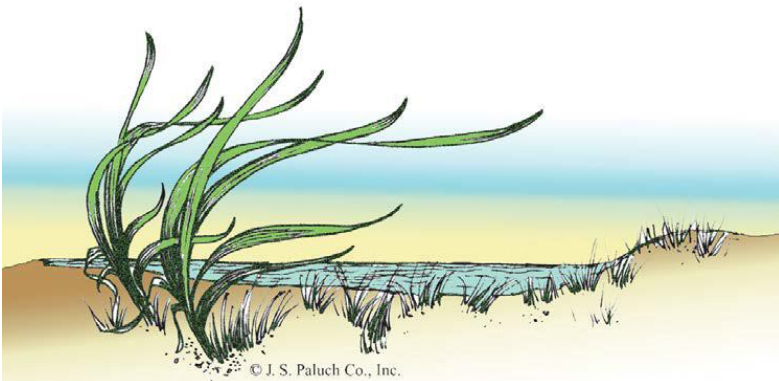


MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission here at St. Gregory Parish and Our Lady of Victory Mission is to become more like Christ, so that we can more effectively bring Christ to others.

Saturday	7/7	6:30 PM	† Roy Swanson by Virgene
Sunday	7/8	9:00 AM	People of the Parishes
Monday	7/9	10:00 AM	Rosary
Tuesday	7/10	5:15 PM	† Cecilia Halbach by Jerry & Theresa Blankinship
			Followed by Adoration and Confessions
Wednesday	7/11	9:00 AM	† Kent Robert Bodi (Birthday)
Thursday	7/12	12:10 PM	† John Drefs by Russ & Beth Hildebrand
Friday	7/13	12:10 PM	† Mary Lou Fossitt by Dave, Kathy & Linda Wheeler
Saturday	7/14	10:00 AM	Adoration
		11:00 AM	Reconciliation
		6:30 PM	† Pat Johnson by Ann Piereson
Sunday	7/15	9:00 AM	† Monna Gormely by Jean Rahilly



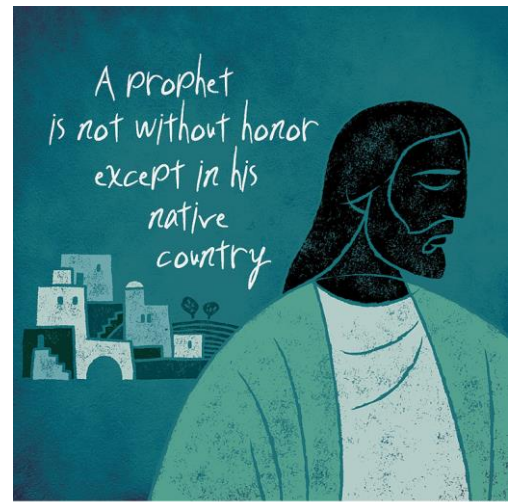
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 8, 2018

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with
me.

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9;
Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;
Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;
Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14;
Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13



PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH: Have you included your Parish in your Will? May your generosity keep the Church alive. If you are moving, please contact the Parish office so we can continue to keep you in our prayers wherever you are, and also to keep our records updated. Kindly inform Fr. Marty by calling the parish office when you or a family member is in the hospital, or have need of Pastoral care.

NOTICE: any person or organizations wanting to use the hall or school facility, must submit proof of liability insurance, or file for event insurance with the parish. Other-wise the parish facilities can only be used for parish functions.

Thoughts from Fr. Marty

Dear Parish Family,

In the second reading today from the second letter to the Corinthians, we see Saint Paul struggling with some sort of weakness. Indeed, as we see in this reading, he asked the Lord three times to take it away. I can imagine in his own mind he feels like he could serve the Lord more affectively if this thorn in the flesh was removed. However, the Lord does not remove it. Instead he tells Saint Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12: 9). In fact, we really see the same thing with Our Lord Jesus Christ, for three times He prayed to the Father, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done” (Luke 22: 42). In this moment of apparent weakness, when He is fastened to the cross and can barely move, He is saving us from our sins. In His weakness, He is strong.

My brothers and sisters, we all have weaknesses, and these weaknesses can actually help us to grow in holiness, for they can almost force us to rely completely on God. If we had it all together, we would become proud and think we do not need God, that we can do everything all by ourselves. Therefore, our weaknesses might actually be God’s greatest blessings to us, for they can help us to grow in humility and help us to realize that we need God.

Yours in Christ,

Father Marty

Totus Tuus at St. Stephen Mission

This is the last week to sign up for Totus Tuus happening at St. Stephen’s July 30th – August 3rd. Totus Tuus registration forms are in the back of church. The program is for students in Grades K-12 with Grades 7-12 being used as helpers. If you have questions, contact Sherry Wicker at 477-6117. Registration forms can be dropped off in the parish office.

Special Collection for Flood Relief

As we pray for those afflicted by the recent flood disasters in the Copper Country, our bishop, Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, asks that all parishes and missions in the diocese take up a special collection. **Ours will occur during the July 14-15 weekend.** Collection proceeds will be sent to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Copper County District, which will distribute donations to local St. Vincent De Paul conferences in the affected areas to assist families affected by the flood. Thank you.

Diocesan Prayer Schedule

These are the Prayers the Diocese is praying each day of the year

July 7th – Marquette – St. Michael Parish

July 8th – Sr. Rosalie Hughes, S.P.C.

July 9th – Vulcan – St. Barbara Parish

July 10th – Watersmeet – Immaculate Conception Parish

July 11th – Baraga – St. Ann Parish

July 12th – Au Train – St. Therese Mission

July 13th – For an end to abortion

July 14th – Fr. Ryan Ford

July 15th – Fr. Rick L. Courier

Pope Francis’ Intention for July – Priests and their pastoral ministry

Our Lady of Victory

Pastoral Council

Jack Purcell

Chuck Roelant

Ana Saum

Jenny Kronk

Saturday	7/7	3:30 pm	Reconciliation
			4:00 pm	† Pat Graham
Wednesday	7/11	11:00 am	† Pat Graham by Cathy Schmidt
Saturday	7/14	3:30 pm	Reconciliation
			4:00 pm	† Buddy Brown by Rick & Teresa Ackerman

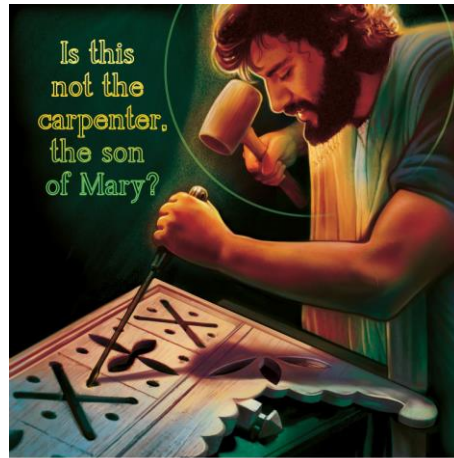
July Ministers

Extraordinary Minister Chuck & Kathy Roelant

Lector Brent Biehl & Cathy Harris

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$ 884.67
Loose	\$ 290.00
Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Flowers	\$ 0.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 5.00
Votive	\$ 0.00
Stipends	\$ 0.00
Misc.	\$ 0.00
Total	\$1,179.67



Prayer Requests: Lynn Pallas Barber, Denny Beandslee, Kurt & Diane Beattie, Brent Biehl, Mike Biehl, Teresa Biehl, Clae Burdett, Debbie Burley, Daniel, Lee Fallieres, Judy Filbrant, Anita Gloster, Nic Gomez, Deneen Klein, Estee Kupek, Jeannine Leazenby, Don Mannor, Amy McCoy, Quinn McCoy, Jody & Jimmy Moore, Char Orr, Bonnie Parks, Tom Purcell, Vicki Purdon, Ben Rajala, Patsy Ramsby, Cindy Reed, Doug Reed, Kim Roelant, Honey May Rowley, Megan & Jamie, Jim & Shirley Stabile, Bob Weighman, Frankie Weller

OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Going Deeper Retreat Online Registration

MONDAY AUGUST 6th - THURSDAY AUGUST 9th, 2018

The next step in your faith life. Learn how to pray and meditate.

Looking to grow deeper in your faith?

Have you been on a youth retreat, and don't know what the next step is?

You are invited to come on this retreat!

We teach you how to pray, and how to Meditate with Scripture.

Large parts of the retreat are in SILENCE, and it's held at a retreat center near Paradise, MI
(on the east end of the U.P.)

Also we swim in waterfalls and have campfires and gaze upon uncountable stars in the middle of the pristine wilderness and make great friends that feel like family afterwards and have mass by candle-light it's epic

We had an amazing experience last summer,

Hope you'll come on this year's Going Deeper Retreat!

To register, please come to the parish office

or contact Tom in the Parish Office with your e-mail address to get the on-line registration link

Retreat Fee

\$100 to pay for housing and meals
plus \$10 to pay for materials.

On the day of the retreat, please come with \$10 to pitch in for gasoline and the materials.
(Total \$120)

-Please send your retreat fee of \$100 to
Fr. Mike Chenier at

[606 E 4th Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783](https://www.google.com/maps/place/606+E+4th+Ave,+Sault+Ste.+Marie,+MI+49783)

-Please write the checks for \$100 to Companions of Christ the Lamb Retreat Center
(If you haven't turned in your check by then your spot will be given to someone on the waiting list.)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty."

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Prayer Requests: Pat & Lois Abram, Fannie Aslin, Josh Bellefontaine, Sara Bellefontaine, Jack Bergmann, Sue Bergmann, Cindy Belonga Bochenski, Jackie Brown, Jerri Brown, Lois Brown, Mick & Deb Case, Roberta Chippewa, Carla Cooper, Edward Cooper, Nancy Dake, Brandy & Baby Dunbar, Jenifer Emery, Lissa Fair, Gary Fancet. Jim Foley, Bonnie Fox, Emily & Baby Franklin, John Glaesmann, Lea Green, Anthony Hicks, Ken Hollinger, Frank & Laura Holmberg, Elsie Iskra, Beau Johnson, Carole Johnson, Manthy Ann Johnson, Rob Johnson, Eriyana Jones, Chick (Dake) Jordan, Melanie Kauramaki, Rose Kaven, Mary Ann Kime, Bill Labadie, Jr., Owen Labadie, Evie Laing, Margaret Lombardi, Pat Masich, Andrew McGuire, Dee McMahan, Paul Michelin, David Morrison, Barbara Nesbit, Gloria Nesbit, Jackie & Baby Iris Newhouse, Tom Neznanski, Marcella Norman, Jack & Una Olson, Harold & Sandy Osterhout, Jessica Parker, Jerry Pillion, Emma Pnacek, Jean Rahilly, Lynn Rahilly, Marie Rowland, Kevin Russell, Norm Sharp, Kim Shigwadja, Michael Slaght, Ivan Taylor, Linda Walker

Reminder: Please let parish office know when a name needs added/removed from the list

Prayer Chain

If you have an urgent request for prayer please call the Office at 293-5511

MINISTER	7/14	7/15
Lector	Julie Craig	Kevin Vanatta
Extraordinary Minister	Tom Cool	Tim McBride
Cup	Cathy Pilon	Cyndi McBride
	Dawn Stephenson	Alice Walker
Servers	Trenton Glaesmann	Liam Nalette
Greeters	Jackie & Lorraine Applin	Larry & Patti Weinreis

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – “TURNING POINT”

There will be an Adult Bible Study here at St. Stephen Mission beginning Monday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m.

The Turning Point is a nine-session Bible study experience that’s perfect for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures but don’t know where to start.

This study will introduce you to people and stories in the Gospel of John that you won’t find anywhere else in the Bible: the woman at the well; a man named Nicodemus; the woman caught in adultery; and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead. You’ll read stories about Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and Peter’s marvelous redemption after he denies Jesus three times.

The people in these stories were transformed by their encounters with Jesus. By entering into their miraculous stories, you will encounter Jesus in a personal way and develop a deeper relationship with him that will transform your everyday life.

Please contact the St. Stephen’s Parish Office at 477-6117 to enroll in this program. Cost per person is \$15 and includes all necessary materials.

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga: Pope Pius IX received Bishop Baraga, “The Indian Bishop” twice in audience and accepted from his hands the gift of the first copies of the Ojibwa Grammar and the Ojibwa Dictionary, written by Baraga.

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes	\$3,295
Loose	\$ 706
Building Fund	\$ 45
Religious	\$ 540
Fuel Fund	\$ 0
Candles	\$ 37
Rent	\$ 0
Gifts	\$ 0
Stipends	\$ 0
Misc.	\$ 0
Total	\$4,623

Pastoral Council	
Jean Rahilly (P)	Janet Link
Larry Weinreis	David Rusch
Jackie Schummer	Julie Jordan
Finance Council	
Jackie Schummer (P)	Kevin Vanatta
Dave Rusch	Janet Linck
Faith Formation	
Brandy Dunbar (P)	Carla Freeman
Rich Nalette	Dawn Stephenson
Tara Bowler	Julie Jordan

Budgeted Operating Expenses for STG are \$3,355 a week

Check out our Facebook Pages

St. Gregory Parish Faith Formation & St. Gregory Parish - Evangelization

Having a 25th or 50th Anniversary – Please let the office know and we will put it in the bulletin

There is Prison Ministry at 5:30 PM each Wednesday.

The Knights of Columbus meet Tuesday at 7 PM.

There is a Koinonia Reunion Potluck next Sunday at 4 PM.

Mark your calendar for the Parish Picnic on August 12th

Carmelite Monastery Silver Tea

Saturday and Sunday, September 15th-16th, 2018

From Noon – 3 PM

at the Carmel of the Holy Cross Monastery

at the Junction of US2 and M95 in Iron Mountain, MI

Tickets for the drawing (suggested donation) are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Tickets are available in our Church Entryway

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Eric's Septic Service



Port-a-Jon Rentals

(906)293-3069

**Drain Line Cleaning
And Septic Pumping**

(906)450-0770

Consider Advertising your business in our
Parish Bulletin.

**REASONABLE RATES TO REACH 100-200
FAMILIES EACH WEEK.**

If you are interested, please contact Tom in the
parish office at (906)293-5511.

Pray the Rosary for the
Consecration of Russia
to the Immaculate Heart

**Newberry Florist
& Gift Shop**

1011 Newberry Ave
906-293-5101
newberry-florist.com