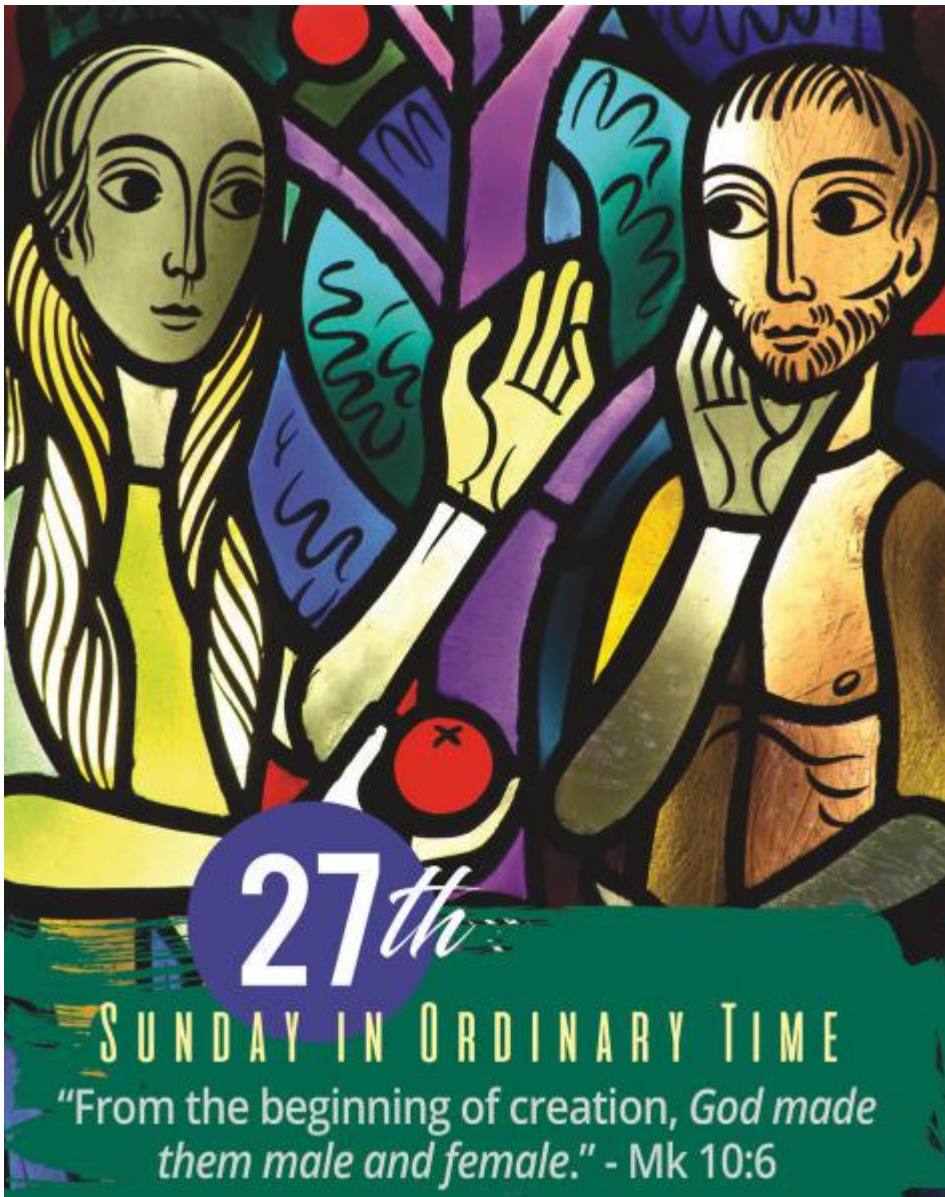


SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, October 3, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!

Christ said, "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, I will be with them" (Mt. 18:20). The Intercessory Prayer Team at Sacred Heart will begin again to meet in-person, between the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses:

TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

We pray specifically for our parish, our Family of Parishes, the Archdiocese of Detroit and the world. We also pray Lectio Divina on the Sunday Mass's Gospel, asking the Holy Spirit to lead us in applying its message to our Church's needs. At this meeting we will also be discerning specifics of how we will work as a team going forward. This whole transformation in the Archdiocese of Detroit, right down to the individual parishioner's level, has been, and continues to be, driven and supported by the prayers of Intercessory Prayer Teams throughout the AOD. Come join in the privilege, the work, and especially in the joy of Sacred Heart's Intercessory Prayer Team!

Reflect AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Today's creation account of man and woman is the foundation of our Judeo-Christian understanding of the covenant of marriage. When a male and a female marry, "the two of them become one body." **What do you see as some modern implications in this understanding of marriage?**

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews tells us that we are "brothers" with Jesus in our common experience of suffering and death. **In what way do you find comfort in this idea?**

Gospel:

Both in public with the Pharisees and later in private with the disciples, Jesus takes a strong stand on the sacred and unbreakable bond of marriage. **How do you imagine the Pharisees and the disciples reacted to Jesus' position?**



Congratulations to Michael Merlo who was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Detroit this weekend.



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"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" St. Catherine of Siena

LISTEN to Fruitful Discipleship—**The Charism of WISDOM** empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's goodness through **extraordinary insight that enables him or her to come up with original or creative solutions to specific problems and to make good decisions**.... creative application of knowledge....makes a significant difference in lives of real people.... gives glory to God, building His Kingdom....has extraordinary problem-solving insight....negative realities sparks energy and creativity rather than depression....can sum up a situation in clear, illuminating language....does not need academic background.

(Fruitful Discipleship, by Sherry Weddell, pg 174-178)

PRAY: Tear or cut off this prayer and keep it where you'll remember to pray it throughout the week

*Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of the Gifts, to Sacred Heart Church and to our Family's Parishes; Open our minds and hearts to hear your voice and feel your direction. Reveal to each of us the special and particular gifts (Charisms) You have given to us to use for others. Provide opportunities to test and discern whether one might have the **Charism of WISDOM**. Reveal to them how You want them to use the Charisms you've given, and give them the desire and will to do it. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in each of us the fire of Your love as we discern and use the Charisms you have given. Amen!*

ASK & ACT: What is this note saying to **me**? Do I make good practical use of information or skills that I learn and have helped others do the same? Do other people tell me that I am insightful? Have others sought me out to talk about their problems or discernment questions? Have others told me that I have helped them become clearer about complex decisions? Is developing faith-based solutions to complex problems a creative, prayerful experience for me? Do I love the experiential wisdom of the Catholic tradition? Do I serve God by applying spiritual truths in creative ways? I will **pray** over these questions, asking God to lead me into discernment of whether (or not) He has given me the **Charism of WISDOM**, and ask for the desire and will to know how I might use any of my charism group in our parish or my community. **"No Bystanders!"**

THREE MEN PREPARE TO SERVE THE LORD AND HIS FAITHFUL AS PERMANENT DEACONS

Charles Dault, Richard Kliemann Jr. and Michael Merlo ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit

On Oct. 2, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron ordained Charles Dault, 60, Richard Kliemann Jr., 61, and Michael Merlo, 64, during a Mass at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.



From left to right: Charles Dault, Richard Kliemann Jr., and Michael Merlo

The three men — each of whom is married and has adult children — have spent the past several years studying, praying and discerning at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in preparation for service as deacons in parishes and ministries in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

While God has called each in different ways, all three men share a desire for service and will devote themselves to caring for Christ's faithful in the years ahead. Here's a little more about the 2021 permanent diaconate candidate from Sacred Heart Church, **Michael J. Merlo:**

Michael Merlo, of Rochester Hills, is a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish in Auburn Hills. He is married to Mary Alice (Gall), and has five children: Matthew, 37, Joshua, 28, Michaella, 22, the late Jeremiah, and the late Anthony (stillborn).

Merlo was born in Pontiac and attended Rochester High School, graduating in 1975. He earned a degree in mathematics from Lake Superior State University (1979) and in geography from the University of Michigan (1981). Today, Merlo is retired from his career as a program and business manager for the U.S. Department of Defense. He enjoys fishing, gardening and strategic games in his spare time.

Merlo's interest in the diaconate began when he was studying the writings of St. Paul, who urged people to be "imitators of Christ."

"The goal of my ministry is bring Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, to all situations and opportunities the Lord places me in. For example if working at a soup kitchen, or helping a St. Vincent de Paul client, or praying with those in a hospital or nursing home, my goal is to bring the Lord to the situation by showing compassion, mercy and caring for the needs of those around me."

"I asked the Lord, 'How does this apply to my life?'" Merlo said. "One

of several answers I received was to become a deacon and share the joy, love and mercy of Jesus and the grace of the Holy Spirit with all I minister to and with. I questioned the Lord, 'Why a deacon?' and his response was 'Trust me.'"

Merlo said the Lord validated this initial prompting with "signs" in his life that pointed the way toward his becoming "all in" on the permanent diaconate program.

Merlo completed his pastoral internship at St. Mary of the Hills Parish in Rochester Hills, and has field experience as a volunteer with St. Paul Street Evangelization, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Gleaner's Food Bank, Mary's Mantle and in spiritual care at Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

At the parish level, Merlo has served as a pastoral associate, marriage prep coach, religious education director and teacher, and on the Christian service commission and adult education commission. He's also coordinated efforts to bring the Eucharist to homebound and nursing home residents.

"The goal of my ministry is bring Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, to all situations and opportunities the Lord places me in," Merlo said. "For example if working at a soup kitchen, or helping a St. Vincent de Paul client, or praying with those in a hospital or nursing home, my goal is to bring the Lord to the situation by showing compassion, mercy and caring for the needs of those around me."

Merlo said he hopes his future parish ministry can "bring hope and love to all I serve through my trust in the Lord.")

To learn more about becoming a permanent deacon, or to inquire about discernment events, contact Deacon Christopher Beltowski, associate director for permanent deacons, at beltowski.christopher@aod.org.

— Michael Stechschulte, Detroit Catholic



The fruitfulness of evangelization depends upon the graces called down through intercession.

~ For Archbishop Vigneron and the Auxiliary Bishops that the Holy Spirit will continue to pour out gifts of wisdom and discernment as we become a missionary diocese.

- ~ For the Wave One Clergy Teams as they work to complete their covenants and plan their commissioning Masses; and for Wave Two Clergy Teams to have softened hearts, opening dialogue and growing in unity across these Families of Parishes.
~ For all parishioners at Sacred Heart and our Family to take advantage of opportunities across our Family to be ignited in our faith, to learn about each other, and to grow closer to Jesus.
~ For Fr. Joe Grimaldi, that he may feel the love of Christ from each parishioner as he joins Sacred Heart and leads us forward on mission. His church, and then the will and the strength to offer it.

We ask all this in the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit (Sign of the Cross). Amen.

SACRED HEART NEEDS YOU

Following the theme from Vatican II to Synod 16, Sacred Heart needs to become a self-sufficient Amazing parish.

We need parishioners to step forward and volunteer using their charisms to provide programs, management, and to help our parish grow:



We need your assistance on at least on of the following councils, commissions, and programs:

- Finance Council
Education/ Evangelization Commission
Christian Service Commission
Worship Commission
Nursing Center Communion Service
Religious Education Teacher

If you are unsure, or would like more information about one of these opportunities please call the office for more details 248-852-4170. If you would be willing to share the gifts that God has provided you please call the office 248-852-4170 x12 and we will get you in contact with the leader of that activity.

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HYMNS

Opening:

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King,
 lift up your voices, let us sing:
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Bright burning
 sun with golden beams, soft silver
 moon that gently gleams,
 O praise him, o praise him!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Great rushing winds who are so
 strong, you clouds above that
 sail along, O praise him, Alleluia!
 Fair rising morn, with praise
 rejoice, stars nightly shining,
 find a voice, O praise him,
 O praise him! Alleluia, Alleluia,
 Alleluia!

Closing:

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit, we are
 one in the Lord. We are one in the
 Spirit, we are one in the lord.
 And we pray that all unity may
 one day be restored. And they'll
 know we are Christians by our
 love, by our love. Yes they'll know
 we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,
 we will walk hand in hand.
 We will walk with each other,
 we will walk hand in hand.
 And together we'll spread the
 news that God is in our land.
 And they'll know we are
 Christians by our love, by our love.
 Yes they'll know we are
 Christians by our love.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 3, 2021

WATCH CLARE AND FRANCIS

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare, who is given equal stature with him. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.



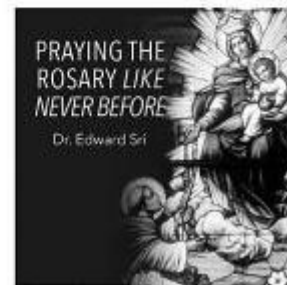
LEARN MISERY MEETS MERCY: ST FAUSTINA



Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz Ratajczak discuss St. Faustina Kowalska and her role in bringing the message of Divine Mercy to the Church

LISTEN PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE BY DR. EDWARD SRI

In this Lighthouse Talk, Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries*. Dr. Sri shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.



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After last year's quarantine and social distancing, St. Thomas More is excited to announce Youth Group is back on! Your teen will be among like-minded youth where the faith of the Catholic Church is promoted while enjoying the company of their peers. Youth Group is a great way to continue to grow spiritually by participating in the four-fold mission of the Church:

- Faith Formation.....Instruction in the Faith
- PrayerWorship
- Helping OthersChristian Service
- Having Fun.....Fellowship

We will meet once/month on Sundays from 7:00 – 8:15 PM and participate in at least one retreat. Tentative schedule listed below.

October 17, 2021
 November 14, 2021
 December 5, 2021

January 9, 2022
 February 13, 2022

March 6, 2022
 April 10, 2022
 Retreat date TBD



Rosary said one-half hour before daily Mass

Saturday, October 2, 2021

4:00 p.m.

† Patricia Johnson

Sunday, October 3, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Christine Agosta

11:00 a.m.

† Fred Samrah by Family

Monday, October 4, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Ruth Caspary

† Joseph Heck Jr

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

NO MASS

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Ed Lentz

Thursday, October 7, 2021

NO MASS

Friday, October 8, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Marie Monti

† John Dzienisowicz

Saturday, October 9, 2021

4:00 p.m.

† Bill Brown

Sunday, October 10, 2021

9:00 a.m.

† Sue Agustyn by Family

† Manuel Landas

by Deo and Mary Lee Pascual

11:00 a.m.

† Fred Samrah by Family



Names will be published for 3 weeks.
If a name has been removed that you wish
to have re-established, please call the
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Joan Martus
Laurie Graves
Diane Hurd
Richard Booms
Doreen Valente
Mary Bourbeau
Dennis Spensley
Rolf Maier
Stella Lentz
Tom Guibord
Nancy Delosh
Michael Delosh

Frank J. DeFelice
Nick Rennels
Jim Clem
Mary Ann Demres
Priscilla Boudreaux
Resi Cavellier
Deac. Jack Parent
Ella Dawson
Anders McCarthy
Sean Reaume
JoAnn Eaton
Mark DeFelice

Richard Vitasinski
Julie Kozlowski
Patricia Swantek
Ralph Swantek
Hugh Macmillan
Paul Weir
Romulo Pascua
Donna Lawrence
Laura A. Reaume
Floyd Warzak
Joe Veryser
Don Boudreaux

**Scripture Readings
for the Week**



Sunday, October 3:

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5,
6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
or 10:2-12

Monday, October 4:

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5,
8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 5:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab,
7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 6:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6,
9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 7:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3,
4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 8:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3,
6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 9:

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
[12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 10:

Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15,
16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-
30 or 10:17-27

**OUR MEN AND WOMEN
IN THE SERVICE**

2nd Lt Carrigan Berard, Army NG
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Sergeant Joel Bock, National Guard
Lt Christopher Burns, Navy
Lt Molly Hamilton Burns, Navy
Lt Jamel Chokr, Coast Guard
Sra Jake Coll, Air Force
Ssgt Joshua Coll, Air Force
AMS3 Christion Compton, Navy
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Capt Brent Drabek, Air Force
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Petty Officer Anthony Giacobelli, Navy
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Lt Nicholas Hughes, Army
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Capt Benjamin Lloyd, Marines
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Maj Sarah Burns Mobilio, Marines
Matthew Panella, US Navy TM3
Sergeant Daniel Pendell
Lt Ronnie Robinson, Army
Captain Billy Romine, Army
Gunnery Sgt Michael Schuhler, Marines
Capt Todd Sullivan, Army
Senior Airman Scott Socia, Air Force
Tom Yombor, Army Ranger 1175
Ian Zdral, Army

Before
birth the
LORD
called me,
from my
mother's
womb he
gave me
my name.

- ISAIAH 49:1






Liturgy Schedule		
October 2-3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Lectors	Lead E.M.
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Lisa Landry Susan Kuzak	TBA
Sunday 9:00 am Mass	Pete Keating Gena Galicia	TBA
Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Toni Rusch Doug Rusch	TBA
October 8-9, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Lectors	Lead E.M.
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Linda Botson Diane Radtke	TBA
Sunday 9:00 am Mass	Sean Sylvester Randy Shetterley	TBA
Sunday 11:00 am Mass	Gene Jagnecki Tammy Bliss	TBA



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Sacred Heart parish is a loving and giving Roman Catholic community. We welcome people from all walks of life as we celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist and we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving all, teaching boldly and rejoicing always.

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