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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30 and 10 am

Weekday: Tues, Thurs: 7:30 am Mass in the
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former convent)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays – in Church

4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with

Adoration and 4:30pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Families are asked to contact the office before the
arrival of your new child for instructions and
registration.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 4:30pm in Church

Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm (Or by appointment)

MARRIAGE

We celebrate Christian love and family with the
Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact
the office one year in advance.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Anyone who is ill and in need of prayers, comfort
and/or strength should call the office to arrange to
receive this beautiful Sacrament.

HOSPITALIZATION

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
due to HIPAA law.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please call, visit the office or register
online at www.hnojchurch.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit to: parishoffice@hnojchurch.org
Bulletin deadline is Monday at 4:00pm



LITURGICAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 08/04	Tues 08/05	Wed 08/06	Thurs 08/07	Fri 08/08	Saturday 08/09	Sunday 08/10
Parish Office closed	7:30am Mass +William Daly r/b daughter and son Sharon and James Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Thanksgiving for a favor received r/b Florence Berta Wednesday Services held in Church	7:30am Mass +James and Theresa Zietkowski Ontko r/b Dennis and Sallianne Prebensen Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel	Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am-2:00pm	Reconciliation 2:30—3:30pm 4:00pm Mass +Anthony, Cecelia and Vincent Lupo r/b Lisa and Joe Vittorio family	7:30am Mass +Cham Nguyen Fanxica r/b Diem Nguyen 10:00am Mass +Mary Golias r/b Marta Suchyak And Deceased of the parish

MASS INTENTIONS



4:00pm +Manya Micalizzi
And the Deceased of the parish
7:30am +Jozef and Maria Jas
10:00am +Carl Piazza

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Our parish Prayer Book is located near the Marian Shrine. Please add your intentions to the book as we pray for the needs of one another. Please remember in prayer, All who are ill.. All Healthcare Workers.. All Military Personnel and First Responders.. All who are near death.. All who have no one to pray for them.. And for all who have died..



THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Rev. Thomas Green

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

Health & Blessings for Alan Mako

Sacred Heart Candle

In Loving Memory of William Frank Lee

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

For all preparing to receive the Sacraments of the Church

St Joseph Shrine Candle

Health and Blessings for Joanne Wingard

St Michael Candle For the intentions of the Members of Council 2370 Knights of Columbus



FAITH FORMATION IS:



Following Jesus, Learning our Faith, Growing in Knowledge, Sharing our Blessings

Registration for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation program has begun.

Children in Kindergarten to high school are invited to join our Sunday gatherings beginning in September.

Our first family gathering will be Sunday, September 7th as we celebrate Fr. Jim's Installation as Pastor at the 10:00am Mass and continue with a reception in Heritage Hall. Gatherings for the children will continue the following Sunday from 11:00am to 12:15pm in Heritage Hall. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule, the parish office and on our website www.hnojchurch.org For more info call 203.375.5815 or faithformation@hnojchurch.org



FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



The Transfiguration gives us a taste of heaven. It shows what it will be like to see Jesus in His glory. On the mountain,

the disciples saw Jesus shining bright. This reminds us that we will see God's full glory in heaven. Right now, we struggle to understand God completely. Our human minds cannot grasp all of His greatness. The world around us is full of distractions and doubts. We often find it hard to feel close to God. The Transfiguration gives us hope. It shows that one day we will see God face to face. We will experience His glory fully. This will be a joy beyond anything we can imagine now.

Youngcatholics.com

Join us to celebrate Mass on Wednesday at 5:30pm in Church.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF STRATFORD'S NEWSLETTER

The Catholic Community of Stratford, rich in tradition and united in its mission to foster meaningful encounters with Jesus Christ, invites, welcomes, accompanies, prays with, and educates disciples to minister and serve.

Together, we are vibrant.

Together, we grow in our faith in new and exciting ways.

Together, as the Catholic Community of Stratford (CCS), we serve the needs of our community more effectively.



Contact:

stratford@setoncollaborative.org



Brunch at Boothe

Inviting all parishioners of Stratford to join Team Social of St. Mark Parish for *Brunch at Boothe*. Their is *Meet Friends, Make Friends, Be Friends*. In that spirit, all are welcome to join for a community brunch on August 10, 2025 from 12-2 at Boothe Park.



Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to see more young people in the pews at Sunday Mass? We are beginning a youth group involving several Stratford parishes and we need volunteers able to accompany our youth in their faith. Please reach out to Colin Petramale at colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org



Vacation Bible School: Summer 2025

On **August 18-22, 2025**, the Catholic Community of Stratford is holding Vacation Bible School at Our Lady of Peace Parish. The theme will be *Live it Out*. Each day will run from 9:00am-3:00pm. Please reach out to Lorena at Imelgar@setoncollaborative.org for registration. Cost is \$175 for week. Scholarships and half day options available.



Gospel and Greed

Jesus's teaching in this Gospel today is a difficult one: "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Some in our tradition, including St. Clement of Alexandria (b. 150 AD), have taught money or possessions that are not the problem, but it is our attachment to them. Yet Jesus was very clear in this and other passages; money and possessions themselves are a problem. We turn to the wisdom of St. Pope John Paul II who taught us about the *universal destination of goods*. Our vocation as Catholic Christians is to share that which we have for the common good. Our possessions are good insofar as they are put in the service of others. May we allow Christ to transform our greed into generosity this week and always.

You Make A Difference!

The Thomas Merton family Center is a program of Catholic Charities. They are committed to providing a loving, safe and hope-filled community atmosphere, which responds to the needs of its guests. *"Respecting the dignity of each person, we reflect to the individual and the community our shared responsibility to love and support one another."*

"Your generous support for collections like the Shower Program with men and women's undergarments is the cornerstone of the organization's strength and impact. On behalf of the staff and guests of the Thomas Merton Family Center, THANK YOU!"



Who was Thomas Merton?

Thomas Merton (1915-1968) is arguably the most influential American Catholic author of the twentieth century. His autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, has sold over one million copies. He wrote over sixty other books and hundreds of poems and articles on topics ranging from monastic spirituality to civil rights, nonviolence, and the nuclear arms race.

Respect Life Resources



Among the resources the Diocese offers is Project Rachel. Project Rachel is a ministry of the Catholic Church in the U.S. to those who

have been involved in abortion. It is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats and referrals to licensed mental health professionals" (USCCB). For anyone seeking support, contact our Project Rachel Confidential Contact via phone at 203.416.1619 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org. For more resources go to: www.bridgeportdiocese.org/respect-life/ to learn about *Malta House, Carolyn's Place, Walking with Moms in Need, Elliot Institute, Entering Canaan Ministry, Be Not Afraid, Isaiah's Promise* and more.

Thomas Merton was born in Prades, France, January 31, 1915. His New Zealand-born father, and his American-born mother were both artists. They had met at painting school in Paris, were married at St. Anne's Church of England, London and returned to the France where Thomas was born. After a rambunctious youth and adolescence, Merton converted to Roman Catholicism whilst at Columbia University and on December 10th, 1941 he arrived at the Abbey of Gethsemani, a community of monks belonging to the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance (Trappists), the most ascetic Roman Catholic monastic order. The twenty-seven years he spent in Gethsemani brought about profound changes in his self-understanding. This ongoing conversion impelled him into the political arena, where he became, according to Daniel Berrigan, the conscience of the peace movement of the 1960's. Referring to race and peace as the two most urgent issues of our time, Merton was a strong supporter of the nonviolent civil rights movement, which he called "certainly the greatest example of Christian faith in action in the social history of the United States."

<https://merton.org/chrono.aspx>

"We do not exist for ourselves." Thomas Merton

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

IN-CHURCH July 26-27		
Sunday	\$	1,557.00
Monthly	\$	85.00
Other	\$	80.00
MAIL IN/DROP OFF—July 21-27		
Sunday	\$	1,275.00
Monthly	\$	75.00
Other	\$	55.00
ONLINE GIVING - July 21-27		
Sunday	\$	252.00
Monthly	\$.00
Other	\$.00
Total Income		\$ 3,379.00

Thank you! Your generosity has been a blessing to the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesdays, in Church
4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
and Reconciliation available, 5:30pm Mass
August 9 - Men's Reflection Gathering
August 9, September 13, 27 Bible Study with Fr. Jim
August 10 Brunch at Boothe Park
August 16-17 Coffee And...
August 18 Lord's Kitchen
August 18-22 Vacation Bible School—Our Lady of Peace
August 30-31 Monthly Food Collection



BIBLE STUDY~THE WORD OF GOD



Join Fr. Jim and explore **THE WORD OF GOD**
Verbum Domini **Saturday dates: 10:00am**
Parish Community Room this coming
August 9th and September 13 & 27
The Word of God emphasizes God's
communication with humanity encouraging
individuals to cultivate a close relationship
with Christ through prayer and scripture. **All are welcome!**

MEN'S REFLECTION GROUP



Listening for God in the outdoors is a special experience. **Guys are invited to gather on the lawn at 7:45 this coming Saturday morning, August 9th** to start our reflections on the

Readings at 8:00am and we'll finish at 9:00am. Father Jim guides us. We also raise up the names of those who may need prayers. There is the occasional car's beep and loud music on Barnum Avenue, but the voices of men looking to tune into God are far stronger. No matter how hot the day, the lawn on a Saturday morning is a cool place to be. Bring a lawn chair if you have one.

(In case of rain, we'll meet in the Parish Center)

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Save the Date -Wedding Jubilee Mass

The Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 4th at 11:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. More Information on how to register to follow.



*Think of what is above,
not of what is on earth.*

Colossians 3:12

Back to School Supplies Drive



Items most needed include: Backpacks, Single Subject Notebooks, Composition Notebook, Crayons, Markers, Highlighters, Pens, Pencils, Colored Pencils, Pencil Cases, Sharpeners, Erasers,

Rulers, Pocket Folders, Glue Sticks, Small bottles of Hand Sanitizer, Tissues, Lined Notebook Paper, Safety Scissors, Book Bags, Walmart or Kohl's Gift Cards..

ALSO REQUESTED - GENTLY USED UNIFORMS...



Please bring your donations BY AUGUST 15

and place in the Boxes or drop it off at the parish office, Tues.-Fri. 9:00am - 3:00pm Thank you!

August Saints include...



Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

- Feast Day: August 9
- Patron Saint of: Europe, Loss of Parents, Converted Jews, and Martyrs
- Also Known As: Edith Stein
- Canonized: October 11, 1998 by Pope John Paul II

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, also known as Edith Stein,

was born into a devout Jewish family in Germany, on October 12, 1891. She was an intellectually gifted child who, in her adolescence, declared herself an atheist. Her conversion to Catholicism in 1922 was sparked by an encounter with the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, which revealed to her that intellectual pursuits and spirituality could go hand in hand. As Nazism spread across Germany, Edith's dual identity as a Jew and a Catholic placed her in the crosshairs of escalating persecution. She didn't back down. Instead, she entered the Carmelite convent in 1933, adopting the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. With the escalation of World War II Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a convert, relocated to a Carmelite monastery in the Netherlands for safety but the Gestapo arrested Teresa and her sister and brought them to Auschwitz where they were executed in a gas chamber on August 9, 1942. Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross never doubted the existence of good and evil. She chose the good, clung to the good, and brought the good to others in the worst of circumstances. Her life challenged the depths of evil with the profound power of faith and sacrifice.

For the *Saint of the Day*, go to <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/saint-today>

Money, Money, Money!

A major theme of this week's Scripture readings, Luke 12:13-21, **"Wealth isn't everything."**

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- * Why are so many people so easily convinced that having more of this or that will make their life better?
- * Are you an impulse buyer? Or do you not spend money unless you have planned to spend it on something you truly need?



Jesus tells us about the man who tore down his grain bins to build bigger ones in order to contain all his grain. Jesus called this man a fool.

- * Do you have room in your closets for all your clothes and possessions?
- * When your closets get too full, are you likely to find more storage space in your house, or are you more likely to go through your things and decide what you use and don't use?
- * Once you have some extra clothing or other items that you no longer want to keep, what do you do? Do you throw them away? Do you give them to agencies such as Goodwill or the Salvation Army?
- * Do you sell them at a yard sale to make more money?

Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart Liturgyhelp.com

Don't be the FOOL!!!

EARTHLY WEALTH DOES NOT LAST

Barn..bigger..build..crop..enjoy..farm..
fool..grain..poor..rich..sight..stored

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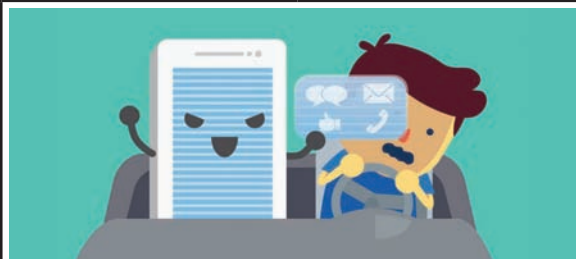
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