



What I say to you in the darkness,
speak in the light;
what you hear whispered,
proclaim on the housetops.

Matthew 10:27

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6:30 A.M. MONDAY—FRIDAY

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 21, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We return to wearing “green vestments” and to hearing from Saint Matthew’s Gospel. Today we hear Jesus reassure His disciples by reminding them of the tender care of His heavenly Father, an appropriate theme for Father’s Day! Our heavenly Father watches over us assiduously, faithfully, lovingly; every hair on our heads is accounted for. So this weekend, especially, may we all recall all the times our own fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father figures ... living and dead ... made us feel safe and secure with their vigilant care.

Happy Father’s Day: The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time is the feast this weekend but we will have petitions for all dads, living and dead, in the General Intercessions. You probably know all of this, but I find it interesting to note that Father’s Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. Since then, of course, it has become an important holiday, not quite to the level of Mother’s Day, celebrated the second Sunday in May, but close.

Fathers’ Day Novena: A lovely custom here to remember all those mentioned above. The cards are in the main lobby of the church. Please list your fathers (and other “father figures”) so we can pray for them during these nine Holy Masses to be prayed for the annual Fathers’ Day Novena. Please return your envelopes as soon as possible. All the names will be placed under the statue of Saint Joseph in our Church. We thank those who have already requested remembrances at the Nine Masses, which begin today (Sunday, Father’s Day).

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Each week we are welcomed by other Christians who gather together to celebrate the Eucharist. Next weekend we will hear of a woman and her husband who offer hospitality to the prophet Elisha whenever he went to their city, going so far as furnishing him with a place to stay. May we try to furnish a place in our hearts for our Lord to stay so that we may gain strength and nourishment on our journey to the kingdom.

Gavin Lain: Since late January we have been praying for Gavin, an 8th grader in our school, who suffered a traumatic brain injury. Many of our parishioners have been “following” his progress on a great Internet site, CaringBridge. On Friday of this week Gavin was supposed to have had one more surgery. His parents, Michele and Bill, wrote this for the CaringBridge site last weekend: *One week until surgery! In just a week Gavin will get his skull put back together!! (I know, that was blunt). Our stay here is almost over. We are sure this week will be a little uneasy, no matter how routine the surgery is, it is still after all, a surgery. Luckily we have a lot of things to try and accomplish still. We got a loaner power chair, so Gavin can start practicing on that. The controls are so much simpler than an Xbox controller, it shouldn’t take long. We have started practicing getting him into Michele’s car and it isn’t too bad. He is able to lift his right foot into the car. There is a vest on order that will hopefully help correct his scoliosis (over the next few months). The therapists today were talking about getting smaller ankle/foot orthotics because his knee control when standing is much improved. God bless. More to come.....Gavin. Bill. Michele.*

Obviously this my article is written prior to the surgery ... but I wanted to keep you up to date, for those who aren’t following his progress on CaringBridge

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Please keep him (along with his parents and brothers) in your prayers as he continues his recovery. Thank you for your prayers and other support these past five months. Hopefully the time of his hospitalization is close to an end!

Bishop Steven J. Raica, Fifth Bishop of Birmingham, Alabama: Bishop Steve Raica and I attended Michigan State together back in the early '70's. I graduated in 1972 and Steve graduated in 1973. Among the 40,000 or so Spartans then, there were a number of young men, heavily influenced by the Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Lansing, then-Father James S. Sullivan, who found their way to the seminary, with at least six of us having been ordained. Father Sullivan became Bishop Sullivan, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing, in September of 1972. He preached my First Mass back in 1976. Among those with whom I kept in rather close contact was Father (as of October 14, 1978 Steve Raica (along with a classmate of ours, now-Monsignor George Michalek). The Bishop of Lansing, Bishop Kenneth Povish, asked Father Raica to study canon law and he spent over eleven years in Rome, getting his Licentiate, his Doctorate, and then becoming the Superior of the Casa Santa Maria, the house for graduate student priests in Rome (where Father Schumacher was living until the Coronavirus pandemic sent him back to us in March of this year). I visited Fr Raica twice while he was a student and superior of the "Casa." Father, then Monsignor, Raica became the Chancellor then the Vicar General, of the Diocese of Lansing, as well as being a pastor. On June 27, 2014, just six years ago, he was appointed Bishop of Gaylord, Michigan, in the northern part of the lower peninsula of Michigan. I was very happy to concelebrate his Mass when he was ordained a Bishop on August 28, 2014. As he says, "out of the blue" in mid-March of this year, the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, called him from Washington to tell him that Pope Francis was going to appoint him the Fifth Bishop of Birmingham, Alabama. At 67 he was rather taken aback, thinking that he would spend the last eight years of being a Bishop in Gaylord, not far from his 93 year old mother, who still lives in the family home in Munising, which is not too far away in the Upper Peninsula. BUT, "God's ways are not our ways," as the saying goes. So, I will be going to Birmingham, Alabama, Sunday afternoon to participate in the installation of one of my best friends from college, as he becomes the Fifth Bishop of Birmingham. (Of course "Catholic Birmingham" is probably best known for EWTN, so if you are watching a Mass on EWTN and, after Tuesday, when they get to the name of the Bishop in the Eucharistic Prayer, "Steven," you'll know that it is my friend they are praying for!) I am told that EWTN will broadcast the installation at 1:30 on Tuesday afternoon, if you care to watch it. REGARDLESS, please pray for Bishop Raica, the Dioceses of Birmingham and Gaylord, and all those traveling to Birmingham for his installation. Father Westhoff will be handling things here ... and I'll return on Wednesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, have a great Father's Day and may the Lord continue to watch over and keep you safe!

Faithfully yours,

Fr Joe Weber

SCOOPS OF FUN

Postponed to Saturday, July 18, at the Magic House to benefit SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Eat ice cream, explore the Magic House and help kids at the all-you-can-eat ice cream social with proceeds benefiting The Footprints Program at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at glennon.org. Call 314.577.5605 for information.

MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 22-27

MONDAY	<i>STS. PAULINUS, JOHN FISHER, AND THOMAS MORE</i>
6:30 A.M.	FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
TUESDAY	WEEKDAY
6:30 A.M.	FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
WEDNESDAY	THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
6:30 A.M.	FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
THURSDAY	WEEKDAY
6:30 A.M.	FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
FRIDAY	WEEKDAY
6:30 A.M.	FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
SATURDAY	<i>ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRA</i>
8:00 A.M.	FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
5:00 P.M.	GENE GRIECO



PRAYERS FOR HEALING.....

Ruth Begnaud, Carolyn Burke, Tom and Margot Coughlin, Mildred Dickherber, Shirley Dunker, Estelle Flanakin, Billie Greif, Bill Guiot, Christina Hartley, Frances Henderson, Bob Huseman, Ronald Kalupa, Nina Kelly, Gavin Lain, Sheila Lam, Gloria Luca, Patricia Mohan, Lourdes Manalo, Joan Middendorf, Ann Miller, Jack Powers, Mary Renner, Joseph Ritacco, Helen Sander, Dennis Sarris, Jeannett Sarris, Myles Schoem, Beth Schobel, Rose Slee, Robert Slosson, Ellen Strickland, and Joe Sonderman.

WELCOME TO

Dominica Forget (Schulte Rd) who joined our Parish Community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Philip Ichoku, son of Jude and Nneka Ichoku who was baptized into our Parish Community.

OUR SYMPATHY TO

Kathleen Ballinger on the death of her brother, ???
May he be living with God and may all be consoled.

SVDP PANTRY

The pantry is well stocked but could use dish detergent [small and medium sizes], hand soap, cookies/snacks and jelly.

DISPENSATION

The Archbishop has granted a blanket dispensation for attending Holy Mass until we all are able to gather together again. Our Church is open 6:00 A.M. until at least 8:00 P.M., 9:00 P.M. Wednesdays, after Adoration. You are welcome to come and pray.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW

Thanks to all who responded "yes" to receiving the St. Louis Review. You should have received an envelope in your monthly packet (in January) to make your donation for the subscription. You may write the check out to St. Monica and include St. Louis Review in the memo section. Annual subscription is \$35.00.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COORDINATOR OF PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:

All workers and volunteers who head committees or represent the parish need to register and fulfill the requirements of the new program. **If they do not do this, they will not be in compliance and will not be allowed to participate.** Registration and completion is mandatory for all including Birth-right Committee, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Father Burghoff Committee and Welcoming Committee. The Archdiocese of St. Louis has contracted with a new company, Prevent and Protect, to administer our safe environment program. Do not procrastinate. Our parish has over 700 workers and volunteers to transfer to the new program. A 2 week grace period has been given.

God Bless you for all you do at St Monica.

Anne Coerver

Safe Environment Coordinator

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Friday, June 12, 2020

Last names Beginning with N-R

Friday, June 26, 2020

Last Names Beginning S-Z

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP JUNE 14

GENERAL FUND \$12,016.80; LOOSE \$720.00; ONLINE GIVING \$10,262.70; CARDINAL GLENNON \$845.00; MISSION CO-OP \$10.00; PETER'S PENCE \$15.00; PRO-LIFE \$30.00; SEMINARY \$10.00; TITHING FOR THE POOR \$40.00 AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$720.00.

June 28, Peter's Pence collection is rescheduled for October 3-4, due to Covid-19.



July 5, Blood Drive.
Please save the date.

JOIN THE STS. MONICA AND RICHARD ACTS CORE TEAM

Are you being called to serve? The ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology & Service) ministry is a retreat-based program focused on spiritual growth, service and building community in the parish. We are seeking new Core Team members, both men and women, to guide this life changing ministry.

To be eligible, you only need to be registered at St. Monica or St. Richard parish, have attended an ACTS retreat, and served on one retreat team. Team members agree to a 3-year term, meeting once a month to select and support retreat directors, ensure alignment with the ACTS mission and, with the larger parish community, provide retreat support for the Men's and Women's retreats. If you are interested or want to learn more, reach out to a Core Team member: Sue Allen, Jan Alonzo, Diann Bomkamp, Patrick Cannon, Allen Holtmeyer, Anne Mardis, Doug Meadows, Patrick Owens, Sandy Parres or Fred Ward or call the Parish Office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

We are reaching out to families who have previously attended St Monica Vacation Bible School (VBS). Unfortunately we will not be able to host an in-person VBS for children this summer, but we are excited to offer a virtual version for families to enjoy together instead.

We will explore Jesus' "I AM" statements and learn about how we as families can practice Corporal Works of Mercy all while using Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta as our guide.

The program will "go live" beginning July 20, but links and videos will be available for several weeks. Daily newsletters will be uploaded from July 20-24 with links to grade-specific faith formation lessons, craft activities, games, songs and dance, service ideas and more. Move at your own pace, complete activities when and where it works for your family's schedule. What's more, if that week does not work for your schedule, all links and videos will still be available for several weeks following.

Virtual VBS is being offered *free of charge* but we need families to register at the address below. Details on how to access the daily newsletters will be sent to the email address provided at registration.

<https://forms.gle/cJYPPcocLwkbLGBp6>

For information or questions, email saintmonicavbs@gmail.com

Much is different, but much is still the same - same great lessons, same great message, same great community! We hope you will join us!

Monica Feldman and Michelle Patterson
St Monica VBS Co-Directors

Rosemary Shaw
Registration Chair

SCHOOL SCOOP

Happy Summer St. Monica Parish and School Community. As I reflect on my first year here at St. Monica, it is hard to believe that it has already been a year and at the same time it is hard to believe it has only been one year. I am truly grateful that God led me to St. Monica.

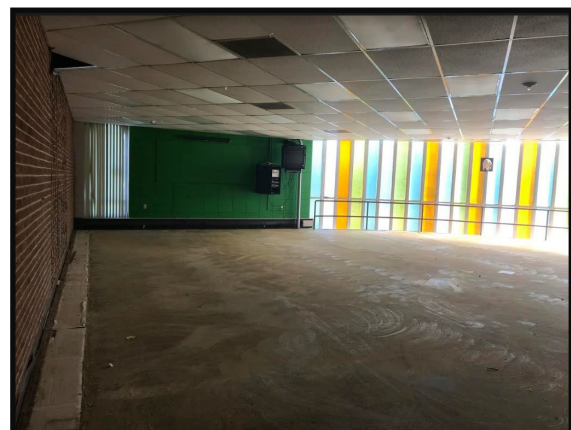
We have faced a lot of challenges this past year and I can't begin to express my gratitude to our wonderful staff who always met each challenge with an open heart and a willingness to what needed to be done for the sake of the children. They really lived the St. Monica motto: **Love God, Love Others, Live the Gospel.** I would be remiss if I did not also thank the parents who were so supportive during our distance learning. Thank you for all your support for our students and teachers.

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Sunday. As with everything nowadays, we did things differently, but that is ok. I am just happy that we were all able to celebrate together. We look forward to 8th grade graduation on July 15, then we can officially close the books on the 2019-20 school year and look forward to the 2020-2021 school year. Yes, there will be some changes, but we will discuss those as the time draws nearer.

One of the biggest changes that has occurred, as you know, we were awarded a sizable Beyond Sunday Grant to help fund our new Stream Studio and Innovation Lab and move our existing library to a new updated space. I plan to keep you regularly updated as we progress. Right now, we are finishing the demolition phase. We met the past week to plan our next steps. I have included a few pictures that show the areas that have been emptied so we can begin the construction phase. Many thanks to Don Smithhart and his crew who were instrumental in the demolition. We also have had a few parishioners donate time, talent, and treasure to help save on costs.

Have a wonderful Father's Day weekend!

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