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in Ordinary Time

REST



“Come to me, all you who
labor and are burdened.”

MATTHEW 11:28

“Vengan a mí, todos los
que están fatigados”.

MATEO 11, 28

Pastoral Perspective

OUR MISSION CONTINUES!

BY FR. JIM GARTLAND, SJ - PASTOR



Today is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, apostles and martyrs. As I sit here at my desk, I reflect on these past three months. What a time we're living! I find these days mixed with confusion and clarity, sin and grace.

Like Peter and Paul, we are called to be apostles. We are sent on a mission to proclaim and live the message of Jesus. Peter and Paul were passionate about their mission and yet acutely aware of their sinfulness and their limitations. Like today, they lived in uncertain times. Living the Gospel in time of persecution was confusing and frightening, nonetheless they were resolute and passionate about bringing Jesus to all people, a message of love and mercy for all, without discrimination of race or religion. They were zealous missionaries in an uncertain world.

I identify with their sinfulness and their desire. I am keenly aware of my sinfulness, my selfishness, my desires to seek comfort, to remain on the sidelines, to be silent and not take risks. So too am I aware of my deepest desire, to walk with God and to bring Christ to others, to allow others to discover the unconditional love of Jesus and have their hearts set free to love others. In these uncertain times, my vocation remains clear, I am a sinner yet called to be a companion of Jesus.

COVID has given us all a pause. In isolation, we have been graced with both time and silence to pray about our vocation. In these times, we have also become aware again our sinfulness and the sinfulness of our world. As in the world of Peter and Paul, racism and persecution still run rampant. As in the world of Peter and Paul, too many people live at the margins with their human dignity threatened. As in the world of Peter and Paul, too many people suffer discrimination because of who they are or what they believe. Jesus' call to Peter and Paul is the same invitation to each of us, "I need you, will you walk with me?"

In the middle of this pandemic, we celebrate our country's independence. We celebrate who we are as a country. My prayer, our prayer, is that we practice what we preach and welcome the tired, the poor, and the huddled masses yearning to breathe. My prayer and ours is that we walk with Jesus and promote, defend, and protect the right to life, liberty, and happiness for all. In these uncertain times,

our prayer is to be zealous missionaries of Christ in our world today.

July has our parish taking a few more steps in promoting our mission. We are Christ-centered with the Eucharist as the source of holiness. We will be celebrating the sacrament of confirmation on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout July. How exciting it is to have 55 of our young people say yes to being apostles of Jesus. We will also have first communion Masses throughout July. How inspiring it is to see parents fulfilling their vow to raise children in the faith, and seeing their children say "amen", "yes I want to be your friend Jesus" as they make their first communion. We will continue to live stream Masses with over 2,000 joining in prayer each Sunday, and we will continue to offer the Eucharist after, between 11:30 A.M. and 12 noon each Sunday. We will also begin having a 5:00 P.M. Sunday Mass. All this information is in our bulletin that we resume this week. Yeah!

Things are not back to "normal", but will they ever return to normal? What remains clear is our call to be companions of Jesus in our world today. With passion, with Peter and Paul, we say yes to the mission of being Jesus' companions in our world today. Let's continue to pray for one another, our country, and our world. God bless you, your families, and our country.

OUR MISSION

St. Mary Student Parish is a welcoming, Inclusive, caring, and diverse Catholic community, uniting residents and students.

We are Christ-centered with the Eucharist as the source of holiness in our vibrant liturgical life.

Inspired by Ignatian spirituality, we live a faith that does justice, reaching out to the marginalized.

As an apostolic parish, we are committed to ongoing formation of Christian witness, discipleship, and leadership.

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Faith Doing Justice

EXAMEN FOR LIFE DURING COVID-19

from the Ignatian Solidarity Network

The Examen is a traditional method of prayerful awareness that is a bedrock in Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit education. It's a short, easy way to reflect on your day and become more mindful about where you are experiencing grace or goodness and where there is room in your actions and life for growth. Especially in times of uncertainty and rapid change, taking time to reflect becomes essential.

What people don't often realize is that the Examen is exceptionally flexible and adaptive. It can be used to review your day or it can be adapted to hone in on a specific issue or focus. So in light of the new set of circumstances many of us find ourselves in with COVID-19, it is helpful to adapt the Examen to this unique situation.

To pray the Examen for life during COVID-19, visit <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2020/03/14/examen-covid-19/>.

2020 CENSUS

The 2020 U.S. Census timeline has been shifted in order to better protect the health and safety of the general public and the U.S. Census Bureau employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Michiganders now have until October 31, 2020 to respond.** The Catholic Church in Michigan [has promoted full participation in the count](#) because of the ramifications it has for individuals and local communities:

- The count influences legislative representation at all levels of government, where decisions about the common good and the most vulnerable are often made.
- The Catholic Church relies on an accurate census to more effectively serve those in need.
- Under-counting households leads to under-funding critical programs and services.

The Detroit News [featured the Church's efforts](#) to increase census participation in an article about the partnership between the faith community and Michigan's 2020 "Be Counted" campaign.

Visit <https://my2020census.gov/> now to fill out the 2020 Census, which will take approximately ten minutes to complete. The process is safe, secure, and confidential, and your response will help direct how billions of federal funds for local communities are distributed over the next decade.

RACIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES

This new column will feature resources in support of our mission to live a faith that does justice.

As shared by the *Ignatian Solidarity Network*, this summer Loyola University Maryland will host "Voices on Equity: A Lunchtime Series with Loyola," a series of **free** webinars discussing topics around race, anti-racism, and living out a deeper commitment to Baltimore.

"Our Catholic, Jesuit tradition calls us to be contemplatives in action," said Cheryl Moore-Thomas, Ph.D., chief equity and inclusion officer.

"The Voices on Equity: A Lunchtime Series with Loyola offers an opportunity for us to hear from experts across our campus as we reflect and commit to the work we must do in the aim of anti-racism. This summer series is an important step in Loyola's continuing commitment to action, offering practical approaches that help us lean into our mission more fully. This series is a part of a cohesive and inclusive plan to condemn racism at Loyola and beyond."

"The Social Construction of Systemic Racism: Why Doing Nothing Makes You Complicit"

Presented by H. Lovell Smith, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology
Wednesday, July 8, 2020 Noon-12:30 p.m.

"Activism, Engagement, and Baltimore"

Presented by Erin O'Keefe, '03, director of Center for Community Service and Justice and York Road Initiative
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 Noon-12:30 p.m.

"Reflection on Anti-racism"

Presented by Rev. Timothy Brown, S.J., associate professor of law and social responsibility
Wednesday, July 22, 2020 Noon-12:30 p.m.
This presentation will not include a Q&A session.

Additional webinars may be scheduled later this summer.

Questions for the presenters can be submitted in advance of the webinars, which are being organized by Loyola's office of equity and inclusion. Registration is required, but all are welcome.

To register and for more information, visit www.loyola.edu/voices.

8 DAY DIRECTED IGNATIAN RETREAT

July 12-18, 2020—St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

This silent Ignatian retreat is built around the elements of Lectio Divina and the Examen prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events your day in order to discern God's direction for you. On this retreat, you will review your life from a prayerful, God-Centered perspective. Fr. David Rosenberg, director of St. Francis Retreat Center, will be the Rector for this retreat.

<http://www.stfrancis.ws/ignatian-retreats.html>

THE SPIRITUAL TOP 10 LIST

July 21, 2020 — ONLINE

Everyone loves top 10 lists, right? What about a spiritual top 10? The spiritual top 10 is those times you felt a special closeness to God, a grace-filled moment. In these challenging times, we all need extra grace and St Ignatius Loyola recommends returning to the graces God has shared with us with a spirit of gratitude to renew a sense of peace and trust in the moment. St Ignatius invites us to "ask for interior knowledge of all the great good I have received, in order that, stirred to profound gratitude I may become able to love and serve the Divine Majesty in all things" (Spiritual Exercises, 233). In this webinar, Fr. Joe Laramie, S.J., will lead us in this exercise to help deepen your relationship with the Lord and in your family and community.

<https://tinyurl.com/yb3nczk9>



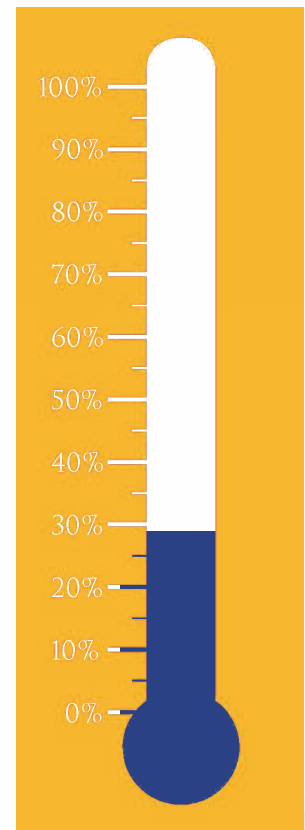
Thank you to those who have already contributed to this year's Diocesan Services Appeal. Our parish goal for 2020 is **\$97,785**. If you are still prayerfully considering your contribution, more information can be found online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa.

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My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

To add or remove a name: stmarys@umich.edu
or call 734-663-0557.

Sunday Readings

JULY 5, 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I	Zec	9:9-10
Psalm	Ps	145:1-2, 8-11,13-14
Reading II	Rom	8:9,11-13
Gospel	Mt	11:25-30

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, came to bring peace to all people. We are called to live in his Spirit, to be gracious, merciful, and compassionate to all.

JULY 12, 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I	Is	55:10-11
Psalm	Ps	65:10-14
Reading II	Rom	8:18-23
Gospel	Mt	13:1-23 or 13:1-9

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Spirit.

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