



FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

Galatians
5:1

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2024



This 4th of July weekend serves to remind us of our blessings as a free nation and the ideals which we must continually work to achieve. Our forefathers fashioned a country wherein all might live as one. Their vision remains a contemporary task for each generation and a promise for those who follow.

On June 28, 1776, the Declaration of Independence, drawn up by Thomas Jefferson, was presented to Congress. It was adopted on July 4th. However, it was not until August 2nd that all 56 signers placed their names on the parchment stating their intention to sever relations with Britain. Their action was born from a desire for freedom, nurtured by faith and courage.

The first celebration of Independence Day was held one year later. It was centered in Philadelphia, the capital of the new nation and the location where the document had been signed.

John Adams contended that the day Congress voted for independence should be observed forever. He believed America's birthday should be marked with "parades, shows, games, sports, guns, bells and bonfires."

Curiously enough, both Jefferson and Adams, patriots who worked to make July 4th famous, died on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1826.

May you all have a restful and safe summer. Take God along with you wherever you go.

On the lighter side...

Young Michael was having supper at a friend's house. As was their custom, the family said grace before eating. When the prayer was finished, Michael announced, "We don't need to say grace at our house because my mom is a good cook!"

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This N That by Deacon Skip

On the last Thursday and Friday of June we had a sort of cool spell move through. It was a very welcome contrast to the temps and humidity of the week before. The cool spell reminded me of when I was growing up. Every year my parents would rent a cottage at a place called Sunny Shores. Sunny Shores was on South Manistique Lake just below the town of Curtis. There was swimming, fishing, hiking, always an excursion to Tahquamenon Falls and Grand Marais. No matter what time of the summer we went, we could count on a cool snap moving through for a couple of days. Sometimes it would get so cool my Dad would turn on the heater in the cottage. I sort of miss that trip.

When the weather turned cool I made the hike through Hines Drives to Merriman Road to check on my favorite bridge. This time there was a multitude of workers on site. Many of their cars and trucks carried out of state license plates. The project at hand seemed to be to run a pile driver and drive steel walling into the banks of the Rouge River. I am definitely not a civil engineer, but it is my guess that there are soil stability issues along the bank of the river. There are also sewer pipes all around, so I am guessing that the rumor of the unanticipated sewer line may be close to correct. No work on the bridge yet, but signs of hope.

Don't forget SVDP; don't forget the food pantry. There is a lot of need in our community.

Ministries Center/SVDP (734) 425-9771



Here are the current items needed for the pantry: cans chili, beef stew, carrots, applesauce, cereal, oatmeal, shampoo, dish soap, laundry soap, razors, deodorant. Any and all donations are always

appreciated!

The food pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-12pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 7, 2024

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10;
Mk 6:1-6

Monday, July 8, 2024

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Memorial of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8,
9-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16;
Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 12, 2024

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and
17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 13, 2024

Memorial of Saint Henry

Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9 -10, 11-12, 13-14;
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

Our eyes are
fixed on the
LORD,
pleading for
his mercy.



Nankin Family of Parishes



Mass Schedule

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy (734) 425-4421
8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

St. Mary, Wayne (734) 721-8745
34530 Michigan Avenue, Wayne

St. Richard (734) 729-2240
35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland

St. Thomas the Apostle (734) 427-1533
31530 Beechwood Street, Garden City

Monday 9:00 am St. Mary, Wayne
12:00 pm St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)

Tuesday 9:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
9:00 am St. Richard, Westland

Wednesday 12:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City

Thursday 9:00 am St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

Friday 9:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
9:00 am St. Mary, Wayne

Saturday 4:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
4:00 pm St. Mary, Wayne
5:30 pm St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland

Sunday 8:30 am St. Mary, Wayne
9:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
10:00 am St. Richard, Westland
11:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
11:30 am St. Mary, Wayne
2:00 pm St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)

Confessions (also by appointment)

Tuesday St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)

Saturday 3:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
3:00 pm St. Mary, Wayne
6:30 pm St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass



**Enjoy a great day of golf while helping
the less fortunate in our community!!**

Only \$125 per golfer!
Whispering Willows Golf Course
20500 Newburgh Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Saturday, July 20th, 2024

Registration: 7:00 am

Tee-off: 8:00 am

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

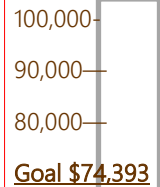
Please contact us as soon as possible to register:

Ken Salasky– SNDDBS President

Phone: 734-277-7772

Email: salaskyken@gmail.com

CSA 2024 DONATIONS



CSA Donations are being accepted through the mail, collection basket, or dropping off at the parish office. We have received **131** pledges totaling **\$29,876.00** and payments totaling **\$25,532.25 as of June 28, 2024.**

St. Thomas the Apostle's CSA Goal is **\$74,393.00.**

Your participation is necessary to make this a success.

Thank you and **God bless you!**

WEST SIDE DETROIT POLISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD COMMEMORATION AND GRAVE MARKER BLESSING IN HONOR OF WORLD WAR I POLISH AMERICAN U.S. ARMY VETERAN JOSEPH FRANK BIGOS (JAN. 7, 1899 – JUNE 4, 1946) SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 12:30 – 3:00 P.M. ST. HEDWIG CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM DEARBORN HEIGHTS

On the 110th anniversary of the beginning of World War I, the Society invites all to join us as we gather beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the MAIN MAUSOLEUM of St. Hedwig Cemetery, 23755 Military Rd., Dearborn Hts., to honor this veteran, whose grave finally has a marker through the research and coordination efforts of Society Treasurer Barbara Misiolek Gamble. Grave marker donated by Inch Memorials, Northville; installation donated by St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Program entitled "Polish Americans in Detroit in World War I" by Karen Majewski, Ph.D., in Main Mausoleum from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Procession by car caravan to Old Section of cemetery for Grave Marker Blessing Service with Society President Rev. Gary Michalik, Society Director Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak, Society Director Lawrence Zurawski, and vocalist Deborah Frontczak, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. This will be a Polish event with participation by several Polish organizations.

St. Hedwig Cemetery Mausoleum is handicap-accessible.

There is no charge for this event, and all are welcome!

For further information or for questions, please visit <https://www.detroitpolonia.org>, call 855/765-POLONIA (765-6642) and leave message for return call, or email Laurie Gomulka at Lgomulka@detroitpolonia.org. WSDPAHS is a 501(c)(3) historical society.

Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley	DeGrande, Sam	O'Connell, Evan
Batherson, Barbara	Dempsey, Sgt Joseph	Paczas, Karen
Baumgardner, Patty	Dempsey, Michele	Pastula, Shirley
Benninger, Chuck	Dewey, Thomas	Prosser, Cindy
Block, Karen	Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee	Sanak, Francene
Bringold, Bonnie	Eichstedt, Laurie	Sanregret, John
Brunelle, Nola	Fornasiero, Joseph	Smitt, Deb
Burke-Misencar, Jennifer	Gozowsky, David	Soine, Dianna
Burke, Larry	Hamblin, Angelina	Stites, Keith
Burris, Nikita and Family	Harte, John	Sutherland, Eleanor
Carbajal-Christopher, June	Kapanke, Dolores	Taggart, Denise
Carpenter, Mike	Keesee, Cheryl	Tsaprazis, Pete
Cepko Family	Kinnelly, Kathy	Turcotte, Joshua
Chop, Nancy Grabel	LeVoir, Lorraine	Vitale, Vito
Cockrum, Tommy	LeVoir, Sherry	Wildauer, Mark
D'Angelo, Rebecca	Lobb, Cindy	Wolf, Dominick
Decaminada, Mona	Lobb, Jeri	Zarzycki, Stanley
DeGrande, Colleen	Lowe, Jonathan	
	McDonald, Margaret	
	Malish, Rosemary	



Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission

of the person being added. Please do not add anybody without their permission. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533. Thank you!

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2024-June 30, 2025

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families
 Deceased & Live Members of The Batherson Family
 Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt
 Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families
 In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis
 Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess
 Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain
 Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families
 In Memory of Donald Grant
 Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
 In Loving Memory of My Wife Joanne Whom I Will Always Miss
 Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
 Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
 The Malish and Porembiak Families

In Loving Memory for Reynold Mirabitor Sr.
 In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
 Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
 Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
 In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
 Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
 In loving memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak
 Angel Danny P. Pepera
 My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
 Prouty Family
 In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
 Memory of Kathy Rodgers
 In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak
 Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
 Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
 In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond	DiCicco, Bill	McCarville, William E.	Smith, David
Angelovic, Adrian	Dwyer, Tyler	McGahan, Wade	Smitt, David
Angelovic, George	Ellsworth, Justin	McGaw, Douglas	Spiczka, Cathy
Ardinger, Stephanie	Fisher, Bob	Meadows, Erin	Spiczka, Greg
Baumgardner, AJ	Gentilia, Anthony	Moody, Samantha	Sparrow, Justin
Becker, Justin	Hunter, Cassidy	Murray, Daniel	Spohr, Raymond
Bregand, David	Kashou, Christopher	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Squires, Zachary
Brozek, Timothy	Laichalk, Robert	Ohannesian, Brandon	Szerszen, Michael
Burris, Peter	Logan, Jonathon	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Tesarz, Ian Michael
Campbell, Mary	Logan, Sean Patrick	Porcaro, Jeff	Waldo, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Logan, Jeff	Preba, Danny	Webb, Brian
Chokr, Jamel	Lowe, Jonathan	Rosa, Brian J.	Wiertella, Jonathan
Cinka, Jonathan	Masiarak, Luke	Rosa, Douglas J.	Witt, Christopher
Coatsworth, Michael	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Rousseau, Philip	
Comment, Scott		Sheko, Destiny	



Missy Taylor

Director of Religious Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

HELP YOUR CHILDREN MEET THEIR **BEST FRIEND**



Believe it or not, we are already preparing for our new Religious Formation year! Classes for our young people in Grades K-8 will begin this fall on Monday, September 23rd. We welcome back our returning students and hope to see many new faces this year. We offer a class for students who have had no prior catechesis and would like to catch up! Every family's needs are different and we are more than happy to work with you on your children's faith journey! Registration forms are available in the church and online. There are **many discounts** available: **HALF OFF** discounts for families who refer NEW families to our program and discounts for families who volunteer their time in our program on Monday evenings. Please call with any questions, I'd love to work with your family!

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha became Catholic when she was 19 and prayed when she was out in nature. She is the patron saint of the environment. Add extra plants and animals to the picture.

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Fill in the letters to find Blessed Kater's nick-name.

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Year B: Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Immaculate Conception Council 4513 Catholic High School Scholarship Program

Knights of Columbus Council 4513 has established a scholarship fund for those St. Thomas the Apostle parish members enrolled in a Catholic high school. To apply, students must first complete an application. These can be found in the Gathering Space at church, in the Parish Office, or one can be requested at gk4513@mikofc.org.

The second part requires the student to compose a 250 to 500 word essay explaining why a Catholic High School education is important to a person of faith in the world today. It can either be handwritten (must be legible) or completed on a computer. Essays must be submitted to the parish office no later than August 1st.

The final part will be an interview with standardized questions in the month of August. You will be contacted to schedule that interview.

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