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ORDINARY TIME

2 October 2016

TODAY: RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

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| ▪ Elementary Religious Ed | 9am |
| ▪ Nursery (Room #102) | during the 10:30 Mass |
| ▪ Middle School Edge (DH) | 5:30pm |
| ▪ High School Sunday Night Live | 7pm |

MONDAY | Oct. 3

- Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37*
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| ▪ Men's Bible Study (Room #101) | 7am |
| ▪ 50+ ArtPrize Trip (offsite) | 10am |
| ▪ Prayer Shawl Ministry (McDuffee) | 5:30pm |
| ▪ Altar Server Training (Church) | 6:30pm |

TUESDAY | Oct. 4 | St. Francis of Assisi

- Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42*
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| ▪ Mass in Chapel (+Sharon Mittelstadt) | 8:30am |
| ▪ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) | 9am-7pm |

WEDNESDAY | Oct. 5

- Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4*
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| ▪ Elementary Religious Ed | 4pm & 6pm |
| ▪ Mass in Chapel (+George Bieber) | 6:30pm |
| ▪ Cantor Practice | 6:30pm |
| ▪ Choir Practice | 7pm |
| ▪ RCIA Catholic Inquiry (PC LL #1) | 7pm |

THURSDAY | Oct. 6

- Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13*
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| ▪ Ladies Bible Study (DH) | 9:30am |
| ▪ Light Weigh (PC LL #4) | 6:30pm |
| ▪ Journey Through Grief (PC LL #1) | 7pm |
| ▪ K of C General Membership Meeting (DH) | 7pm |

FRIDAY | Oct. 7 | Our Lady of the Rosary

- Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26*
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| ▪ Mass in Chapel (+Peter Tran +Mary Ngo) | 8:30am |
| ▪ First Friday Breakfast (DH) | 9am |

SATURDAY | Oct. 8

- Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28*
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| ▪ That Man is You! (DH) | 6am |
| ▪ Reconciliation/Confessions (Church) | 4:45pm |
| ▪ Contemporary Choir Practice (Church) | 4:30pm |

LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | October 9, 2016

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 5:14-17 / 2 Tm 2:8-13 / Lk 17:11-19

5:30pm Saturday

+Bill Cole +John Noel +Irene Tomaszczuk

8:30am Sunday

Parish Family

10:30am Sunday

+Albina Johnson (First Anniversary) +Barbara Cegelis

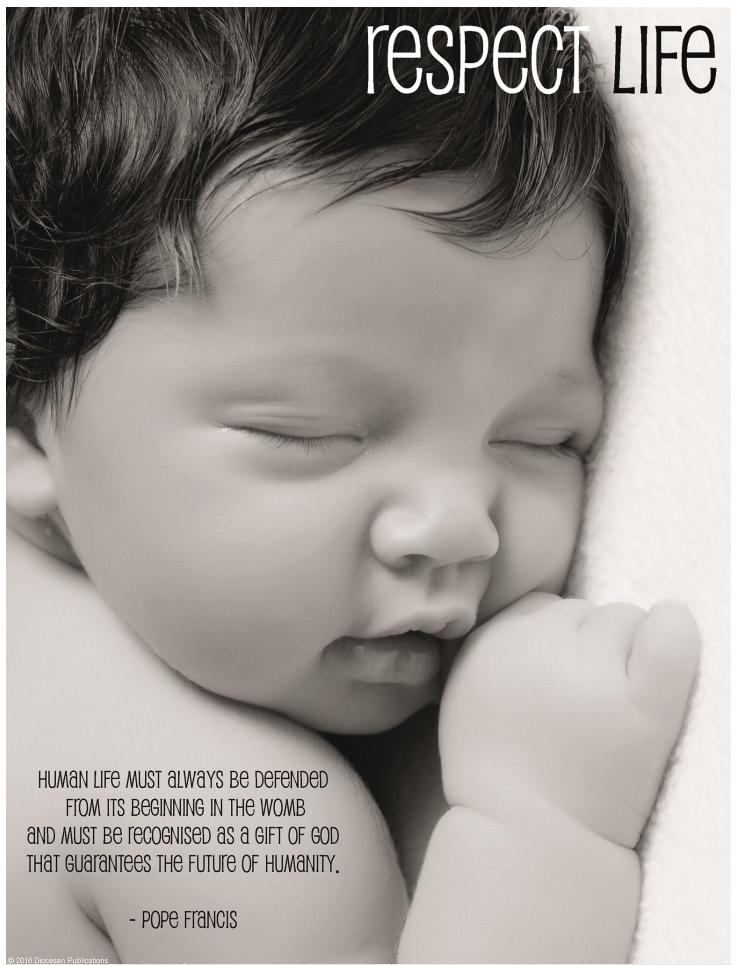
Other Events on Oct. 8 & 9

- **K of C Tootsie Roll Sale ~ after all Masses**
- **Blood Pressure Readings (McDuffee) ~ after all Masses**
- **Elementary Religious Ed ~ Sunday 9am**
- **Sacraments Retreat (DH) ~ after the 10:30 Mass**
- **Middle School Edge ~ Sunday 5:30pm**
- **High School Sunday Night Live ~ Sunday 7pm**



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and with one another
as we worship, pray, learn and serve.



HUMAN LIFE MUST ALWAYS BE DEFENDED
FROM ITS BEGINNING IN THE WOMB
AND MUST BE RECOGNISED AS A GIFT OF GOD
THAT GUARANTEES THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY.

- POPE FRANCIS

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O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.

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Parish & Formation Office Hours:

9-Noon; 1-5pm Mon-Thurs 9-Noon on Fridays
 (Formation Summer Hours: 9:30-4:30pm Monday-Thursday)

Parish Book of Prayer — This book near the main church entrance is for your prayers of intercession or gratitude. They are part of the intentions at Mass.

Parish Membership — Count yourself in! If you worship with us regularly, kindly register as a parishioner. You'll receive parish mailings, and it will help us provide pastoral care should you need it. Contact 532-9344; or parishoffice@spxcatholic.org.

Infant Baptisms are celebrated at various times throughout the year. If you believe raising your child in our Catholic faith is one of your most important duties as a parent, call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage — The lifelong covenant between a man and a woman is a sign of God's covenant with us. At least six months of prayer and preparation are needed before entering this commitment. Please contact Fr. Chris as soon as you are engaged. Couples celebrating an anniversary ending in a "0" or "5" may request a special blessing.

OTHER MARRIAGE RESOURCES: www.foryourmarriage.org/

Pastoral Care of the Sick — If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound, or anticipating surgery, please contact Rosemary Beahan or Fr. Chris in the parish office. The hospitals do not contact us.

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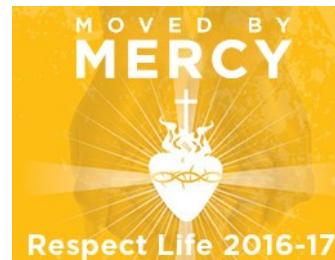
Respect Life Sunday

BISHOP DAVID WALKOWIAK
 Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids



My dear friends in Christ,

The theme of this year's Respect Life Month, "Moved by Mercy," takes its inspiration from Pope Francis' proclamation of the Year of Mercy. Our challenge during this Jubilee Year has been to become agents of God's mercy which He first offered to us. Our joy and gratitude for this great gift enables us to bring comfort to every person we encounter at every stage of life from conception to natural death.



The life and recent canonization of Saint Teresa of Calcutta serve as further reminders that every person hungers "for love, for being cared for, for being wanted, for having someone to call their own." Saint Teresa showed us how to serve Christ by caring for the members of our human family who are most in need. Through her example, we see that every human life is deserving of attention and care because each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator.

Today's cultural quest for productivity, pleasure, and independence pushes aside attitudes and ideas that respect the sanctity and dignity of human life.

In what Pope Francis has called a "throwaway culture," our role is to preserve and protect human life at every phase: to be a source of hope for soon-to-be parents who receive news that their unborn child has a

life-threatening diagnosis; to offer a sanctuary of healing for women and men who have experienced abortion, or to help a terminally ill loved one live fully until their very last natural breath. All of these situations and every one in between are opportunities for us to be love in action. Our God is a God of mercy who brings us strength and healing in our daily lives. Let us pray that we may follow God's holy example of mercy and put mercy into practice.

I thank those parishes, schools, and institutions throughout our diocese who participate in the Respect Life program during this month and who make our respect life efforts a priority throughout the year. I invite everyone in our diocese to continue to pray and witness to our commitment as Catholics to being "people of life."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+David J. Walkowiak

A PLACE TO CALL HOME ~ Haiti Update

Please continue to pray for Sr. Luvia and her community as there remains much political unrest and violence. Sr. Luvia expressed sadness over the loss of her friend, a Spanish nun, who was killed in a robbery. The economy is suffering tremendously before the Oct. presidential elections. Prices for many goods have tripled and even quadrupled...a 7# bag of rice is selling for \$50. She is hopeful the conditions will stabilize after the elections and the new president takes office in Feb. of 2017. Sr. Luvia hopes to purchase a truck with a locked cover so that people can't hop on her truck and steal her goods that she purchases from the market. Despite the unrest and uncertainty facing her country, Sr. Luvia's faith in Jesus remains strong. She thanks St. Pius X not only for its financial, but spiritual support as well. St. Pius X will be wiring \$17,717 to Sr. Luvia this fall; our support for 2015-16 fiscal year was \$42,530.





Faith Formation | Religious Education

ELIZABETH POST
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES have begun for all elementary students. If you have not registered, contact the Formation Office. Sessions are offered at the following times:

- Sundays ~ 9-10:15am
- Wednesdays ~ 4-5:30pm & 6-7:30pm
- Middle School Edge ~ Sundays 5:30-7:30pm
- High School ~ Sundays 7-8:30pm

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

If your child is preparing for these sacraments this year, please mark Oct. 9 from 11:40am-3pm on your calendar for our first Sacrament Retreat. There is a potluck following the 10:30am Mass; if your last name begins with A-L please bring dessert; M-Z a side. THANK YOU!

VIRTUS: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: As part of our faith formation programs, we ask that EVERY parent be certified in Protecting God's Children. This is a one-time class that will help you better protect your child/youth. St. Pius X is hosting a training on Oct. 16 at 5pm in the McDuffee Room. Please signup online or contact the formation office with questions.

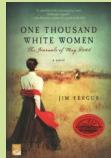
CONFIRMATION is a two-year process at St. Pius X Parish. Beginning in 7th grade and running through 8th grade, our Middle School students participate in the program we call *Edge*. During *Edge*, we work with the teens to grow in prayer, knowledge of faith, and service. Don't forget to register your middle school students for *Edge*! **Interviews:** Each 7th grade student needs to have an interview as part of the Confirmation process. Please sign-up for an interview online.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE ~ Sunday 5:30-7:30pm

- TONIGHT (10/2) ~ Intro to the Bible
- Oct. 9 ~ Bible Series continued
- Oct. 16 ~ Ten Commandments
- Oct. 23 ~ Rebounderz; cost is \$16 and includes jumping, pizza & fun. Permission slips are due to Elizabeth by Oct. 16.
- Oct. 30 ~ No EDGE

NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB

meets at 7pm Monday, Oct. 24 at 7pm in McDuffee to discuss *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus. Contact Linda Stray (249-8034 or lindastray@yahoo.com) or Mary Boehm (538-9635 or meb2904@aol.com) with inquiries.



GRAND RAPIDS DIOCESAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC

WOMEN ~ Streams of Mercy: Mrs. Prisilla Baldwin is the guest speaker for this year's fall seminar on **Oct. 18 from 9am-3pm at St. John Paul II Parish** (3110 17 Mile Rd; Cedar Springs). Prisilla is a Pastoral Associate at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Grand Rapids. Prisilla has been involved in various ministries of the church, including working with youth, religious education, and women's ministries. For further information call Katie Slocum at 269-795-5290 or Janet Regan at 616-915-5930. Cost is \$15 (doors open at 8:30am and lunch is provided). Please pick up a registration form in the Faith Formation Office or from one of the bulletin boards.



High School Youth Ministry

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#PRAY

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE: Tonight (10/2) from 7-8:30pm. Join us as we dive into a series on prayer. This is your chance to experience many types of prayer including music, meditation and even dance!

CROSSROADS REBOUNDERZ NIGHT ~ Oct. 23/6:45-8:30pm

Enjoy one hour of bounce time, pizza, soda, and new friends! See website for permission form and online waiver; cost is \$16.



CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP PARENT MEETING: Mark your calendars for Oct. 26 from 6:30-7:30pm in Danner Hall.



DO YOU HAVE A POPCORN MAKER that's been collecting dust in storage? Consider donating it to Youth Ministry! We can give it a loving home where it will be used weekly. Contact me at 538-2600 or email me.

Pastoral Care, Outreach & Initiation

ROSEMARY BEAHAN
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KIDS' FOOD BASKET: Want to help feed hungry kids? Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 5:50-7pm at Kid's Food Basket (2055 Oak Industrial Drive NE). We will be packing lunch sacks together on an



"assembly line". Kids 10 years and up, can also volunteer! Contact Debbie Shereda if you and/or your kids are interested in helping. Email Debbie at dshereda@nhaschools.com or call 450-0391.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Monday, Oct. 3 from 5:30-7pm. If anyone could like to schedule the **third Thursday at 3pm** for the winter months, contact Karen Tonning or myself in the Parish Office.



ST. PIUS X DAY OF SERVICE~ We Need You ~ Oct. 15

Please prayerfully consider answering God's call to serve and take part in this fun and fruitful day! There are plenty of opportunities to suit everyone's talents, preschool through senior citizen. You can sign up on the parish website or pick up a form in the back of church or the Parish Office. "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours..." St. Teresa of Avila

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: From now until Nov. 6 you are asked to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life**, a grassroots, pro-life effort to end abortion through prayer and fasting. We will unite with others coast-to-coast, and internationally for a simultaneous pro-life mobilization. St. Pius X has committed to be on-site at the abortion clinic **all day, Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 7am-7pm**. Sign-ups will begin next weekend; the schedule is in one-hour



increments, and St. Pius X is to provide two people to pray every hour (a minimum of 24 people to sign up).

Parish Life

ANDY REBOLLAR

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THAT MAN IS YOU: We continue our path towards Nazareth next Saturday from 6-7:30am. TMIY is a Catholic men's ministry aimed at making men better fathers, husbands, leaders, and people of God. Come check it out if you're curious or sign up online at bit.ly/spxtmiy or call the parish office for more information.

MOM'S GROUP ~ Card Making Workshop: Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7pm in the parish center lower level commons area to make cards. Please RSVP to Jennifer Lawrence at 821-4502 by **Wednesday, Oct. 5**, so we know how many supplies to bring. Childcare will be available if requested.

NEXT DONUT DATE is Sunday, Oct. 16 after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses.

50+ UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 21 & Nov. 18: Breakfast at Russ' in Grandville ~ 9:15am.
Nov. 29: Meijer Gardens ! Christmas Around the World ~ 9:30am

PARISH BREAKFAST ~ Sunday, Oct. 30: will be our Fall parish breakfast served by the men of our parish. A hot breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses. There is no charge for the breakfast because of the regular generous contributions of parishioners at Mass. All are welcome to enjoy.



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: We have an active presence at St. Pius X Catholic Parish. "LIKE" us for updates on parish events and for resources and articles to help you grow in faith.

Mass Assignments for Oct. 1 & 2

ATTENTION ALL 5TH & 6TH GRADE CATHOLICS: Your Church needs YOU! New Altar Server training will be held on Mondays: Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 6:30-8pm in the Church. When your training is complete, you will be placed on a team of experienced servers and be scheduled to serve at Mass about once a month. To become part of this important ministry, RSVP to Sandy at sgrandy@spxcatholic.org or 538-2600x118.

Mass Cord.	5:30pm Mary Carter	8:30am Dave & Mary Bristol	10:30am Frank Cegelis
Greeters	Denise Kolesar Dorothy Lemmon Ann Maddox Volunteer Needed	Michael Bieri Gail Greco-Bieri Dave & Lynn Zabler	John & Chantal Porterfield Shari Shirley Paul Sundstrom
Servers	Pierson Rumble Emi Zielinski Lily Zielinski	Andrew Dukesherer Lexi Dukesherer Olivia Miars	Brendon McKinley Ryan Minnick Noah Ziegler
Eucharistic Ministers	Jamie Blanch Mary Carter Maggie Conlon Nancy Hoekstra Margaret Jastifer Mary Lynch Melissa Seguin Mike Tyler Volunteer Needed	Betty Cole Nancy Hogerheide Amanda London Jerry London Michele Stutzky Paul VanGessel Barry Waters Randy Wright Dave Zabler	A.J. Burdick Joe Burdick Connor Fischer Kathleen Kelly Ana Loew Sharon Love Meg Lyons Chris Marsh Randy Miller Victoria Talsma Mary Tracey Susan Wise Kim Wohlfel
Lector	Paul Wojtas Amber Swift	Justin Noordhoek Janine Skavnak	Julie Kemme Mary Lang
LWC			Bill McInnis
	Usher Team: E	Usher Team: W	Usher Team: J

HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Constantly fighting? Frustrated with one another? If you aren't sure what to do, but want to try to save your marriage, there is help available! A Retrouvaille weekend is **Oct. 8-10** in Grand Rapids. Contact the Retrouvaille community at www.retrouvaillegrandrapids.org or 616-752-7004.



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Weekly Stewardship Report

STEWARSHIP THOUGHT: From today's second reading, we are made to realize, like Timothy, that Christ's call is meant for us all. Good stewards realize they have everything necessary to live for Christ. "Stir up the fire that is already burning inside you." Another way to express this thought in the vocabulary of stewardship is: Use your gifts now! Serve the Lord now! Get involved now! God put the fire inside you, but you have to stir up the flame! Let it burn! Everyone can give witness to Christ's presence in the world, and most of us can do more than one thing for the Lord. How exactly do you "stir into flame" God's unique gifts you hold within you? *ICSC Catholic Stewardship Oct. 2016 e-bulletin*

Time and Talent**MASS ATTENDANCE**

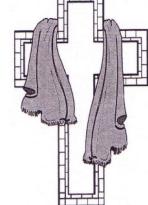
Sept. 24 & 25: 5:30pm—227 | 8:30am—234 | 10:30am—576

SPECIAL THANKS to Father Chris, Father Larry King, and Rosemary Beahan for their loving support you gave our family. We are grateful to the wonderful parishioners who prepared and served the delicious luncheon, and to the cantor, Christine Smith, and the choir. *Jack & Mary O'Brien*

THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF ST. PIUS X for all your many prayers, thoughts, and concerns for Johan Balkon and her family during her illness and passing. Thank you so much to all the parishioners that helped with the wonderful luncheon. We so much appreciate your efforts and thoughtfulness. *The family of Johan Balkon*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY THANK YOU:

I went to visit my mom and she had a beautiful lavender shawl. My mom has Pick's Disease and does not like attention. She also has not reacted to Mother's Day gifts, Christmas or birthday gifts. But, she seemed to like the prayer shawl. I cried tears of joy! Just to have her care about something was such a delight for me. God bless you and all involved in this ministry. *Niki Mollema*

**Treasure**

PARISH SUPPORT Fiscal Year 2016-17 Week 13/52	Last week 9/24 & 9/25	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Adult Envelopes	\$ 11,243	\$ 151,245	\$ 148,701
Electronic Giving spxcatholic.org	\$ 3,510	\$ 55,221	\$ 53,646
Youth Envelopes	\$ 5	\$ 13	\$ 20
Loose Offerings	\$ 720	\$ 8,303	\$ 8,175
Total Contributions	\$ 15,478	\$ 214,782	\$ 210,542
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (2,942)	\$ (22,564)	\$ -
OTHER GIVING:			
Master's Mission	\$ 330	\$ 6,404	\$ 7,009

St. Pius X has 953 registered households. Last week, 292 contributed either by using an offertory envelope or electronically. Every gift is gratefully received as a sacrifice united with Christ's own self-offering in the Eucharist to share God's love.

Our prayer list for healing

Please continue to pray for the following and all the sick in our Parish, their families and friends, those hospitalized and home-bound, and those in care facilities. To be included on the Prayer Chain (separate from this bulletin list), call Jason George at (231) 736-7487.

Linda Padula	Gerry Dekkinga	Bob Brock	Joe Capriglione
Kenneth Schumacher	Mary LaSarge	Judy DeVoe	Erika Yonker
Kelsey Gibson	Andre Miles	Ron Geldersma	Marie Nevins
Robert Kasperlik	Catherine Cesare	Diane & Mary Prindle	Andy Wierzbicki
Joe Lemont	Henry Visscher	Betty DiTrapani	Mike Saritorius
Beverwyk Family	Joe & Margaret Grandy	Rose Reilly	Clara Raaymakers
Anthony McAndrew	M. Forrester	Laurie Bialik	Gina Catania
Jennifer Hassell	Marty Schumacker	Margaret Harman	Pat Chichester
Mick Vaughn	John Stoddard	Carol Guffy	Bob & Holly Ann Ott
Ben Baird	Derek Bull	Shannon Olman	Diane Austin
Rich Hubbard	Stephen Meurer	Dorothy Rennager	James Raap
Kathy Maslowski	Charles & Mag Frodl	Patrick Bartz	Ilene Topolinski
Deb Russo	Tom & Becky Hoffmann	Ellen O'Toole	Sarah Johnson
Catherine Owens	Mike Connell	Peggy Galt	Justin Vriezema
Jeff Zylstra	Mary Jebb	Markell Barnhart	Lindsey Read
Marlene Strong	Mary Beth Jensen	Pat Rummer	Robert Ryzanca
Cindy Cole	Megan Reynolds	Chris VanderSlice	Mary Benson-Slosser
Jill Moyer	Jim & Mary Ann Norcutt	Leo Raap	Deb Finnigan
Nell Wouters	Allen Mulligan	Jim & Madeleine Stotenbur	Marion & Marie Rythewski
Brianne Bassett	Matt Rich	Bob Bagin	Ken Jenkins
Tom Wojtas	Joe & Winnie Kulaga	Jonathan Kolenda	Sandy Ressell
Kerry Deboer	Donna Waters	Cindy Thrall	John Blanchard
Sr. Jean Marie Wojtas	Pat DeJong	Norm Pokora	Linda Wood
Terri Bernott	Clara Jo Braybrook	Barbara Barney	Zachary Matzke
Ann Berg	Jane Voss	Karen Bourassa	Pam Willemstein
Virginia Bieber	Tom Villemure	Judy Perrin	Alberta & Vito Licari
Cleo Ruppel	J.D. Sypniewski	Rylie Rau	Pat Grzybowski
Christopher Alighire	Jerry Piela	Larry Kietzman	Christopher Thrall

RED MASS FOR CATHOLIC LAWYERS OF WEST MICHIGAN

You are invited to join Bishop David Walkowiak for the annual Red Mass on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 5:30pm at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew with a dinner to follow at Cathedral Square Center (Wege Conference Center, Room A). The guest speaker is Professor Kevin C. Walsh, an associate professor of law at the University of Richmond. Professor Walsh will speak on contemporary issues in religious liberty law. The dinner is \$60 per person. To RSVP and for payment options, please email Andrea Rule at arule@wnj.com.

Living in Mercy

Increase our faith. This request of the apostles is ours as well. We want more faith. I want more faith. One would think Jesus would surely comply—here it is, more faith. But, no, today he talks of mustard seed faith. Less about thoughtful prayer or silent meditation, important as they are. More about action, more about waiting tables, more about attending to other's needs first.

- How can my prayer and meditation prepare me to serve?
- Whom shall I wait on, whom shall I serve?
- In what little ways can I act?

Prepare for next week: Read and reflect on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (beginning on pg. 387) in the "Living Liturgy" missal.



Catholic Information Center

WHEN IMAGE IS EVERYTHING: The Vice of Vainglory, Character Formation, and YOU

Monday, Oct. 10 ~ 7-8:45pm

Presenter: **Rebecca DeYoung, PhD**

Did you know what the vice of "vainglory" was on the original list of seven deadly sins? What is it and why did it drop off the list? Are you "notorious vainglorious"? Using the desert fathers and your favorite Disney characters, we'll explore vainglory's various contemporary forms, discover its roots in pride and fear with Augustine and Aquinas, and experiment with spiritual practices that form our character in virtuous ways.

GROWING UP SPIRITUALLY IN OUR SENIOR YEARS

Tuesday, Oct. 18 ~ 1-2:45pm or 7-8:45pm

Presenter: **Fr. Joachim Lally, CSP**

In this presentation, we will take a look at what it means to be a mature follower of Christ. Through our shared experiences we will focus on how our attitudes affect our spiritual lives, as we experience our bodies and minds somewhat gradually diminishing. We will be challenged to recognize how our resistance to ageing, at times, affects our ability to live in the present moment. We will catch a glimpse of what the statement means: "It is what it is!" and begin more and more to develop an "attitude of gratitude" for the sacred moment of NOW.

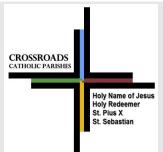
THE PARABLES OF MERCY

Tuesdays, Oct. 20, 27 & Nov. 3 ~ 7-8:45pm

Presenter: **Fr. Rene Constanza, CSP**

Come encounter God's Word and be transformed by God's love as we delve into three powerful parables of mercy found in the Gospel of Luke. These scripture study sessions will explore the historical context of the text, what is within the parable, and how it is applicable to our daily lives.

Catholic Information Center is located at 360 Division Ave. S, Suite 2A in Grand Rapids. To register for programs, please call 459-7267 or online at catholicinformationcenter.org. There is a \$10 donation requested for all sessions.



10 REASONS TO BE MERCIFUL BEYOND THE YEAR OF MERCY:

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy began on Dec. 8, 2015 and will conclude on Nov. 20, 2016. This presentation will outline ten reasons why we should extend the Year of Mercy

beyond the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe. These ten reasons may compel Christians to make their lives and relationships an "ordinary" way of experiencing mercy. Mercifully, the presentation will not be too long, about an hour, and will be presented by Fr Phil Shangraw, an engaging speaker most of the time.



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH • 7:00PM
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