

# August 25, 2024 • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary



## Welcome to Our Cluster of Catholic Churches • Bienvenido Nuestro rupo Iglesias Católicas

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Monday & Wednesday.....8:00-4:00PM  
Closed Friday

### St. Catherine Parish

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Closed Friday

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# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, August 24

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM ..... SFX  
4:00 PM † Marvin & Mary Louise Miller by  
Tony Miller ..... SFX  
5:30 PM ~ Members of the Cluster ..... SJ

## Sunday, August 25

9:00 AM † Erika Kubasiak by The Kubasiak Family ..... SC  
11:00 AM † Diana Zimmer by St. Cecilia Cluster Choir ..... SJ

## Monday, August 26

8:30 AM † Paul VanDyke by M/M Earl Jones ..... SFX  
5:15 PM Confessions/Adoration until 6:15 ..... SFX

## Tuesday, August 27

8:30 AM † Gene Graftema by K of C #4404 ..... SJ  
9:00 AM Adoration until 3:00 PM ..... SJ

## Wednesday, August 28

No Daily Mass

## Thursday, August 29

8:30 AM ~ Members of the Cluster ..... SC

## Friday, August 30

8:30 AM † Margaret Miller by M/M Duane Rasch ..... SJ

## Saturday, August 31

3:00 PM Confessions until 3:45 PM ..... SFX  
4:00 PM † Dorace Klein by Terri & Ed Anderson ..... SFX  
5:30 PM † Diana Zimmer by Alan Zimmer ..... SJ  
8:00 PM Spanish Mass ..... SJ

## Sunday, September 1

8:00 AM Confessions until 8:45 AM ..... SC  
9:00 AM † Dolores Swanson by  
Richard & Judy Knapp ..... SC  
11:00 AM † M/M Sylvester Klein by M/M Tom Klein ..... SJ

*St Catherine = SC • St Francis Xavier = SFX • St Joseph = SJ*

## Father Andrew's Liturgical Lowdown

Because we are early in this series of columns about liturgy, I'm exploring some of the science of the liturgy, looking to answer the question, "how does liturgy work?"

Liturgy is very repetitive. A few months of attending Mass, and one will be able to predict what's going to happen next. We do not want spontaneity at Mass. (Looking at the Liturgy. Aidan Nichols, O.P. Ignatius Press, 1996, page 50).

It is perfectly natural that we human beings do repetitive things. I grew up in a neighborhood where many people sought "alternative lifestyles" and to be unique, rebellious, and differentiated from the rest of society. What inevitably happens is that people with these desires gravitate towards each other, and all adopt the same style of clothes, the same views as each other, and end up pretty uniform. It is futile effort when human beings try to be spontaneous.

I've also noted that Christian churches that reject rituals of a more Catholic flavor end up forming their own order of worship. They return to the same rituals week after week. It's natural for us humans to see ritual. Over time, rituals gain meaning. It might not be a meaning that can be summed up in words. We have yearly rituals based on the seasons of the year, rituals given to us by our families, and handed on over generations.

The rituals of the Church are not just the constructs of individuals who felt like incense would look cool. The rituals of our liturgies are ancient, largely rooted in Scripture, handed on lovingly, and sometimes hard to understand, but rich. We embrace the human instinct for ritual in the Catholic Church.

## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

# Ministry Schedules

## Saturday, August 31

### St. Francis Xavier • 4:00 PM

Sacristan/EM ..... Sharon Denhof  
Lector ..... Bill May  
Ushers ..... Anyone Available  
Servers..... MJ & Bryson Potts

### St. Joseph • 5:30 PM

Sacristan ..... Marty Brown  
Lector ..... Bob Brown  
EMHC..... Karen VanDyke  
Ushers ..... Mark Zemaitis & Bill Alt  
Servers..... Marty Brown

## Sunday, September 1

### St. Catherine • 9:00 AM

Sacristan ..... Luke Meyers  
Lector ..... Kathy Morey  
EMHC..... Annie Kubiak  
Ushers ..... Jon Morey, Steve McWatters  
..... Kevin Murphy & Steve Dohm  
Servers..... Jane Klein & Oliver Hackenberg

### St. Joseph • 11:00 AM

Sacristan ..... Chuck Rasch  
Lector ..... Jean Piccard  
EMHC..... Michele Allers  
Ushers ..... Don Rasch & Ryan Umlor  
Servers..... Johnathan Dietrich, Riley Kober  
..... Charlotte Harrison & Kylie Lipski

## Money Counters for September

### St. Catherine

Mary Patterson & Cheryl Helsen

### St. Francis Xavier

Mary Jo May

### St. Joseph

Barb Umlor, Marj Williams, Jackie Schoenborn

## Rosary Intention for August

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

# Scripture Readings

## For the Week of August 25, 2024

### Sunday

#### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

### Monday

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22

### Tuesday

#### Memorial of Saint Monica

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

### Wednesday

#### Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

### Thursday

#### Memorial of The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 6:17-29

### Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

### Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30

### Sunday

#### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Reflections from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

### King of Mercy

#### Meditation

**Write this:** before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort:

All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day (*Diary*, 83).

#### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, come now as the King of Mercy. We so need Your mercy, Lord. May the sign of Your Cross draw all of mankind to Your merciful Love. May we desire Your mercy, ask for it, and receive it with thanksgiving.

*\*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

## St. Catherine's News

### *Upcoming Meetings*

The Finance Council meeting will be Tuesday, **August 27th** at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

### *Carpet and Parking Lot Funds*

We thank and appreciate your continued support with donating to the carpet and parking lot funds. We currently raised **\$23,510.75** for the carpet and **\$10,000** for the parking lot. **Please keep an eye on the thermometers to watch our progress and stay motivated.**

## St. Francis Xavier News

### *Sacristans Wanted*

A few dates on the schedule opened and we are looking for a few people to be Sacristan during 4:00 PM Mass. If you are interested, please call or email the parish office.

## St. Joseph's News

### *Enhance Your Mass Experience: Connect Your Hearing Aids to Our Loop System*

Do you wear hearing aids? Are you having trouble hearing during mass? St. Joseph has a loop system which will connect your hearing aids to the microphones. Ask your audiologist to update your hearing aides system to this program at your next visit.

### *Senior Euchre*

Held at St. Joseph's Hall from 1:30-3:30 PM. Barrier free entrance, lower side south doors. \$1 gets you an afternoon of fun! Every **2nd** and **4th Tuesday** of the **month**. The next date is **August 27th**.

### *Ministry of Funeral Hospitality*

St. Joseph Parish is in need of volunteers! If you would like to join the work of this important ministry, each section is looking for individuals. Responsibilities include: help call for salads and desserts, and to help serve at the luncheon. If you are interested in joining, contact Faith Umlor - (616) 914-4359.

## The Cluster News

### *The Gathering*

You are invited to "The Gathering" which is held 7:00 PM-8:30 PM each Tuesday evening beginning in September in Fr. Schafer Hall at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in North Muskegon. Come and follow the Holy Spirit's lead as we offer Praise & Worship through spiritual songs, sharing of sacred scripture, prayer support and community building in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 231-744-3321.

### *GriefShare*

Have you lost a loved one? There is confidential support in GriefShare with others who are on the same journey. GriefShare will begin Monday, **September 9th** from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Parsonage (3341 Mortimer, Ravenna). A light dinner will be provided. Call Maureen at 231-740-8466 to register.

### *Our Parish Cluster Bible Study*

Bible study will begin on Monday, **September 9th** at St. Joseph's church in the meeting room at 9:30 AM. Anyone in the Cluster is welcome to join us. Don't have a Bible? Not to worry as we have extra. This year we will be reading and discussing the Acts of the Apostles.

Any questions you can contact Linda Nowatzke—616-431-1643 or Marj Williams—616-899-5596.

## Divine Providence Academy

**DPA is looking** for storage sheds at the St. Joseph Campus. These will be used to store playground toys and bikes. We are looking for something around the size of 10ft x10ft.

Contact Christina Watkoski at [dpadmin@wingsdpa.org](mailto:dpadmin@wingsdpa.org) or 616-899-5300 (Ext. 2) if you are able to donate 1 or 2 sheds.

## Religious Education News

**Religious Education** classes will begin the Sunday after Labor Day! It's not too late to sign up if you haven't already.

¡Las clases de Educación Religiosa comenzarán el domingo después del Día del Trabajo! No es demasiado tarde para registrarte si aún no lo has hecho.

## Hispanic Ministry News

### *Thank you*

Hispanic Ministry would like to thank all the volunteers and the donations that help make our 2nd annual Mass on the grass / picnic a success.

We look forward to next year with continued participation and volunteers along with some great new ideas.

### *Gracias*

El Ministerio Hispano quisiera agradecer a todos los voluntarios y las donaciones que ayudan a que nuestra segunda misa anual en el césped/picnic sea un éxito.

Esperamos con ansias el próximo año con participación continua y voluntarios junto con algunas ideas nuevas y geniales.

## Youth Ministry News

### September Schedule

- **September 5:** Adoration — 7:00 PM at SC
- **5 de septiembre:** Adoración — 7:00 PM en SC
- **September 10:** Encounter — 6:30 PM at SFX
- **10 de septiembre:** Encontrar — 6:30 PM en SFX
- **September 17:** Encounter — 6:30 PM at SFX
- **17 de septiembre:** Encontrar — 6:30 PM en SFX
- **September 21:** Kayaking — TBD
- **21 de septiembre:** Kayac—Por determinar
- **September 24:** Encounter — 6:30 PM at SFX
- **24 de septiembre:** Encontrar — 6:30 PM en SFX

## Offertory for August 18

St. Catherine .....\$4,195.00  
St. Francis Xavier .....\$2,270.00  
St. Joseph .....\$9,246.95

St Joseph only. Text (616) 377-2855, enter the dollar amount, Enter your info.  
Questions? (616) 899-2286

### Online Giving

St Catherine ..... [tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n](https://tinyurl.com/5a9jfd6n)  
St Joseph ..... [tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya](https://tinyurl.com/7ns3j3ya)  
St Francis Xavier ..... [tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya](https://tinyurl.com/5fep7wr23ya)

### CSA 2024 Contributions

St Catherine ..... \$28,869  
(Pledged, \$30,894.00.....Surpassed by \$2,025.00)

St. Francis Xavier ..... \$18,397  
(Pledged, \$14,065.00.....Still Needed \$4,332.00)

St. Joseph ..... \$46,311  
(Pledged, \$38,775.00.....Still Needed \$7,536.00)