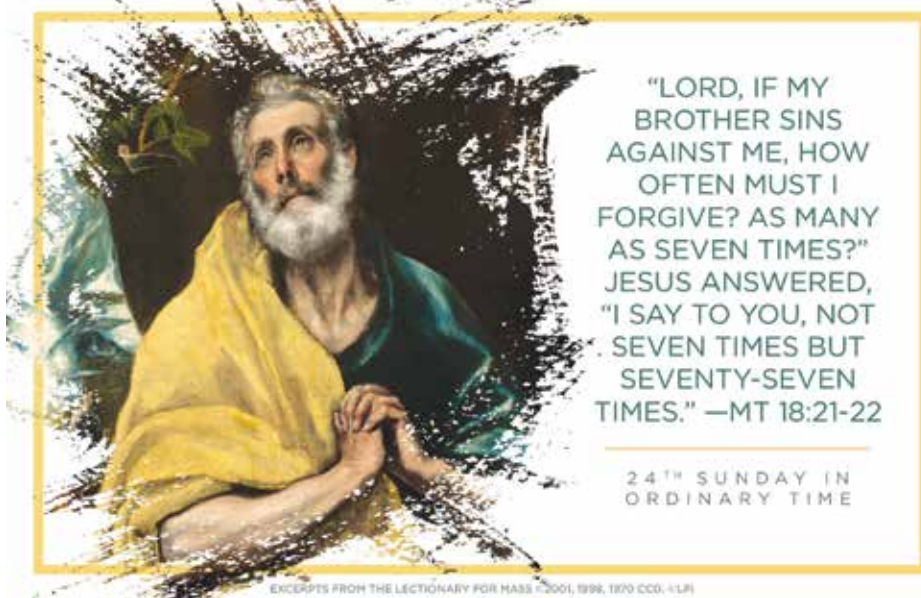


# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, September 17, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Prayer for the  
**SYNOD ON  
SYNODALITY**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

## LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP FOR FAITH FORMATION

**FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES 1-8**  
Begins Monday, September 25, 2023  
6:00pm - 7:30pm

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD "CGS" FOR AGES 3-5**  
Begins Monday, September 25, 2023  
1:00pm-2:15pm



Registration forms are available in the parish office, in the gathering space in the back of Church and by scanning the QR code provided to the right.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Barbara Yugovich, Faith Formation Director, at 248-852-4170, x15.

Mrs. Barbara Yugovich, Faith Formation Director



Scan the QR code for registration forms.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR CGS, AND FAITH FORMATION, IS SEPTEMBER 18TH.**

## THIS WEEK AT THE HEART

Saturday, Sept. 16	<b>Digging Deeper: Men's Scripture Study</b> <i>September Location: St. Damien in Pontiac</i>	8:00am
	AA Meeting (Men & Women)	8:00am
	Confessions	3:00pm
Sunday, Sept. 17	AA Meeting (Men)	8:00pm
Tuesday, Sept. 19	<b>K of C Meeting</b>	6:00pm
Wednesday, Sept 20	<b>Finance Council Meeting</b> <i>in MPR</i>	3:00pm
Thursday, Sept. 21	AA Meeting (Men & Women)	12 Noon
Saturday, Sept. 23	<b>Digging Deeper: Men's Scripture Study</b> <i>September Location: St. Damien in Pontiac</i>	8:00am
	AA Meeting (Men & Women)	8:00am
	Confessions	3:00pm
Sunday, Sept. 24	AA Meeting (Men)	8:00pm



If you would like to arrange a special intention for someone who has passed or is in need of prayers, please contact the Parish Office at **248-852-4170 ext.10** to set up a date and time to offer Mass.



**NEW MEMBERS TO  
SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
**Abigail Koskiniemi**  
**Marsha Seirmarco**



## HEARTS ON FIRE at Sacred Heart

*Where Faith is Known,  
Lived, & Shared*

**"The sacrament of charity, the Holy Eucharist, is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God's infinite love for every man and woman"**

*Sacramentum Caritatis*

*During this time of national Eucharistic Revival, we will pray with the wise words of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI in his 2007 Apostolic Exhortation on the "Sacrament of Charity", the Holy Eucharist.*

**LISTEN to POPE BENEDICT XVI:** The more lively the eucharistic faith of the People of God, the deeper is its sharing in ecclesial life in steadfast commitment to the mission entrusted by Christ to his disciples. The Church's very history bears witness to this. Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's eucharistic presence among his people.

*Sacramentum Caritatis 6*

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

*Come Holy Spirit! Enliven our faith!! Breathe on us, filling our hearts and minds with the Love of our Lord, making us into "People of God" through and through. Deepen our "sharing in every aspect of church-life;" embolden our "commitment to the mission entrusted to us, His disciples, by Christ." Lead us into Your great Eucharistic Revival by the "rediscovery of belief in our Lord's eucharistic presence" among us. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in each of us the fire of your love. Amen!*

**ASK & ACT:** What are these words saying to me? How would I describe a "lively eucharistic faith" to someone who asked? Does my faith look like that? Do I hold a "deep share" in ecclesial (Church) life, with a "steadfast commitment" to the mission Christ has entrusted to me, His disciple? Do I fully believe in the "Lord's eucharistic presence"—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—among us? Pray with these questions and with the above prayer, asking God to make these characteristics of a Eucharistic faith present in me.

*Nancy Piotrowski—piomom@me.com*



# Saint OF THE WEEK

**BLESSED JUAN BAUTISTA AND BLESSED JACINTO DE LOS ÁNGELES**

*Highlighting holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization.*



Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles were both born the same year, in 1660, in the town of San Francisco Cajonos in Oaxaca, Mexico. The boys grew up together in their Zapotec tribal community with de los Ángeles descending from a long line of tribal chiefs. The boys were raised Catholic and were altar servers in their youth. Both

married, had children, and actively participated in their Catholic faiths.

During the centuries that Spanish missionaries were spreading Catholicism in the Americas, and when Spain was actively trying to subjugate Mexico, Catholic missionary priests would appoint local converts as moral authorities in their communities. These deputized fiscales, or marshals, were tasked with upholding both civil and religious laws and reporting information back to the priests and bishops. Indigenous men were banned at the time from becoming priests themselves due to the Spaniards' inability to incorporate the natives' culture into the strict life habits of the Spanish friars. Thus, the highest religious position that a native man could be appointed at the time was that of fiscales. Both Bautista and de los Ángeles were appointed fiscales and revered in their communities as lay catechists, often also aiding the local priests in church affairs.

In 1700 when both were about 40 years old, while doing their rounds as fiscales, they learned that a local man named José Flores would be holding a ritual featuring native idols in his home. The men alerted the Dominican priests to whom they reported and were instructed by the priests to intervene. During the ceremony, Bautista, de los Ángeles, and some of the Dominicans disrupted the ritual and surprised those participating. As the men were well known in the community, many of the participants covered their faces and ran from the home, not wanting to be identified. The fiscales and Dominican priests confiscated the idols and other items used in the ritual.

The next day word of retaliation against Bautista and de los Ángeles caused them to seek refuge and hide in the Dominican friary. That evening, a mob of angry men covering their faces with cloth stormed the church with weapons and threatened to kill everyone inside if the two men weren't handed over to them. When the Dominican priests refused, the mob burnt down Bautista's nearby home and threatened to burn down the entire church and friary with everyone inside if their demands were not met.

Both men decided to give themselves over to the mob to end the brutality and save the lives of everyone else. Before leaving they asked the priests to hear their confessions and administer the Eucharist to them. They then went out to confront the mob and were abducted while yelling back to the priests "Fathers — commend us to God!"

The angry mob brutalized the men and demanded that they denounce their faith. Despite the torture, neither did. The following day, the mob took them to a large hill near the village, beat them with clubs, cut them down with machetes, and threw their bodies down the hill. Upon their deaths, their chests were cut open and their hearts were fed to the dogs.

The Dominicans recovered their bodies and buried them at Villa Alta. In 1889 both men's bodies were moved to the Oaxaca Archdiocesan cathedral. In 2001, theologians confirmed that Bautista and de los Ángeles were murdered in hatred of the faith and Saint Pope John Paul II approved their cause and beatification on August 1, 2002, during his apostolic visit to Mexico.

"The two blessed are an example of how, without regarding one's ancestral customs as myths, one can reach God without renouncing one's own culture but letting oneself be enlightened by the light of Christ, which renews the religious spirit of the best popular traditions." —St. Pope John Paul II.

## THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF "COMMUNION"

by John Hannigan

I recently wrote: *"Consuming the consecrated Host, we enter into an intimate Holy Communion with the Lord of the Universe."* A parishioner asked me to expand upon the idea of "communion" in the Catholic experience. There are >230 entries in the Catechism and >40 related definitions in the Oxford English Dictionary, so I can barely scratch the surface.

"Communion" derives from ancient roots, *ko-moin-i*, meaning "shared by all." Latin *communio* means "fellowship" and "mutual participation." St. Augustine thought "*com + unus*" meant "together in oneness." So any communion is a shared action that draws people together to be united as one.

*Communio* is also rooted in *munia* for "public duties" (think "municipal"). Since public duty in the Church focuses on worship, we are united when participating at Mass. Not merely congregating, Catholics are most united when sharing the Eucharist. In Holy Communion we are one in Christ. An intimate Communion certainly includes a personal union with Jesus Christ since we consume him, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. When we receive the consecrated Host we should reflect on the awesome reality of his Presence in ourselves and in all of us present at Mass!

Celebration of the Eucharist is also a communion with the entire Mystical Body of Christ beyond the walls of a building. Centered on the altar, we are united with every Mass prayed throughout the world at that time and we join the eternal worship of God by the angels and saints gathered around the throne of the Lamb in heaven, beyond space and time.

A *communio* also refers to a body of people living a religious rule, as in a monastic community. But it can be any cohesive religious group within a society from which it aims to distinguish itself. Faithful Christians are distinguished by the way they live their lives. Though distinguished, we are sent from Mass to serve our larger community. Our "public duty" extends from and beyond worship in church, to go forth and share the Gospel, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and draw all into communion with Jesus Christ. As one family of God *"we continue to love one another and to join in praising the Most Holy Trinity - all of us who are sons [and daughters] of God and form one family in Christ - we will be faithful to the deepest vocation of the Church"* (CCC¶959).

This idea of communion is infinitely rich!

Comments? Questions?  
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## COMMUNION | MISSION | PARTICIPATION

Among the fruits of the first phase, and in particular of the Continental Assemblies, which came to the fore, three priorities were identified that are now proposed to the Synodal Assembly of October 2023 for discernment. These are challenges with which the whole Church must measure itself in order to take a step forward and grow in its own synodal being at all levels and from a plurality of perspectives. They need to be addressed from the point of view of theology and canon law, as well as from that of pastoral care and spirituality.

The three priorities will be illustrated in connection with the three key words of the Synod: communion, mission, participation. While this is done for the sake of simplicity and clarity of presentation, it risks presenting the three key words as three "pillars" independent of one another. Instead, in the life of the synodal Church, communion, mission and participation are articulated, nourishing and supporting each other. They must always be understood with this integration in mind.

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They call into question the way Dioceses plan as well as the daily choices and lifestyle of each member of the People of God. They are also authentically synodal because addressing them requires walking together as a people, with all its members.

*To be continued in next Sunday's bulletin.*

– Fr. George



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

Come Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!!

- ~ May we all come to understand that the God who gains nothing from us, yet holds each of us in existence, longs to be with us and even thirsts for us; and that He satisfies His hunger and thirst by feeding us in a very concrete and intimate way in the Holy Eucharist.
- ~ May the Holy Spirit fill our children, their parents, and catechists at Sacred Heart as they begin a new year, as they grow ever closer to Jesus.
- ~ May all the faithful understand and embrace their need to be united in prayer for an increase in vocations in our archdiocese and our country.
- ~ May we continue to grow in community at Sacred Heart as we seek the way each of us is called to build the Church that Jesus founded.

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

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**Questions? Contact Nancy Piotrowski, [piomom@me.com](mailto:piomom@me.com) or contact the office to reach me.**



*You're Invited to*

## SEPTEMBER'S ST. THOMAS MORE SENIOR LUNCHEON

This will be a "meet your family of parish neighbors" event. Please plan to attend to enjoy a Potluck luncheon of all of the great homemade main dishes, sides, salads, and desserts. All attendees will be asked to bring a special dish of their choice to share.

We will start with prayer, have a great lunch, then have time to meet the seniors of our parishes.

Please plan to attend this special luncheon! Hope to see you there!

**September 21st at 12:00pm  
St. Thomas More Church.**

**Please RSVP by Monday Sept. 18th  
by calling 248-647-2222**

**Let us know what dish you plan to bring.**

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## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 17, 2023



### Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



### The Calling of Matthew

Dr. Tim Gray provides an extended analysis of Caravaggio's The Calling of St. Matthew.



### The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

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## Ladies and Gentlemen



## St. Benedict's Fall Luncheon and Card Party

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

12noon – 3:30pm

\$10.00

Raffle, 50/50 and Door Prizes, too!

Enjoy a delicious lunch of  
salads and bread

St. Benedict Church Located at M-59 and Voorheis  
80 S. Lynn St., Waterford 248-681-1534



Rosary said one-half hour before daily Mass

### Saturday, September 16

4:00 pm

† Francis Dascenza  
by Rosemarie Dascenza

### Sunday, September 17

9:00 am

† Francis Sylvester  
by Sean & Colleen Sylvester

† Ron Iwaszkiewicz, Jr.  
by John & Angela Polasek and Family

11:00 am

† Edward Lentz by Family

† Mr. & Mrs. Stanley J. Pasko  
by son, Robert

Pro Populo (For the People  
of Sacred Heart)

### Monday, September 18

9:00 am

Sophia – Special Intentions

### Tuesday, September 19

9:00 am

† Marilyn Reckling by Family

### Wednesday, September 20

9:00 am

† Margaret Warczak

### Thursday, September 21

9:00 am

† Deceased Members  
of Sacred Heart

### Friday, September 22

9:00 am

† Robert Moskwa by Family

### Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm

† Harold Stein by Maureen Nandi

Pro Populo (For the People  
of Sacred Heart)

### Sunday, September 24

9:00 am

† Christine Agosta

11:00 am

† Suzanne Augustyn  
by Stephen Augustyn



Names will be published for 3 weeks.  
If a name has been removed that you wish  
to have re-established, please call the  
Parish Office at 248-852-4170

Don Boudreaux  
Cecile Brown  
Gale Harrington  
Richard Booms  
Jackson Henslay  
Peter Bersich  
Sabrina Kozlowski  
J. R.  
Ralph Swantek  
Patricia Swantek  
Mary Ellen Netter  
Laurie Graves  
Lillia Dodson

Tom Guibord  
Ryan Maslyn  
Bridget Cichowicz  
Donna Patterson  
Richard Booms  
Ron Guibord  
Charlotte Stephens  
Bernie DeLano  
Kelly Fleming  
Deac. Jack Parent  
Michelle Gotham  
Jim Cavellier  
Marilyn Minnick

Marie Pietila  
Mick Brani  
Kathleen Stachurski  
Pat Guibord  
Emily Dzienisowicz  
Priscilla Boudreaux  
James Lortie  
Meghan O'Hara  
Irene Walsh  
Joseph Dawson  
Paul Cameron  
Ted Kruse  
Abigail Koskiniemi

### Scripture Readings for the Week



#### Sunday, September 17:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catechetical Sunday

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,  
11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

#### Monday, September 18:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

#### Tuesday, September 19:

St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab,  
2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

#### Wednesday, September 20:

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest,  
and Paul Chöng Ha-sang and  
Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4,  
5-6/Lk 7:31-35

#### Thursday, September 21:

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3,  
4-5/Mt 9:9-13

#### Friday, September 22:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10,  
17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

#### Saturday, September 23:

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,  
5/Lk 8:4-15

### OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

Sergeant Joel Bock, National Guard  
Lt Aaron Brooks, Space Force  
Lt Jamel Chokr, Coast Guard  
Joseph Destefano, serving in Iraq  
Maj Brent Drabek, Air Force  
Petty Officer Anthony Giacobelli, Navy  
Lt Stephanie Herderich, Air Force  
Lt Nicholas Hughes, Army  
Lt Pete Johnson, Navy  
Brian Kliffel, Army  
Lance Corporal Adam Mather, Marines  
Capt Sean McQuade, Army  
Lt JG Mitchell Monarch, Navy  
SPC Paul Monarch, Army  
Lt Ryan Rocca, Army  
CDT Anthony Adam Rocca, Army  
Captain Ryan Nick, Army  
Matthew Panella, US Navy TM3  
Sergeant Daniel Pendell  
Gunnery Sgt Michael Schuyler, Marines  
Staff Sergeant Scott Socia, Air Force  
Derek Sprigg, Navy  
AMN William Tryon, Air Force  
Ian Zdral, Army



**Funeral Services**

HELD AT SACRED HEART

**Kay Sendegas: Sept 13**

<b>Liturgy Schedule</b>		
<b>September 16-17, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	<b>Lector 1</b>	<b>Lector 2</b>
<b>Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass</b>	Linda Botson	Diane Radtke
<b>Sunday, 9:00 am Mass</b>	Chris Lyons	Gerrie Iwaskiewicz
<b>Sunday, 11:00 am Mass</b>	Mary Lee Pascual	Nancy Piotrowski
<b>September 23-24, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	<b>Lector 1</b>	<b>Lector 2</b>
<b>Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass</b>	Carol Lingeman	Jerry Lingeman
<b>Sunday, 9:00 am Mass</b>	Sandy Stacer	Pete Keating
<b>Sunday, 11:00 am Mass</b>	Tammy Bliss	Nancy Piotrowski

**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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Weekend of Sept. 9-10, 2023:  
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**Saturday & Sunday:** Closed

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Monday – Friday:** 9:00 am  
**Saturday:** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**LEADERSHIP AND STAFF**  
**Pastoral Associate/Administrator:**  
Deacon Michael Stach ..... x22  
**Permanent Deacon:**  
Deacon David Fleming ..... x10  
**Faith Formation Director (Part-time):**  
Barb Yugovich ..... x15  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Fr. Joe Grimaldi  
**Senior Priest:** Monsignor Anthony Tocco  
**Senior Priest:** Rev. George Hazler I.V. Dei  
**Project Manager:** David Michalak  
**Director of Music:** Robert Meyer  
**Office Assistants:**  
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Arrangements to be made with priest. Call at least 6 months to a year prior to wedding.  
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For any adult interested in entering the OCIA process to become Catholic, please contact the Parish Office for information.

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Come and pray anytime.  
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