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JULY 19, 2020

16th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

KINGDOM



“The righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.”

MATTHEW 13:43A

“Entonces los justos brillarán como el
sol en el Reino de su Padre”.

MATEO 13, 43

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Pastoral Perspective

A PATIENT FAITH

BY BRITTANY TOBIAS - COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR



Back in February, before COVID-19 overtook nearly every aspect of our lives, I was deeply stressed about the university starting the academic year before Labor Day. Though this had been the plan for several years, they had yet to announce any plans for welcome week, leaving our ministries unable to plan for what lies ahead.

I felt that the university, as the largest economic driver in the region, would surely see its responsibility to the businesses and families affected by their decision. Surely they had a plan and would publish it soon.

Fast forward just one month, and by mid-March, none of this mattered.

We are still unable to truly plan for what lies ahead, but there is no decision or announcement that is going to allow us to welcome students back to our parish in the fall. At least not how we used to.

We are living in unprecedented times and our plans change from week to week. Can we give ourselves the grace to not have it all figured out? Can we trust that doing "the best we can" is enough?

As a mom juggling COVID-19, work, and two toddlers (Josie who recently turned 1 and Jack who is now 2.5), I can tell you that the very best never feels like enough. And that is when I need to get out of the weeds and work towards the harvest.

My family doesn't need perfection. What they need is love, kindness, and understanding. Don't we all?

It is so easy to focus on all the weeds as they grow around us, often intertwined with what we consider to be good and fruitful. But sometimes a weed isn't what it appears to be at all. Today's Gospel reminds us that we must have a patient faith. If we pull up the weeds, we might ruin the harvest.

Are you focused on the weeds? Join me and work towards the harvest; I need all the help I can get.

CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE **CONFIRMED** LAST WEEK:

- Connell Alford
- Sara Auty
- Alexandra Deininger
- Brendan Hish
- Reagan Masek
- Lesly Mejia
- Paulina Salazar
- John Anthony Sanchez

TO THOSE WHO RECENTLY MADE THEIR **FIRST COMMUNION** :

- Valentina Alvarez Contreras
- Madeline Cummings
- Finnegan Hish
- Mike Lehmann
- Allkyson Lexa Lopez Bonito
- Ella Somers
- Julia Somers

TO **RCIA** CANDIDATES WHO WERE WELCOMED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH RECENTLY:

- Dharma Akmon (Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist)
- Nancy Hernandez (Confirmation)
- Nathan Korth (Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist)
- Caroline Parins-Fukuchi (Confirmation)
- Cullen Salada (Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist)
- Ben Brelje (Reception into full Communion, Confirmation)
- Tony Perez (Confirmation)

TO THOSE WHO WERE **BAPTIZED**:

- Louise Magdalena Brelje, daughter of Benjamin and Andrea

May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and lead your lives forward. May the body of Christ nourish and strengthen you as you walk together with your friend Jesus.

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PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS

SUNDAYS | 5:00 PM

St. Mary is open to the public for **5:00 PM Sunday mass** (in English).

Our capacity is limited to 50 seats. Click here to reserve your seat:

<https://bit.ly/smsp-public-mass-reservation>

To protect the health and safety of everyone at the mass, please note the following:

- Reservations will be limited to registered parishioners.
- Since we do not have pews, seating will be 50 individual chairs.
- If you make a reservation for more than one seat, you will be sitting alone and you may not be sitting near anybody else on your reservation.
- The moving of chairs will not be permitted.
- We strongly discourage those with compromised immune systems or families with small children from attending mass.

Masks and social distancing are required.

LIVE-STREAMED SUNDAY MASS

We continue to live-stream Sunday masses as follows:

- 9:00 AM – English Mass
- 10:10 AM – Spanish Mass

Masses can be watched live on our website: stmarystudentparish.org.

You may also watch a recording of mass anytime after the mass has finished.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SUNDAYS | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Communion will be distributed on Sundays from 11:30 AM-12:00 PM. If you arrive early, please wait in your car. The parish will remain locked until 11:30 AM. Enter through the William Street doors unless you require handicap accessibility through the Thompson side.

Masks and social distancing are required.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

10:00 AM–2:00 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

During this time the office will be staffed to assist with scheduling, questions, donations, etc. You may also enter the church for individual prayer. Please enter through the main doors on Thompson Street.

Masks and social distancing are required.

GRAD/YP

VIRTUAL DROP-IN SCC

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM

If you haven't heard of them or participated in one before, an SCC (Small Church Community) is a group that meets weekly to read the upcoming Sunday readings, pray, and reflect on how those readings relate to our daily lives. The group meets on Wednesdays at 7pm and is hosted on Zoom. If you are interested in more information, please reach out to Colleen McClain colleen.a.mcclain@gmail.com.

EXPLORING THE FAITH

THRU RCIA

Ever thought about becoming Catholic?

First, pray and reflect a little on this step. What has God been trying to say to you? Then, give us a call to talk. Our RCIA gatherings help people explore the faith, and learn more about building a deeper relationship with God.

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), helps those who are considering adult baptism into the Catholic faith, those who may want to convert from another Christian faith, and those adult Catholics who want to complete their Confirmation.

Gatherings will begin in September (though we are not sure yet of our format). In the meantime, give us a call, or send an email.

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“Our hearts are restless
until they find rest in you.”
-- St. Augustine

Faith Doing Justice

VIRTUAL EVENT: THE EFFECTS OF US ACTIONS IN LATIN AMERICA

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH | 7:00 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Presented by Gail Presbey, Professor, University of Detroit Mercy and Hosted by the Circles at Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Christ Our Light.

Professor Presbey will dive more deeply into the complicated history of the relationship between the U.S. and Central America. This event is part of a Summer Education series presented by Strangers No Longer.

Click here to register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgPJrdsOV-pw40imB1h5f-gBd_reur7vXwqhF_VvCH1enNAw/viewform

Upon registration, the zoom link will be emailed to you. Contact Rosemary Insley with questions: 248-885-2406 or email: strangersnolonger11@gmail.com

5TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI'

The year 2020 marks the fifth anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. Through this landmark encyclical, Pope Francis called the Church and all people to transform our relationship with creation by responding to the “cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” Five years later, this message remains vital as global communities face ecological destruction, climate change, resource exploitation and extreme poverty.

Explore these links to learn, pray, and act:

- Slideshow & Reflections: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/oruMKBknN6JHs/>
- Laudato Si' Examen: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2020/05/18/examen-solidarity-creation-laudato-si/>
- Seven ways to live Laudato Si' in 2020: <https://www.ecojesuit.com/10-ways-to-live-laudato-si-in-2020/13205/>

RACIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES

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

21-DAY IGNATIAN RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE July 20 - August 9

Hosted by the Ignatian Solidarity Network, this 21-day email campaign will provide daily resources to learn, pray, and act on a variety of issues related to racial justice and equity.

Visit their website: <https://ignatiansolidarity.wufoo.com/forms/prayer-reflection-and-action-for-racial-justice/> to sign up today!

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Let us pray...

O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored.

You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required...

“Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Mi 6:8)

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others.

Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities.

Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will.

Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/parish-resources-on-racism.cfm>

Financial Update

Fiscal Year 2020/2021	
Year-to-Date Sunday Offering Report as of 07/12/2020	
	\$0 \$250,000 \$500,000 \$750,000 \$1,000,000
Sunday Offerings Budget Goal	\$969,000
Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal	\$33,500
Amount Collected YTD	\$33,006
Above (Below) YTD Goal	-\$494
Sunday Offering Report as of 07/12/2020	
July Sunday Offerings Weekly Budget Goal	\$16,750
Sunday 07/12/2020 (Week 2)	\$12,078
Above (Below) Weekly Goal	-\$4,672

FINANCIAL UPDATE ON FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Thanks to your generosity we surpassed our Sunday offering goal of \$1,020,000 by \$4,190 for a total of \$1,024,190. This is a slight decrease of \$1,372 from fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

We collected \$385,589 for the annual fund which fell short of our goal of \$440,000. However, we collected \$17,731 more than we did in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

ONLINE GIVING - NEW!

Many of you have signed up for online giving, which is a great help to us. Thank you. Some of you may be open to doing so. We recently introduced a new "online giving portal" through ParishSoft. This will eventually be the only online giving program that we will use. You can sign up and allocate gifts to particular funds here:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/smsp>.

Contact Kristen Gowman kgowman@smspnewman.org with any questions about this new online portal.



2020 DSA PRAYER

Loving and gracious God, we praise you and we thank you for the bountiful gifts that you have bestowed upon us.

Help us to understand that it is only in You that we find the truth and happiness we seek – the happiness we are made for.

Help us to understand and embrace the Diocesan Services Appeal as a way to faithfully participate in the good works of Your Holy Catholic Church.

Please bless our united efforts and help us to see Jesus in all whom we encounter.

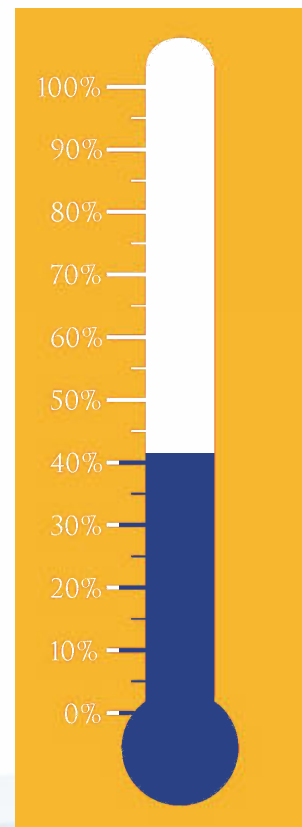
Amen.

“Happy the one who trusts in the Lord.” This scripture text from the Book of Proverbs affirms a fundamental teaching of the Catholic Church – only in God will we find the truth and happiness that we seek, the happiness that we were made for.

Our Diocesan Services Appeal is an opportunity to participate personally in the service and care provided through the many good works of the Catholic Church. DSA contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries and spiritual activities to offer direct assistance to individuals and families, to our parishes and schools.

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 <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/DSA>.

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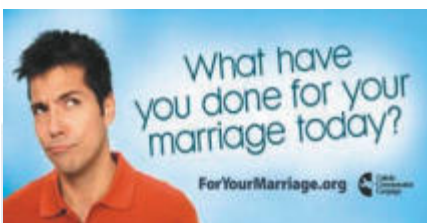
WEDDING BANNES

August 1
Cherie Netzloff & Tyler Huss

August 8
Kerry Flannagan & Matthew Jackson

August 15
Maria Ciolo & Sean Shepard

To add or remove a name:
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Sunday Readings

JULY 19, 2020

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I	Wis	12:13, 16-19
Psalm	Ps	86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Reading II	Rom	8:26-27
Gospel	Mt	13:24-43 or 13:24-30

In his patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to salvation in the Kingdom. This Lord is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins. May the Spirit assist us in our weakness.

JULY 26, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I	1Kgs	3:5, 7-12
Psalm	Ps	119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Reading II	Rom	8:28-30
Gospel	Mt	13:44-52 or 13:44-46

The person with true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

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