Holy Rosary Catholic Church St. Pio Adoration Chapel

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Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 2:30-5:45 pm Friday—9am-12:00 pm

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

Saturday, August 24th • ST. BARTHOLOMEW

7:30-7:50	am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am	Mass • Int. The Scott Family
3:00-3:45	pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary
4:00 pm	Anticipated Mass for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary
	Time • Int. L & D Members of the Piche Family

Sunday, August 25th • The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:30-7:50 Confessions
- 8:00 am Mass Int. Brian Nachazel (+) by Family
- 11:00 am Mass Int. For All Parishioners

Monday, August 26th • Weekday

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer5:45 pmMass • Int. Avis Chase (+) by Mike & Kathy Tate6:45 pmCook & Catechism

Tuesday, August 27th • St. Monica

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer 8:15 am Mass • Int. Steve & Suzanne Berninger by the Charles Berninger Family

Wednesday, August 28th • St. Augustine

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer 5:45 pm Mass • Int. Special Intention; Men's Euchre

Thursday, August 29th • The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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

Friday, August 30th • Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer 8:15 am Mass • Int. Ryan Nicholas Knudsen (+) by Brock & Lisa Morman

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

From Deacon Wigton



I was not in the crowd when Jesus revealed that He was the bread of Life. I was not there to hear Him say, 'Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no Life on you.' Or was I? My

response to these words was the same as those who were following Jesus 2000 years ago!

The majority of the crowd that followed Him did so because He fed them loaves and fish and cured them of illnesses. They left Him when He gave them this hard understanding of Life and salvation. Many hardened their hearts just like they did at Meribah and at Massah in the wilderness. I must admit that while in college, taking science classes, Jesus giving us His flesh to eat was more than I could believe. There must have been an explanation for what He meant to say. So, I was no different than the Jews that left Him. It was too much for them, and it was over the top for me! I left Him, too. Well not completely! I was still willing to love Him for who I thought He was. You might say I designed a Savior on my terms. He was loving. He came and died for me. It was a Protestant view. It was the view that the Jews had of Jesus as well. I believed He could heal. So, like the Jews I followed Him, hoping to see miracles. And I did witness some! A little girl with hemophilia constantly bled into her joints. It occurred so often, that she had developed joint swelling and deformity. Jesus healed her! Even though the factor eight deficiency was still there, the bleeding stopped, and the joints became normal. Just like the Jews of John chapter 6, I followed Jesus, fascinated with His miracles, but not willing to hear Him talk of giving me His flesh to eat or His blood to drink.

I am a Catholic Deacon, so you know that I eventually came around. I did! Only because He was willing to love me in my hardness and woo me despite the complexities of my ignorance. Truly, by His grace, He gave me every opportunity to learn and believe that He is God and is totally involved in saving us. So much so that He was willing to give Himself totally. He held nothing back. Not even His Life! I was in a terrible dilemma. I had a debt I could not pay. He paid a debt He did not owe. Who was I to tell Him how He should go about saving me. A drowning man cannot choose how he should be saved. He obviously must accept a rowboat if that is what the rescuer provides.

As humans, we conjecture. We place bets. We look at the odds and make decisions based on probable outcomes. If we had infinite knowledge, we would never need to conjecture or bet. We would know immediately the absolute perfect solution to every problem. Our Father is omnipotent. He does have infinite wisdom, knowledge, and power. His solutions are perfect! Only perfect, nothing less! We need to learn from Proverbs 3:4-5: "Lean not unto our own understanding! Trust in the Lord with all your heart!"

The situation we found ourselves in after the fall of Adam and Eve was beyond huge. We were condemned forever! Satan certainly felt that he had us and there would be no way for God to redeem us. We had died to sin. We had no Life in us. Recall

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that in the garden, we rejected the Tree of Life. That Life was Jesus, and we rejected Him and the Life He had given us.

As soon as we fell, as soon as we were dead because of sin, Jesus had a plan to restore His Life in us. It was to become one of us, to die for us, and to give us His flesh and blood so that we could have Life, the Life that only He could give. It was the whole plan. To eat His flesh and drink His blood is critical to its success. To receive His Life is the only way. We must eat His flesh and drink His blood!

If today you hear his voice telling you to eat His flesh and drink His blood so that you can have Life in you, harden not your hearts.

> Collection Totals For August 17th & 18th

Total.....\$8856.37

For the Coming Week's Masses

4:00 pm August 31st
Propers Jose→ & Timothy Trudeau
Cantor Hannah Trudeau
Lector Dick Dell'Acqua
Ushers - Brya Brzezinski, Len Zeck,
Bernard Zacharias, Jonathan Manners

8:00 amSeptember 1stPropersChris SteffkeCantorTonya RatajczakLectorJudy LaCrossAcolyteGreg RobinsonUshers- Dale Pleva, Joe Peplinski, TimLowe, Fred Peplinski

11:00 amSeptember 1stUshers- Phil Nachazel, Brent Weaner,Mike Kelly, John Martz

Blessings

Blessings, sometimes called "sacramentals," prepare us to receive the grace of the sacraments and hep us to grow to be more like Christ.

Donuts

If you would like to volunteer to pick up donuts for either Sunday mass once a month, please contact the office.

> *Our Sponsor of the Week* Maple Valley Nursing Home

2nd Grade Sacraments Class



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.

Focus on Life Dinner

The Grand Traverse Area

Right to Life Focus on Life Benefit Dinner presents an evening with Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee, on Monday, October 7th at the Grand Traverse Resort. Social Hour begins at 5 pm with Dinner and Program at 6 pm. Table of ten is \$850, Adult tickets \$85 and Students tickets \$65. Go to gtartl.com, "events" to register or call the office at 231-946-9469.

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

The Rosary Society's Famer's Market will be held after all masses on Labor Day weekend, August 31st, and September 1st. Donations of fresh vegetables, herbs, fruits, homemade baked goods (labeled, please), and homecrafted items (soaps, flowers, honey, etc.) are welcome! Please drop off donations in the convent no later than Saturday.



This Sunday, August 25th at 10:00am Bishop Jeffrey Walsh invites you to celebrate mass under the tent in Cedar. Music ministers will be Larry and his Larks with Bobby Atkinson.

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/ or pick up a baby bottle and return it with your donation.

Pancake Breakfast under the Big Tent

August 24th, the Cedar/Maple City Lions Club is hosting the Pancake Breakfast from 8am-11am. Adults \$12, Children 6-12 \$6, 5 and under free.

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

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

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August 28th—Men's Euchre

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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