

# FAMILIA

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## NEWSLETTER

### **Weekend Masses**

*Weekend Masses are offered on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm and on Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the main church.*

### **Weekday Masses**

*Weekday Mass is offered in the air-conditioned sacristy chapel on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm and on Fridays at 9:00 am.*

### **Rosary**

*The Rosary is prayed every Sunday before 9:00 am Mass.*

### **Confession**

*Every Saturday at 3:00 pm.*

### **First Saturdays**

*First Saturday Mass is offered in the main church at 12 noon. Confessions at 11:00 am with Rosary at 11:30 am.*

## From the Desk of Father David Jenuwine

Dear Parish Family,

September is one week away! Soon we will be settling in to a new school year; after wrapping up our summer vacations and travel. Autumn arrives September 21st.

At the end of September is the bi-annual priest's assembly. All active priests are required to attend. Pray for me while I join my brother priests and our bishop in discussing important matters to our ministry in the diocese. The assembly begins the evening of Sunday September 29, which is the Feast of St. Michael and the Archangels, and ends October 2, which is the Memorial of the Guardian Angels. (Is Somebody trying to tell us something?)

Please pray for our priests and bishop this month as things lead up to the assembly – that it will be a fruitful, spiritual, and prayerful event.

I cannot express how pleased I am to be serving at Holy Family. You have all been so kind and friendly. And the church building and appointments, as well as the parish grounds, are a jewel in the midst of the city of Saginaw and a great gift to the community!

May God bless us in each other as we intercede in prayer for one another.

*Fr. DAVID*



**Exaltation of the Cross**  
 According to legends the Cross of Jesus was re-discovered by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, while on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 326. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was built on the site. The date of this feast, September 14th, marks the dedication of this church in 335.

## Adult Education Ideas and Input

Last month, I was asked to give a presentation on the *History and Structure of the Mass* at St. Stephen in Saginaw. Deacon Roger and I are looking at possible opportunities for adult education here at Holy Family. If you have any ideas or suggestions for topics or speakers; please let us know.

The *Center for Ministry* next to Nouvel Catholic Central High School in the chancery complex maintains a schedule of talks and retreats for our spiritual edification.

## The Seven Sorrows of Mary

Midway through September, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th. It immediately follows the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on the 14th. The devotion known as the Seven Sorrows of Mary (not to be confused with the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary) originated some time in the 13th century with the Servite Order.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon. (Lk 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt. (Mt 2:13)
3. The loss of the child Jesus in the Temple. (Lk 2:43-45)
4. Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary.
5. Jesus dies on the cross. (Jn 19:25)
6. Mary receives the body of Jesus. (Mt 27:57-59)
7. Jesus's body is placed in the tomb. (Jn 19:40-42)

The Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows is prayed by meditating on each of these and praying 1 Our Father and 7 Hail Mary's.



### The Priest Must Serve God and the People

*When he celebrates the Eucharist ... [the priest] must serve God and the people with dignity and humility ... by his bearing and by the way he says the divine words he must convey to the faithful the living presence of Christ.* -GIRM 93

*The importance of the priest's participation in the Liturgy, especially by singing, cannot be overemphasized. The priest sings the presidential prayers and dialogues of the Liturgy according to his capabilities, and he encourages sung participation in the Liturgy by his own example, joining in the congregational song.* -Sing to the Lord 19



## St. Michael and the Archangels

The Prayer to Saint Michael was added by Pope Leo XIII to the prayers after Mass in 1866. The practice of reciting these prayers ended in 1964. Blessed Pope John Paul II referred to the St Michael prayer in 1994, saying: "I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world."

The words to the prayer are as follows:

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*