

August 13, 2017



The Most Blessed Virgin Mary,

when the course of her earthly life was completed, she was taken up body & soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of His Body

Catechism of the Catholic Church 974.

Calendar

Monday

August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr

Dt 10:12–22

Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

August 15

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27

Lk 1:39–56

Wednesday

August 16

Weekday

Dt 34:1–12

Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 17

Weekday

Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17

Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 18

Weekday

Jos 24:1–13

Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 19

Weekday

Jos 24:14–29

Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

August 20

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6–7

Rom 11:13–15, 29–32

Mt 15:21–28

Dear Padre,

I look at what's going on in our world today and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so filled with vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history....In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God" (Oscar Lukefahr, *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, Liguori Publications, 1998).



LOVE THE WIND/SHUTTERSTOCK

It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote: "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that He can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin" (*Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, 58, Knopf, 1994). Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven (1 John 5:18–20).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

"We all know that when water stands still it stagnates. There's a saying in Spanish that says: 'Standing water is the first to go bad.' Do not stand still. We all have to walk, to take a step every day, with the Lord's help. God is Father, he is mercy, he always loves us....He welcomes us and forgives us....He never tires of forgiving....He makes us rise and fully restores our dignity. God has a memory, He is not forgetful. God does not forget us, He always remembers."

—Address to detainees in a penitentiary in Isernia, Italy, July 5, 2014

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

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Website www.holyfamilycaledonia.org

Catholic Faith Formation 616-891-8867

Sacraments

Baptism and Sacrament of Matrimony ~ 616-891-9259

Reconciliation ~ Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Mass Times

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday ~ 9am in Chapel

Saturday ~ 5pm in Church

Sunday ~ 9am and 11am in Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday ~ 9:30am-7pm in the Chapel

New Parishioners/Change of Address:

Welcome, please register at the Parish Office. If you have moved please notify us.

Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 13, 2017

Sun, August 13

† Helen Siler ~ 9am

† Alice Aldrich ~ 11am

Tuesday, August 15

† Pro-populo

Wednesday, August 16

† Douglas Ulanich

Thursday, August 17

† Hank Ververica

Friday, August 18

† Robert Bartz

Sat, August 19

† Carol Young

Sun, August 20

† John Connolly ~ 9am

† Leo Beauchamp ~ 11am

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, August 13

Coffee and Donuts after 9am Mass

Tuesday, August 15 Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 9am and 7pm

Saturday, August 19

Men's Prayer Group 6am

Sunday, August 20

Coffee and Donuts after 9am Mass

Top of the Hill Gang Potluck 12:30pm

Alcoholic's Anonymous meetings held at Holy Family on Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12-1pm St. Joe's Hall Rm 2

How Do I Become Catholic? ~ contact Christine Shafer at 616-891-9259 or cshafer@holyfamilycaledonia.org

"I have been away from the Church, How Do I Return?"

contact Christine Shafer in the parish office or cshafer@holyfamilycaledonia.org

~ Please pray for these loved ones ~

Don & Donna Aldrich, Joann Barlow, Ralph Bitner, Bob Black, Lyle Blain, Richard Bonarski, Patricia Brown, Dylan Bussa, Ollie & Laura Butler, Cindy, Scotty Connolly, Ronald Cook, Jim Felch, Doris & Larry Frye, Scott Fuhs, Nora Gaugier, Courtney & Craig Harig, Barb & Karl Hodges, Betty Ann Holl, Justin Hopkins, Janet Howard, Ruth Jackiewicz, Kelsey, Ed Kilmartin, Nancy Kinnocott, David Krumm, Margaret Loftus, Arlene Luke, Champ McCahill, Bill and Deanna Mervau, Cathy Miller, Sr. Pat Murray, Al Natali, Richard Neuman, Al & Sally Orr, Iris Ottenwess, Pat Paffhausen, Tom Patterson, Cathy Popma, Janie & Kay Powers, Mary Kay Rodriguez, Betty Russell, Bert Schleis, Larry Schwab, Tom Schwartz, Geraldine & Russ Seger, Cathy & Doug Stawick, Donna & Richard Thacker, Timothy Vickers, Theresa Vlug, Dorothy Zoet

Holy Family offers, as a community, the gift of prayer. If you would like your name listed in the bulletin for prayer during a time of need, contact the Parish Office and leave contact information and relationship to the person needing prayer. The person's name will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Contact the office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, August 15

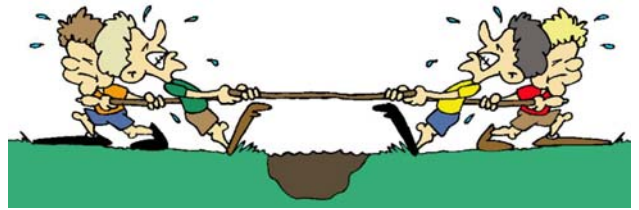
Mass at 9am and 7pm

Holy Family Parish ~ Mission Statement

We are called as a family to know,
love and serve God.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY FAMILY

Holy Family Parish Picnic Mass and Potluck
Plan to join us in celebrating Fr. Loc's 25th year anniversary as a priest (no gifts please) at our Parish Picnic and outdoor Mass on Sunday, August 27 at 11am. **Plan to bring your lawn chair or blanket** as we will be celebrating the 11am Mass on the front lawn. (weather permitting) Limited handicap and elder seating will be available for Mass, all others please plan accordingly.



Bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch. **Burgers/Brats/Hotdogs, drinks and table service will be provided.** Drop off your dish to pass inside to the kitchen before Mass begins.

Help is needed for set up/clean up and serving. Please contact the parish office if you are available to help.

“Throwback” games for all ages will be played after lunch!

**We will be having a Cornhole tournament. Watch the Narthex for sign-ups!

Leaders Needed: Liturgy of the Word for Children

If you're interested in volunteering, we'd love to have you. We are short several leaders and are so current leaders will be rotating more frequently than desired. The goal is leading once every 4-6 weeks, and right now we are short 4-6 people to do this and don't want to go down to offering this at one Mass only. Please contact us for more information and for training. Both leaders and adult assistants are needed. We will also need new coordinators this year, so – put on your discernment caps and see if this might be something you're open to. Sandy & Matt Klein would love to show you the ropes (which essentially is scheduling, ensuring supplies/books are ordered and in place, and training new leaders and assistants as the need arises.) Contact Chris Shafer in the office if you're interested in seeing the ministry continue.



A reminder that last year, our coordinating team discerned that we will now open this ministry to kindergarteners. It went well, so we are available for grades K-4, with the 4th graders being given the opportunity to lead and help with different parts of the Liturgy of the Word for Children. We encourage all children in these grades to go up to Father for their dismissal when called in order to participate, starting in September after Labor Day. There is no registration needed. The Liturgy of the Word for Children uses the same readings as in the Mass, but just unpacks them at the children's level. It is the Liturgy of the Word in its entirety – including the Prayers of the Faithful (petitions) and the Nicene Creed.

Christine Shafer – Director of Faith Formation cshafer@holyfamilycaledonia.org 616-891-8867 x224

Faith Formation Volunteers Are Needed

Can You Lend A Helping Hand?

Many volunteers are needed to make our programs a success. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, older brother or sister, neighbor or friend, WE NEED YOUR HELP! There is always a place where you can fit in. Contact the CFF office to volunteer 891-8867.

“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.” Luke 6:38



2017-18 CFF/YM Registration

Registration forms for the 2017-18 Faith Formation programs are now online!

Go to the Holy Family website to print off your Faith Formation registration form. Forms are also available on the Ministry Cart. Early bird due date is Aug. 15 - that's only 2 days away! Don't delay!

Photographers Needed!

We are looking for photographers who would be willing to take pictures at our events. If you are interested please contact the parish office at 891-9259 or email parishoffice@holyfamilycaledonia.org.



AROUND THE PARISH AND COMMUNITY

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of eight who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



Come inside...

You cannot know what the Church is from the outside.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for adults and for children/youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm and accepting setting. For information please contact Christine Shafer, 616-891-8867 x224 or cshafer@holyfamilycaledonia.org.

Feel free to share this note with someone you know who may be interested in knowing more.

Lost and Found

We have had several items turned in that have been left in the building. Check out the lost and found container in the Narthex to see if any of them are yours!



August 13, 2017: 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

A Family Perspective Bud Ozar

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be “by himself and pray.” When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter’s prayer in today’s gospel: “Lord, save me.”

Care Program for Divorced and Separated Catholics

This group will meet at Holy Family on Thursdays at 7pm starting Sept. 14 through mid-December. If you are divorced or separated, or know a Catholic who is - whether practicing the faith or away from the Church right now - please contact Christine Shafer, Director of Pastoral Care & Faith Formation, for more information at 616-891-9259 or cshafer@holyfamilycaledonia.org. There is a \$10 registration fee to cover the cost of the participant guide; if a financial burden, assistance is available. Please pre-register for childcare.



How Does Your Garden Grow?

Do you have beautiful flowers in your garden that you would like to share? We would gladly decorate our narthex and chapel with them! Home-grown flowers can be left in the bucket inside the main doors of the church. Please be sure to leave them there before 4:30pm on Thursday afternoon. Thank you!

David Haas is Coming to Holy Family!

In Concert Friday, October 27 7:30pm

\$10 per person in advance (\$15 at the door)

\$25 per family

Workshop: “That You Might Have Life: Spiritual Practices for the Call to Holiness”

Saturday, October 28 9:30am-2pm

\$30 per person in advance (includes lunch)

\$35 at the door (includes lunch)

Questions? Call 616-891-9259 or email: Music@holyfamilycaledonia.org



Community Tailgater - August 31!

Holy Family and Peace Church are once again co-hosting a FREE tailgate for the community prior to the Caledonia High School football game, at the corner of Johnson and Duncan Lake. Please see the sign-up board in the Narthex to volunteer for this great outreach event.

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Lighthouse Media - Catholic CD's

The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ by Dr. Brant Pitre
Lighthouse Media CDs can be found in the Narthex \$3/CD

Collection Counters Needed!

If you are someone with an accounting background who would be interested in giving approximately 2 hours of your time once a month at church to help with collections, please contact the parish office at 616-891-9259.



Adult Caregiver Support

Several parishioners have expressed an interest in coming to a time of support for caregivers at Holy Family. This would be for adults who are caring for their aging parents or elderly loved ones. We know that the role of caregiver to those whose health is a struggle can be taxing physically and emotionally, and also cause questions on spirituality, human suffering, dignity, and other matters. This group would not start out with a speaker or a set agenda necessarily, but rather would have parishioners gather to share a little bit of their journey, find support in one another's common realities, and spend some time in prayer.

Refreshments would likely be provided as well! If you would be interested in support like this, please contact Christine Shafer in the Parish Office to be put on a contact list to be kept informed as this develops and to determine the need for such a support system. We can look to many Saints who have cared for the sick, dying and elderly, we can look to scripture for wisdom and support, and we can look to one another for the same. Please pass this along to anyone you think could benefit, as well. cshafer@holymfamilycaledonia.org

Collection for the Weekend of August 5/6

The collection for the weekend of August 5/6 was \$17,933. The budgeted amount is \$16,472.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Rediscover healing and love and find hope by attending Retrouvaille (pronounced *re-tro-v-eye*). The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship.

The next Retrouvaille weekend begins September 29, 2017. Space is limited, please reserve your spot today. To register or to sponsor a couple: call (616) 752-7004 or email retrograndrapids@gmail.com or to register online visit <http://helpourmarriage.org>.

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Good News!

August 13, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a, Rom 9:1–5,
Mt 14:22–33

Lanfranco's *Christ Saves Peter From Sinking in the Water* is placed in a rather hidden place in the Vatican—on purpose. When a newly elected pope walks out of the Sistine Chapel, he processes across the Sala Regia (royal hall) and into the Loggia della Benedizione (blessing hall) to step out onto the façade of St. Peter's and greet the world for the first time. Along the way he passes this painting of Peter sinking in the water. It speaks to that sinking feeling he probably experiences at that time!

This Gospel passage holds a great lesson for us all, even the pope. When Jesus comes walking on the water, he scares the disciples; they think he is a ghost. Sometimes Jesus scares us by what he asks, by how he wants to bless and shape us if we say "yes." Jesus tells us not to be afraid, but Peter says, "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." That the ghostly figure responds doesn't prove it is Jesus; it just proves whoever it is has heard Peter and answered.

To really know if it is Jesus, Peter has to get out of the boat. He has to walk in faith and take a risk. Only once he steps out on the water, can he do the impossible? Even then, his faith falters and he notices the waves. Such is our experience. Even when we trust, step out, and Jesus does great things, we are still weak! But no need to worry: Jesus loves our effort and will always reach out and grab us. In the end, that is what we want, isn't it? To touch Jesus, to know it is him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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“Grieving with Great Hope”

a 5 week grief support workshop series here at Holy Family.

This support group at Holy Family is for parishioners just like you to help you after the loss of your loved one. "Grieving with Great HOPE" is a five week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. This group combines the Catholic faith with practical learning and personal fellowship. Guided by the Holy Spirit, ***Grieving with Great Hope*** is presented by ***Good Mourning Ministry***, a Catholic bereavement apostolate founded by John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy. Both have been through their own *valley of grief*, and in this workshop offer personal and professional insight on what can help as you journey through yours. Their website has many testimonials from people just like you who have been touched by loss, but have come to understand what it means to *grieve with great hope*. The workshop presentations will be given in DVD format, and then there is time for prayer and supportive discussion led by a trained facilitator. **"Grieving with Great Hope"** beautifully combines practical wisdom, personal sharing, and meaningful ritual that together point people back to Christ for healing of their hearts. Presenters include Fr. Mike Verschaeve, Fr. Joe Dailey, Fr. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy.

When: five Thursdays, Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12 from 7-8:30pm

Registration: Contact Christine in the parish office to register, or see the form on the ministry cart or our website. Please pre-register for childcare.

Cost: There is a \$15 registration fee to cover the cost of the participant guide; if a financial burden, assistance is available.

We will repeat this workshop in Nov/Dec for 5 weeks, as well as Feb/March, and April/May if the September series conflicts with your schedule.