

### Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

We all go through many hills and valleys in our life, as individuals, families and communities. Two week ago was certainly a low point for the Church of Detroit.

Sunday, August 16, Fr. Stephen Rooney, pastor of St., Joseph Parish in Trenton, was on a parishioner's boat with a number of other adults and children, including Msgr. Kosanke, in the Detroit River by

Grosse Ille. Tragically the boat capsized and Fr. Rooney and Mr. Chiles did not survive. Mr. Chiles leave behind three children, whose mother was tragically found in the same water last year after being missing for 4 days.

Fr. Rooney was one of 14 children, who was ordained a priest in his native Ireland for the Cistercian Order. After 5 years he came to Detroit and became a member of our presbyterate. He was an associate a few places and then pastor of St. Michael's Monroe, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Temperance, Our Lady on the River in Marine City and St Joe's in Trenton. He was a very spiritual man often directing seminarians in their spiritual life. He was also pretty funny and very hospitable.

When a pastor of a parish dies it obviously leaves a big hole, not only in the parish but in the Archdiocese. In this case, the parish also lost a very faith filled parishioner as well. Please pray for the people of St. Joseph Parish in Trenton during this difficult time, as well as for Fr. Rooney's large family and the Chiles family.

Many of you are also aware of the news regarding Fr Matthew Hood. Matt was here at Star 5 years ago as an intern and then a year as a Deacon. Ordained in 2017, he was then

assigned to Divine Child in Dearborn. Last month he began an assignment at St. Lawrence in Utica.. Well, during "quarantine," Matt's dad was going through stuff and came across the video of Matt's baptism and gave it to him. Upon watching it he realized the Deacon baptizing him never said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." He was concerned about the validity of his baptism. Then, coincidentally, on August 6, the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith issued a statement clarifying that if those words, "I baptize you,..." are not said, it is not a valid baptism and the person needs to be baptized with the correct words. Needless to say, Matt was devastated. It meant all of the other Sacraments he had received, including ordination, were also invalid. He immediately went to the Archbishop and within two weeks, was baptized, confirmed, received the Eucharist, was ordained a deacon and then ordained a priest. So now he is validly baptized and validly ordained. However, this led to contacting all the people he had married at Divine Child and the handful of people he had confirmed because, during those liturgies, he was not a validly ordained priest as it appeared. Now those he had baptized, including the 9 babies he baptized here at Star during his time, are all baptized because anyone can baptized as long as water is used and the correct formula, which, of course, he did use while baptizing. So Fr. Matt Hood, while undergoing a spiritually difficult weeks, he also sees the abundant Grace he has received from God and is taking steps to notify the appropriate people from the past three years.

While that is the "human interest" story the main media outlets have picked up, the larger issue are all the other invalid baptisms performed by

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Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24



## mass times & information

**SAT** 4:00 p.m. (Vigil) **SUN** 8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

MON 7:30 a.m. TUE 7:30 a.m. WED 7:30 a.m.

**THU** 7:30 a.m. **FRI** 8:30 a.m.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

MON8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.TUE8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.WED8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.THU8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**FRI** 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **SAT** Closed

**SUN** Closed **Holidays** — Closed

#### **BAPTISMS**

Please call the parish office during the last months of pregnancy to arrange for Baptism classes and schedule the Sacrament. Everyone has a right to their own sacramental certificate. No one has the right to another person's certificate, except: the parent/guardian of a minor child. (Archdiocese of Detroit)

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Church strongly encourages people to receive the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at the early stages of serious sickness or before serious surgeries.

In emergency situations needing the prompt attention of a priest, please call the parish office.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

#### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office during regular office hours. Others, please notify the Parish Office of address changes. Adults over 21 need to be registered as an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Half and Half continued
Deacon Mark Springer at St. Anastasia in Troy where Matt was thought to be baptized. In question are 733 baptisms the deacon administered from 1986-1999. While a few families found tapes of baptisms and heard the correct formula used by the deacon, he admitted he generally used the word "we" and not "I" to baptize. Sad to say, there are probably other deacons or priests who also performed invalid baptisms, which then effect the other sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage. Here is the bottom line: if you have a recording of a baptism and do not hear the words "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" please reach out to the Archdiocese at <a href="mailto:aod.org/sacramentsupdate">aod.org/sacramentsupdate</a> and ask your question or fill out the request. Or give me a call in the parish office so we can walk you through this process and remedy any situations that need such action.

Some may wonder is all this necessary? Doesn't God know and take care of things? Yes the Church believes that God's grace is present and knows the hearts of those seeking Him in the sacraments. However the Church has always taught and believes in the importance of the "form and matter" of the sacraments for validity. So the words (form) are required as well as the matter (unleavened bread, water, oil, etc.). I can not say the words of consecration over an apple and tell you that is the Body of Christ. Hence the words and matter as prescribed by the Church is most important.

Let us pray for each other and the whole Church this week that God's abundant mercy flow upon all those needing healing and comfort in all aspects of life, May the Divine Physician touch our souls, our minds and give us peace.

\*\* Our school opens this Wednesday! Prayers for a safe and productive year are requested. As you can expect there is anxiety. May Our Lady wrap her mantle of love around us and give its her motherly care!

God Bless us all this week and give us peace.

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

## Our Lady Star of the Sea **Men's Retreat**

October 23-25, 2020

#### Manresa Jesuit Retreat House

1390 Quarton Road ~ Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013 www.manresa-sja.org

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#### Save the Date

Our Lady Star of the Sea Women's Retreat Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Capuchin Retreat Center, Washington, MI More Details to come

## Scripture Readings

## WEEK OF August 30 SUNDAY

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

#### **MONDAY**

1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 Lk 4:16-30

#### **TUESDAY**

1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 Lk 4:31-37

#### WEDNESDAY

1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44

#### **THURSDAY**

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

#### **FRIDAY**

1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39

#### **SATURDAY**

1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 Lk 6:1-5

#### **SUNDAY**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20



## In observance of Labor Day the Parish offices

will be closed

Friday, September 4th - Monday September 7th



#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, August 31

7:30 a.m. +Frank & Josephine M.

Colombo +Don Hudec

#### Tuesday, September 1

7:30 a.m. +Jennie Joseph

+Edmund Ahee, Jr. +Ann Marie Rogier +Annis Gaynor +Donald Abood

#### Wednesday, September 2

7:30 a.m. +Mary Klobuchar

Thursday, September 3

7:30 a.m. +Rita Zemenick

Friday, September 4

7:30 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners

+Willam Meffer III

2:00 p.m. Wedding:

John La Rocca and Jennifer Manaianti

#### Saturday, September 5

2:00 p.m. Wedding:

Theresa Schena and

Mark Kane

4:00 p.m. +William J. Gudenau

+Carmela Brucia Anthony Ciaravino

#### Sunday, September 6

8:00 a.m. +OLSOS Parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Shirley Fischer

+Paul Fischer

+Catherine Jaboro

11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski

+Aaron Blair +Madeline Kane Kathy Spindler

+Art & Dorothy Spindler

+Richard and Irene Sprvszak

+Paul and Monna Hanna



August 22, 2020

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

#### Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Earlier this month, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued an important doctrinal note alerting the Church throughout the world that baptisms were not valid in which a particular word or words were changed. Specifically, to say "We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" does not convey the sacrament of baptism. Rather, ministers must allow Jesus to speak through them and say, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

In making this clarification, the Congregation pointed to the Second Vatican Council, which established that no one "even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority."

One of our priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit received this news with particular devastation. Father Matthew Hood, a graduate of Sacred Heart Major Seminary who sought ordination to the priesthood in June of 2017, had recently viewed a family video taken at the time of his baptism as an infant and realized the celebrating deacon decided to change the proper words (formula) to baptism, using "We baptize" as opposed to "I baptize."

Father Hood immediately contacted the Archdiocese and the proper steps were taken to remedy his situation. He was recently validly baptized. Furthermore, since other sacraments cannot be validly received in the soul without valid baptism, Father Hood also was recently validly confirmed and validly ordained a transitional deacon and then a priest. Let us give thanks and praise to God for blessing us with Father Hood's ministry.

The difficulty of this news is also in its impact upon the rest of us. The deacon who first attempted to baptize Father Hood, Deacon Mark Springer, used this invalid formula while assigned at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, during the period from 1986-1999. The parish and Archdiocese of Detroit will make efforts to contact those whom the deacon attempted to baptize, so that they may receive valid sacraments. The Archdiocese has made the deacon's identity known in an attempt to alert people whom we may not have a way to contact.

This news also impacts many who have interacted with Fr. Hood during these last three years, during which time his ability to celebrate valid sacraments has been greatly limited. More information is at <a href="http://aod.org/sacramentsupdate">http://aod.org/sacramentsupdate</a> about the effect on each sacrament. The parishes where Fr. Hood has been

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assigned – Divine Child in Dearborn and St. Lawrence in Utica – will be working with the Archdiocese to contact those who sought out the sacraments with Fr. Hood, so that each individual's circumstance may be examined and rectified.

As is always the case with Christ, there is hope amid this darkness. The Church, following the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, recognizes that God has bound Himself to the sacraments, but He is not bound by the sacraments. This means that while we can have certainty that God always works through the sacraments when they are properly conferred by the minister, God is not bound by the sacraments in that He can and does extend His grace in a sovereign way. We can be assured that all those who approached Father Hood, in good faith, to receive the sacraments did not walk away empty-handed. We know that Our Lord, in his unending love for us, supplied some measure of grace. God is drawn to hearts that are open to Him in love.

At the same time, the sacraments, when properly administered, are visible rites and efficacious channels through which the sanctifying grace of God flows to those who receive them with the proper disposition. Sanctifying grace is necessary for a soul to spend eternity in heaven, and valid sacramental baptism guarantees that this grace has been placed in the soul. Sin is a loss of sanctifying grace, but all the sacraments work according to their purpose to give and fortify sanctifying grace in the soul. This grace is a treasure of treasures and we must do everything we can to protect the integrity of the sacraments through which we receive it. It is the duty of the local Church to ensure that everyone entrusted into her care has the full benefit and certainty that come from the valid reception of the sacraments, which have been given to us to keep us as secure as possible on the path to heaven.

On behalf of our local Church, I am deeply sorry that this human error has resulted in disruption to the sacramental lives of some members of the faithful. I will take every step necessary to remedy the situation for everyone impacted. This commitment is, in part, why I write to you today, with the hope that you may assist me in identifying those in need of the sacraments. If you believe your own sacramental record may be tied to either Deacon Springer's or Fr. Hood's ministry, please visit <a href="mailto:aod.org/sacramentsupdate">aod.org/sacramentsupdate</a> to contact the Archdiocese or call your parish for more information about how to proceed.

I ask that you join me in praying for Father Hood, Deacon Springer, members of the faithful directly impacted by this situation, and for the entire Catholic community of southeast Michigan. In the words of St. Paul to the Philippians: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron

Archbishop of Detroit



# DRIVE-THRU PRAYER

Supporting teachers, students, and families during these uncertain times and trusting in the Lord together.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31
5:00 PM
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Have you been getting our weekly newsletters via email?

Sign up for the newsletters by visiting <a href="https://olsos.org/get-involved">https://olsos.org/get-involved</a> or call the office.

We don't want you to miss out on the latest news or events.

If you unsubscribed to any of the newsletter, that unfortunately removed you from all newsletters.

If you would like to be reinstated please call the parish.



Outdoor Rosary (weather permitting)

This Thursday
7:30 pm
In the
Rosary Garden

Bring your own lawn chair and mask

Our last Outdoor Rosary will be September 3rd



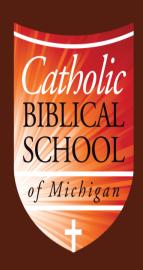


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8/31/2004	Kathryn Sullivan
9/1/1973	Thaddeus Steepe
9/1/1991	Lawrence B. Schena
9/1/1995	Evelyn Rossi
9/1/2000	Henry Kodan
9/1/2003	John Boni
9/1/2008	Ted Winiarski
9/1/2014	Jean Conley
9/1/2014	Janet Drolshagen
9/1/2017	Annis Gaynor
9/2/1961	Margaret McKenny
9/2/1963	L. P. Carey
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9/2/1976	Grace Barnett
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9/4/1991	Helen M. Roche
9/5/1907	Marion Merrick
9/5/1980	Anne Kramer
9/5/1981	Prewitt Semmes
9/5/1981	Teresa Russo
9/5/1985	Celso DaDeppo
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9/5/1987	Harold Hoffman
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	Mary Kathleen Geymann Edward Gendernalik
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9/6/2005	Mary Rudzinski

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Please pray for

those in the military Joshua Bielak Paul David Boni James Patrick Carrier Kyle Cone Emily de Brun Jason T. Erbecker

Mary Ann Montpetit

Laura Murphy

Dan Murphy

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Don Nelson

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Joe Ross

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