

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 9/25	St. Finbar (Barry) Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18 12:15 p.m. MASS (IT) <b>MASS CANCELED</b>
Tuesday 9/26	Sts. Cosmas & Damian Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21 OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday 9/27	St. Vincent de Paul Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 6pm Mass (IT) <b>MASS CANCELED</b>
Thursday 9/28	St. Wenceslaus Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9 10:00 MASS (IT) <b>MASS CANCELED</b> ADORATION 10am - 8pm
Friday 9/29	Feast of Sts. Micheal, Gabriel, & Raphael Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ Jn 1:47-51 9 am MASS (PE) – First Responders
Saturday 9/30	St. Jerome Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45 5 pm CONFESSIONS 6 pm MASS (IT) + Mary Ellen Pitkowski
Sunday 10/01	St. Theresa of Lisieux Ez 18:25-28/Mt 21:28-32 9 am MASS (PE) 11 am MASS (IT)
LECTORS	
Sat., Sept 23	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Joyce Raducha
Sun., Sept 24	9:00 am Mass (PE): Bob Stone
Sun., Sept 24	11:00 am Mass (IT): Bev Bellinger
USHERS	
Sat., Sept 23	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., Sept 24	9:00 am Mass (PE): Mike Braun
Sun., Sept 24	11:00 am Mass (IT): Dane Longanbach Todd Crawford
GREETERS	
Sat., Sept 23	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Marty & Gary McDaid
Sun., Sept 24	9:00 am Mass (PE): Mike Braun
Sun., Sept 24	11:00 am Mass (IT): Brad & Diane Harkness

Dear Parish Family,

This past Thursday (Sept. 21) the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist. He was an apostle of Christ, and wrote the Divinely inspired Gospel of Matthew. Jesus selected Matthew from the most unlikely of places to be his apostle. He was a tax-collector. While taxes are regularly an annoyance most of the world must endure, it may not strike us that working for a tax collecting entity is all that much of a stigma. Yet, it was in Matthew's particular situation. He was not a simple civil servant. He was the tool of an occupying power against his very own people. The Roman Empire recruited Jewish men under their occupation to calculate the taxes that would be imposed on their own countrymen. To do this, these tax-collectors were rewarded with handsome pay, and privilege. Working for a foreign, and pagan power was considered an act of treachery against God and God's people by faithful of Israel at that time. The money would go to build temples in honor of false gods, and towards the military power that was controlling the region. In other words, Matthew was collecting money from Jewish people to fund what was contrary to the Jewish faith. He was considered a turncoat for money. Jesus called Matthew despite his past to follow him. He not only called him to be a follower, but among the 12 Apostles who would be his voice to the towns and villages of Israel, and eventually to the entire world. Matthew immediately left his post of prosperity and comfort to follow Jesus. While Scripture is silent on just what he was feeling, it is clear that he sensed that this man, and his message was what he truly desired in life. Christ calls the corrupt to be saints just as much as he calls cradle Catholics to be. This we must remember, when we become angry with the corrupt in this world. I am just as disgusted by what some of our "Catholic" politicians do with their power and influence. It's a shame. It is likely similar to what the ancient Israelites felt towards Matthew. Yet, Christ called Matthew to follow him. Let us remember that one of the Four Gospels was written by a man who was

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT  
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART**  
**ST PAUL PARISH: 8/17/2023: \$3,155.60**  
**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	
Tues 9/26	CCW Meeting 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall
<b>Book club</b>	
Sun 9/17-Sun 11/12 @ 6 PM IT	
Tues 9/12- Tues 10/17 @9AM PE	
Tues 10/24-Tues 11/14 @ 9AM IT	



**QR CODE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Above is the QR code with a form to sign up for our Religious Education classes for 2023-2024. All are welcome! Family, friends & parishioners! If you feel more comfortable, we can also provide a paper copy of the form.

**DVD PLAYER NEEDED**

Religious Education/Sunday School is looking for a DVD player with HDMI cord. If you have one you are not using and would like to donate, please let the office know.

**CCW RUMMAGE SALE**

It will be Thurs. October 5, (9am-6pm) & Fri. October 6, (9am-4pm). We ask that items be clean, in good repair, and for the fall and winter seasons. NO FURNITUR, TV's, COMPUTERS, OR ELECTRONIC EQUIP., PLEASE. Set up on WED. October 4 at 9am. Donation drop off, Tues. October 3, 9am-6pm

**FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will start up classes for Family Sunday School for the 2023-2024 season. Classes will be held at both church locations on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 10 am. We will update you with more information as it becomes available.

**Aquinas College Open Houses- Saturday, September 30 and November 11**

Aquinas College welcomes all high school students and their families to our fall open house on Saturday, September 30 and Saturday November 11! Explore academic programs, connect with our support faculty, staff, and students, chat with admissions & financial aid experts, and tour our scenic campus. Details and registration information can be found at [aquinas.edu/openhouse](http://aquinas.edu/openhouse)

**November 8 – Michigan March For Life in Lansing:** The Michigan March for Life is an excellent opportunity for advocates for life of all ages from across the state to join with one voice on behalf of the defenseless! A strong showing of support on the first anniversary of the devastating passage of pro-abortion Proposal 3 sends a powerful message to our elected officials, the citizens of our state, and the nation at large. Join us as we peacefully advocate for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. This march, organized by the National March for Life, will be held on Wednesday November 8. Right to Life Affiliates have reserved charter buses that will be leaving from different locations within the diocese and have generously invited all to travel for free! For pick up locations in Aranac, Bay, and Clare County call Lisa Goss at 989-450-8128 to register and for Huron or Sanilac County call Amy Roggenbuck at 810-404-0860. Details for the event are available at <https://rtl.org/event/march/>. Information on the State March for Life in November and the March for Life in Washington D.C. in January is available at <https://saginaw.org/life-march> or you may contact Lori Becker, Coordinator of Diocesan Outreach, at 989-797-6652 or [lbecker@diosag.org](mailto:lbecker@diosag.org).