

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 7/31	Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35 12:15 ROSARY IN LEU MASS
Tuesday 8/1	Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 / Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday 8/2	Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time Ex 34:29-35 / Mt 13:44-46 ROSARY IN LEU OF MASS
Thursday 8/3	Thursday of Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53 ROSARY IN LEU OF MASS ADORATION 10 AM to 8PM (IT)
Friday 8/4	Memorial of St. John Vianney Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58 9 AM MASS (PE)
Saturday 8/5	Saturday of the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12 5:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): - Pro Populo
Sunday 8/6	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): - Pro Populo 11:00 am MASS (IT): - Pro Populo
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., August 5	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Ann Franich
Sun., August 6	9:00 am Mass (PE): Kelly Donohue
Sun., August 6	11:00 am Mass (IT): Drew Endter
USHERS	
Sat., August 5	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., August 6	9:00 am Mass (PE): Daryl Trefil
Sun., August 6	11:00 am Mass (IT): Chuck Wieferich Chris Barancik
GREETERS	
Sat., August 5	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Marita & Doug Harkness
Sun., August 6	9:00 am Mass (PE): Daryl Trefil
Sun., August 6	11:00 am Mass (IT): The Bellinger Family

Dear Parish Family,

August has arrived already! This means the fall sports season has geared up, and the academic year is approaching with great haste. Many of your calendar's will quickly be filled with athletics and academics. As that happens I want all of you to remember what C.S. Lewis once wrote "**Brass is mistaken for gold more easily than clay is.**"

In other words, we are more easily fooled into making an earthly good into a god, than fooled into making an earthly evil into one.

Athletics and academics are goods. They are goods the Church embraces through her institutions of education. Catholic priests have attended college for just as long, if not longer, than physicians and lawyers. The realm of sports teaches many virtues to the young. Perhaps the best lesson I ever learned in sports is how to handle both success, and disappointment with grace. Nevertheless, athletics and academics are not gods. There is only one God, the Blessed Trinity, and his First Commandment is not to place false gods before him.

I doubt any of you actually genuflect before a dugout, or a laboratory. I doubt any of you light votive candles in honor of Pudge Rodriguez, or Albert Einstein. Nevertheless, if we skip prayer, if we skip Mass, if we compromise the Divine Moral Law for athletic or academic advancement, we have turned these earthly goods into false gods. We have given them the attention, and devotion that is owed to our Creator and Savior.

So, as you plan your weekends, and weekdays this fall, make sure that Christ is prime. Make sure Sunday Mass is never sacrificed on the altar of athletics or academics. Neither coaches, nor professors will be the final judge of your souls, or the souls of your children; Christ alone will be, and he didn't die for us at a football game. Perhaps this priority may mean less playing time. So what? How does extra playing time compare to eternity? Furthermore, if enough Christian faithful drew a hard line, coaches would not schedule games and practices on the Lord's Day.

My favorite shirt during my teen years read: "Christ First! Then there's Football." Let us all approach this fall with that in mind.

prayers,

Fr. ECD

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART**
ST PAUL PARISH: 7/09/2023: \$2,085.90
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 7/30	Rosary Before Mass
Sat 8/05	Changes Mystery Living Rosary Before Mass
Sun 8/06	Rosary Before Mass
Sat 8/12	Rosary Before Mass
Sun 8/13	Rosary Before Mass
Mon 8/21	CCW Outing
Tues 8/29	CCW Meeting 2:00pm Parish Hall

LADIES' SUMMER OUTING

All ladies of our parish are invited to a Summer Outing Monday, August 21, at Space Studio's Glaze Bar in Midland. The carpool will leave St. Paul at 9:00 a.m. We will have brunch at the Midland Bob Evans, followed by 12:05 Mass at St. Brigid of Kildare. Then we will enjoy glazing a pottery piece at Space Studio. Each piece has one price, ranging from \$10 and up, which includes glazes, instruction, studio time, and firings. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

MATERIAL IN OUR VESTIBULE

This is a gentle reminder that any unapproved religious material left in our vestibules will be removed by the staff, and properly disposed of.
Thank you.
-Fr. ECD

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 or John Pohl 989-640-6081 for forms and more information.

Diocesan Sponsored NCYC Event

The diocese has 14 tickets remaining for the upcoming NCYC 2023 event, Fully Alive, to be held on **November 16-18**, at the Indiana Convention Center, in Indianapolis, Indiana. **Only 14 tickets remain, so please spread the word!** NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique 3-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment. It is the premiere Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ. This event includes featured artist, For King and Country, as well as inspiring speakers, music, worship, interactive exhibits, breakout sessions, Mass, and Adoration. **The cost per student and chaperone is \$575***, which includes the cost of the ticket, round-trip bus transportation, and hotel lodging for 3 nights. Please note that this fee will increase for chaperones requesting their own room. All chaperones will need to be Safe Environment compliant according to the policies of the Diocese of Saginaw. If your parish is interested in joining in this diocesan sponsored event or having a youth join with St. Dominic Parish, please contact Amy Dore at adore@diosag.org or call 989.797.6654 to reserve your space. *This price is based on all tickets being sold.

A FAREWELL FROM TATYANA

As I move onto my next journey to Seminary, I thank you for being so welcoming and allowing me the opportunity to have some church office work experience. It has been a joy to attend here!