

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in today's Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards, too.

### PASTORAL CALENDAR

#### SATURDAY, JULY 19

4:00 PM-SFX - Members of St. Catherine, St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph Parishes - Father Badgerow  
6:00 PM-SJ+ Ray Umlor & Mark Heckman by Grzybowski Family - Father Brucker

**8:00 PM-SJ**-Hispanic Mass

#### SUNDAY JULY 20

9:00 AM- SC + Dorothy Helsen by Joe & Vivian Kosheba  
11:00 AM -SJ + Kathy Pavlovic by Linda Camp Family - Father Brucker

#### MONDAY, JULY 21

9:00 AM-SFX - NO MASS

#### TUESDAY, JULY 22

8:00 AM-SJ - NO MASS  
8:30 AM- Adoration

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

NO MASS

#### THURSDAY, JULY 24

8:30 AM-SC - NO MASS

#### FRIDAY, JULY 25

8:00 AM-SJ - NO MASS

#### SATURDAY, JULY 26

*No Confessions*

4:00 PM-SFX - Members of St. Catherine, St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph Parishes - Father Badgerow

6:00 PM-SJ+ Father Badgerow

**8:00 PM-SJ** - Hispanic Mass

#### SUNDAY, JULY 27

9:00 AM-SC + Trudy Beechnau by Teckla Sklepinski & Family  
Father Vainavicz  
11:00 AM-SJ+ Father Vainavicz

JULY 20, 2014

Dear Parishioners,

July 24

St. Sharbel Makluf (1828 - 1898)



Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka-Kafra, where he was born, his influence has spread widely.

Joseph Zaroun Makluf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr. He professed his final vows in 1853 and was ordained six years later.

Following the example of the fifth-century St. Maron, Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875 until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. When his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel did so gladly.

He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1965 and canonized him 12 years later.

#### Comment:

Blessed John Paul II often said that the Church has two lungs (East and West) and it must learn to breathe using both of them. Remembering saints like Sharbel helps the Church to appreciate both the diversity and unity present in the Catholic Church. Like all the saints, Sharbel points us to God and invites us to cooperate generously with God's grace, no matter what our situation in life may be. As our prayer life becomes deeper and more honest, we become more ready to make that generous response.

#### Quote:

When Sharbel was canonized in 1977, Bishop Francis Zayek, head the U.S. Diocese of St. Maron, wrote a pamphlet entitled "A New Star of the East." Bishop Zayek wrote: "St. Sharbel is called the second St. Anthony of the Desert, the Perfume of Lebanon, the first Confessor of the East to be raised to the Altars according to the actual procedure of the Catholic Church, the honor of our Aramaic Antiochian Church, and the model of spiritual values and renewal. Sharbel is like a Cedar of Lebanon standing in eternal prayer, on top of a mountain."

The bishop noted that Sharbel's canonization plus other beatification cases prove "that the Aramaic Maronite Antiochian Church is indeed a living branch of the Catholic Church and is intimately connected with the trunk, who is Christ, our Savior, the beginning and the end of all things."

## St. Catherine's Parish News & Information

### ST CATHERINE'S COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jason Klein (F), Cheryl Helsen (F), Penny Hulka (F), Marge Rusco (F), Ethel Nutt (F), Kevin Murphy (F), Hailey Mabrito (P), Tony Helsen (P), Dorothy Gould (P), Louise Schaallema (P), Paul Herremans (P), Howard Woodard (P)

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JULY 27, 2014 - 9:00 AM

Greeters & Gifts: Henry & Darlene Stepping  
Sacristan: Joe & Helen Helsen  
Eucharistic Ministers: Dee Swanson, Ann Patterson  
& Libby Spencer

Lector: Bill Miller  
Ushers: Gale Nutt, Don Crowley, Barry Kroll  
& Matt Block

Mass Servers 07/24/14: NO MASS  
Mass Servers: Brianna Grimm, Matthew Grover  
& Isaiah Nutt

Music: Eileen Hoogterp/Diane Beckwith  
Money Counters: Tony & Jane Helsen

### Centering Prayer, Chapel at St. Catherine's Church at 8:10am preceding Thursday's Mass.

Centering Prayer – Contemplative Prayer - 20 – 30 minutes daily, in silence, eyes closed, alone or in a group.

#### Centering Prayer – Contemplative Prayer

Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament helps give us the sense of belonging to the human family as a whole and continues to grow through this Center Prayer and practice. This oneness extends to the earth, our environment, and to all creation. One begins to perceive all things in God and God in all things. Come join us.

## St. Francis Xavier's Parish News and Information

### ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rick Alt (F), Jim Arends (F), Rich Creager (F), DJ Krum (F), Fred Riplo (F), Bonnie Denhof (P), Bill May (P), Bill Miller (P), Robert Krey (P), Tom Stream (P), Diana VanOeffelen (P)

### LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JULY 26, 2014 - 4:00 PM

Greeters: Terri Anderson  
Sacristan: Irene Bosman  
Eucharistic Ministers: Chuck May & Mary Jo May

Lector: Anne Klein  
Ushers: Marvin Miller & Ted Crowley  
Mass Server: Brad & Madison DeYoung  
Music: Eileen Hoogterp  
Money Counters: Diana VanOeffelen & Sharon Denhof

Altar Society hosts for July are Diana VanOeffelen & Terri Anderson.



This year's St. Francis Xavier Pig Roast is in need of 2 hogs to roast! If you or anyone you know is willing to donate a hog to our cause, we would really APPRECIATE IT! The roast will take place on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact D-j Krum at 616.893.8370. Thank You!!

## St. Joseph's Parish News & Information

### ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michele Allers, Lou Armock, Ashley Dietrich, Joe Dietrich, Lorraine Dietrich, Bob Rander, Bob Umlor, Sheri Umlor, Vince Umlor

### ST. JOSEPH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Arlene Armock, Al Dietrich, Ben Looks, Donald Rasch, Steve Umlor, Larry Williams

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### LECTORS

Jul 19-6 PM-Nick Umlor  
Jul 20-11 AM-Lou Armock

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Bob Brown  
Leonard Armock

#### MINISTERS OF THE CUP

Jul 19- 6PM-Denise Grzybowski & Lorraine Dietrich  
Jul 20-11 AM-Chuck Rasch & Michelle Vlug

#### SACRISTANS

Jul 19-6 PM-Rick Cederholm  
Jul 20-11 AM-Chuck Rasch

#### MUSIC SCHEDULE

Jul 19-6 PM- Stacey Camp  
Jul 20-11 AM- Amy Irish-Brown

#### GREETERS

Jul 19-6 PM-Arlene Armock & Norma Armock  
Mary & Joe Rasch  
Jul 20-11 AM-Betty & Tom Klein  
Andrea & Troy Ruwersma

#### USHERS SCHEDULE

Jul 19-6 PM-Herb Armock & Bob Umlor

Jul 20-11 AM-Mark Umlor & Adam Dietrich

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Jul 19- 6 PM-Evan & Lucas Grzybowski,  
Brooke & Trevor Dietrich  
Jul 20-11 AM-Max & Sam Glass & Christian Reed

**Liturgical Notes**



Rosary Intention for July—Let us pray for all travelers on their summer vacations, that they may have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable vacation.

**Parish Information**

Festival Yard signs are available in the back of church, please take one. Also if you have one at home from last year there are stickers available to change your date, please take one.

Festival News: In need of a volunteer to help with set-up of the Bake Sale on Saturday August 9 from roughly 5pm to 9:30pm. If you are able to help please call Marquita Campbell at 887-9680.

Festival News: This year's festival will be under the leadership of Dave & Michelle Vlug and their co-chairs are Vince and Amy Umlor. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of the festival prizes it would be very helpful; please contact M/M Vlug or M?M Umlor. It would be helpful if anyone donating money or items could do this early. We have many talented adults and kids in our parish. If anyone would like to make or build anything for the mini raffle or craft booth it will be greatly appreciated.

Grocery Booth Chairpersons for this year are Anne Robbins and Mary Klein.

The Festival Committee is looking for a few volunteers to pick up donated items in the following areas, the Alpine area, the Coopersville area and the Grand Rapids area. Letters have been sent out to the businesses, you will just need to follow up with them and pick up items if need be. If you can help out please contact Vince or Amy Umlor at 616-460-6077. Thank you!



**GIVING BACK TO GOD 7-6-2014**

Adults (55) \$ 3,289.00  
Electronic Contributions (18) \$2390.00  
Youth (4) \$ 3.50  
Loose \$ 85.76  
Hispanic \$ 73.75  
**TOTAL \$ 5,842.01**

Helping Hands Scholarship Fund - \$155.00

Thank you for your continued support

**CLUSTER INFORMATION**

Weekly Scripture Readings

Monday, July 21—Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday, July 22—Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Wednesday, July 23— Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday, July 24—Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17  
Friday, July 25-2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  
Saturday, July 26-Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30  
Sunday, July 27—1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become “a safe haven” to many.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2014 Commitment**

Reading I 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (wisdom of Solomon)  
Reading II Romans 8:28-30 (God's love for all)  
Gospel Matthew 13:44-46 (the treasure and the pearl)  
Key Passage The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Matt. 13:44)

Adult: What would you be willing to “sell,” or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

Child: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE ACADEMY**

**Contact Information for School Cluster**

Contact Kendra DeYoung at 616.437.0173 or [kdeyoung@dogrschools.org](mailto:kdeyoung@dogrschools.org).

**OUTSIDE THE PARISHES**

**What does Basic Certification mean for Catechists? Why Do Catechists Need Certification Courses? By Sr. Barbara Cline, FSE Diocesan Director of Religious Education**

As with any area of life it is by doing that we learn and by example that we succeed.

As stated in the National Directory for Catechesis #55, Part A p. 235 “Programs of formation (for the catechetical mission) should be designed to help them (volunteers or paid catechists) acquire the knowledge and skills they need to hand on the faith to those

entrusted to their care and assist them in living as disciples of Christ.”

Therefore the process of certification helps those called to this ministry become formed in the faith and allows them the opportunity to renew their understanding of Catholic teachings.

It will aid you in your relationship with God, the God who calls you to ministry, and allows you to have greater confidence when you enter the classroom.

There are three levels of Basic Certification available for parish catechists.

Basic Level 1 requires that a catechist get a total of 9 hours of formation in three areas: spirituality, theology and methodology. These nine hours should be earned before the catechist begins in the classroom.

Basic Level 2 requires the 9 hours of Level 1 and an additional 15 hours for a total of 24 hours of catechist formation. These additional 15 hours should be earned during the second two years of their teaching, so that by the end of three years of teaching as a catechist they have received formation totaling 24 hours.

Basic Level 3 accepts the 24 hours already earned in Basic Level 1 and 2 and requires a total of 16 additional hours for a total of 40 hours of catechetical formation. There are numerous ways that these hours can be acquired.

1. The Faith Formation Office has the DVDs of the *Echo's of Faith* that are available for the formation of catechists.

2. The Catholic Distance University offers three week seminars, numerous independent studies that are aimed at the spiritual and theological development of catechists. They also offer numerous certificate programs. Because of a subsidy that the diocese pays, parish catechists can take any of the above mentioned classes for \$30 apiece. Follow the link given below for more information. <http://www.cdu.edu/other/other/393-diocese-of-grand-rapids>

3. The Virtual Learning Community of Faith Formation (VLCFF) also provides numerous courses for catechetical certification. Again, due to the subsidy the diocese pays classes are able to be taken for \$45. <https://vlc.udayton.edu/>

4. On the diocesan web-site many options are given for formation hours. <http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/ministries/catechesis/Pages/Resources.asp>

St. Anne Novena begins on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> thru July 26<sup>th</sup> at SS Peter & Paul Church, 520 Myrtle St. Grand Rapids, MI. Starting everyday at 7:00 pm except Sunday @ 5:00 pm.

Looking for Hosts for Students attending West Catholic during 2014-2015 School Year.

We have several young men who would like to attend West Catholic next year and we are looking for Hosts for these "Future Falcons". We are looking for Hosts, with or without children, Current Parents, Future Parents, Former WC Parents, Alumni and Grandparents who will provide them with loving homes. Families are compensated with a \$500 monthly stipend and \$1000 WC tuition credit per exchange student. Are you interested in finding out about the possibility of Hosting? Do you happen to know of a few people I can contact? Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in talking to me about the possibility of Hosting... or if you know of a few families I could contact, that would be appreciated. Nancy Beadling, WC CET International Community Coordinator, 616-915-1839, [jkbead@gmail.com](mailto:jkbead@gmail.com)

Our Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry needs volunteers to help with families on Thursday's from 9 am to 12:30 pm. If you would like to volunteer once a week or once a month please call Diane Musk at 231-726-5341.

Our God's Kitchen along the Lakeshore that operates out of Sacred Heart Church is also in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve on Tuesday's from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer please call Diane Musk at 231-726-5341. **Food Pantry Needs:** Peanut Butter, Pancake Syrup and Mix, Green Beans. **Baby Pantry Needs:** Size 5 & 6 Diapers, Baby Wash or Shampoos, Wipes, Sippy Cups

Coopersville Cares, will be holding its" Annual Benefit Sale on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Grace Lutheran Church 300 E Cleveland. Donations of good useable clothing, toys, furniture and household items will be needed. Please remember this sale and start collecting items that you will be willing to donate the week of the sale.

Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference: Seeking direction for your life? Wondering what God has to say to you? Have you ever thought about a life of service in the Church as a lay minister, or perhaps a religious sister, brother, or priest? You are not alone. Each summer, young adults have the opportunity to "get away" from the hectic pace of their lives and gather to share stories, dreams, and concerns. The Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference takes place at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, August 5-9. The fee is \$100; space is limited. Apply today at [www.catholicsoncall.org](http://www.catholicsoncall.org). For more information, call [773-371-5431](tel:773-371-5431).



*The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis*  
*Brown Bag Book Study with Fr. Tom Tavella, CSP*  
Mondays, July 21 & 28, 6-8 pm

*Evangelii Gaudium-The Joy of the Gospel* is a dynamic document written in the easy to understand style for which Pope Francis has become famous. It covers a large number of topics, from the economy and social justice to proclamation of the Gospel and evangelization. Fr. Tom will use his theological expertise to guide the discussion of this fascinating book. Participants are asked to bring a 'sack dinner' (brown bag dinner). Coffee, tea, water and cookies will be served. For more information or to register go to [register@catholicinformationcenter.org](mailto:register@catholicinformationcenter.org) or call (616) 459-7267 CFD: *Theology/Church Doc* \$10 donation requested.

Franciscan Life Process Center - 11650 Downes Rd. NE Lowell, MI 49331 - 654 Davis St. NW Grand Rapids, MI Renowned clinician and gifted harpist Sunita Staneslow will perform Friday July 25 at 7:30 pm at the Lowell Campus, as part of HARPfest 2014. Staneslow works as a therapeutic harpist in Israel. She has performed with the Jerusalem Symphony and the Israel Chamber Orchestra in addition to playing at harp festivals in Europe and the United States. Tickets for the concert are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event. For further information about HARPfest 2014, the concert, or Sunita Staneslow, go to [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org), or call (616) 897-7842.

Franciscan Life Process Center - 11650 Downes Rd. NE Lowell, MI 49331 – 654 Davis St. NW Grand Rapids HARPfest 2014 will be held on July 25 – 26. It is a two day workshop for harpists of all skill levels. Sunita Staneslow, renowned clinician and harpist will address a variety of topics including the art of the arpeggio, the psalms of David, and the magic of dynamics. For further information about HARPfest 2014 or Sunita Staneslow, go to [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org) or call or call (616) 897-7842.

#### Visit Aquinas College this Summer!

The Aquinas College Admissions Office invites rising juniors and seniors to visit one of the most beautiful campuses in the Midwest this summer. At your personal visit and campus tour, you'll discover what life at AQ is really all about. Get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad, and more. Please go to [aquinas.edu/undergraduate/personal.html](http://aquinas.edu/undergraduate/personal.html) for more details or to schedule a visit!

Prime Time Singles -- Saturday Breakfast in July will be at Russ's Restaurant on Beacon Boulevard in Grand Haven at 9:00 AM.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Sep 5-7, 2014. Cost is just \$135/\$160 for double/single-occupancy accommodation and meals. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Call (989) 450-0993, e-mail

[reflect.michigan@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.michigan@gmail.com), or visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com) for details.

The Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting is hosting a CATHOLIC SCOUT RETREAT, Aug. 1-3, 2014 at the beautiful Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell.

Open to Catholic Boy Scouts, Venturers, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls, the retreat will include opportunities to meet new friends, camp out, get involved in a service project, celebrate Mass and for scouts to fulfill requirements toward the Ad Altare Dei Religious emblem. For those staying the weekend, the program begins 7 p.m. after everyone has arrived and pitched their tents. All meals will be provided and served in the dining room. Visit <http://www.grccscouting.org/> for more information including registration form, what to bring, and the retreat schedule.

Prison/Jail Ministry Invites you: Come and find out what our ministry is all about! We are holding an informational session this month on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, from 9am – 12pm OR 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Cathedral square. Please contact Jud Acheson (Granstrom) at 616.475.1255 or email [jacheson@dioceseofgrandrapids.org](mailto:jacheson@dioceseofgrandrapids.org) to register or for more information. A light breakfast/dinner will be provided. We look forward to meeting you!