

The Good Shepherd

FR. CHRISTOPHER'S CONTEMPLATIONS

Hello and happy Sunday!

This weekend as a Church we celebrate the World day of Prayer for Vocations. When we hear the word 'vocation,' we often think of a religious vocation and forget that all of us have a vocation. Our primary vocation is to holiness and this is a universal vocation. God longs for all of us to grow in holiness and to become saints. Each of us also have a particular vocation (marriage, religious life or single). A vocation is not what we do, but rather who we are. It is who God created us to be. Therefore, this particular vocation must be discerned well.

When I was a child, I never thought about my vocation (universal - to holiness, or particular - priesthood). I would get up each day and pursue what I wanted in life. I was kind to others and tried to be a good person. I was prayerful at Church and was an altar server, but I never stopped to ask God what it was that He wanted me to do with my life. That day would come and change my life forever. I do not have time to give my entire vocation story here, but I can tell you that it was a gradual change.

The more I sought to grow in prayer and relationship with God, the more I sought to do His will and in turn the happier I became. I think the first step for us to understand our vocation is to grow in our knowledge of the love of God. The love He has for us and the love we have for Him. Again, many of us don't think about our vocation. On this day of the world day of prayer for vocations, I want to encourage us as a parish community to pray for vocations. For us to pray that we might discern and live well our vocation and to pray for others that they might discern well their vocation. We must not underestimate the power of prayer.

I encourage us to pray for engaged couples, married couples, and their families. That they may be filled with and guided by God's grace. I ask that we pray that their homes might be a place for others to encounter God. I would also like us to pray for the

young of our parish that they might discern well their vocation; especially those considering a religious vocation (priest, religious brother/ sister). The world often dismisses the discernment of a religious vocation, but God is calling people to this vocation. People from our Parish. It is often not a calling problem, but rather a listening problem. It can be scary and frightening to discern a religious vocation. This apprehension often comes from fear that if we tell others we are considering it, then we will be pressured into it or judged for considering it. For those who might feel this way, I pray for you to have courage. Trust that God will guide you. I ask that we as a parish community pray with conviction for the increase of religious vocations. That the young of the parish might be open to hear the call and have the courage to pursue it.

As we celebrate all vocations this weekend, let us thank God for the calling to be His disciples and to ask Him for the grace that we might live well our vocation, the vocation placed on our hearts by God.



are you called to priesthood?

The Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Priestly Vocations offers resources for any young men discerning the priesthood. Our new website has information on applying to seminary, frequently asked questions, and how to get in touch with the vocation director.



Learn more at detroitpriestlyvocations.com

World
Day of
Prayer for
Vocations

*Amen, amen,
I say to you,
I am the gate
for the sheep.*

John 10:7

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Congrats to Our First Holy Communicants!



This Week's Liturgies

MONDAY, APRIL 26

8:15 AM † Jacob Jarman *by Fluegel Family*
† Judith Lalli *by Family*

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

8:15 AM Intentions of Fr. Karl Romkema on his Ordination
Anniversary *by Family*
† Anastacio Stacruz *by Nellie Stacruz*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

8:15 AM † Tom Thibodeau *by OLL Staff*
Intentions of Fr. Karl Romkema on his Ordination
Anniversary

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

8:15 AM Intentions of NGuuyen Khac Hien
Intentions of Bridgette Cichowicz *by Mom & Dad*

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

8:15 AM † Angela Rivera *by Family*
Intentions of Lozano Family *by Family*

SATURDAY, MAY 1

5:00 PM † Keith Kerton *by Daughter*
Intentions of Judy Brooks *by Ann Zubalik*

SUNDAY, MAY 2

8:00 AM † Roberta Blust *by Blust & Hull Family*
† Doris Oliver *by Meyers Family*
9:30 AM † Tom Thibodeau *by OLL Staff*
† Joe Sutherland *by Elaine Konczal*
11:00 AM † Joanne Jarco *by Jarco Family*
Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Family
12:30 PM † Emily Zubalik *by Anne Zubalik*
† Heather Moody Shonts *by Doug & Mona*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25

SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,
29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

MONDAY

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10

TUESDAY

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

SAINT PETER CHANEL, PRIEST AND MARTYR; SAINT LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIEST

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8;
Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27;
Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY

SAINT PIUS V, POPE

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;
Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 14:7-14
Memorial: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17,
23-24; Mt 13:54-58

SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

PRAY FOR OUR NEOPHYTES

*Jessica, Ian, Tatiana, Martino, Beverly, Christopher, Nicole,
Jason, Erika, Christine, Gary, Amanda, Matthew, Veronica,
Ryan, Kara, Madison, Carolina, Rajeshkumar*

For the new members of our parish community; That they will
continue to listen to the loving voice of the Good Shepherd as
they explore their vocations, accompanied by all the sheepfold.



E A S T E R
is a season

Jean's Jottings | Faith Formation News

Sunday is World Day of Prayer also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Please take a moment and pray this prayer, not just today but every day for without priests, we will have no Eucharist and without ordained ministries we will be sorely lacking in leadership and guidance in our church.

Parents Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Our Lady of the Lakes as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.

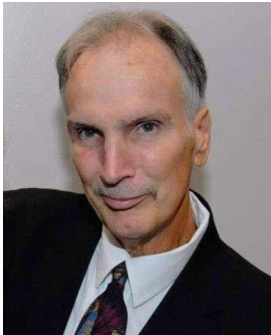
Peace and prayers,

Jean Hartman

Our Parish Life Together

REST IN PEACE

Remembering those who have gone before us.



Frank Pardington

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DAY

Jesus has made himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.—St. Teresa of Calcutta

Jesus, Divine Victim on the Altar for our salvation, have mercy on us.

The Sign-up Genius web site is tinyurl.com/OLlexposition8. The next Eucharistic Adoration is Tuesday, April 20th. Following the 8:15 am Mass and ending with Rosary and Benediction at 7:00 pm. Please sign in on the form at the entrance to Church. While it also asks for phone and e-mail address, they are confidential to me only. Any emails I send out are Bcc (blind copied). We need a firm commitment of at least 2 individuals per hour to be present in the Church between the hours of 9 am thru 7 pm.

Please call if you have any questions or problems: Patrick Allsteadt at 248-623-7880 or John Stewart, Jr. 248-342-1491



WEEKLY WEDNESDAY ROSARY

We invite all to join us each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for a Rosary with our Blessed Mother in the Chapel. Hope to see you there!

Get Rosary How-To's and more at ollonline.org/rosary

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

Attention, all current Seven Sisters and those interested. Join us in the small chapel after Mass on Monday, May 3. For those who are new, this apostolate is a commitment to pray one hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament for one of our parish priests.

If you are interested and would like some information but can't make the meeting call Jean at 248-622-9225. We will be discussing the coming year. Any questions, call Jean.



Parish School

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

Our Lady of the Lakes wants to hear from you! As part of a school improvement process, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School is surveying parents, staff, students, and on their feelings regarding OLL High School. We are asking parishioners to also complete this survey in order to get a wide array of opinions and experience. **This survey is anonymous and does not collect email addresses or personal information** other than the status of the survey taker as a parent, student, staff, or parishioner. We will use your feedback as we engage in our end of year discussions to improve our school!

Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone or visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTGQRWG to complete the survey. Thank you for your feedback!



NOW ENROLLING PK-12 FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Parish School educates PK-12 students. We form disciples through Catholic Tradition, personal discipline and academic excellence. We are actively enrolling students for the 2021-22 academic year. See why Lakes is the right choice for you!

Visit ollonline.org/admissions to apply or learn more!

ADOPT A SENIOR

Hey Laker Grads, we need you!!!! We are launching OLL Adopt-A-Grad for the class of 2021. Would you be willing to send a letter with some inspiration to an OLL senior? Contact Ashley (Stolarski) Sumner at alumni@ollonline.org

This is a great opportunity for us to show our new grads our Laker Pride!



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TAD

Colleen Burke, Lourdes Development Director, contacted Kathy Lewis, our Campus Minister, and requested that our students make and send birthday cards for Tad's 100th Birthday in March. Students in grades 5-12 were kind and caring enough to make and send cards for Tad's milestone birthday. The volume of birthday cards he received from OLL students was astounding! Outreach is definitely one of the pillars of our Catholic school. Fortunately for Tad, the restrictions on nursing homes and assisted living facilities were lifted on the day before his 100th birthday. He was allowed two family members to visit and celebrate his 100 days on this earth. Tad had a century of sharing memories, spreading knowledge, and touching lives. Happy Birthday Tad and welcome to the Centenarian Club. Praying God will bless you with good health and happiness!



MICHIGAN YOUNG ADULT

HIKING PILGRIMAGE

Joy, Perseverance & Petitioning God with Great Faith

July 23-25 | Ages 18-39

UTG

Join young adults from across Michigan for a weekend pilgrimage experience of camping, prayer, friendship, and hiking to the Shrine of the Cross in the Woods in Indian River, MI. The Archdiocese of Detroit, the Dioceses of Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Saginaw, and the JPII Project are partnering together to offer this amazing pilgrimage experience. We hope you can join us!

Cost is just \$45 per person. Register online by July 17th at youngadulthiking2021.eventbee.com

If you have any questions please contact Dawn Hausmann, Director of Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Lansing: 517-342-2506 or dhausmann@dioceseoflansing.org



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Financial Benefits Seminar - Paychecks and Playchecks FREE Virtual Seminar featuring award winning author and speaker Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL. Wednesday, April 28, 2021 7:00PM - 8:00PM EST. The seminar is open to everyone, but you must register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LluPWNCJRXsrN_X2dngOTw The registration link can also be found at mikofc.org/news/paychecks-and-playchecks or our Facebook page facebook.com/kofc5436clarkston When filling out the registration form, please include council number 5436!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: JOHN GREAVES

John is our one-year trustee and an immediate past Faithful Navigator of the fourth degree. He knows and cares for a great number of brother Knights and their families and does a good job keeping track of everyone in generous service to his neighbors and brothers. We appreciate John's calm and consistent demeanor and his great service to the Knights.



CONGRATULATIONS FAMILY OF THE MONTH: JIM AND EVA MACIAG

Jim and Eva spend time together nearly every day in prayerful activities in God's house, the church. They schedule themselves to go to various churches on different days to spend time with our Lord, especially during Lent and Advent. They have been blessed with two children and three grandchildren and are a great role model for them and all of us.



READY TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS?

We are having a special membership promotion for all men over the age of 18 interested in becoming a Knight with an option to join online. For additional information please contact:

Grand Knight Chris Scheuer: GK5436@mikofc.org or Deputy Grand Knight Michael Mandziuk: MD5436@mikofc.org

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SPONOR A STUDENT FOR NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Students from Our Lady of the Lakes are planning to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). The conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana at Lucas Oil Stadium on November 18-21, 2021. This is an exciting, biannual four-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for catholic teenagers and adult chaperones. The schedule includes general sessions addressing a wide variety of topics including forgiveness, Catholic spirituality and prayer, global issues, sexuality, and leadership. In a distinctly Catholic setting, NCYC invites participants to: **Encounter Christ, Experience Church & Be empowered for discipleship.**

The cost for the conference is \$475 per student. Our Lady of the Lakes students attended the conference in 2017 & 2019, so we are again attempting to register a good core of students who will experience NCYC and bring back their experience to their classmates. Archbishop Vigneron's post-synod pastoral letter "Unleash the Gospel" challenges our school and parish to undergo a "missionary conversion" and a need for a "new evangelization". The NCYC will offer our students an opportunity for evangelization. If you would like to make a donation for the NCYC Conference, make the check out to OLL and place it in an envelope for Kathy Lewis. Many of our students hope to attend but cannot financially afford it without assistance. Also, keep us in prayer as we prepare for NCYC. We are hoping to join 10,000 teens who will attend this year.

OLL students at NCYC 2019



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AQUINAS COLLEGE VISIT DAY

Aquinas College welcomes high school students to our campus for our upcoming AQDay on Friday, May 7. Experience firsthand what it means to be a Saint! Events include an overview of the college and a campus tour. See our Catholic mission in action and how small is indeed mighty! Details and registration can be found at aquinas.edu/visit

An evening of true beauty

FIAT: SAYING YES TO GOD IN THE EVERY DAY

WEDNESDAY MAY 5, 2021

7:00-8:30 P.M. | \$35

REGISTER AT WWW.MARYSMANTLE.NET

Please join us virtually as we welcome Bonnie Engstrom, author of the best-selling book

61 Minutes to a Miracle.

Fulton Sheen and a True Story of the Impossible

Register by April 13 to receive a copy of Bonnie's book!



Bonnie will speak about the Blessed Mother's example and illustrate how saying "yes" to God's will in our lives brings joy and peace, even in the midst of suffering. She will also share the story of her son's Vatican-approved miraculous rising from the dead and complete healing.

All proceeds benefit Mary's Mantle, a Catholic home for expectant mothers in metro Detroit.



*He has made everything
beautiful in its time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11*

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved?
Dropped your landline?
Do we have your email?

Make sure you let us know at the office! You can email us any changes at:

ParishOffice@OLLonline.org,

Or complete the form available online by scanning the QR code above or visit **OLLonline.org/update**

Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Additional Info: _____



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

CW3 Jacob Beno	Army
Capt Kelsey Beno	Army
† Jenna Beno <i>died 10/15/12</i>	
AMN Stewart Blaquiere	Air Force
† PFC Damian Bushart <i>died 11/22/03</i>	Army
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres	Marines
Eddy DeRocher	
Jacob Dumont	Army
SFC Scott Emanuel	
2LT William Gischia	Army
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr.	Army
Dillan Johnson	Air Force
Jackson Jones	Army
Msgt Justin Jones	Air Force
Matt Koetting	Marines
Robert Maher & Crew	Navy
† Sgt. Joseph Martin <i>died 8/16/18</i>	Army
Francesca Meno	Army
Karolyn Meno	Air Force
† PFC Joseph Miracle <i>died 7/5/07</i>	Army
LCP Derek Monday	Marines
Gunnar Ottman	Army
Amanda Paczynski	Army
Capt. Adam Renkiewicz	Army
Capt. Matthew Richards	Army
Katie Rounds	
CPTN Daniel Schasser	
Anthony Schmidt	Marines
Lt. Col. Nick Strelchuk	Air Force
Cory Vaught	Army
James Whitlow	Navy

If your son, daughter or grandchild is serving us in troubled places, please let us know at the parish office.



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Pray for Our Sick

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers this week the following:

Kevin Adair
Don & Rhonda Barron
Joe Batwinas
Barbara Blachura
Christian Bodenmiller
Mikela Bodenmiller
William Bodenmiller
John Boncella
Margo Brown
Gene Bucek
Bridgette Cichowicz
Mary Jo Coates
Janet Cobert
Dean Coleman
James Conway

Kevin Dalley
Irene Delasko
Joyce Delasko
Maria Deliro
Patty Fincannon
Geoffrey Frethem
Jennifer Gaffey
Bill Grace
Suzanne Grimminger
Karen Haines
Linda Hemphill
Maureen Hubbel
Patrick Hull
Tara Isaac
Lucas Isaac

Jennifer
Grant Kheno
Elizabeth Kish
Michael Lane
Ethan Lewis
Lilly
Larry Lovejoy
Bernard (Tony) Lovend
Bill Martin
Cindy McConnell
Jean Messing
David Muer
Ellie Nowland
Cam Pardington
Andrew Parisi

Carol Pawlowski
Irene Pawlowski
Karen Phelps
Marie Phillips
Mark Pidgeon
Tania Price
Scott Przybylowicz
Theresa Radich
Christine Raiss
Dennis Ritter
Roxxy Ryan
Chelsea Salvador
Holly Sanders
Roger Smith
Tress Ann Smith

Joe Sommerville
Anna Stewart
Ernesto Valderas
Theresa Villereal
Marilyn Weiss
Lucy Wilhelm
Norm Wood

May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God's care.

Next Weekend | May 1 & 2

Time	Presiders	Servers	Lectors	Sacristans
Saturday, 5:00 pm*			Colleen Flynn	Karen Romkema
Sunday, 8:00 am			Mark Blaszkiewicz	Jean Kempf
Sunday, 9:30 am*			Brooklyn Robak	Jim Desantis
Sunday, 11:00 am			Paul Kowalczyk	Phil Nickerson
Sunday, 12:30 pm			Steve Yanek	David Tardiff

Altar Help

May 1, 2021	Group 6: David Diffenderffer, Pat Hannum
May 6, 2021	Group 1: Paul & Felice Schneemann, Gail Domitrz, Annette Kobylarz, Caron Rolinski

 **LIVE** *5pm & 9:30am Masses are streamed live at ollonline.org/live and facebook.com/ollwaterford/live

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SACRAMENTS

Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
 Monday through Friday 8:15am

Baptisms

Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class.
 Contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30pm until all are heard.

Eucharistic Exposition

3rd Tuesday of the month after 8:15am Mass until Rosary and Benediction at 7:00pm

Faith Formation

Ages 4/5.....Sundays | 9:30am
 Mondays..... Grades 1-8 | 6:15pm
 Family Catechesis..... 1st Sunday of Each Month | 1:30pm
 RCIC & RCIA.....Tuesday | 7:00pm

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.
 Couples must attend the Pre-Marriage Workshop.

Registration

Register online at ollonline.org/join or stop by the office
 Please notify the parish of all address, phone, email changes by phone or online at ollonline.org/update

Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry..... 1-888-722-4355
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