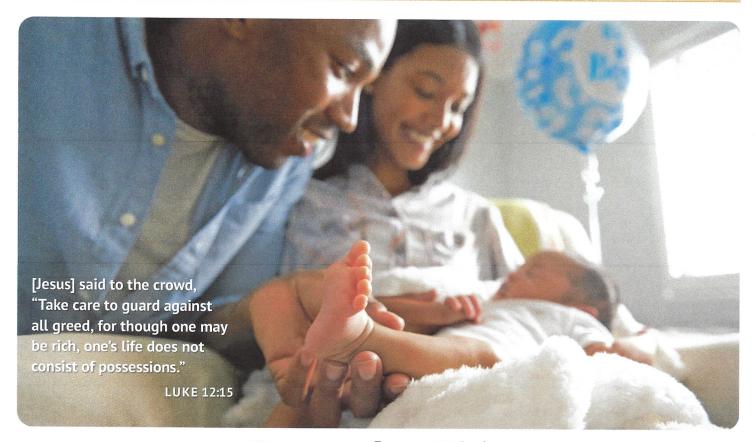
# Our Parish

August 3, 2025

#### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)







### Remember This

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

emember this: Jesus said, "one's life does not consist of possessions." But, if not that, what then?

Think back upon your memories: the first warm day of spring, when the fireworks of new life exploded upon you; laughing so hard that your sides hurt, and you and your friends could not stop laughing even to breathe; walking barefoot in the dewy grass; your best friend telling you you're best friends; learning to finally ride a bike no-handed and thinking that you moved up a rung on the ladder of awesomeness; the first time you dared to risk reaching for the hand of someone you discovered you liked more than anyone else; the unbelievable wonder at the birth of your child; making googly faces at a burbling baby, and the baby googling back; your child snuggling into

bed with you at two in the morning because she's frightened by the thunderstorm; talking with friends on and on into the night and wishing it could go on for forever; a cold beer, the reward for cutting the grass on a dizzying summer afternoon; being young with an abundance of dreams of what might be; growing old and thinking life was worth it all.

Remember this: there is so much more to life than one's possessions. We all know this, and yet we forget. Perhaps in forgetting, we might be surprised again and again by the beauty of what cannot be purchased and so recognize the loving touch of our God.

#### Reflect

What is more important to me than possessions?

Does my life reflect this?

## "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Psalm 90

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 2nd: St. Eusebius of Vercilli, Bishop

9:00am Mass: 1st Saturday

4:00pm Mass: Deceased members of the Skrocki family

By Betty Skrocki

Sunday, August 3rd: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Tuesday, August 5th: Dedication of St. Mary Major, Basilica

8:00am Mass †Mary & Michael Debrincat

by the Debrincat family

Wednesday, August 6th: The Transfiguration of the Lord

12:00pm Mass

12:30pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, August 7th: St. Sixtus II, Pope and Martyr 8:00am Mass †Steve Mumich by Barb Mumich

6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration Friday, August 8th: St. Dominic, Priest

8:00am Mass †Mary Renauld by Pat Hammond

8:30am Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, August 9th: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr

4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday, August 10th: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Mass: For the intentions of Shari Nachazel

By Dan & Margaret Nachezel

#### Ministry Schedule for August 9th and 10th

August 9th: Saturday at 4:00pm

Lector: Sean Ferguson

Ushers: Tom Long and Tony Bukrey

August 10th: Sunday at 9:00am

Lector: Dee Skrocki

**Ushers: Mary Murray and Barb Zynewicz** 



# Future Dates of Parish Hospitality Needed are volunteers for set up, cooks and clean up. More dates upcoming!

#### Fr. Matthew's 50th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, September 20th (App Night) Sunday, September 21st (Breakfast)

Fr. Joe Graff visiting and Deacon Mark's Ordination Anniversary

Saturday, September 27th (App Night) Sunday, September 28th (Breakfast)



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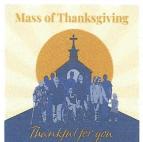
Confession 30 minutes before all Masses or by appointment



Matt Barnadyn Braylan Blackwell Ray Borowiak Connie Bricker-Shaler Lee & Barbara Carlisimo Pat Castaneda Pat Chapman Bonnie Courter Roger & Nancy Danforth Kendra Davis Doug Drenth John Ennest Myron Ennest Joe Gaffney Issac Gardner Padrick & Eileen Gardner Douglas Hagedon Gail Hagedon Marian Hanson Samantha Harris Joyce Hoult Elaine Hurst Carol Kerr Janet (Mumich) Krussell **Bobby Kupovits** Anne LaCross Ellie Maza **Betty McKinnon** 

Please call the office if you or someone you know should be included on this list

Pat Messink Barb Mumich Lilly Nowka Tony Nessel Mary O'Connor Jeremy Palmrose Steve Paterka Gretchen Peck Keith Peters Bart Petrich Abigail Ponchart Lori Ponchart Daniel Powers John Powers Tom & Ruth Repichowski Gary Roberts Tom Robison Susan Shay Michael Sheridan Betty Skrocki Josh Spears Robbie Startzel Phyllis (Jeanie) Sumner Boden Vrondran Virginia Wabamimkee Grandvue Staff/ Residents All Souls in Purgatory



Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh is pleased to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in each vicariate of the Diocese of Gaylord in appreciation for the support of the Catholic Services Appeal. All those who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal in the past year are invited to gather for prayer, fellowship, and a brief overview of

how CSA dollars are active throughout our diocese.

Mass begins at 5:30pm with reception following. We look forward to seeing you then!

Please visit https://www.dioceseofgaylord.org/mtc or call 989-705-3581 by Tuesday, August 5th, to RSVP if you plan to attend the reception.

<u>Parishioners of the central vicariate of the diocese are invited</u> to join Bishop Walsh on

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at St. Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral 606 N Ohio Ave Gaylord, MI 49735

#### **CARE & SHARE FOOD PANTRY**

August collection items for St. Joseph is <u>Fresh Produce:</u> Corn, Beans, Tomatoes and Squash and Peppers.

Additionally from all the churches they are looking for Toiletry Items: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hand Soap, Laundry items, Shampoo and Conditioners.

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

Check out our website for the tab at the top of the page or down at the bottom that says, "Giving"

The format is simple and easy.

Thank you for all your support to our parish!

We received for July: \$3,909.00

#### **Mass Intentions**

All Weekend dates are full. **Weekday Masses are available.** To schedule, stop by, call the parish office or drop information in the collection basket

#### **Adult Faith Formation**

Tuesdays starting August 12th: 9:00am and 6:00pm Bishop Robert Barron's "The Creed"

This will be an 8 week look into the history of the Apostles and the Nicene Creeds. We will also look at the meaning behind what we say. Not always do the words match what we think the meaning is! These studies are free and the books are provided. Bring your bible & your catechism or some will be at class.

# Thank You

#### WEEKLY OFFERING

July 26th and 27th

Envelopes	\$2,068.00
Envelopes Loose	\$1,356.00
OFFERING TOTAL	
Bishop Oliver Fund	\$7.372.00

#### **Catholic Calisthenics**

Part 5: PARTICIPATING

in Mass and Eucharistic Adoration

"Mass is so boring"
"I don't get anything out of the Mass"
"I can't sit for even 5 minutes in silence."

Usually these comments are made by our children or grandchildren, but many adults continue to say these same things whenever Mass or Adorationattendance is brought up! Why do so many of us <u>feel</u> this way even when we do attend every weekend?

The word "feel" could be the issue!

We are so entuned in this world to how we feel emotionally and physically, that we forget that Mass is about spiritual. If we are unable to physically participate in the Mass gestures, we still can be "active" in the spirit. We lose sight of that for the most part, but Mass is a spiritual "exercise", not an emotional or physical one.

Most of us probably "ended" our spiritual growth sometime around 14 or 15 years old (confirmation age) or now at 8-9 years old (new confirmation age). If we "stopped" our emotional and physical development at these ages:

How well would we be functioning is this world?

Well, that is where most of us are spiritually! We have not feed the soul or we have feed it only with what we are "comfortable" in understanding. If we only ate the easy food, the stuff we liked as a kid, we would never discover the new and exciting foods we enjoy now. To only know easy-reading books, would be like only knowing the few basic stories of the Bible that we learned before we could read.

Mass IS Heaven and Earth meeting.

The Eucharist in Mass and in Adoration are where we have a <u>Spiritual Encounter with God!</u> Spiritual encounters take time. Just like learning to read and write or ride a bike did! Sitting in a pew needs to involve the <u>work</u> it takes to engage the heart, and not the emotional heart. The heart that Jesus wants to talk to. Listening is key. So sitting or being silent may seem boring, but it is where Jesus can begin His teaching and revealing of His love for you.

The rituals of Mass or Adoration are just to allow us to relax and listen to the HEART of JESUS speak!

Come and Listen at Mass and Adoration. Move away from this world. And allowing your spirit to open up and breath in Jesus. Instead of breathing in our own selves. Jesus has more for us than we do on our own. Participate with Jesus during these times.



St. John Nepomucene of Praga Offering for the month of July.

Donation.....\$300.00 Thank you for your support!

## Dear Padre,

Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a "Bible church" with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only as a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?



The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging. When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in "one mind and in one spirit." It is an act of unity, a real "communion." Even though the Bible church clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to. For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the Bible church. Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary.

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday
August 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Nm 11:4b-15
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday
August 5
Weekday
Nm 12:1-13
Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday
August 6
Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10,
13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday
August 7
Weekday
Nm 20:1-13
Mt 16:13-23

Friday	Sat
August 8	Aug
St. Dominic, Priest	We
Dt 4:32-40	Dt
Mt 16:24-28	Mt

iturday	Sunday
igust 9	August 10
eekday	Nineteenth Sunday
6:4-13	in Ordinary Time
17:14-20	Wis 18:6-9
	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
	or 11:1-2, 8-12
	Lk 12:32-48 or

Lk 12:35-40



#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger!... Be careful! Love...is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.

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