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Sacrament of Baptism: Class 3 months before due date

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Bulletin Deadline Monday at 4:00 pm

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Open Saturday 9am-Noon

Sunday 9:00-9:30am & 12:15-12:45pm

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Masses, Confessions, & Devotions

Check e-calendar for changes after printing (funerals, confession times, etc.)

Saturday, August 22nd • The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15-7:35 am Confessions; 7:25 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:00 am Mass • Int. Joseph Witkowski
3:00 pm Confessions; 3:35 Rosary
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • Int. Ed Drzewiecki (+) by Family

Sunday, August 23rd • THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:20 am M Prayer; 7:35-7:50 am Confessions
8:00 am Mass • Int. For All Parishioners
11:00 am Mass • Int. Danielle Fleming (+) by the Stewart Family

Monday, August 24th • ST. BARTHOLOMEW

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:10 pm Rosary & E Prayer
5:45 pm Mass • Int. Brian Peplinski Family
6:40 pm OCIA

Tuesday, August 25th • St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:35 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Special Intention

Wednesday, August 26th • Weekday

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:10 pm Rosary & E Prayer
5:45 pm Mass • Int. Bernice Winowiecki by Family

Thursday, August 27th • St. Monica

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:35 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Gerri Laskey (+) & Chris Mallery (+) by Ginny & Tom

Friday, August 28th • St. Augustine

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:35 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Ann Mazurek (+) by CWC

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

7:15-7:35 am Confessions; 7:25 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:00 am Mass • Int. Special Intention of Kathryn Mousseau
3:00 pm Confessions; 3:35 Rosary
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Int. Ed Budd (+) by Yvonne Sadler

Sunday, August 30th • THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:20 am M Prayer; 7:35-7:50 am Confessions
8:00 am Mass • Int. For All Parishioners
11:00 am Mass • Int. Skendzel Family

From Fr. Nursey



The Keys at the Headwaters

There are places where geography itself seems to preach. Caesarea Philippi was such a place. It stood in the far north, near the foot of Mount Hermon, beside a great spring that helped form the headwaters of the Jordan River. The area was green, beautiful and filled with flowing water. But it was also associated with the worship of Pan, a pagan god, and with a temple honoring Caesar.

It was there, surrounded by reminders of nature, empire and pagan religion, that Jesus asked his disciples a question: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

The answers were respectful. Some thought he was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or another prophet. People recognized that Jesus was important, but they had not recognized who he truly was.

Then Jesus made the question personal: “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” In a place dedicated to a mythological god, Peter proclaimed the living God. Near monuments to Caesar, Peter identified the true King. Beside waters that nourished the land, he confessed the One who would give living water to the world.

Jesus responded by telling Peter that this truth had not come merely from human reasoning. The heavenly Father had revealed it. He then gave Simon a new name and vocation: “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.” He promised that the gates of the netherworld would not prevail against it and entrusted Peter with the keys of the Kingdom.

The first reading helps us understand those keys. In Isaiah, the steward Eliakim receives “the key of the House of David.” He is appointed to administer the king’s household: what he opens no one shall shut, and what he shuts no one shall open. The king remains king, but the steward receives genuine authority to care for the household.

Jesus, the Son of David, similarly gives Peter the keys. Christ remains the builder, cornerstone and head of the Church. Peter does not replace him. Peter is entrusted with a pastoral office that serves the faith and unity of Christ’s household. Catholics believe that this ministry continues in Peter’s successors, the bishops of Rome.

That does not mean Peter was perfect. Almost immediately he would misunderstand Jesus’ prediction of the Cross. During the Passion, he would deny three times that he even knew Jesus. The strength of the Church could never rest upon Peter’s unaided strength. It rests upon the prayer, grace and promise of Christ.

The setting suggests a beautiful meditation. One of the streams feeding the Jordan begins near this ancient center of pagan worship. The river system travels south, eventually reaching the region where Jesus entered the Jordan and was baptized. We should not claim that Scripture explicitly develops this connection, but the image is compelling. Christ entered a world whose streams were clouded by idolatry and sin, and he made the waters serve his saving purpose. Through his own baptism, death and Resurrection, water would become the sacramental

sign by which people enter his Kingdom.

Near the headwaters, Jesus entrusted Peter with the keys. In the waters downstream, Jesus humbly stood among sinners. In the Church, those two realities remain joined: visible authority and cleansing grace, the apostolic confession and the waters of Baptism.

Yet the Gospel is not only about Peter. Jesus’ question reaches every generation and every human heart. He does not ask us merely what our neighbors, universities, television commentators or political leaders say about him. He asks, “Who do you say that I am?”

We answer first with Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” But the answer cannot remain words alone. We answer when we worship Christ rather than the idols of our age. We answer when we remain faithful to his Church even through periods of trial. We answer when we receive his forgiveness, enter more deeply into our baptismal vocation, and allow him to cleanse the hidden sources from which our thoughts and actions flow.

Empires rise and fall. Idols acquire new names. Human leaders reveal their weakness. Yet Christ continues to build his Church. The powers of death have not conquered it, and they never will. The decisive question is whether our lives stand upon the Rock.

Collection Totals

August 15th & 16th

Total.....\$ 6,293.50

For the Coming Week’s Masses

4:00 pm August 29th

Propers Thaddeus Repovz

Cantor Holly Olszewski

Lector Dick Dell’Acqua

Ushers– Bryan Brzezinski, Jonathan Manners, Tim Weber, Bernard Zacharias

8:00 am August 30th

Propers Jim Thoreson

Cantor Miriam Wigton

Lector Bruce Ragan

Ushers– Dale Pleva, Joe Peplinski, Fred Peplinski, Mike Tate

11:00 am August 30th

Ushers– Bill Huddleston, Brent Weaner, Bill Sisco, John Martz

Music Guild

The Holy Rosary Sacred Music Guild is scheduling lessons for our Fall and Spring Semester. If you have a student who is interested in beginning piano lessons, please email Holly for more information.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Most Reverend Bishop Jeffrey J Walsh cordially invites married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries of 10,25, 50, 55 and 60+ years in 2026 to a celebration of marriage. This special event will include Holy Mass and a blessing by Bishop Walsh, followed by a light reception at St. Mary Cathedral on October 3rd at 11am. RSVP by September 28th at dioceseofgaylord.org/marriage

Elijah’s Helpers

A new group has started in the Diocese of Gaylord to pray for the priest in our diocese who needs it the most. A branch of the Seven Sisters called Elijah’s Helpers is looking for women to offer an hour of adoration for a priest in crisis in the Diocese. Contact Tara MacFarland at 231-203-1272 or macfarlandtara@gmail.com.

Rosary Society Farmer’s Market

September 5th and 6th, after all weekend masses. Baked goods, fresh produce, and local preserves. Proceeds go to the church and grotto upkeep. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the conference room on September 5th from 9 am until noon.

Focus Dinner

The Grand Traverse Area Right to Life’s Focus Dinner will be on October 5th at 5:00 pm. Speaker Jim Towey, legal advisor to Mother Teresa of Calcutta and founder of Aging with Dignity, will be the guest speaker. If there is enough interest we will purchase a Holy Rosary table. Please let the office know if you are interested or you can purchase tickets by calling 946-9469 or going to <https://www.gtartl.com/focus-life>

Life Chain

Sunday, October 4th from 2:30-3:30 pm along Grandview Pky and East Front St, from Division to Fair St. The Life Chain will meet and pray silently, holding signs that express the hope that public funding and acceptance of the taking of innocent human life will end. For signs and amps in advance, call 231-883-5491.

Michigan Young Adult Hiking & Rafting Pilgrimage

Friday, Sept. 11 - Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026
Open to ages 18-39, this exciting weekend includes: Mass, prayer, campfires, camping at Cheboygan State Park, rafting the Sturgeon River, the opportunity to meet friends from across Michigan, and grow closer to God! Registration deadline: Sept. 7. Spaces fill up fast. Learn more and reserve your spot today: <http://pilgrimage26.eventbrite.com> Cohosted by the (Arch)Dioceses of Detroit and Lansing in collaboration with the dioceses of Michigan. Open to all young adults throughout Michigan and beyond.
*This is the rescheduled pilgrimage originally planned for July.

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Athletic Director

St. Mary School on the Leelanau Peninsula is accepting applications for an Athletic Director. This role manages all aspects of the athletic department. We are looking for a leader who can grow & lead our athletic programs, mentor coaches, encourage student growth and strengthen school spirit through Christ-centered sportsmanship. Candidates should have strong organizational skills, a passion for youth development and the ability to work collaboratively with staff, parents and community partners. Prior experience in athletic administration, coaching or related field required. This is a part-time year-round position. Some evenings and weekends required. Please send an email of interest to Patti Shaffran at pshaffran@stmarysll.org To apply visit <https://hcm.paycor.com/l/r/CAFB2F8A>



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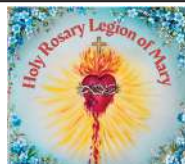
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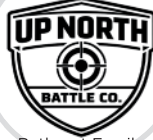
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Leader: Let us ask God to give worthy Priests,
Brothers and Sisters to His Holy Church.

Others: O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to
bless this diocese with many Priests,
Brothers and Sisters who will love
Thee with their whole strength and
gladly spend their entire lives to serve
Thy Church and to make Thee known
and loved.

Leader: Bless our families, bless our children.

Others: Choose from our homes those who are
needed for Thy work.

Leader: Mary, Queen of the clergy!

Others: Pray for us. Pray for our Priests and
religious. Obtain for us many more.

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