

## 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

## 19° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Entonces le dijo Pedro: "Señor, si eres tú, mándame ir a ti caminando sobre el agua". Jesús le contestó: "Ven". Pedro bajó de la barca y comenzó a caminar sobre el agua hacia Jesús. - Mt 14, 28-29

## Parish Insight



## FEELING SO WELCOMED HERE!

"I'm coming home!" That was my initial reaction when my provincial, Father Karl Kiser, S.J., informed me that I would be missioned to St. Mary's Student Parish for at least two years. These days, "home" has come to mean many things. My par-

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ents' home in Birmingham, MI where I grew up, will always be home, the place where I have so many special memories and the fridge and cupboard are stocked with my favorites.

And yet, as a Jesuit, I have learned that the words of Jeronimo Nadal, S.J., friend and companion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola are so true: "The world is our house!" My 11 years of Jesuit formation have taught me many things, among them the remarkable dynamic of how warmly people embrace us and make us feel at home, although we are often coming and going. I know a lot of you already miss Fr. Jim and Fr. Joe, but that is a good sign: that we are able to form meaningful relationships with each other. That is such an important part of being Church together.

Just one month into my first assignment as priest, I have been touched by those of you who remember me from my time here as a Jesuit novice in winter/spring 2014, and also those who are meeting me for the first time, for the way you have offered me your greetings and warm welcome.

I am so excited to call St. Mary's my first home as a priest. As you well know, this is a unique community with such a rich diversity of parishioners, and you will help form me and teach me what being a priest means. Even after all these years of study, I am a firm believer that the best way to learn is by doing. And so I am excited by all the "doings" to come: the sacramental ministry of course, but also getting to know you in the in-between moments, and having the opportunity to work with such an experienced team of professionals to help develop our faith formation programming here at St. Mary's.

On a personal level, I am an enthusiast of movies and nature and running, and just about all collegiate and professional organized team sports, especially the Lions, Tigers, and Pistons. I welcome the opportunity to talk about these and whatever fills your heart with passion and purpose.

Just one month into my ministry here, I feel enlivened by our shared mission to build up the Church- the body of Christ-both here at St. Mary's and in the greater Ann Arbor/ University of Michigan area. The Holy Spirit is present among us and I am excited to see how we will be led together into an unknown, yet hope-filled future.

#### **OUR MISSION**

St. Mary Student Parish is a welcoming, Inclusive, caring, and diverse Catholic community, uniting residents and students.

We are Christ-centered with the Eucharist as the source of holiness in our vibrant liturgical life.

Inspired by Ignatian spirituality, we live a faith that does justice, reaching out to the marginalized.

As an apostolic parish, we are committed to ongoing formation of Christian witness, discipleship, and leadership.

#### **CONNECT** WITH US!



#### "Can we talk about race?"

#### "The truth shall set you free" (John 8:32)

A two-edged expression: a direct question, or an invitation? Most people in America find it hard to discuss race, and it's even harder to talk about racism. Some attribute this to a sense of guilt on the part of white people, or a sense of pain on the part of Black people. Some people are concerned that they might be called a racist when they feel they have done what was expected of them, done their part for society – they've raised a family, kept a meaningful job, respected their neighbors and upheld other duties in life. In fact, for some this is slowly changing. Some workplaces are becoming more diverse, though typically the changes are far from opening ourselves to engagement with one another on a scary issue.

For many of us, we don't speak about this delicate topic across racial and ethnic boundaries just because we do not have an occasion to do so. We have effectively segregated ourselves. Data show that schools are in many places as segregated as they were many decades ago. Who did that? Did you know that major league baseball was integrated in the nineteenth century, but that was reversed when Jim Crow became the law of the land after *Plessy v. Ferguson* ("separate but equal")?

We would expect the Christian church to be a bulwark against this obvious turning of our backs on the command to love our neighbor, yet as Martin Luther King, Jr., supposedly first said, "Sunday morning is the most segregated time of the week in America"\*.

Who is our neighbor? The folks next door? Then how do you relate to a person who lives in a disfavored part of town, one you would never visit? Did you know that Washtenaw County is one of the most segregated counties in the US according to income? Most people realize that racial segregation is a significant correlate of family income. Many of us of a certain age grew up in homes purchased by our GI parents with the help of the GI Bill after World War II, and only recently have we become aware that the nation's gratitude for service was not extended to our Black countrymen and women who made the identical sacrifice. How did we not know? What should we do now that we know about this?

How will we ever know the other person's truth, what their real life means, if we do not speak with one another? Most of us are not racists, so what is there to lose in finding out what others like us feel about this, and especially what others across the racial boundaries feel. If we get to know the lives of our brothers and sisters, their truth, then we have talked about race. There is such a palpable need for this. A fellow parishioner, a white male, who had the opportunity to engage some African-American colleagues at work finally asked them what people like him could do to help his brothers and sisters. Their answer: "Make our voices heard." Let our truth be heard. If that were so, we might then be able to talk about racism in somebody's life, about the structure of racial inequality in our brothers' or sisters' lives. Then empathy and truth could open a path to understanding, reconciliation and restitution. Then we will be open to seeing the ways that the "strange system" of slavery truly lingers in our everyday lives, and we will recognize the bias that prevents criticism of this wretched undercurrent in our society. And we will find that, in Jesus' words, this truth will set us free.

**Prayer:** O God, who knows our inner being since we were in the womb, and who loves us without bounds, help us by this example to see into the hearts of our brothers and sisters, to truly know them as we know ourselves, for in this way may we come to the abundant love you shine upon us. Amen.

\*James Baldwin attributes this saying to Malcolm X. Here is a Jesuit perspective on the matter:

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**Note:** This is part of a monthly series to help us learn more about racism, to reflect on our conscious and unconscious attitudes, and to pray that we all work to fully accept, honor, and support all people as children of God. We would be happy to try to answer questions or hear any feedback you might have at <a href="mailto:smspantiracismfeedback@googlegroups.com">smspantiracismfeedback@googlegroups.com</a>. All comments are good comments as we hope to engage everyone about these crucial issues.

--- SMSP Anti-Racism Working Group

#### ANNUAL MISSSION APPEAL

Our parish will host Fr. Vincent Sunday, from the Diocese of Fort Portal in Uganda, the weekend of August 19th and 20th. His group, called Children Waiting Everywhere, helps children and families through education, employment and health facilities.

By supporting our endeavors you will be bringing LIFE to many children. Cost for providing gutters and a 10,000 liter water tank for one school: \$3,000.

Fr. Vincent will speak at all masses that weekend, and envelopes will be available to support his ministry.

You will also have an option to donate online:

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(checks must be made to the order of St Mary Student Parish, memo line: Mission Appeal)

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)



#### **EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

Know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, or wants to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Weekly gatherings for RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, will begin again in September.

Please consider RCIA if:

- You're an adult who has never been baptized
- You were baptized in another faith and would like to become Catholic
- You were baptized Catholic, but were never confirmed

Feel free to contact us to get started with some reading over the summer, or to talk about the path God may be calling you to follow. You are welcome to explore and ask questions as you decide if this is right for you.

Contact Rita Zyber <a href="mailto:rzyber@smspnewman.org">rzyber@smspnewman.org</a>



#### **PRECIOUS BLOOD**

In consultation with our Parish Pastoral Council, we have decided to return to offering holy communion under both species, the body of Christ (consecrated host) and the blood of Christ (consecrated wine), beginning with the Masses on the weekend of August 26-27.

Many Jesuit parishes throughout the country and Diocese of Lansing parishes have been able to return to safely offering communion under both species in recent months. We are grateful for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have agreed to serve in this way.

Please be assured that if health indicators in Washtenaw County were to change significantly, we would adjust accordingly. Many parishioners have expressed enthusiasm about how by returning to communion under both species, we all have the opportunity to participate more fully in the Mass.

I understand how some of you may be hesitant to return to receiving the precious blood. Each person would be free to choose whether to receive from the chalice or not. We will initially have two people at each Mass distribute a modest amount of the blood of Christ until we have a sense of how many people would like to receive from the chalice at each Mass.

If we run out of the precious blood or if you choose not to receive, please know that one receives the fullness of the Eucharist (body and blood of Christ) by receiving the consecrated host. In addition, offering the precious blood provides those of our parishioners who are either gluten sensitive or gluten intolerant, to receive the fullness of the Eucharist by only receiving from the chalice.



#### "WELCOME BACK BBQ" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your help is needed as we kick off the new school year with two (2) "Welcome Back" BBQ's. We need help setting up, prepping food, grilling, serving and cleaning up.

If you can help, please click on the link below or email Kristen at kgowman@smspnewman.org. You can also sign up on the sheets in the atrium. Thank you!

Undergrad Students- Monday, Sept 4th @ 6:00 PM

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Grad/ YP Group- Saturday, August 27 @ 6:00 PM

t.ly/r60VB



#### **INFANT BAPTISM CLASS AT SMSP**

Baptism preparation class is required to be taken for your first child. If you've taken the class elsewhere, proof of that will be necessary to schedule a baptism. Upcoming classes are on Monday 6:30-7:30 PM on the following dates: *9/11, 10/2 and 11/6.* 

Please pick up a baptism class packet from the Parish Office at least one week prior to the class. You will need to bring this to class.

Please contact Constance <a href="mailto:cheskia@smspnewman.org">cheskia@smspnewman.org</a> or 734-663-0557 ext. 0 to register for a class.

We also offer the class in Spanish at the same time in a different room. Contact Rosa Luz for more information on Spanish Baptisms rpostigo@smspnewman.org



#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

#### **WEDNESDAYS I 5:45 PM**

"One cannot know the Lord without this habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. I believe, if I am not mistaken, this prayer of adoration is the prayer least known by us, it is the one we do the least", as if it were a "waste of time before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ".

Instead, we should rediscover "the silence of Adoration: he is the Lord and I adore him."-Pope Francis

Eucharistic Adoration is available each Wednesday this summer.

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

#### **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)**

Whether you are an English-learner or want to help someone improve their language skills, we welcome you!

Tutors and learners meet individually or in small groups each week, Sunday at 12:45 pm.

For tutors, no language or teaching experience is required - just an interest in helping others practice English!

All levels of English learners are welcome, and the program is free.

For more information or to sign up, email Rosa Luz (<a href="mailto:rpostigo@smspnewman.org">rpostigo@smspnewman.org</a>).

## Mass Intentions, Meetings & Events

#### **MEETINGS & EVENTS: AUGUST 13 – 20**

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

12:30 PM Be Bold — Rectory Dining Room, Rectory Lounge
12:45 PM ESL - English as a Second Language — Newman Hall

4:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary—Zoom

6:15 PM Reconciliation — Monteith Room

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 14**

5:45 PM Rosary for Peace (Post-Mass)—Church

7:00 PM Born for Joy — Whitman Room

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15** 

7:00 PM LGBT Outreach Ministry— Loyola Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**

**5:45 PM Reconciliation**—Donnelly Hall, Monteith Room

5:45 PM Eucharistic Adoration—Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 AM Santo Rosario (Rosary in Spanish) — Zoom

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20** 

12:45 PM ESL— English as a Second Language—Newman Hall

3:00 PM Hispanic Baptisms—Church 4:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary—Zoom

6:15 PM Reconciliation—Monteith Room



# LOOKING FOR SOMETHING???

If you have misplaced items while at church, we may have them waiting for you in the parish office! Please stop by the office to check the Lost & Found box.

#### MASS INTENTIONS: AUGUST 12 – 20

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

5:00 PM Mass for + Edward Vuylsteke

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

8:30 AMMass forPeople of the Parish10:00 AMMass forPat & Coralyn McIntee12:00 PMMass forBenefactors of the Parish2:00 PMMass forStaff of the Parish5:00 PMMass forBrian McEnery

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14** 

**5:10 PM** Mass for

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15
5:10 PM Mass for

**5:10 PM** Mass for

#### **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16**

**5:10 PM** Mass for

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17** 

**5:10 PM** Mass for

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18** 

**12:10 PM** Mass for

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

5:00 PM Mass for

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

8:30 AM Mass for People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Mass for + Helen Konopka Banks
 12:00 PM Mass for + Neal Laurance

**2:00 PM** Mass for + Maria Torrijos Flores & + Benito

Bolanos

**5:00 PM** Mass for Staff of the Parish



#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Sunday 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Monday 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

#### **MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY VIGIL** 

5:00 PM

#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

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https://www.michigancatholics.org/category/live-mass/

Noon

2:00 PM (Spanish)

Watch live or anytime after the mass

https://www.michigancatholics.org/category/misa-en-linea/

5:00 PM

#### **DAILY MASSES**

Monday-Thursday 5:10 PM Friday 12:10 PM

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM or by appointment

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

## AUGUST 15 : ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15 is a Holy day of obligation. We will have our 5:10 pm regular mass.

#### **FALL SCHEDULE**

Beginning on August 27th, we will return to regular parish hours, and the 8 p.m. Sunday Mass will resume.

## Our times for confession will also change beginning that weekend:

- Sunday from 4:00 to 4:30 PM & from 7:00 to 7:30 PM
- Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 PM

#### Office hours:

- Sunday 8:00 AM—10:00 PM
- Monday-Thursday 10:00 AM 10:00 PM
- Friday 10:00 AM—7:00 pm
- Saturday 4:00 PM—6:00 PM



August 25

Evelyn Hernandez Jordan & Carlos Vega

August 26

Luis & Gloria Saldivar

September 2

Daniela Esquivel & Eddie Salazar

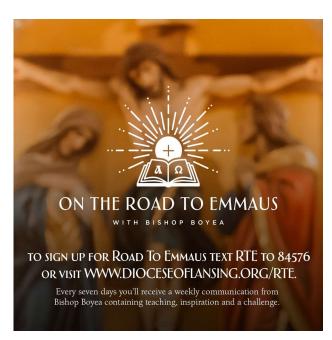
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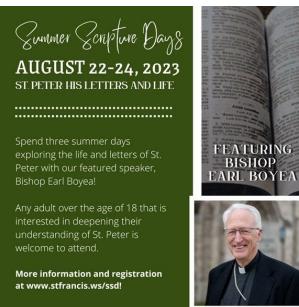
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#### **ART ON A JOURNEY ART SHOW**

You're invited to attend the **Art on a Journey Art Show** at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch. The Art on a Journey Art Show displays artwork created by homeless and formerly homeless people. Exhibit runs from August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup> in the lower level display case area. When homeless artists create art they gain much needed support while making sense of the world and finding meaning and purpose in it — it's a journey we're all on.





#### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

Review the newsletter of the Catholic Social Service, the work that CSSW they do is long-range, empowering, and significant. Read some inspiring stories.

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# Join a conversation around life, faith and meaning.

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people, where you can say anything you like or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs.

- Connect with new people
- Watch an episode on a question of faith
- Share your thoughts & hear from others

Wednesdays starting
Sept 20th at 6:30pm with
dinner included

Location: Pizza House
618 Church St., Ann Arbor

Register here



Are you or someone you know celebrating a significant wedding anniversary: 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage?

If so, you are most cordially invited to attend a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Boyea and followed by a cake & punch reception on Saturday, 9/16/23, at 4:30pm, at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 955 Alton RD, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Please scan this QR code to RSVP or call or email Elizabeth Neuens (517-342-2465; eneuens@dioceseoflansing.org



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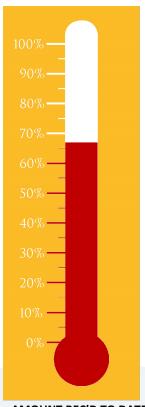
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If you have any questions please contact Kristen Gowman

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## Sunday Readings

#### **AUGUST 13**—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I 1 Kgs 19:1-9a, 11-13a

Psalm Ps 85:9-14 Reading II Rom 9:1-5

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends his hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through his quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

#### AUGUST 20—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Is 56:1, 6-7

Psalm Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Reading II Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Mt 15:21-28

All peoples are invited to worship the Lord and to know his ways. God's gifts and his call are to Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus comes to recognize the universality of God's call in granting the request of the Canaanite woman.

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