St. Patrick Catholic Church
Portland, Michigan
August 18, 2019
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

BACK TO SCHOOL
Worship and Prayer

Scripture Readings

Sunday
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Monday
Saint John Eudes, Priest
Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday
Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday
Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope
Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday
Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday
Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday
Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Sunday
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 19, 2019
No Mass

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
6:00 PM | † Dick & † Fran Mauren

Wednesday, August 21, 2019
NO Mass

Thursday, August 22, 2019
9:30 AM | For the Students, Staff & Benefactors of St. Patrick School

Friday, August 23, 2019
8:00 AM | For the Priests in the Diocese of Grand Rapids

Saturday, August 24, 2019
4:30 PM | † Gilbert & † Stella Fox

Sunday, August 25, 2019
7:30 AM | † Frank Spratto
9:30 AM | † Bernadine Witgen
11:30 AM | For the People of St. Patrick Parish

Sponsor of the week:

Van Deusen Transport
Andy Van Deusen Parishioner
616.902.4130

Lord, come to my aid!

Bulletin deadlines

September 8th Bulletin deadline will be Thursday, August 29th at 10:00 AM due to Labor Day.
**Altar Appointment— Aug. 24 & 25, 2019**

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**ALTAR SERVERS**

| 4:30 PM       | Alex Fedewa | Kenzie Fedewa | Bryce Wendling | Adriana Wendling |
| 7:30 AM       | Samantha Teachworth | Natalee Teachworth |
| 9:30 AM       | Jamelyn Forist | Riley Mosser | Marian Pearson | Henrik Waltersdorf |
| 11:30 AM      | Emma Weller | Carly Scheurer | Emma Scheurer | Hannah Weller |

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**

| 4:30 PM       | Marlene McAllister | Jane Pohl |
| 7:30 AM       | Betsy Rogers | Sue VanLente |
| 9:30 AM       | Bruce & Diane Beachnau |
| 11:30 AM      | Dave & Mary Campbell |

**Prayers of the Faithful**

That we have the courage to step out of our comfort zone and stand up for life, marriage and religious liberty.

**Stewardship Reflection**

“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”

*(Luke 12:51)*

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today’s world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

**Family Perspective**

By Bud Ozar

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society, which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

**Fall Mass Schedule Begins Aug. 22**

Monday’s—No Mass  
Tuesday’s—6:00 PM  
Wednesday’s—9:30 AM Mass (Elem. School Mass)  
Thursday’s—9:30 AM Mass (High School Mass)  
Friday’s—8:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful gift we have, now with increased access in our Adoration chapel across Church St. Adoration hours are:

- Monday’s, noon to 7:00 PM.  
- Wednesday’s, noon to 11:00 PM.  
- Thursday’s, 9:00 AM to noon.  
- First Friday’s of the Month, 10:00 AM to midnight.

When the tabernacle is open we are required to have at least two people present with Jesus. We also need a couple more parishioners willing to sub for regular adorers, when they occasionally have schedule conflicts.

If you would like more information; call or text Mike Cook at 517-242-1352. If you haven’t experienced spending some quiet time in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, stop in and be blessed.

**Congratulations!**

Mr. and Mrs. Dane & Kimberly Schafer  
On Your Wedding Day  
August 10, 2019  
“They are no longer two but one flesh. What God has joined together, let no man separate.”  
Matthew 19:6
Children's Faith Formation

Summer Challenges

Bring in a bulletin from another Parish you visit over the summer. Pin the bulletin up on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the back of church. Be sure to put your name on it.

Make a Rosary with the kits that are available in the back of church. When returning the Rosary, put your name on the label and pin it to the bulletin board in the back of church.

Prizes will be given out for each bulletin or rosary you turn in.

St. Patrick, Portland, Michigan

News & Events

Protecting God's Children

Awareness Session
Sunday August 25th–
1:00PM to 4:00PM

St. Patrick Parish will be hosting a Diocesan “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Sunday, August 25, 2019 in the Parish Hall. Completion/attendance at an Awareness Session is required for all parish and school staff and for is also required for all volunteers/parents working with children and for chaperones accompanying children on field trips. If you have not already attended a session, here is your opportunity. Note: ALL Registrations MUST be completed over the Internet online. Pre-registration is required in order to insure that enough materials will be shipped to the parish for attendees.

In order to register, go to www.virtus.org.

* On the left side of the page, in the green column, click on the words “First-Time Registrant”
* Click on “View a list of sessions”.
* Click in the box stating “Select your organization”. * Scroll down to “Grand Rapids. MI (Diocese)” and click on it.
* Click “Select”. * Scroll down the page to see the locations.
* Go to top of page and click the ‘Start Registration” box.
* Complete each step for the registration.

You will be asked to create a username and password and to fill out additional information.

NOTE: The national organization prints certificates exactly the way you register your first and last name. Please register by the end of the day, Wednesday Aug. 21st, 2019. If you have any questions or have any difficulties registering, please Contact Lori Thelen at 517-647-6505 x419.

VERY IMPORTANT: Because of the seriousness and importance of the video part of the session, there will be no admittance after the video portion has begun. Please arrive early.

Save The Dates

Monday, August 26, 2019: Catechist In-Service. Grades K-4 meet 6:00-7:30 PM. Grades 5-8 meet 7:30-9:00 PM in room 115.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019: Faith Formation Open House. Plan on attending Mass at 6:00 PM with Open House to follow.

Monday, September 16, 2019: First night of classes at 6:30 PM-8:00 PM in the school classrooms.

Sports Raffle Tickets

The St. Patrick Athletic Association has 90 tickets still available for purchase. Proceeds support the athletic programs. For information or to purchase a ticket contact Shayla Schneider at 517-204-4280.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Together with your families, the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you.

Bishop Walkowiak is inviting all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries to join him on Sunday, Oct. 13 at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew (301 Sheldon Ave. SE, Grand Rapids).

Please invite your family and friends, a simple reception will immediately follow. RSVP to the parish office at 517-647-6505 by October 6.
July Sports Raffle winners:

George Rutherford
Carol Wilcox
Ken Johnson
Robin Garn

Thank you for your continued support of St. Patrick Athletic Programs!

Aquinas College Visit Day – Friday, August 30

Aquinas College invites any high school students interested in getting the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad and more! Our next AQDay is Friday, August 30th from 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM and details/registration can be found at aquinas.edu/aqday.

Help Increase Eucharistic Adoration

The number of parishioners spending quiet time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel has been increasing, so we’re hoping to increase the hours of availability to include 9:00 AM to noon on Thursdays. To do this we need to have two people committed to being there in Jesus’ presence for one of those hours each week. A list is provided so you can call a sub to fill in if you are sick, on vacation or have an occasional scheduling conflict.

Why? People who spend quiet time before Jesus consistently report experiencing greater peace, increased appreciation and desire for going to mass and greater love for their Catholic faith. Wherever Eucharistic Adoration is practiced, greater numbers of vocations to religious life result, charitable giving increases and more people begin returning to the Church and sacraments. When you simply spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist, blessings extend far beyond you and our parish, truly affecting the whole world.

Here’s something to consider. Four years ago, when the tornado struck Portland and caused such damage, no one was killed or seriously injured. Though damage was great right across the street from St. Pat’s, the church and school were totally missed by the tornado. But did you know that Eucharistic Adoration was going on that day at that very time? It’s something to ponder.

Please call the parish office or Mike Cook at 517-242-1352 if there is an hour you could cover on Thursday mornings. If not, consider stopping at the chapel during current hours on Mondays, noon to 7 pm, Wednesdays noon to 11:00 PM, and First Fridays, 10:00 AM to midnight.

St. Patrick’s Parish, as encouraged by Bishop Walkowiak, the Michigan Catholic Conference, and Michigan Bishops need YOUR support to bring forward legislation to Michigan lawmakers that would ban dismemberment abortion. This abortion procedure does nothing to help women but instead dismembers a living baby inside the womb. In fact, the ban is needed because last year, approximately 1,908 unborn babies were aborted through this procedure in Michigan.

The Portland Knights of Columbus and Portland Right to Life will have tables at entrances of the church the weekend of Aug. 24 & 25th and again on Sept. 7 & 8th with the petitions. You must be 18 years of age and a registered voter to sign.

The language on the Petition reads: An initiative petition to amend section 90h of the Michigan Penal Code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.90h, to define “dismemberment abortion;” to prohibit a person from performing a dismemberment abortion unless necessary to save a pregnant woman whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness or injury; to authorize the legislature to intervene in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of this proposal; to allow the spouse of a woman or parent of a minor who obtained a dismemberment abortion to sue for damages; and to prescribe criminal penalties for an individual who knowingly performs an abortion in violation of the proposed initiated law.

For more information, go to www.micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife

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Knights Of Columbus
Are you interested in becoming a Knight? To find out more information visit KofC.org or how you can become an electronic member of Knight of Columbus - not assigned to any local council by simply visiting KofC.org/JoinUs. Why Join?

• Exclusive access to knights.net and subscription to our Columbia magazine.
• Online resources to guide you in the practice of prayer, devotions and spiritual formation.
• A trained and dedicated brother Knight field agent assigned to you and your family.
• Exclusive eligibility to purchase Knights of Columbus Insurance and retirement products for you and your family.
• Access to select K of C events and programs in Michigan.

If you wish to be contacted by someone from your local Council 2168, simply enter that number when prompted and your information will be forwarded.

Firekeepers Casino
The Portland Knights of Columbus Council 2168 will be sponsoring a bus trip to Firekeepers Casino on Wednesday Sept. 18, 2019. The cost is $35.00 with each participant receiving $20 in casino play and a $5 food voucher. The bus will leave the Knights Hall parking lot located at 690 Maynard Road Portland at 9 a.m. and arrive at the casino at 10:00 am. The bus will depart the casino at 3 pm and arrive back in Portland at 4 p.m. Participants must register in advance for this trip. For more information or to register, contact Rich Schneider at (517) 647-4567, or John Vallier at (517) 647-6409.

Church Pictorials
If you did not pick up your pictorial from the parish office there is still time! I also have a very limited number of past pictorials that you can get on a first come - first serve basis: 1985/1990/1997/2001/2006.

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Ministries
Eucharistic Adoration
Monday: Noon - 7:00 PM | Wednesday: Noon - 11:00 PM | First Friday’s: 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Ministry to Sick /Homebound................................ Parish Office
(517) 647-6505

(Please notify the parish office of parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or in need of pastoral care.)

Parish Prayer List............................................ Parish Office
(517) 647-6505

(Please notify the parish office if you would like the Parish to pray for you or a member of your family.)
Online Giving

St. Patrick Church is trying to keep up as technology continues to change. We offer an online giving process that we hope will streamline the contribution process and develop a habit of giving regularly as outlined in the Faithful Giving Program. One way of giving is through your traditional envelope giving, another is through scheduling a donation through Connect Now Giving. The link can be found on the St. Patrick Church website. Another way is through text messaging: From a cell phone, text a donation to 1-517-641-2226. You will answer a few questions and then your donation will be processed. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the parish office.