Sacred Heart Catholic Church

September 21, 2025

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THIS WEEK AT THE HEART				
Saturday, September 20	Digging Deeper: Men's Scripture Study	8:00am		
	AA Meeting (Men & Women)	8:00am		
	Confessions	3:00pm		
Sunday, September 21	AA Meeting (Men)	8:00pm		
Tuesday, September 23	The Chosen	9:45am		
	St. Vincent dePaul Meeting	7:00pm		
Wednesday, September 24	Rosary for the Unborn	1:30pm		
Thursday, September 25	AA Meeting (Men & Women)	12 Noon		
Saturday, September 27	Digging Deeper: Men's Scripture Study	8:00am		
	AA Meeting (Men & Women)	8:00am		
	Confessions	3:00pm		
Sunday, September 28	AA Meeting (Men)	8:00pm		



CCSM CENTER FOR WORKS OF MERCY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

During the month of September we at Sacred Heart have an opportunity to help Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan — Center for Works of Mercy.

Throughout the year they collect hygiene Items for those people who are on the streets. We will be collecting SAMPLE SIZE hygiene products to help support this ministry. There will be a box in the back of the Church to collect the items throughout September. Here is a list of items they would like to collect:

- Deodorant Bath Soap
 - Wash Cloths •
- Shampoo/Conditioner Razors
 - Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
 - Shaving Cream
 - Combs/Brushes •

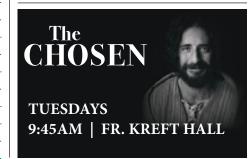
As always thank you for being charitable to those in need.

God Bless You, Deacon Dave



New Members to Sacred Heart Church

Teresa Ellsaffer



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The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

John 6:51

A EUCHARISTIC LIFE: This Year of Mission invites us to live out this ONEness (both with God and with each other) with renewed vigor. Some of us may have had powerful encounters over the past two years—whether through our diocese, our parish, or the National Eucharistic Congress—but this year we're being called to go "further up and farther in" to the mystery of God's Eucharistic life. How will we (!!!) do that?

(National Eucharistic Congress)

WALK THE WAY OF THE EUCHARIST YOURSELF: as YOU walk with your ONE:

STEP 1 TAKE in Jesus—in prayer, Adoration, in His Word, and especially in the Eucharist.

STEP 2 Seek God's BLESSing in communion with the Holy Spirit, for your ONE and YOU.

STEP 3 BREAK open opportunities, and let God BREAK through to YOU and your ONE.

STEP 4 GIVE of yourself to your ONE—your time, a listening ear, an invitation, attention.

Get started at www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one



"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

Apostolic Exhortation on the "Sacrament of Charity", the Holy Eucharist, by Pope Benedict XVI

LISTEN to POPE BENEDICT XVI: *The Bishop:* He is the moderator, promoter, and guardian of the whole of its liturgical life. This is essential for the life of the particular Church, not only because communion with the Bishop is required for the lawfulness of every celebration within his territory, but also because he himself is the celebrant par excellence within his Diocese. It is his responsibility to ensure unity and harmony in the celebrations taking place in his territory.

Sacramentum Caritatis 39

PRAY: Throughout the week... LORD, give to our ordained Bishops an appreciation of their importance as "moderator, promoter, and guardian of the whole liturgical life" in his particular Church. Give him your Grace to be your "celebrant par excellence" within his Diocese. Use him to bring unity and harmony in the celebrations in his territory. Amen!

ASK & ACT: What are these words saying to **me**? How often have I considered the importance and the responsibility of our Diocesan Bishop (Archbishop Weisenburger)? Do I recognize him as "the moderator, promoter, and guardian of the whole liturgical life" in Detroit? What a tremendous responsibility! I must look for ways to work with him to "ensure unity and harmony" in our celebrations. He needs my prayers and the prayers of all of us. LORD, give him wisdom and strength. Hear our prayer.

Nancy Piotrowski

The Dishonest Steward

by John Hannigan

This week's Gospel is hard to understand. What is Jesus teaching in his parable of the steward called to account for "squandering" his master's property (Luke 16:1-13)? A key to many of Christ's parables is unexpected twists that can jolt listeners toward a deeper understanding. The steward is busted, caught stealing from his master. He can't face life as a laborer or beggar but doesn't deny his theft, plead for forgiveness, or offer to repay. Rather, he steals even more by reducing what the rich man's debtors own in oil and wheat. He aims to ingratiate himself to others so he might find a position later with new friends. We expect the master to be even angrier, but here is the twist. Instead of punishing, he "commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." Why attribute the virtue of prudence to a thief? Why does Jesus say, "the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."

It is not dishonesty being praised. What Jesus finds praiseworthy is the steward's planning ahead for his future. Jesus is comparing behavior in the present fallen world of darkness, with what more is expected of his disciples, the "children of light." Jesus expects us, his disciples, to be prudent and just, to look to our ultimate future and prepare now for the accounting to which we will be called.

We are stewards of everything we have. Our material goods, time, talents, and bodies are gifts from God. Are we being prudent in how we manage our gifts, all the mere earthly treasures entrusted to us? In another startling twist, Jesus says: "make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." With hyperbole, Jesus aims his disciples toward the end times, where children of light, his disciples, shall be with his Father in heaven.

Jesus is reminding us that friends made "with dishonest wealth" will fail. We should aim to be "trustworthy in very small matters" in this world so we may be worthy of the next. In Luke 12:33, Jesus says, "Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Questions or Comments? UnleashSTM@gmail.com

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

OF SCRIPTURE

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going

to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed. And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY – ALL ARE WELCOME!

Children, teens, and adults are invited to become part of the Altar Server Ministry at Sacred Heart! This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith while serving our parish in a meaningful and prayerful way. The only requirement is that you must have received your First Holy Communion. We are in need of additional altar servers and would be delighted to wel-

come you into this special ministry!

More Information on meeting and training to follow.

If interested or to sign up, please contact the office at 248-852-4170.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Reflect
AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

Amos forewarns those who exploit the poor and disadvantaged that God will remember their greed and corruption.

How might you lend a helping hand this week to others in need?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul instructs Timothy on the necessity of openness and generosity in prayer.

What do you think makes for a strong prayer life?

Gospel Question:

In the parable of the dishonest steward, the disciples learn the importance of honesty and prudence in daily living.

What other virtues would you add for the life of a Christian today?







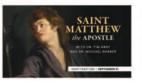
This Week on Formed

Week of September 21, 2025



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 arrasizing details and event in Pader Prisi file 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 Chuzch.



Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostie and evangelist.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow thans, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful withers for Christ, and a great spiritual quide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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God is calling **YOU** to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only **YOU** can do. AND he has given you, through Baptism and Confirmation, the spiritual gifts—CHARISMS—equipping you to fulfill that mission of building His kingdom through **YOU**. The process begins with this 3-day workshop which is filled with good information and discussion to begin the journey to discern God's call.



THE PROCESS BEGINS: SATURDAY, OCT. 4, 2025 | 10:00 AM - 12 NOON | FR. KREFT HALL

OUR STEPS TO DISCERNMENT:

Step 1: The Workshop—learn more about each Charism—3 Saturdays, OCT 4, 11, 18; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM; Fr. Kreft Hall Conference Room

Step 2: Take the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory between sessions 1 & 2—this is just a beginning, not the end!

Step 3: <u>Gifts Interview</u>—1 hour with a trained interviewer to further discern & reflect on your potential charisms— Scheduled BETWEEN OCT 20 & OCT 30.

Step 4: <u>Discernment in Depth Groups</u>—share plans to explore & experiment, and offer feedback to help each other further discern with what gifts and in what way God might be calling each of you—Saturdays, NOV 1 & NOV 15, 10:00 AM - 12:00PM.

TO REGISTER:

COST: \$50 Cash or Check (made out to Sacred Heart Church) Includes Complete Resource Book and access to videos online for forever.

REGISTRATION:

1. Table after all Masses on **Sept 20/21 & 27/28**: Register, pay, get book **OR 2.** At the Church Office during regular weekly office hours: Register, pay, get books at first class.

DEADLINE: Sunday 10/28/25

NAME:	
PHONE: (cell preferred)	
EMAIL:	
PAYMENT: \$50	

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Rosary said one-half hour before daily Mass

Saturday, September 20 4:00 pm

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

ProPopulo (For the People of Sacred Heart)

Sunday, September 21 9:00 am

† Ron Iwaszkiewicz, Jr. by Family

11:00 am

- † Gene Jagnecki
- † Jose Manuel Lopez -51st Anniversary by Family
- † Raul Reyes by Family

Monday, September 22 9:00 am

† Robert Moskwa by Family

Tuesday, September 23 9:00 am

God's Blessing for David & Judy Thornbury & Family by Deacon Michael and Sacred Heart Parish

Wednesday, September 24 NO MASS

Thursday, September 25 NO MASS

Friday, September 26 9:00 am

God's Blessing for Bob Grunow & Mary Carpenter & Family by Deacon Michael and Sacred Heart Parish

Saturday, September 27 4:00 pm

- † Mary Bronka by Ann and Dave Pink
- † Claudio Maccone by Stephen Satkiewicz
- † David Lawland by Stephen Satkiewicz

Sunday, September 28 9:00 am

† Emily Dzienisowicz by Family Pro Populo (For the People of Sacred Heart)

11:00 am

- † Kathy Costa
- † Kyle Rodman by Mather Family



PRAY FOR...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

Sue Merlo
Deac. Jack Parent
Natalie Conte
Ron High
Theodore Chase
Breanna Chase
Pat Guibord
Gavin Stacer
Pam Niehof
Sean Reaume
Harold Reaume
Stella Lentz
Don Boudreaux
Joe Polasek

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Marwa Isrial
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Ted Kruse
Pat Swantek
Wesley Stach
Jackson Noble

Michelle Magana
Audrey Patterson
Donna Patterson
Patrick Brennan
Jeanne Lovasco
Ethan Reaume
Steve Cooper
Michael Clover and
Crew Members
Tom Guibord
Debbie Dworack
Bridget Cichowicz
Ron Guibord
Marie Pietila

Readings Week

Sunday, September 21:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday, September 22:

National Migration Week Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 23:

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 24:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 25:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 26:

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 27:

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 28:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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 Giacopelli, 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

Sergeant William Sottrel, Army

Derek Sprigg, Navy

AMN William Tryon, Air Force

lan Zdral, Army

Liturgy Schedule					
September 20-21, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time					
Mass Day/Time	Presider	Lector 1	Lector 2		
Saturday, 4:00 pm	Msg. Tony Tocco	Mary Miller-Wilson	Kitty Vigneau		
Sunday, 9:00 am	Fr. Joe Grimaldi	Gerrie Iwaszkiewicz	Sandy Stacer		
Sunday, 11:00 am	Fr. George Hazler	Mary Lee Pascual	Nancy Piotrowski		
September 27-28, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time					
Mass Day/Time	Presider	Lector 1	Lector 2		
Saturday, 4:00 pm	Fr. Joe Grimaldi	Jerry Lingeman	Carol Lingeman		
Sunday, 9:00 am	Msg. Tony Tocco	Peter Keating	Gerrie Iwaszkiewicz		
Sunday, 11:00 am	Fr. Joe Grimaldi	Doug Rusch	Tammy Bliss		

Sacred Heart Parish

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00am – 3:00pm **Friday:** 9:00am – 1:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

Tom DelPupx10
Jackie Pettittx10

Worship Ministry Coordinator:Mary Ann Hanniganx 12

Senior Priest: Fr. Joe Grimaldi

Senior Priest: Monsignor Anthony Tocco

Senior Priest: Fr. Brian Chabala Senior Priest: Fr. Juan Gonzalez Senior Priest: Fr. George Hazler Project Manager: David Michalak

Director of Music: Robert Meyer

Office Manager:

Elizabeth Mulrenin.....x10

Office Assistant/

Sacramental Records Manager:
Barb Zelinski......x10

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sacred Heart Council 8659 kofc8659.com

Grand Knight:

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Membership Director:

Dominic Caradonna 586-994-8935

SACRAMENTS & INFORMATION

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00pm

Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for arrangements, Call 3 to 6 months before birth of child.

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Marriages

Arrangements to be made with Deacon Michael. Call at least 6 months to a year prior to wedding.

OCIA

For any adult interested in entering the OCIA process to become Catholic, please contact the Parish Office for information.

Eucharistic Chapel

Come and pray anytime.

New Member Registration

To register, please call the Parish Office at 248-852-4170 x10 or complete the form available at esacredheart.org. Click the "Join Us" button at the top of the home page.

Bulletin

Deadline: Articles are due by Friday (10 days before) at 5:00 p.m.

Bulletin Editor Email:

bulletin@esacredheart.org

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 am Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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

Offertory

all, teaching boldly and rejoicing always.

For accounting purposes, please enclose separate checks if donating to more than one fund.

Our Gift to God the Weekend of Sept. 13-14: **Total Offertory: \$10,325 Donation: \$1,000**

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Go to our website at **esacredheart.org**. Click on the **Donate** button in the top menu. From there you can set up a one-time or recurring donation or you can follow this link:

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If you have any question please call the office at **248-852-4170.**



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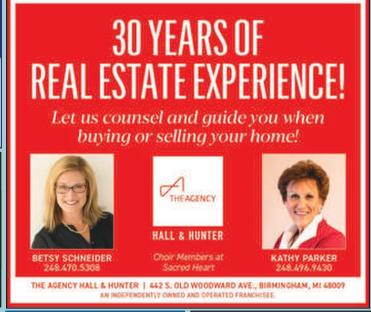
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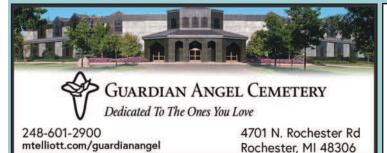
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