacrifice life itself to defend your virginal purity, look graciously on the unhappy human race which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation. Teach us all, and especially youth, with what courage and promptitude we should flee for the love of Jesus anything that could offend Him or stain our souls with sin. Obtain for us from our Lord victory in temptation, comfort in the sorrows of life, and the grace which we earnestly beg of thee (here insert intention), and may we one day enjoy with thee the imperishable glory of Heaven. Amen.**

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	
Sun 7/16	Parish Picnic! 1:00 pm Reed Park Pavilion 3
Sun 7/30	Rosary Before Mass
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.

**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.myschelby.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.

**BAPTISM FOR NICOLAS GRACE**

Congratulations on the baptism of Nicolas Joseph Grace on July 9<sup>th</sup> during Sunday Mass. We welcome him into the Church!

