

My soul rejoices
in my God.

St. Augustine Cathedral

542 W. Michigan Avenue

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Worship In Our Parish

Mass Intentions



Readings

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday

Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-45

Friday

1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27;
Lk 1:26-38

Christmas Vigil

Is 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Monday, December 18, 2017

7:00 a.m. For the needs and intentions of Sr. Mary Thoma Houseal
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. For the needs and intentions of St. Vincent de Paul Benefactors

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

7:00 a.m. †Santo Amat
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. †Melina Bazali

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

7:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:30 a.m. Confessions
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. †Vo Family
5:15 p.m. Confessions

Thursday, December 21, 2017

7:00 a.m. For the needs and intentions of Monsignor Osborn
8:45 a.m. For the Intentions of the students of St. Augustine Cathedral School
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. †Deceased Members of our Parish Family
5:15 p.m. Confessions

Friday, December 22, 2017

7:00 a.m. †Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Kalamazoo
7:30 a.m. Confessions
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life
5:15 a.m. Confessions

Saturday, December 23, 2017

8:45 a.m. †Patrick Farchione Family
11:00 a.m. Confessions
2:00 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. For the needs and intentions of Cecilia Roberts

Sunday, December 24, 2017

7:30 a.m. For the needs and intentions Rev. Maximilian Nightingale
9:00 a.m. Confessions
9:30 a.m. †John and Jean T. Olech
11:00 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Pro Populo
5:30 a.m. †John and Jean T. Olech

Christmas Obligation

1st Obligation (4th Sunday of Advent)	Saturday (12/23)	4:00 p.m.				<input type="text"/>
	Sunday (12/24)	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.				
Choose One						

2nd Obligation (Christmas)	Sunday (12/24)	5:30 p.m.				<input type="text"/>
	Monday (12/25)	midnight 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.				
Choose One						

Happenings In and Around Our Parish

Deanery Penance Services

In addition to the expanded schedule of confessions here at the Cathedral Church,* or local parishes are offering communal penance services with opportunities for individual confession.

St. Mary Kalamazoo	Mon	18 December	7:00 pm
St. Catherine of Siena	Tues	19 December	6:30 pm

St. Augustine December Confession Schedule

*Sundays 9:30-9:30 a.m.; 11:00-11:30 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays 11:00-11:50 a.m.
Saturdays 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 20 December 7:30-8:15 a.m. and 5:15-6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 21 December 7:30-8:15 a.m. and 5:15-6:00 p.m.
Friday, 22 December 7:30-8:15 a.m. and 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Coffee and Doughnuts

January 7 and 14 -- there will be Coffee & Donuts
January 21 -- No Coffee & Donuts
January 28 -- Pancake Breakfast (courtesy of Catholic Schools Week)

Religious Give Thanks

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

If you have not yet donated to these worthy servants, it's never too late. Please drop your contribution in the collection basket with a note in the memo line:
Retirement for Religious

Lost and Found

Our lost and found runneth over! Please look for your lost belongings in the East entrance vestibule. Many of items you thought gone may be waiting there.

St. Augustine Food Pantry

For the month of December, the food pantry is especially in need of cereal, meal-makes (like Tuna Helper, etc.) canned fruit and soups. Donations of nonperishable foods and toiletry items are *always* in high demand and are most welcomed! Items may be placed in the collection boxes located in both entrance of the Cathedral, or may be dropped off at the rectory office during business hours.

Thank you for joining us in this corporal work of mercy ~ *God is good!*



From the Office of Liturgy and Music

The question for us, then, is "what steps can we take to conform our music program more closely to the ideal specifically requested by the Catholic Church?" All of us involved in church music should begin laying the groundwork so that we can begin learning to sing at least one of the propers, however simple, at each Mass and to strengthen our musical skills so we can aspire to sing from the *Roman Gradual*. If we believe the Catholic Church teaches with authority—as Christ taught that she would—and we desire to be both good musicians and faithful Catholics, how can we ignore her directives? Clearly it is our duty to attempt restoration of the propers. I've said nothing about the spiritual, intellectual, and musical benefits of this music—but if you open your heart and mind to the church's musical treasury, you will experience them. The faithful, then, need to be taught to unite themselves interiorly to what the ministers or choir sing, so that by listening to them they may raise their minds to God. In other words, the post-Vatican II church imposes no obligation for the faithful to sing four hymns during Mass—or for the choir to sing nothing but congregational hymns accessible to everyone. The church asks the clergy, choir or schola, and members of the congregation each to sing the parts of the Mass appropriate to them.

Dr. Thomas Fielding
Director of Liturgy and Music



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A Note from the Rector

My Dear Parish Family,

At long last, I am able to get an update to you personally, and have been praying for each of you throughout the past month of my hospitalization and initial recovery. First of all, please know of my heart-felt gratitude for all of the prayers, cards, and well-wishes that so many of you have taken time to offer and send. In times of crisis, those prayers are not only critically important, but also deeply comforting. There is no doubt in my mind that my return to health is beautifully connected to you and your prayers, and I thank you for them.

It is hard to believe that a month has gone by since I have been at the parish, but the injuries I sustained in the car accident turned out to be far more serious than I had imagined. My right knee, which had just healed from meniscus surgery, took the brunt of the impact and was partly broken and shattered. After two surgeries, a couple of metal plates, and a few screws, the knee is back together, but cannot bear weight for 10-12 weeks; it should be back to full use by May of next year. There is quite a long road ahead, but there are many graces to be received along the way. At any rate, I am eagerly anticipating a return to the parish as soon as possible, and hope to be around and about as best I can in a couple of weeks.

I would be remiss if I did not offer a word of profound thanks to my brother priests – Fr. Tom, Fr. Jim, Fr. John, and Fr. Richard – and to Deacon Bouchard for stepping up and covering everything in my absence. In his first tour as Vice Rector, Fr. Tom has done an exceptional job in taking the helm in a rather unusual circumstance, and has done so with great generosity and confidence. Thanks as well to the parish staff and all who have helped to make things run smoothly the past few weeks.

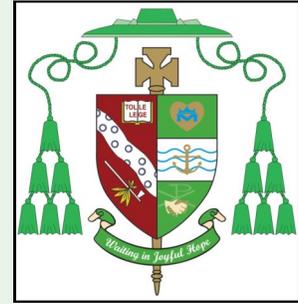
In closing, please be assured of my continued prayers and remembrances of you before the Lord, and I beg a remembrance of me in yours as well. Uniting ourselves with the prayers of our Immaculate Mother, may each of you be blessed during this holy time and grow more intimately in your relationship with Jesus, our Savior, as we prepare to celebrate His birth, which has indelibly marked the history of mankind and our individual lives. Hoping to see you soon, and with every blessing, I remain,

Yours in Christ through Mary,

Monsignor O.

Financial Updates

Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$16,346.16
Sunday Collection for 12/10/2017	\$11,742.73
Children's Envelopes	\$5.00
Mailed in 12/13—12/19	\$1,087.00
Difference	(3,511.43)
Roof Fund.....	\$465.00
Religious Retirement Assistance.....	\$4,764.25
Miscellaneous	\$1,104.00



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The Most Reverend James A. Murray, D.D.

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