



January 14, 2018 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, your children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

•**ST. FRANCIS MEN'S MINISTRY HAS BEGUN!** All men are welcome to participate in the Bible Study on Saturday mornings beginning at 9 a.m. in McCabe Center (the old school building). You are invited to enter the biblical story of the New Testament beginning with the Gospels and working your way through the final book of Revelation. Discover God's plan of salvation running through the story and characters, both familiar and unfamiliar. Questions? Call Rebecca Chicklon 755-1953 x223.

•**MUSKEGON RIGHT TO LIFE MEMORIAL & PRAY WALK** on Saturday, January 20 at 1 PM at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (1215 E. Apple Ave.). January 22 marks the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. We will walk one half mile to the closed abortion clinic to pray and back to the church for refreshments. Memorial at 2 PM as we pray for success in our efforts to change hearts, and provide legal protection for human life at all stages.

•**PERCH & SHRIMP DINNER ON FRIDAY, JAN. 24 FROM 4:30 to 7:30.** Delicious hand breaded, *real wild caught*, Lake Perch Filets, Shrimp, or Combination, Choice Of Potato, Coleslaw, Dessert & Beverage. Adult Dinners \$12.50, Senior Portions \$10.50, **Take-Outs Available ~ Public Welcome!** Knights of Columbus # 706 Hall, 2915 Fairfield Street. Norton Shores.

•**COMFORT AND GRACE MINISTRY IS A SEWING MINISTRY COMPRISED OF WOMEN FROM ALL OF THE MUSKEGON AREA PARISHES.** They meet the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at Our Lady of Grace beginning at 9:30 AM. They are welcoming new members. No sewing experience is needed as there are many jobs that are helpful. This ministry provides prayer shawls and other items to nursing homes, hospitals, homebound, CCWM and shelters. This non-profit ministry is in need of donations of yarn & materials. Donations can be dropped off at Our Lady of Grace Office (451 S. Getty St.) Monday—Thursday from 9 am—Noon and 1-5 p.m. Questions? Call the parish office (231) 722-2803.

BISHOP DAVID J. WALKOWIAK ASKS US TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS



We especially pray for:
Cody J. Armock

University of
St. Mary of the Lake
Mundelein Seminary
1000 East Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060

Loving God,
Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Muskegon Catholic Central Faith.Moving.Forward
(231) 755-2201 or www.muskegoncatholic.org

Catholic Schools week is coming Jan. 28—Feb. 2! All are welcome to attend Mass with Bishop Walkowiak Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 9:30 AM. *Put faith in your kids ~ see why Catholic education is important!*

Green & Gold Club Athletic Club December 50/50 Monthly Raffle Winner was Mike Delore \$876.00 Proceeds are used to support Muskegon Catholic Central School Athletics. You can still purchase raffle tickets Make checks payable to *Green & Gold Athletic Club*. **Mail form and money** to "MCC Green & Gold Club, 1145 W. Laketon Ave., 49441".

Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM)
(231)726-5341 or www.ccwestmi.org

•**Soup's Along the Lakeshore** on Monday, February 12 at 6 PM at Trillium Events Center (17246 VanWagoner Rd., Spring Lake). Tickets \$40 and available at CCWM office (1095 Third St.) or by calling (616)551-5663 or email events@ccwestmi.org. *Filling the Lakeshore with hope one bowl at a time!* If you'd like to volunteer at this event, contact Holly Salas by email hsalas@ccwestmi.org,

•**Baby Pantry is in URGENT need of winter clothes (new or gently used) for boys and girls size 5-8, sock, shoes and boots.** We can also use *children's books*, baby wash, baby lotion, wipes, *diapers LARGE SIZES 4-6*, pull ups all sizes, new or gently used clothing 2T-7 **especially boys**, socks, underwear, baby food all stages, baby formula. There is a waiting list for potty chairs and toddler beds. **Please note: We cannot accept adult clothing or Baby/Toddler car seats.**

•**We are still in need of regular, ongoing volunteers at the Muskegon Food Pantry on Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 am—Noon to shop, stock and unload food donations (many of our volunteers are gone during the winter months).** Please contact Holly Salas, Volunteer Coordinator at (231) 726-4735 or hsalas@ccwestmi.org.

Mass for Life with Bishop Walkowiak will be celebrated on Monday, January 22 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Andrew (265 Sheldon Ave. SE, Grand Rapids) with a reception to follow. This date will mark the 45th Anniversary of the decision of the US Supreme Courts, Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion in the United States. This year there will be a few brief testimonies at the end of Mass pertaining to the power of prayer around the them of abortion.

Nine Days for Life: Since the Supreme Courts decision 45 years ago, more than 58 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and the lives of millions of parents have been shattered. In prayerful recognition of these lost and broken lives, the US Bishops invite us to participate in *Nine Days of Prayer (January 18-26)* at www.usccb.org.

•In honor of Catholic Schools week, **Aquinas College** invited all high school juniors and seniors to come and explore Catholic higher education by visiting the campus the week of Jan. 29—Feb. 3. As part of this invitation, all students who visit this week will receive an exclusive AQ Swag bag! Visit www.aquina.edu/personal for more details.

•Cherish Marriage event is coming to our diocese on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 6-10 pm at Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids. Couples will enjoy an evening of dinner, inspiration and dancing to strengthen their marriage. Details can be found on Facebook (Cherish Marriage) or www.cherishmarriage.net

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visit www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org*