

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of water to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded."

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

#### SATURDAY, June 27

4:00 PM- SFX + Justin Brown by Justin Brown  
Memorial

5:30 PM- SJ + Lenis Klein by M/M Kevin Klein

#### SUNDAY, June 28

9:00 AM – SC – Members of St. Catherine, St. Francis  
Xavier & St. Joseph Parishes

11:00 AM – SJ + MaryLou Klein by Jackie Fahling

#### MONDAY, June 29

9:00 AM-SFX + Theresa Courtade by Tim  
& JoAnn Beechnau

#### TUESDAY, June 30

8:00 AM-SJ + Mike Klein by Marquila Campbell

#### WEDNESDAY, July 01

**NO MASS**

#### THURSDAY, July 02

8:30 AM- SC + John & Connie Foglio  
by Swanson Family

#### FRIDAY, July 03

9:30 AM-SJ + Vince Klein by M/M Rich Schoenborn

#### SATURDAY, July 04

**Confessions 3:00pm at St. Francis Xavier**

4:00 PM- SFX + Janese Gorecki by Mikula Family

5:30 PM- SJ+ Francis & Dorothy VanOefflen by Estate

#### SUNDAY, July 05

9:00 AM – SC + Ed Postema by Brad  
& Vicki Woodard

11:00 AM – SJ +Members of St. Catherine, St. Francis  
Xavier & St. Joseph's members

June 28, 2020

Hello all,

Who would invite Fr. Phil over for dinner? Okay, that's an easy one. However, who in the Cluster would put an addition on to their house and give him an open invitation to come and stay whenever and for however long he wanted? Wow, that raises the bar a little doesn't it.

That is exactly what happens in the first reading. The "woman of influence", who will remain nameless for all time, invites Elisha to stay for dinner. Even though a stranger initially, Elisha's dinner invitation leads to him becoming a much-loved house guest with his own room. Her deed of hospitality toward Elisha does not go unnoticed by the prophet. When he finds out from the husband what she most desires, he is told that she would love a son. Elisha promises her "that by this time next year you will be holding your baby son in your arms". She who was barren has been blessed with a desired child because of her hospitality towards Elisha.

In today's gospel, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. The conditions of discipleship may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us the truth of choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing a life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in the beginning Christian community this choice could and did bring division to their family. Even today, our choice to follow Christ with conviction is sometimes met with indifference, skepticism and even antagonism by family and friends.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. In Jesus' day and age, it was frowned upon to refuse hospitality to another even if that person was a stranger. That is why Jesus instructs the disciples who are rejected in a town "to shake the dust from their feet" and move on to the next. To welcome another, especially in Jesus' name, is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. Lately it has become more challenging in our daily lives to show hospitality to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love. We need to be creative in how we reach out to others while keeping within parameters to keep others and ourselves safe and healthy.

A lot can be said about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite the efforts to enduce our children to their best behavior (after all "kids will be kids"), family efforts to entertain guests can sometimes be difficult. Admittedly, hospitality for some is second nature but some of us have to work at it. Practicing this spirit of hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of Christian hospitality is truly a gift and a sign of faith in Christ.

St Paul tells us in his letter to the Hebrews: "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." Now Fr. Phil will be the first to tell you that "He's no angel" but do you really want to risk missing that opportunity. Think about it!

Peace, love and blessings

Deacon Ed

## ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

### ST CATHERINE'S FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Tim Beechnau, Eric Burgtorf, Don Swanson, Marge Rusco & Matt Block

### ST CATHERINE'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Andy Emery, Randy Helsen, Kathy Morey, Libby Spencer, Vicki Woodard & Jim Jensen

Parish Prayer Line: Mara Kroll: 231-853-6880

Ethel Nutt: (secondary) 231-853-6733

Ministry of Consolation – Parish Office 231-853-6222

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 05, 2020

**SACRISTAN:** Helen Helsen

**LECTOR:** George Herman

**MUSIC:** Eileen Hoogterp

**USHERS:** Barry Kroll



COLLECTION FOR JUNE 14, 2020

30 Adults - \$3,491.00, 1 Youth - \$1.00

Votive - \$6.00, Electronic - \$0.00, for a

total of \$3,498.00. Helping Hands - \$611.00

Thank you for your continued support!



The next scheduled meeting for St. Catherine's Men's Club is

Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. The 50/50 drawing winners for August and September will be drawn at that meeting. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### ST. FRANCIS FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Arends, Ted Crowley, Fred Riplo & Sharon Denhof

### ST. FRANCIS PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bill May, Diana VanOeffelen, Connie Riplo, Lynne Myszak & Don Crowley

Parish Prayer Line: Jean: 616-205-5165

Kate: 616-678-5838

Food Pantry Coordinator: Barb VanDyke 616-899-2697

Ministry of Consolation – Parish Office 231-853-6222

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 04, 2020

**SACRISTAN:** Connie Riplo

**LECTOR:** Bill May

**MUSIC:** Eileen Hoogterp

**USHERS:** Fred Riplo



COLLECTION FOR JUNE 14, 2020

08 Adults - \$821.00, 0 Youth - \$0.00,

Loose - \$10.00, Votive - \$42.16,

Electronic - \$0.00, for a total of \$873.16.

Thank you for your continued support!

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

### ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michele Allers, Emily Bliss, Cheryl Kaltz, Tonya Fritz, Jesse Gasser & Jeannie Sokolowski

### ST. JOSEPH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Al Dietrich, Ben Looks, Donald Rasch, Steve Umlor, Larry Williams, Bob Rander

Prayer Line: Linda Nowatzke-616-8992166

Theresa Miller-616-899-5561

Altar Flowers: Karen VanDyke – 616-899-2268

Hall Rental: Parish Office 616-899-2286

Hall Phone: 616-899-9381

Ministry of Consolation – Parish Office 616-899-2286

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 4 & 5, 2020

#### SACRISTAN

July 04-5:30PM- Micky May

June 05-11:00AM- Ben Benefiel

#### USHERS

July 04-11:00AM- Jim & Adam Dietrich

July 05-11:00AM- Jacob Sherman & Ken Butts

#### Lector

July 04-5:30PM-Reggie Poindexter

July 05-11:00AM-Deb TenBrink



Thank you, Fr. Phil, Deacon Ed, Fr. Ayub and

Eileen for celebrating Joanne's funeral mass,

we appreciate your kindness. Thanks also, to

all who offered prayers, brought meals, sent

cards, and especially to the St. Gerard Guild for their

special visit; we are deeply touched by the love of this

community. A special 'thank you' to Fr. Fred Brucker, for

administering the final sacraments to Joanne two days

before she passed, this was a true blessing!

Your kindness will not be soon forgotten.

Love,

Erwin Kluting and family

### Giving back to God 6.21.2020



Adults \$ 1375 . Youth \$7. Fuel \$ 15.

Loose \$ 18. Total: \$ 1415.

Thank you for your support!

## DIVINE PROVIDENCE ACADEMY

### Contact Information

**Principal:** Kate Beuschel  
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**St. Joseph's Campus Secretary:** Suzanne May  
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### Liturgical Notes



Rosary Intention for June—Let us pray for the first communicantes and the graduates of our parishes.

## FAITH FORMATION



Upcoming Dates:  
6/28 - Grad Masses in the morning  
6/28 - Summer Seminarian Series/Luke Mulderink  
7/5 - Off  
7/12 - Summer Seminarian Series/Nick Baker  
7 to 8PM at SFX  
7/19 - Summer Seminarian Series/Max Farrell  
7 to 8PM at SFX

God love you all! Let us pray for one another always.

## CLUSTER INFORMATION

### Question of the Week

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 05, 2020**  
**Laying down your burdens**

Reading I Zechariah 9:9-10 (restoration under the Messiah)  
Reading II Romans 8:9, 11-13 (indwelling of the Spirit)  
Gospel Matthew 11:25-30 (Jesus and his Father)

Key Passage Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29)

Adult: When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?

Child: What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the "lowly ones." What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.

### Weekly Scripture Readings

*Monday, June 29 – Acts 12:1-11/k Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19*  
*Tuesday, June 30 – Am 3:1-8, 4-11 – 12/Mt 8:23-27*  
*Wednesday, July 01 – Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34*  
*Thursday, July 02 – Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8*  
*Friday, July 03 – Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29*  
*Saturday, July 04 – Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17*  
*Sunday, July 05 – Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30*



St. Joseph's is selling their lawn mower. **Toro** 2017 Zero turn My Ride Suspension System, V-twin 24.5 HP 54" mower approximate 375 hours, 3 years old. Purchased new at \$5,975.00, asking \$4,150. OBO. Call Ben Looks 616.899.2155.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### INFORMATION

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4404**  
Grand Knight: Randy Graftema – 616-502-2628  
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Website: [www.4404.councilnet.us](http://www.4404.councilnet.us)  
Meeting: First Tuesday of the month – 7:00pm at St. Vincent DePaul Bldg. Corp. Hall  
St. Vincent DePaul Bldg. Corp. Hall Rental  
Ed & Cindy Denhof: 616-302-0368  
**MSGR. LEO ROSLONIEC 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE ASSEMBLY #3492**  
Faithful Navigator Rick De Vries  
Email [rickldevries@yahoo.com](mailto:rickldevries@yahoo.com) Phone 616-813-1874  
Meeting: Third Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Hall



It's raffle time again!  
1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$250 in Gift Cards of your choice  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$100 in Gift Cards of your choice  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$50 in Gift Cards of your choice.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. A member of the Council will be available after each weekend mass outside the Church. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!

## OUTSIDE THE PARISH



St. Mary's Visitation Parish –  
Chicken Dinner, 2459 146<sup>th</sup> Ave,  
Byron Center. Sunday, June 28,  
2020. Serving prepaid, Pre-Order  
Take out only. Visit  
[www.smvchurch.org](http://www.smvchurch.org) for order form,

11:00am – 3:00pm, curbside pickup. Dinner includes: Quarter chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green & yellow beans, coleslaw, roll & choice of pie. Cost is \$12.00. Proceeds in support of the school safety renovation project.

The **Franciscan Life Process Center**, 11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell, MI, will offer day camps for children this summer. Topics include **Painting Flowers**, July 7, 9, 10; **Life on the Trail**, July 29 - 31, and **Butterflies in the Prairie**, August 5 - 7. Please go to [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org) for more information.

The **Franciscan Life Process Center**, 11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell, MI, will offer **Once a Month Kitchen: Gluten Free Pie Crust** on Tuesday, July 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Spend an enjoyable evening with Franciscan Apprentice Jan Hendrick working with gf pie and pastry crust to make some beautiful desserts for the non-gluten people in your life. Go to [oamkglutenfree.eventbrite.com](http://oamkglutenfree.eventbrite.com) to register.

Are you looking for basic information about Natural Family Planning (NFP), also known as a Fertility Awareness Based Method (FABM) of family planning? **Introduction to Natural Family Planning** will be held on July 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the **Franciscan Life Process Center, Grand Rapids campus**, 640 5th St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504. This one-time introductory session will cover the basics of how FABMs work and will highlight the differences between methods to help you choose the best fit for you! Pre-registration is required. Please email Laura Chapin at [lchapin@lifeprocesscenter.org](mailto:lchapin@lifeprocesscenter.org) to register.

### Creation Study Series in June

Join a locally-offered online study group to seek answers to deeper questions about ecology and the environment within God's creation and learn about Church teaching on ecology, including Pope Francis' Laudato Si'.

**Registration is open for two six-week sessions:**  
Study Group 1 – Meeting on Zoom Mondays from 7 -8:30 p.m. beginning June 8, facilitated by Barbara Scott, OFS  
Study Group 2 – Meeting on Zoom Thursdays from 3-4:30 p.m. beginning June 11, facilitated by Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE, co-writer of the *Creation* series.

*If you would like to be able to attend either meeting, depending on scheduling, you may register for both. If you do not have a computer, you may also dial in on your phone. Cost is free. Registration deadline: June 4, 2020.*

[www.eventbrite.com/e/creation-study-series-registration](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/creation-study-series-registration)  
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### Do you feel called to the permanent diaconate?

The process of forming the next cohort of permanent deacons will begin soon. To be considered, an applicant must be a Roman Catholic man at least 35 years of age, an active member of his parish, and live within the diocese. He must be in good health, of sound moral character, mature faith, regular practice in the sacramental life of the Church, and have a sense of vocation to service. If married, he must be in a strong, valid, Catholic marriage for a minimum of five years and have the support of his wife and family. If unmarried, he must be willing and able to commit to celibacy. Applicants should be no older than in their early sixties. Those admitted should be prepared to commit themselves to the formation process for at least the next four years, beginning in the fall of 2021. Applicants should have a substantial history of active service to their parish, have the written approval of their pastor, and meet various other admission requirements. There are no special educational requirements.

The deadline for inquiries to the Diocesan Aspirancy Process is November 15, 2020. All men who are interested in more information and/or applying are asked to contact Pattie Reynolds, Vocations Administrative Assistant, Diocese of Grand Rapids, for an appointment: [preynolds@dioceseofgrandrapids.org](mailto:preynolds@dioceseofgrandrapids.org) or 616-288-0910.

**Coopersville Cares**, a local helping organization, will be holding its "Annual Benefit Sale", Aug. 13-15, 2020, at the Grace Lutheran Church - 300 E. Cleveland. Donations of good usable clothing, toys, furniture and household items will be needed. Please remember this sale and start collection items that you will be willing to donate the week of the Sale. If you've never helped set up for the sale and would like to help, please contact Christy at 837-9416. More information will come closer to the sale date.