

August 16, 2020—20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020—21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 7:00PM. Sunday: 8:00 AM

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From the Father Joe....

The 20th Week in Ordinary time: Matthew 15:21-28



Jesus was ignoring the Canaanite woman as they walked along. But she dogged him. She was relentless and determined to get his attention. The disciples begged Jesus to send her away. Instead, Jesus stopped and questioned her motives. He examined her faith and found her to be a woman of great faith. By the end of their conversation, her daughter was healed instantly. This Canaanite woman dogged Jesus for she knew that Jesus could heal her daughter.

We hear often how athletes train and train for one moment when they could achieve a gold medal in the Olympics. There was a young man from my high school who trained to be an Olympic speed skater. Several times, he made it to the Olympics but failed to achieve any medal, let alone a gold medal. He never gave up. His dogged spirit was just like that of the Canaanite women's. He never lost sight of his goal. In 1994, Dan Jensen in the last race of his career as an Olympic speed skater won the gold medal for the 1000-meter speed skating race.

Do we have that same dogged spirit when we pursue a relationship with Jesus?

The 21st week in Ordinary Time: Matthew 16:13-20

"One day Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

This was a very profound moment in Peter's life not only with his relationship with Jesus but also his relationship with the Church, the body of Christ. Peter becomes the Church's spoke person as he declares that Jesus is the Son of the living God. Jesus proclaims Simon Peter as the patriarch of the new covenant.

Jesus names Simon Peter Petros, meaning the rock on which Jesus will build his Church. Jesus sees something in Peter that most people did not see. Jesus saw his profound faith and love for him.

Do we allow Jesus to see what others cannot see in us? Do we allow Jesus to see our deep love for him? When Jesus asks the Church who do you say that I am, how do we respond? Are our words those recorded by Peter or are they our own words that describe our deep love for Jesus? (VISION 2000, Fr. Mark Link, S.J.)

Hope After Abortion

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness.

You are not alone... there is Forgiveness, Healing and Hope. Do not continue to live in the shame, fear or numbness - call the toll-free national hotlines: Rachel's Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463) - National Hotline for Abortion Recovery: 866-482-LIFE (866-482-5433) To contact a local Project Rachel Ministry, www.HopeAfterAbortion.org then click on your state to find the contact information of someone near you.

"The Lord is kind and merciful" Psalm 103

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation schedule has returned to both St. Mary's in Hammond and St. Bridget's but NOT in the Reconciliation Room due to COVID19. This room is too small.

St. Mary's has Confessions on Sunday mornings from 7:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. in the regular confessional in church. However, you must use the behind the screen side only.

St. Bridget's will have confessions from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. each Saturday in the Garden View Room. There will be an option of face-to-face or anonymous.

Fr. Joe and I are available for confessions by appointment. Thanks.

Fr. Harris

Feast of the Assumption

Due to COVID19 the obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

St. Bridget's and St. Mary's will each have a Mass for this feast day on Friday, August 14 at 8:00 a.m. for anyone wanting to attend.

Wearing of Masks and Social Distancing at St. Mary's

It is becoming clear through the CDC (Center for Disease Control) that one of the simple ways to prevent the spread of COVID19 is to wear a mask. Right now in the Diocese of Superior the following guidelines are in effect:

- Our Church occupancy will be limited to 25% or less. There is overflow in the lower level of the Church with sound and video.
- Social distancing will be maintained.
- Masks will be expected. If you are unable to wear a mask you can still attend Mass. No one will be excluded.
- There will not be a Sign of Peace.
- There will be no congregational singing.
- People who are not feeling well or feel at risk, should NOT come.

Please note that the bishop's dispensation of the obligation to participate in Mass is still in effect. Thanks for your understanding.

Fr. Jerry Harris

Sacraments

Rest in Peace: Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Knoebel, the mother of Jay (Stacey) Knoebel.

Catholic Watchmen

The Catholic Watchmen meet the second Saturday of each month from 7:00 a.m. ending at 8:30 a.m. We begin with a half hour of prayer, move to the parish hall for a timely video and then close with discussion and prayer. There are usually around 20 to 25 men in attendance. All men are welcome to attend even if you are not Catholic. We hope to see you there. Fr. Harris

Saturday Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bibles Study meets on the first and third Saturday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall of St. Bridget's. All men are invited to attend. We use "Lectio Divino" in studying the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Sometimes I get a good story for the Sunday homily. Fr. Harris

Bible Study



Thursday Bible Study

With Thursday Mass being at 10 a.m. the Bible study will be at 8:30 a.m. at Church in the lower level of the church.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for catechists, assistants, and subs. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please reach out to Kelly or Tina via email.

kellyveenendaal@smicparish.org or tinabauer@smicparish.org



Save the Dates

Community Dinner: The Tuesday Community Supper is thriving during COVID by still offering a drive up dinner. This month St. Mary's prepared a Chef Salad supper and handed out 137 meals. Thank you to Carol Lebo, Becky Mikla, Darlene Mikla and Jan Ellefson for putting the supper together and handing them out. St. Mary's and 4 other local churches donate funds to keep this meal going. Watch for another drive-up meal Tuesday, September 1 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Baldwin.



An invitation

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

A prayer for the Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose

between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close
remember those children who will go hungry with no school meals.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those with no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.

Through Jesus Christ, whose arms of love embrace us all.

Amen

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13



Dear Friends,

Here is [A Word of Hope for August 3, 2020](#)

By Fr. Scott Steinkerchner, OP

Blessing and peace as this pandemic stretches on and on. Thank you for your support and encouragement as we Dominicans do our part to address these trying times through “A Word of Hope.” May God’s Word truly sustain us, helping us to not only endure, but to actually grow.

All “A Word of Hope” preachings have been archived and can be found on our website: <http://www.opcentral.org>.



Scripture Readings		
www.usccb.org/bible/readings		
Monday, 8/17	Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22	DEUTERONOMY 32:18-19, 20, 21
Tuesday, 8/18	Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30	DEUTERONOMY 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB
Wednesday, 8/19	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16	PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6
Thursday, 8/20	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14	PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Friday, 8/21	Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40	PS 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Saturday, 8/22	Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12	PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14
Sunday, 8/23	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20	PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
Monday, 8/24	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51	PS 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
Tuesday, 8/25	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26	PS 96:10, 11-12, 13
Wednesday, 8/26	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32	PS 128:1-2, 4-5
Thursday, 8/27	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51	PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Friday, 8/28	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13	PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
Saturday, 8/29	1 Cor 1:26-31 (430)/Mk 6:17-29	PS 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21
Sunday, 8/30	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27	PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

PRAYER LIST

PASTORAL MINISTRY

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Want someone prayed for, or listed in the bulletin prayer list? Please notify our prayer chain contact, Roxi Wakeen at (715) 698-2622, Text (651) 894-3385 or the church office.

The name of your loved one will be prayed for two months or unless you request it otherwise. You can resubmit your loved ones names at anytime.

Doug Pedrotty	Dominic Pedrotty	Kay Suckow
Donald Anibas	John Will	Bob Weninger
Ken Weiss	Lorraine Miller	Michael Pedrotty
Charlene Bretl	Rebecca Eckman	Heather Jaszczak
David Bazille	Jodi Hurtgen Wagner	Harriet Meath
Janet Gregor	Emma Becker	Carlene Brown
Tim Scott		

KC Corner

Next Meeting: September 13th
at 7:00PM.

Rosary at 6:45.

This meeting will take place at
Dennis Malecek residence,
1040 174th St., Hammond. .



Family of the Month for July 2020:

Dennis & Rhonda Malecek Family
CONGRATULATIONS!!

A special CONGRATULATIONS

to

Ron & Cyndi Rineck Family
They were chosen as Diocesan Family of the Month
for June

Tithes and Financial (prior week)

Adult Envelopes	\$4,033.00
Loose	\$0.00
Week #43 Budget	\$3,450.00
Week #43 Actual	\$4,033.00
YTD Budget	\$197,710.00
YTD Actual	\$200,381.24
CSA Goal	\$37,819.00
CSA Received	\$9,065.00
Percentage of Goal	24%

Mass Schedule - Immaculate Conception				
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
TUES	8/18	8:00 AM	+ People's Mass	
THURS	8/20	8:00 AM	+ Catherine Mary Tomko	Michael & Mary Hotka
FRI	8/21	8:00 AM	+ People's Mass	
SAT	8/22	7:00 PM	+ David Wood	Mary Lou Wood
SUN	8/23	8:00 AM	+ Kristy Yager	Paula Yager
TUES	8/25	8:00 AM	+ People's Mass	
THURS	8/27	8:00 AM	+ Catherine Mary Tomko	Michael & Mary Hotka
FRI	8/28	8:00 AM	+ People's Mass	
SAT	8/29	7:00 PM	+ James Schwartz	Clarisse & Joe Paron
SUN	8/30	8:00 AM	+ David Wood	Mary Lou Wood

Ministry Schedule for the weekends through September 20, 2020				
	Reader	Greeter	Usher	Sacristan
Saturday, 8/22 7:00 PM	Volunteer Needed	Fred Jourdeans Linda Jourdeans	Scott Amacher Todd Kostrzak Mark Mikla Austin Nichols	Pat Schumacher
Sunday, 8/23 8:00 AM	Megan Hietala	Juanita Ferg Cathie Simmons	Robert Aune Maria Jacobson Pete Nusbaum Volunteer Needed	Martina Halverson
Saturday, 8/29 7:00 PM	Christine Stork	Loreen Ranals Nicholas Ranals	Scott Amacher Toby Hable Joe Kusilek Patrick Strand	Loreen Ranals
Sunday, 8/30 8:00 AM	Volunteer Needed	Eric Becker Kelly Becker	Curtiss Bourget Thomas Erdman Peter Lohmeier Volunteer Needed	Dan Kohler
Saturday, 9/5 7:00 PM	Christine Stork	Virginia Anderson Carol Teigen	Terry Korte Jacob Kusilek Mark Mikla Scott Teigen	Pat Schumacher
Sunday, 9/6 8:00 AM	Mary Rumpel	Laurie Edelman Todd Edelman	Robert Aune Maria Jacobson Allie Rumpel Jim Rumpel	Deborah VanSomeren
Saturday, 9/12 7:00 PM	Linda Jourdeans	Toby Hable Traci Hable	Robert Aune Toby Hable Todd Kostrzak Joe Kusilek	Nancy Nichols
Sunday, 9/13 8:00 AM	Megan Hietala	Jeena Norenberg Ty Norenberg	Curtiss Bourget Thomas Erdman Peter Lohmeier Pete Nusbaum	Martina Halverson
Sunday, 9/13 10:00 AM Mass Picnic at St. Mary's	Christine Stork	Virginia Anderson Carol Holldorf	Scott Amacher Terry Korte Jacob Kusilek Volunteer Needed	Carol Holldorf
Saturday, 9/19 7:00 PM	Brody Peissig	Justin Peissig Sarah Peissig	Terry Korte Joe Kusilek Mark Mikla Austin Nichols	Virginia Anderson
Sunday, 9/20 8:00 AM	Phillip VanSomeren	Jeff Jacobson Maria Jacobson	Scott Amacher Greg Hawkins Maria Jacobson Volunteer Needed	Robert Aune

Chancery Bulletin - You can view the Chancery bulletin here: <http://www.catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin>

Ride to Worship - If you are unable to get to mass on Saturday or Sunday, please contact our church office and one of Welcoming Committee members will assist. We will try our best to get you there! Church office - Phone: (715) 796-2244; Email - admin@stmaryshammond.org; Office Hours: T & TH 11:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Please call the parish office for all scheduling.

Holy Communion for the Homebound - Call and leave your name and telephone number, and we will arrange a visit at your home by a Minister of Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick - First Mass of the quarter (Jan., April, July, & Oct.) at each nursing home and by appointment. Please call the cluster office for a priest to visit your home or hospital room - 715-796-2244.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Weekly on Sunday from 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM, or anytime by appointment.

Baptisms - A Baptism preparation is to be completed by parents prior to the Baptism of their first child.

Weddings - Weddings are to be scheduled six months prior to the wedding to allow for Marriage Preparation.

Spanish Mass - We have a large Spanish population in the area who are Catholic. To meet their spiritual needs, Mass in Spanish and English will be the second Saturday of the month at the 7:00p.m. at St. Mary's in Hammond. The prayers, readings, and intentions will be in Spanish and English. The Eucharistic Prayer will be in Spanish. We are blessed to have several members of St. Mary's who speak Spanish and will be able to help translate.