

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Again, [amen] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

Matthew 18:19

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New Realities: As I write this column, I will share it with three parishes: St. Cyprian in Riverview and Sacred Heart where I am the pastor, and St. Joseph in Trenton, where I am the temporary administrator. This is only possible because the talented and dedicated pastoral teams at each parish. Parish administrators, Directors of Catechesis and Adult Faith Formation, Principals and Catholic School teachers, Christian Service Coordinators and Administrative Assistants at each parish continue to serve our parishioners in good times and in difficult times. I am grateful. As you pray for me, please also pray for them. I am fond of reminding people that I do not pastor - or administrate - a parish alone. I thank God daily for the dedicated ministry of all these individuals.

This Sunday and next we hear from Chapter 18 of Matthew’s gospel, which addresses the need for unity and reconciliation in the Christian community. Do we do are part to maintain this unity? The early church took seriously the notion of God separating the sheep from the goats in the last judgment (Mt.25) Once you were baptized, you were a sheep. Then there are the goats: the ones who are not a part of the flock guided and protected by the good Shepherd. So when a sheep sinned, or wandered away from the flock, the community relegated them to the goats. But there is a truly surprising reason for this: The idea behind the shunning of the unrepentant sinner was to put him or her

back among the goats, to hide him or her among those who weren’t expected to be holy in hopes that God would be merciful. There among the goats, perhaps they would have time, like the Prodigal Son, to repent and return to the loving embrace of the father. Seen in this light, the practice is one of spiritual care, not self-righteous condemnation. People did not want the unrepentant sinner to stay out, but to come back. (Mt. 18: 10-14). Have you ever felt like a goat? Has anyone ever invited you back to the fold? What helped you to return?

We, the sheep, are responsible for the goats. It is not our place to reject them or exclude anyone. Instead our job is to realize that there are days when are all goats, and that only through God’s merciful love can we be forgiven and protected. Once we place ourselves on a more level playing field, the task of inviting others back to the faith is easier. We can ask “Why not come to Mass with me and we can go to breakfast afterward?” Even daily mass, which is less formal and crowded can be a start. God will sort out the sheep from the goats in his mercy. Our job is to stay in the flock and keep the flocked united in the love of God who loves us and forgives us.

Part of our mutual care is the effort to focus on the mission of proclaiming the Gospel. The Archdiocese has had to cut staff in the age of COVID-19 and has had to do much more with less.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5th

4:30pm ✝ Wilfred Kane, req by Family

Sunday, September 6th

8:30am ✝ Hank Overbeck, req by Family

10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, September 7th

MASS AT ST CYPRIAN AT 9AM

Tuesday, September 8th

8:30am ✝ Fr. Stephen Rooney, req by St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 9th

Thursday, September 10th

Friday, September 11th

8:30am ✝ Gary Zuk, req by LaBell Family

Saturday, September 12th

4:30pm ✝ Maria Liberatore, req by Zakolski Family

Sunday, September 13th

8:30am ✝ Mary Ann Fleming, req by Family

10:30am People of the Parish



Our Sanctuary Lamp
Burns this week for the
Intention of:
✝ James Byrd,
Req by Family

**Recently Added To Our
Prayer List:**
Sally Couture

Schedule of Ministers September 12th & 13th

	4:30 P.M	8:30am	10:30 A.M.
Coordinator	Dian Carmichael	Pam Livernois	Cindy Towe
Lectors	Ed Revesz	Mike Rutkowski	Matt Hatty
Eucharistic Minister	Marianne Robinson	Mark Revesz	Don Feirtag
Altar Server	Gabe Calvin	Genevieve Campbel	Molly Snider



Human Labor is Holy. St. Pope John Paul II famously spoke about work as a path toward human dignity. This year we will celebrate Labor Day together with St. Cyprian Parish and St. Joseph Parish at St. Cyprian Church **at 9:00 am on Monday September 7, 2020.** Come and invoke God's blessing and protection upon all who labor.

Marcings continued

Your contribution to the **Catholic Services Appeal** will help us to recover as a parish from the impact of COVID on our own finances and help support the ministry of the Archdiocese of Detroit to the whole flock. Please watch your mail for an invitation to participate and be as generous as you can.

Mass for Labor Day tomorrow morning

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Civilized Speech and a more civilized society:

I have mentioned my own sense of dismay as I have witnessed the "name calling" that has characterized much of the political discourse of the last several years. I am troubled by this because I believe this is poisoning our society and activating the hate and fear that are a part of the human condition we call "original sin" Our words can do so much to heal and reconcile, and it is a serious sin to use them to hurt and divide. The Bishops of our country, our shepherds have invited us to reflect on this reality with a campaign called "Civilize It!" Which provides concrete guidance for peaceful dialogue in the political context and in other areas of our lives. There is a pledge we can take with our families and friends to remind us of the responsible use of our reason and our words as

we approach an election in a time of division. As Christians we are charged by Christ to work for unity: "that all may be one" (John 17:21)

In the weeks between now and November 2, I will include reflections and resources in the parish bulletin on this subject, including excerpts from a letter from Bishop David Zubick of Pittsburgh PA, offering 9 tips for fruitful dialogue. I invite you to reflect on these materials and share them with others as we respond to the call to be peacemakers in the world. Bishop Zubick begins by reflecting on civility in our Catholic tradition:

Catholic tradition has much to teach us about civility. The starting principle is that every human being has God-given dignity and is worthy of respect. Or, in the words of the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We each have a responsibility to change the game, to treat each other better, particularly when we disagree.

May this week bring us opportunities to build bridges with words and actions.

Fr. Marc Gawronski

Catholic Service Appeal

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

I ask for your support of this year's Catholic Service Appeal. The Archdiocese strongly suggests you make your gift online by visiting give.aod.org or by calling (888) 381-8695. You can also drop your gift in the weekly collection basket.

PLEASE NOTE all checks must be made payable to the Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA.

Thank you in advance.

Faith Formation Corner

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Have you received some of your Sacraments but were never confirmed? RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the opportunity for you to complete those Sacraments of Initiation and be fully received into the Catholic Church.

The RCIA program would be for those who:

- Have been baptized only, either in the Catholic Church or in another Christian denomination
- Have been baptized, received their First Communion but haven't been confirmed
- Have never been baptized

New Robert Barron Video Series

The **Catholicism** documentary series...Learn what Catholics believe and why, while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. The Catholicism Faith Formation Program brings the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church to life so that you can better understand and share your faith.

Join us each Friday morning at 9am in the church basement beginning September 25. Due to State and AOD restrictions, space is limited to 10 participants. Therefore you must RSVP to me beforehand. Masks will be required.

If you would like more information on joining any of our sessions this fall, please contact me at dpetrich@stjosephrenton.com or 734-676-9082 Ext 22.

Protecting God's Children Workshops

The Archdiocese of Detroit has suspended all in-person workshops until November. However, if you are planning to volunteer in any regard to the School, Athletics or Faith Formation, you will need to log on to virtus.org and take the ON-LINE workshop before November. This is free and easily accessible. Please contact me if you have any questions.

God's Blessing for the week ahead,
Dennae Petrlich, Director of Faith Formation

Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

Please bless and watch over the children of St. Joseph Parish as they go back to school and protect them from negative influences. Help them be a light to others and help them show love, care and respect to their friends and teachers. When they are scared or afraid, remind them you are always there with them. Thank you for the Teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. Fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their classroom.

Amen

For Those Requesting Prayers

For Our Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform. Pray for us in our time of need. Amen.

Aaron Ames
Rachel Tarbuton-Ames
Anthony Allen
Fred Arugi
Evan Arturi
Scott Bennett
Joe Biedenbach
Dale Brewer
Veronica Davis
Bregan Drummond
Mitch Farnum
David Giltner
Colton Henninger
Kathy Hill
Tom Hill
RobLichy
Patrick Lynch
Andrew Maki
Jonathan Martin
Brad Molnar
Cody Pratt
Michael Rich
David Seymour
Luke Sanders
Zachary Schafer
Chris Sepine
Cody Smith
Denny Szczechowski
Blade Weedon
David M. Wolfe

For Our Friends and Family

Leon Abbott
Bernice Anderson
Carol Baker
John Biedenbach
Rose Bono
Jan Bradybaugh
Richard Bradybaugh
Adalyn Bratcher
Mike Bratcher
Addi Bressler
Joe Cesarz, Sr
Bill Clark
Susie Clark
Will Clayton
Bob Conway
Ron Corbett
Sally Couture n
Lucian Coviloe
Nathan Crowe
Patrick Day
Pamela Davis
Deanne Douds
Stephanie Direzze
Denise DuRoss
Fred Elliot
Lawrence Elmore
Mary Evans
Donna Saucier-Fantin
Elvira Ferrante
Michelle Ferrante
Larry Fleszar
Michael Fleszar
John Fleszar
Lawrence Galofaro
Kelly Gaynier
George Ghindia
Amy Gilstorf
Janet Gogo
Kathryn Grimes
Janet Gurecki
Carole Hagerman
Kevin Henninger
Patti Herczeg
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Susan Holder
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Liza Lloyd
Nicky Lloyd
Ana Magee
Katie Manning
Daphne Martin
Brandon Matusik
Joann Mead
Shawn Meloche
Bentley Micallef
Frank Miklaski
Marcella Miklos
Kathy Moore
Ann Moody
Betty Pasola
Nancy Patrias
Eilja Pettenger,
David Prueitt
Larry Pytleski
Michelle Ramos
Lorrie Reno
Tom Reno
Gideon Rhodes
Barry Rohder
Mary Lou Romano
Phil Rozewicz
Pamela Saldana
David Saldana
Pat Samons
Connie Sanders
Mike Simone
Sara Simone
Kayla Shiner
Carole Sokel
Darlene Sudak
Special Intention
Sharleen Stack
Bill Stanton
Chad Sullivan
Owen Taylor
David Thomas
Natalie Thomason
Jackie Thompson
Max Tomon
Geraldine Torolski
Frank Toth
David Trela
Phillip Vallar Jr
Joseph Vassar
Larry Vaught
Ofelia Waruszewski
Dennis Weber
Bill Wegher
Mary Whaley
Dan Wittersheim
Eleanor Woolery
Glen Yank

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Mass Times

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm
 Sunday.....8:30am& 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Friday8:30 am

Church Hours

Weekdays..... 7am to 3pm
 Saturday3pm until after 4:30pm Mass

Holy Day Masses

To be determined - watch the bulletin.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 pm

Baptisms

For dates and details the Parish Office at 676-9082

Marriages

Make arrangements at least 6 months in advance. Contact Pastor at the Parish Office 6 months prior to wedding date 676-9082 ex 15

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