Holy Rosary Catholic Church St. Pio Adoration Chapel

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Masses, Confessions, & Devotions Check e-calendar for changes after printing (funerals, confessions times, etc.)

Saturday, August 31st • Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30-7:50	am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer	
8:15 am	Mass • Int. Joe Flaska (+) by Al Laskey	
3:00-3:45 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary		
4:00 pm	Anticipated Mass for 22nd the Sunday in Ordinary	
	Time • Int. Barbara Flores (+)by Wanye & Mary Hipp	

Sunday, September 1st • The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:20 am	M Prayer & Rosary; 7:30-7:50 Confessions
8:00 am	Mass • Int. For All Parishioners
11:00 am	Mass • Int. Thelma Weber (+) by Rita & Loren Wilson

Monday, September 2nd • Weekday

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer 5:45 pm Mass • Int. Jacob & Kelsey Junde by Robert & Katrina Grigg

Tuesday, September 3rd • St. Gregory the Great

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer 8:15 am Mass • Int. Theresa Miceli

Wednesday, September 4th • Weekday

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer 5:45 pm Mass • Int. Children of Holy Rosary; Holy League

Thursday, September 5th • St. Teresa of Calcutta

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer 8:15 am Mass • Int. Special Intention 1:00-3:00 pm Confessions in Office

Friday, September 6th • Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Increase in Vocations
5:00-5:30 pm Confession in Office
5:45 pm Mass in Chapel • Int. First Friday Mass Association

Saturday, September 7th • Blessed Virgin Mary

 7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
 8:15 am Mass • Int. Jean Zacharias (+) by Bernard Zacharias; Followed by Procession, Adoration, Confession
 3:00-3:45 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary
 4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for 23rd the Sunday in Ordinary Time • Int. For All Parishioners

Sunday, September 8th • The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:30-7:50 Confessions
 8:00 am Mass • Int. For Bridget McManus by the Coffman Family
 11:00 am Mass • Int. Dryden Family

From Father Libby



Blessed Labor Day weekend; back at it for all the youngsters and college young adults; the light switch in the weather usually flips after this weekend; before I know it, I'll be cranking up the wood stove. Thanks to all who made this a great summer. The tons of volunteer effort for keeping up the grounds (we can always use new recruits), big thanks to those who helped with the extra mass, especially ushers (please volunteer to be an usher, even once a month), the extra programs (cook and catechism had its last day last Monday, thanks to all our grill meisters.)

We're trying to squeeze in a couple more summer projects; it looks like the grotto is going to be started next spring, but the statues have arrived for the garden and grotto (thanks to all who donated for those)! Looking at sprinkler bids and a new well to power them (thank you, Greg). New fence for the cemetery and a refurbishing of the Cemetery sign. Brickwork on the East side of the school.

Summer brings with it its own form of contemplation, zoning out at the beach for many, or at a cottage 'meditating on nature,' and it restores the soul. Sort of like sports show forth natural virtue, we 'naturally contemplate' many things, reflecting on them. Animals don't do that. They don't, for instance, reflect on their sufferings. They have memories of things that were bad and avoid them, but don't reflect on why this and that is or was happening. Some amount of this natural contemplation/ meditation is good for us, but we have to be careful of eating too much of the 'bread of sorrows' that leads to self-love/victim mentality, despair, or, on the other end, too much elation from sports, time spent endlessly watching and playing them-not because they are bad but because God has revealed to us that we also have a supernatural end in which we must invest. Thus, the angel of Fatima, to the children who were playing, said, 'What are you doing?' Exhorting them to holy things and the work of the Spirit, the rosary, etc. (I mentioned St Rose of Lima in a homily recently who, at five years old, was making little sacrifices throughout her day.)

It's time to get back to more supernatural contemplation, and to do that, we need the food that fuels it, images (meditating on the mysteries of the rosary in our imagination, not just the goods of football), and ideas (spiritual reading spurring us on to want to be saints, studying the catechism without which we don't know God and who He is in order to talk with Him, which is what prayer is.) The will will follow something. Whatever is in our imagination usually. So what will we fill our wills with, for what will we labor as we reflect on this Labor Day, this school year? Will it lead to our supernatural end? Our salvation, or a natural end, good as that is, but will not lead to eternal life?

This is, again, why obedience is so important. If our wills are usually following our imagination (which are heavily influenced by our appetites and passions), they need another source to

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guide them not only away from bad things but after a certain amount of grazing (that is, enjoying natural legitimate goods), need to be directed to the supernatural end which the passions and appetites, short of supernatural experiences, cannot know. This is an act of faith. 'Father said I need to meditate 15 minutes a day (better yet, a holy hour every day, but...), do my rosary, and 15 minutes of spiritual reading. Examine my conscience (2) minutes) at night and offer my day in the morning offering.' Sheer obedience leads us to afterwards realizing why it is so importantafterwards meaning sometimes years. No wonder most of the world runs on bread and circuses.

Obedience, remember, is also where the (spiritual) money is. No merit for deciding years later, 'well I guess Father was right,' out of prudence, thinking things through and eventually agreeing. I've been having an interesting discussion with the men of the holy league about whether one can put a sign out in their yard for a political candidate who supports abortion, marriage not between a man and a woman, etc.

Collection Totals For August 24th & 25th Total.....\$8,652.00 For the Coming Week's Masses 4:00 pm September 7th **Propers Ben Freundl** Cantor Marie Freundl Lector Dick Dell'Acqua Acolyte Greg Robinson Ushers - Bryan Brzezinski, Bryon Bolton, Bernard Zacharias, Jonathan Manners 8:00 am September 8th

Propers Jim Thoreson, Jake Dunphey Cantor Emily Dunphey Lector Marc Maday Acolyte Jason Maday Ushers- Dale Pleva, Joe Peplinski, Fred Peplinski, Mike Tate

11:00 am September 8th Ushers- Bill Huddleston, Kris Zimmerman, John Martz, Tom Lesausky

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2nd Grade Sacraments

FAITH

We are gearing up for the upcoming Faith Formation year. If you plan on your child receiving their first confession, first Holy Communion, or Confirmation, please let the office know by August 15th. Your child should be seven years old by October 1st.

Faith Formation

We are now registering for the 2024/2025 Faith Formation year. Forms can be found online under the 'Faith Formation' tab.

Adoration & Witness

Bishop Walsh invites the faithful to an hour of Eucharistic

adoration followed by witness stories from National Eucharistic Congress pilgrims. Deepen your relationship with Jesus and receive encouragement to become witnesses to the joy of the Gospel and go out on an Eucharistic mission for the life of the world. September 17th at St. Francis. Other dates and times are posted on the diocesan website.

St. Joseph Fall Festival

Save the date for September 14th at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Center Rd in Traverse City. They will be hosting a Fall Festival with a raffle, games, prizes, silent auction, local wine tasting, and food provided by Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Call 231-421-7310 for raffle tickets.

Rosary Society Farmer's Market

Come one, come all to the Rosary Society's annual Farmer's Market on Labor Day weekend! Homemade and homegrown goods and goodies will be displayed on the convent lawn after all Sunday Masses on August 31st and September 1st. Proceeds go directly to the needs of Holy Rosary Parish.

Advertising in the Church Bulletin

Advertising in our printed and digital bulletins is an excellent opportunity for your business and also helps to eliminate the printing costs of the bulletin to your parish. Contact Greg Pope today to see if our Diocesan can help promote your business. Call: 616-295-0390 or email: gpope@diocesan.com

Life Chain October 6th

October 6th from 2:30-3:30 pm all are invited to a public prayer event to pray for the end of legalized abortion. For more information please contact 883-5491.

Baby Bottle Boomerang begins Sept. 8

Once again, Thrive Medical Clinic is running its yearly fundraiser to support its efforts in our community of supporting women who face unplanned pregnancies. They provide free ultrasounds, support for pregnant women, and baby supplies for those in need. You can donate online at https://thrivemedicalclinic.org/



OCIA

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or in becoming Catholic, please contact the office. If you are an adult and have not been Confirmed, please contact the office at 231-228-5429.

Land of Peace

Land of Peace- a nonprofit organization, will be with us on September 28th and 29th, speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosariesall made of olive wood, which is native to Israel and Bethlehem, Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" that is authentic from the holy land.

USCCB on Abortion

"The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it take place within the sanctuary of the family and because of the number of lives destroyed." USCCB November 2023

Coming Up...

September 2nd, Labor Day-Office closed

September 4th 6:30 pm—Holy League

September 15th 9:30 am — First Faith **Formation Class**



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