

**ORDINARY TIME**

24 July 2016

**TODAY**

- Coffee & Donuts with VBS (DH) after Sunday Masses
- Nursery (Room #102) during the 10:30 Mass

**MONDAY | July 25 | St. James, Apostle**

2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28

- Men's Bible Study (Room #101) 7am
- M. School Camp Edge (M-F Various Locations) begins at 8:30am

**TUESDAY | July 26 | Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Jer 14:17-22 / Mt 13:36-43

- Mass in Chapel (+Tony Kraus) 8:30am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel) 9am-7pm

**WEDNESDAY | July 27**

Jer 15:10, 16-21 / Mt 13:44-46

- Mom's Support Group Playgroup (Playground) 10am
- Mass in Chapel (+Mary Teerman) 6:30pm

**THURSDAY | July 28**

Jer 18:1-6 / Mt 13:47-53

**FRIDAY | July 29 | St. Martha**

Jer 26:1-9 / Jn 11:19-27

- Mass in Church (+Daniel Cusack) 8:30am

**SATURDAY | July 30**

Jer 26:11-16, 24 / Mt 14:1-12

- Reconciliation/Confessions (Church) 4-4:45pm
- Contemporary Choir Practice (Church) 4:30pm

**LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | July 31, 2016****18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 / Col 3:1-5, 9-11 / Lk 12:13-21

**5:30pm Saturday**

+Claudia Shaub +Frank Buchanan

**8:30am Sunday**

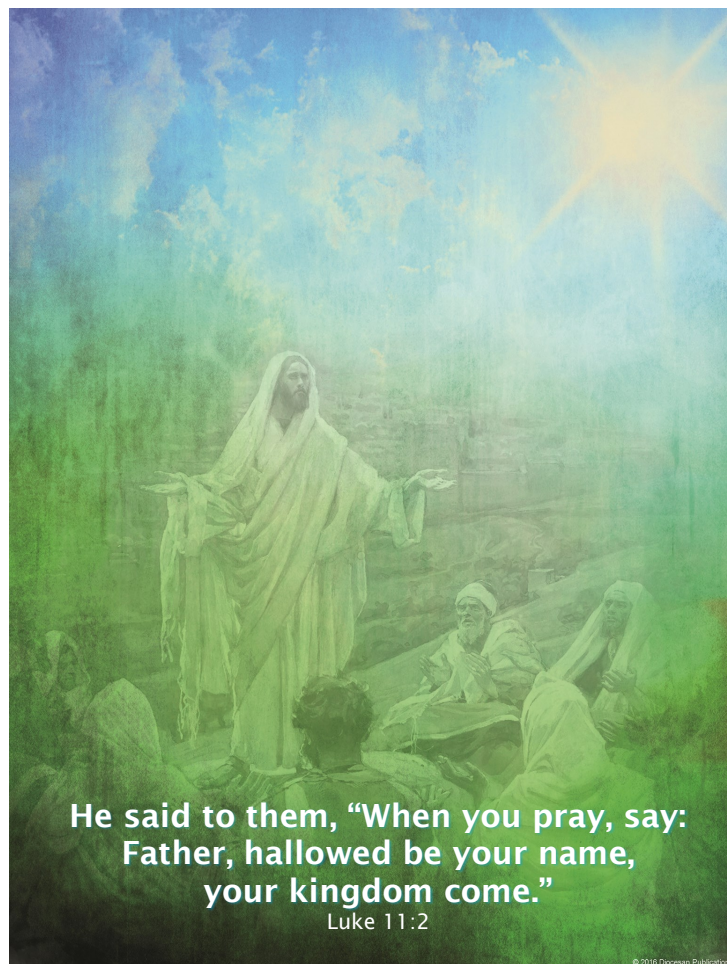
+Joseph Golubski +Claude DeYoung

**10:30am Sunday**

Parish Family



REAL PEOPLE + REAL PRESENCE

**Living in Mercy**

**Ask. Seek. Knock.** Do you know someone who is just so relentless? He tirelessly makes his point! She keeps at it and does not back down. They ask..and ask again..and yet again! Abraham, the merciful one, is just like that—reread of his persistence in Genesis 18:20-32. The friend is just like that, too, in Luke 11:1-13. And Jesus tells all who hear, and that is us today as well, be just like that in addressing God. Ask. Seek. Knock. Few words, few actions, great persistence.

- How will my prayer be persistent this week?
- For whom and for what will I pray?
- How can I respond like God and open my door (and my heart), give food to the hungry, bargain for the innocent?

**Prepare for next week:** Read and reflect on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (beginning on pg. 330) in the "Living Liturgy" missal.



**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH**

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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](mailto: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/](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/)

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

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**The View from 40th & Wilson**

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**SOME THOUGHTS ON PRAYER**

**One thing I really like about being a priest is that I am "paid to pray."**

I didn't make up that phrase—"paid to pray." I heard it in the seminary from a priest who was trying to emphasize the importance of priests having a disciplined prayer life.

At our Lord's Day Masses this summer, we are journeying with Jesus toward Jerusalem in Luke's gospel. It's a stressful, chaotic trip. Can you relate?

Somehow, Jesus remains focused through it all. His disciples notice. And thus we have Jesus teaching his disciples The Lord's Prayer in today's gospel.

Sometimes in the morning when I am praying, I feel a bit of sadness for the people I know who choose not to pray; who do not choose the "better part," as Jesus said in last week's Gospel passage. Do they realize what they are missing?

As we did with our Lenten theme a few years ago, I encourage you to "Find your holy place." That is, dedicate a location in your home

where you can sit down, let all your anxieties flow out like a bathtub drain, and then lift up your heart to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I must do this first thing in the morning, equipped with a cup of coffee, the Liturgy of the Hours, some spiritual reading and silence. Have a designated span of time; setting a timer if necessary.

As a single guy who lives in a big house, I know this is much easier for me to arrange than for parents and people who live in crowded houses. You will need to adapt to fit your lifestyle; but don't give up.

I wonder if my desire to pray stems from the following poem which hung in our house as a child. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser quotes it in his new book, "Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity," which I highly recommend.

Sometimes, it feels like real work to pray. In the end, we are all "paid to pray" through the healing grace of a relationship with God.

**THE DIFFERENCE**

*I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish, I didn't have time to pray.*

*Problems just tumbled about me and  
grew heavier with each task;*

*Why doesn't God help me, I wondered;  
He answered, "You didn't ask."*

*I wanted to see joy and beauty,  
but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;*

*I wondered why God didn't show me—  
He said, "But you didn't seek."*

*I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the  
lock;*

*God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."*

*I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the  
day; I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to  
pray.*

~By GRACE L. NAESENS, as quoted in  
"Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity, by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser





## Faith Formation | Religious Education

ELIZABETH POST  
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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION** for the 2016-2017 Faith Formation year has begun! Register online, grab a form outside the Formation Office or at coffee & donuts this weekend after the Sunday Masses.

### Catechists and Volunteers are needed!

Email [formation@spxcatholic.org](mailto:formation@spxcatholic.org) with questions or for more information.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP EDGE ~ Be Calm & Have Mercy!

Camp Edge is upon us ~ July 25-29 ~ Schedule is as follows:

Monday ~ 8:30am-1pm (bring paint brush or roller)

Tuesday ~ 8:15am-1pm

Wednesday & Thursday ~ 6:30am (bring overnight supplies; return will be Thursday around 8pm)

Friday ~ 8:15am-12pm

### SURVIVING 7TH GRADE ~ Middle School Orientation

Save the date...Aug. 31...more details to follow!

**NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB** meets at 7pm Monday, Aug. 1 in McDuffee to discuss *The Sandpiper* by Susan Lovell. Contact Linda Stray ([lindastray@yahoo.com](mailto:lindastray@yahoo.com) or 249-8034) or Mary Boehm ([meb2904@aol.com](mailto:meb2904@aol.com) or 538-9635) with inquiries.



### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell** [www.lifeprocesscenter.org](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org)

The Franciscan Life Process Center is offering a Summer Day Camp with a variety of themes, integrating art, music and nature on a beautiful 230-acre property near Lowell. Children ages 5-12 will focus on group interaction and creativity building cooperation, problem-solving and conflict resolution skills

Aug. 1-5 Bees, Bugs and Butterflies

Aug. 8-12 Animals: Wild and Tame

Cost: \$125 per week, includes supplies, snacks & drinks. Family rates available. Call (616)897-7842 for more information. Details and registration at: <http://bit.ly/23rEkzX> (case sensitive)

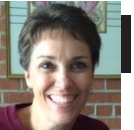
**Men's Summer Retreat - Lowell Campus | Wednesday, Aug. 3 9am- 5pm** Cost: \$50, includes lunch. Presenter: Msgr. Gaspar (Gus) Ancona. Opportunities for prayer, reflection, confession, and Mass. Arrangements for transportation from Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Franciscan Center available. Boarding from IHM parking lot 7:30-8am. To register or for details: <http://bit.ly/1WL5JaX>



**Our need to praise God never takes a vacation.**  
Visit [WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG](http://WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG)  
to find the Eucharist on your summer travels

## High School Youth Ministry

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### HS YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES!

- **July 28** | Vocation Vacation Day at Heritage Park ~ 6-8pm
- **Aug. 7** | 3rd Annual Beach Volleyball Tournament at St. Sebastian ~ Noon-2:30pm

See the parish website for flyers and permission slips. RSVP required for some events.

# CROSSROADS PARISHES PRESENT

# VOCATION VACATION DAY!



**WHEN?**  
**THURSDAY JULY 28 2016**  
**6PM — 8PM**


**WHAT IS IT?**

- Grilling, Frisbee & a chance to spend time with Grand Rapids Seminarians, Deacons, and Priests
- Learn more about God's call in your life

**FOR WHOM?**  
**CROSSROADS PARISHES**  
Grades 7-12

**WHERE?**  
**HERITAGE PARK**  
4264 CANAL AVENUE  
GRANDVILLE, MI 49413

If you are interested, please return permission slip to the Youth Ministry Office by **Monday July 25th.**



Should you have any questions, please contact: **Rebecca Davis Jones**  
(616) 620-0320 ext. 1107 or [rebecca@highlandcatholic.org](mailto:rebecca@highlandcatholic.org)

\*\*In case of bad weather we shall please meet at Holy Redeemer Parish\*\*

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING



### Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

NFP is a method of birth regulation that is consistent with Catholic marriage vows by which a couple takes time to understand and recognize the natural and biological signs of fertility and infertility.

The Church's teaching on marital sexuality is an invitation for men and women — an invitation to let God be God, to receive the gift of God's love and care, and to let this gift inform and transform us, so we may share that love with each other and with the world."



## Parish Life

ANDY REBOLLAR

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**MOM'S GROUP:** Join the Mom's Group for a playgroup on Wednesday, July 27 at 10am on the St. Pius X playground. If it's raining, we will cancel. Can't make this one? We'll have another on Wednesday, Aug. 31. Questions, contact Jennifer Lawrence at 821-4502 or jenlawrence@sbcglobal.net

**50+ PICNIC:** Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 9 in Danner Hall for a picnic. The parish will supply the meat, buns, and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass. We will play Bingo after lunch...come enjoy the fun! RSVP by Aug. 4 to the Parish Office at 532-9344.

**MARRIAGE MINISTRY SUMMER EVENT:** All married couples-join us for our summer social on **Aug. 4** for the Grand Lady Riverboat Cruise- Happy Hour-Live Music: Freehand Band. Cost is \$23 for the cruise & dinner; cruise only is \$10. Boarding begins at 6pm with a cash bar; boat departs at 7pm sharp and returns at 9pm. You're responsible for purchasing your own tickets. Arrive no LATER THAN 6:30 pm. This will not be a private event. Purchase tickets ahead of time at: <http://www.grandlady.info/events/happy-hour-live-music-freehand-band-august-4/>. Let us know you will be coming. Please sign up at this link: <http://bit.ly/marriedcruisersvp>. We hope you can join us.

**GOLF OUTING & HAITI BENEFIT:** Our annual Golf Outing is coming up on Sunday, August 14 at Gleneagle Golf Course. The 18-hole scramble will begin at 1pm with dinner in Danner Hall to follow. This fun event of golf and dinner benefits Sr. Luvia's mission in Haiti. The deadline to sign up to golf is August 1. If you are not a golfer, please consider donating to Sr. Luvia's mission or being a hole sponsor for \$50. Contact the parish office for more details or visit [spxcatholic.org](http://spxcatholic.org).

**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 July 30 & 31

Mass Coord.	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
	Mary Carter	Tony & Sandy Grandy	Sharon Love
Greeters	Carol Brink Denise Doyle Donna Vaughn <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Ren Hanselman Steve & Kristi LeQuia Ruth Lobert	Dolores Jesnek Molly Jesnek Jim & Kathy Kohmescher
Servers	Emi Zielinski Lily Zielinski <b>1 Volunteer Needed</b>	Andrew Dukesherer Lexi Dukesherer <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Ryan Minnick Zack Valko Loren Wilkie
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Carter Mattie Conlon Angie Lemont Harold Lemont Mary Lynch Danita O'Brien Diane Remenak Melissa Seguin Paula Seguna	Jeanine Foster Lexi Hass Nancy Hogerheide Deb Lampani Steven LeQuia Debra Neff Tara Pankratz Mary Rademacher Kendall Wright	Elaine Albrecht Monique Bassett Kristen Elder Donna Huyge Dolores Jesnek Jen Meyering Kris Phillips Rick Ruemenapp Debbie Shereda Tom Shereda Mike Signore Andrew Sundstrom Jackie Sundstrom
Lector	Andrew Smith Monica Tyler	Justin Noordhoek Janine Skavnak	Helena Signore <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
LWC			Alice Gary
	Usher Team: W	Usher Team: H	Usher Team: J

real people + real presence

## Growing in Christ

### Weekly Stewardship Report

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** Today's Gospel parable speaks to generosity. In the deep of night, a sleepy friend responds to his neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable that a friend would deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates **God's** generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. This week, prayerfully reflect on God's generosity and what your response could be. — July 2016 ICSC Catholic Stewardship e-bulletin

## Time and Talent

### MASS ATTENDANCE

July 16 & 17: 5:30pm—220 | 8:30am—280 | 10:30am—376

**ST. PIUS X FAMILY:** I'm writing to thank you for providing ice for us during the 4th of July celebration! With the kitchen at the Grandville Middle School being unavailable due to construction, we needed a source for ice and Tony Grandy and the St. Pius team stepped up. Thanks again for your generosity and cooperation in our time of need, which helped us to keep the community and our personnel safe. *Michael W. May/Fire Chief City of Grandville*

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** It's that time of year again. Take advantage of the sales! Supplies can be put in the food bin in the vestibule. We need items by Aug. 21 so they can be delivered before school starts. Thank you for helping those in need!



**CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOOD PANTRY** needs the following: brown rice, pancake mix & syrup, canned mushrooms, peaches, pears, baked beans, and pork-n beans. Your donations to the pantry help in filling weekly orders to those in need. Thank you!

**PRISON & JAIL MINISTRY:** Join us for an informational session to see if this ministry is right for you. They will be Tuesday, Aug. 9 from 10:30am-1:30pm or 6:30-9:30pm at Cathedral Square in downtown Grand Rapids. Contact Tricia Worrell by Aug. 2 at [tworrell@dioceseofgrandrapids.org](mailto:tworrell@dioceseofgrandrapids.org) or (616) 475-1255 to register.

## Treasure

PARISH SUPPORT	Last week 7/16 & 7/17	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Fiscal Year 2016-17   Week 3/52			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 10,848	\$32,864	\$34,234
Electronic Giving <a href="http://spxcatholic.org">spxcatholic.org</a>	\$ 2,780	\$13,637	\$13,487
Youth Envelopes	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 5
Loose Offerings	\$ 651	\$ 1,929	\$ 1,786
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 14,280</b>	<b>\$ 48,431</b>	<b>\$ 49,512</b>
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (4,319)	\$ (6,261)	\$ -
<b>OTHER GIVING</b>			
Master's Mission	\$ 151	\$ 1,558	\$ 1,743

St. Pius X has 948 registered households. Last week, 271 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.

**World Youth Day 2016 is underway in Krakow, Poland.** Please pray for the 90 pilgrims traveling from the Diocese of Grand Rapids, especially our parishioners **Brenda and Shelby Bargenquast**.





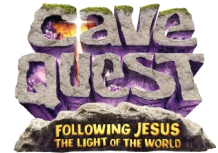
## Our prayer list for healing

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.

Jenny Walsh	Gerry Dekkinga	Bob Brock	Joe Capriglione
Kenneth Schumacher	Mary LaSarge	Deacon Norm Riksen	Erika Yonker
Kelsey Gibson	Andre Miles	Lenore Nufrio	Marie Nevins
Robert Kasperlik	Catherine Cesare	Diane & Mary Prindle	Andy Wierzbicki
Joe Lemont	Henry Visscher	Betty DiTrapani	Diane Rudnik
Beverwyk Family	Joe & Margaret Grandy	Rose Reilly	Clara Raaymakers
Anthony McAndrew	M. Forrester	Laurie Bialik	Sally Thome
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	Linda Meagher
Kathy Maslowski	Charles & Mag Frodl	Patrick Bartz	Ilene Topolinski
Deb Russo	Tom & Becky Hoffmann	Ellen O'Toole	Sarah Johnson
Catherine Owens	Mike Connell	Edward Kaminski	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 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 Ressel
Kerry Deboer	Donna Waters	Diane Remenak	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	Cindy Thrall
Gina Catania	Martha VanDyke		



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** was a huge success! We had over 120 participants and 60+ volunteers. The kids spent the week spelunking through caves and learning about Jesus! Thank you to all who participated and volunteered to make this a memorable and life-changing week.



*We offer the sympathy, love, and prayers  
of our parish to the family of:*

**TOM MAUE**

*father of Bradley (Tracy) Maue*

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** - Rekindle the romance in your marriage and make it even better! Join a Worldwide Marriage Encounter to renew and enrich your marriage and your faith, too! Weekends are scheduled for Aug. 5-7 at St. Mary's in Westphalia; Sept. 16-18 at the Augustine Center near Petoskey, and Oct. 21-23 at St. Patrick's in Brighton. For more information on these and other Weekends or to apply, please visit [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org) or call Harry & Karen Porter at (888) 628-7433.

**Attention Catholic Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls and Venturers** - Mark your calendars for the Annual Catholic Scout Retreat, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting.

When: August 19-21

Location: Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell

For more information and to register: [www.grccscouting.org](http://www.grccscouting.org)

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