



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

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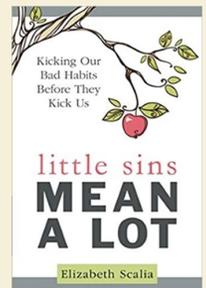
#### K OF C CAN DRIVE

**Sept 19/20 and 26/27**  
**Before and after all Masses**

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### DON'T LET YOUR BAD HABITS TURN INTO SINS!

Join us as we discuss this power-packed book called Little Sins Mean A Lot written by Elizabeth Scalia. This book contains 13 "little" sins that if left unexamined can have serious impact on our spiritual lives and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Scalia is honest as she examines these sins in her own life as well as Church teaching on each one. She helps us ask ourselves the tough questions and gives us tools and prayers to help kick these bad habits before they kick us.



**WHEN:** Mondays at 1:00 pm (in person) or Mondays at 5:15 pm virtually via ZOOM (call in or video is available). Begins September 14, and ends October 26.

**REGISTER:** By September 5 via our website under the "forms" tab or by calling Lori at 616-891-9259 or filling out the form located by the CD rack in the Narthex.

**COST:** \$15 for the cost of the book or no cost if you already own a copy.

# Holy Family Mass & Weekly Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00am

Wednesday-Friday: 9:00am

## ADORATION:

Thursday: 9:30am-3pm

## SACRAMENTS:

Baptism & Sacrament of Matrimony:  
(616) 891-9259

Reconciliation: Sat. 4:00-4:30pm

## OFFICE HOURS:

9:00-3:00 M-Th, Fri 9:00-12:00

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If you will be presenting your child for the Sacrament of Baptism in the coming months, the Diocese of Grand Rapids requires parents attend a Parenting/Baptism Class. We encourage expectant parents to attend before your child is born to ensure that enough time is allowed for proper preparation for this Sacrament. We also encourage you to carefully review the qualifications for Godparents before asking the candidates you're considering. Please go to the parish website to read about Baptisms here at Holy Family Parish, to obtain a Baptism Application Form, to register for a Baptism and a class. Contact the parish office with questions you have. The next class is September 12 at 6pm; registration is needed using the application form.

***This date is tentative, please call the parish office if you are interested in taking this class.***

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY FAMILY...

## September

- WED. 2** Scripture Study, 9:30am, Meditation Garden
- THUR. 3** Adoration, 9:30am-3pm, Church
- SAT. 5** Sunrise Men's Adoration & Prayer Group, 6am, church
- TUES. 8** Blood Drive, 1-6:30pm, Holy Family Center  
Food Pantry Self Shop 4-5:30pm, St. Joseph Hall
- WED. 9** Scripture Study, 9:30am, Meditation Garden
- THUR, 10** "That Man Is You", 5:45pm, St. Mary's West  
Food Pantry Self Shop 10-11:30am, St. Joseph Hall
- SAT, 12** Sunrise Men's Adoration & Prayer Group, 6am, church  
Baptism Prep Class, 6pm, Library
- WED, 16** "That Man Is You", 6:15am, St. Mary's East  
Scripture Study, 9:30am, Meditation Garden  
Scripture Study, 6pm, Meditation Garden
- THUR, 17** "That Man Is You", 5:45pm, St. Mary's West
- SAT, 19** Sunrise Men's Adoration & Prayer Group, 6am, church
- WED, 23** "That Man Is You", 6:15am, St. Mary's East  
Scripture Study, 9:30am, Meditation Garden  
Scripture Study, 6pm, Meditation Garden
- THUR, 24** "That Man Is You", 5:45pm, St. Mary's West
- SAT, 26** Sunrise Men's Adoration & Prayer Group, 6am, church
- WED, 30** "That Man Is You", 6:15am, St. Mary's East  
Scripture Study, 9:30am, Meditation Garden  
Scripture Study, 6pm, Meditation Garden

## You Asked, and We Heard!

Our weekly Scripture study has quickly become the weekly highlight of many of our attendees, and the request has been made to add an evening option for those unable to attend in the mornings.



Beginning Wednesday, September 16th we will begin offering an evening option to read and discern the scripture readings for the upcoming weekend Mass. We will gather from 6:00—7:00 p.m. Just bring a Bible (we have extras if you need one) and a chair! Masks optional since we are outside and can social distance.

**IMPORTANT:** If you would like to learn more or are interested in attending please contact Lori at the parish office or via email at [adultff@holyfamilycaledonia.org](mailto:adultff@holyfamilycaledonia.org). We want to make sure you are added to our contact list for communication on location changes or cancellation in the event of weather challenges.



Throughout this year you will see and hear many things about our parish; how it was formed, who was involved, who our founders are and many fun stories! Watch the upcoming newsletters and bulletins; we will be highlighting some of our founding families that are still parishioners today! Our seventh installment.



Art & Karen Homrich

**All of Karen and Art's children celebrated their youthful sacraments either here, at Holy Family or St. Mary's**

# HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Interview

This month I interviewed Art and Karen Homrich for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary founding family. Karen shared with me that they started at St. Mary's of Cascade the year they got married in 1963. Art and Karen Homrich have four children, Kris, Brian, Tracy and Michelle, 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. All of their children celebrated their youthful sacraments at either St. Mary's or Holy Family.

Art served on the Finance Committee for the new Holy Family church, he was an usher, worked on the Grounds maintenance group, was assistant Sexton and then Sexton of the three cemeteries: St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's, and St. Mary's.

In the 90's and 2000 time- frame, Art, Mike Patterson, and Al Snyder spent many, many hours updating the badly needed cemetery records for all three cemeteries. There was a huge map for each cemetery. They would take the maps with them to the cemeteries and proceed to correct and update all the names, location, and birth and death information. It was a big undertaking. Karen said "they would give the information to her and she would input the information in a large Excel spreadsheet." This took many weeks and months to complete. This information is still tracked in this same format today with the Holy Family cemeteries.

When Al Snyder passed away, Mike and Art took over the undertaking. When Mike Patterson passed, Art became the Sexton. Art shared that St. Mary's cemetery has a Monument in the Center, which is where the original St. Mary's church stood. The church was imploded when it was torn down and much of the remains of the church fell into the basement or foundation of the old church, and dirt covered the remains. Over the years the ground and the remains underneath have begun to settle. This settling causes the Monument to tip every once in a while and the Monument has to be straightened.

In the 1970's Karen served on the Women's Altar Society and Sunday School teacher. Karen shared that "Shortly after the church was built, I suggested to Fr. Shafer that we start a Sunday School for 3-5 year old's during the 9:00 Mass. I figured that the kids would get more out of a class geared to them and allow the parents to attend Mass alone. Fr. Shafer thought that was a great idea and put it in my hands to do it". This is not what she expected. She was a busy mom with three little kids. Fr. Shafer supplied a storage area in the back side of the church, just outside the sanctuary. "Keeping ten or more kids quiet was quite an undertaking. Often the ushers would come in and say we were making too much noise. But I loved the kids and enjoyed being with them".

Karen also taught first grade CCD and remembers that they used the Caledonia Elementary School classrooms to hold the CCD program.

In the 80's Karen was a CFF volunteer, helped serve coffee after Mass and was on the Funeral Lunch ministry. In the 90's Karen became a Stephen Minister, something she was not sure she could do. But the coordinators at that time (Dennis and Diane Echelbarger) encouraged her and she agreed to go through training which was over several weeks. She found the ministry to be very rewarding and she served as a Stephen Minister for several years. Karen also served for over 20 years in some fashion in the Holy Family office, including volunteering, office secretary and entering the Collection Counting on a weekly basis. In the 2000's Karen served as Eucharistic Minister and served on the Holy Family Council of Catholic Women.

# YOUNG ADULT GROUP



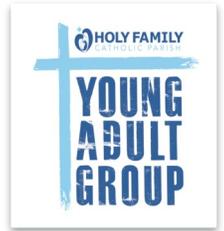
## The Chosen

Looking for something new to watch on T.V.?

**The Chosen** is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created by VidAngel Studios, outside of the Hollywood system, **The Chosen** allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him. Season one, consisting of eight different episodes, can be viewed via **YouTube** or at <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen>.

## The Holy Family Young Adult Group

The Holy Family Young Adult Group is a fellowship of young adults at Holy Family and surrounding areas who desire to live in the imitation of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 pm.



Questions or to get updates on the Young Adult group, call or text Lori @ 616-389-4794.

## Help us stay in touch with your college student(s)!

Go to the Holy Family website and under the tab labeled 'Forms', please complete the College Student Contact Information Form. You may also email Lori at [adultff@holyfamilycaledonia.org](mailto:adultff@holyfamilycaledonia.org) with the following information: Student Name, College, Year in college, mailing address (no PO Boxes), email and cell phone number.



## We want to hear from you!

What additional Adult Faith Formation programs would you like to see offered at our parish? Give Lori a call at the office (616) 891-9259 x 229 or if you prefer, send an email to [adultff@holyfamilycaledonia.org](mailto:adultff@holyfamilycaledonia.org)

### TALK TO US!



We would love to hear what you would like to participate in and what your preference is regarding content and format (on-line/virtual, in person, self study, etc.). Thank you!

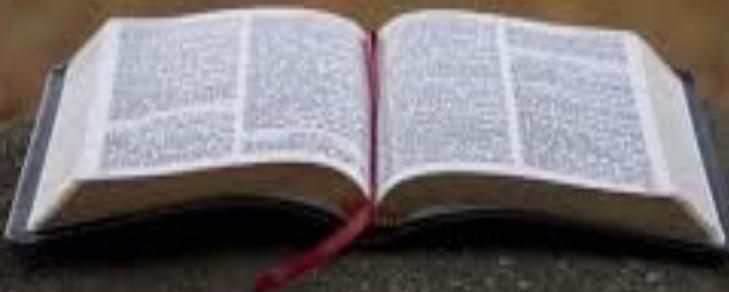
—Join us for—

### *Scripture Study in the Meditation Garden*

Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am.

Just bring your Bible and a Chair!

*Come whenever your schedule allows!*



# ADULT FAITH FORMATION



**THAT MAN IS YOU!**™ Men's leadership & fellowship program

All men are invited to join us for an **all new** TMIY featuring dynamic presenters including Scott Hahn; Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR; Jason Evert; Dr. John Cavadini (consultant to the USCCB) and many more!

**When:** Wednesday mornings, beginning September 9 at 6:15 am

Thursday Evenings, beginning September 10 at 5:45 pm

**Where:** All sessions are held in St. Mary's East Hall (Overflow is in St. Mary's West)

**Email:** [adultff@holyfamilyscaledonia.org](mailto:adultff@holyfamilyscaledonia.org) to be added to the distribution list to receive updates about meetings/changes, etc.

**Other:** Enter/Exit Door D - Masks are required **Please join us; we think you will be glad you did!**



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## Online Giving

The world as we knew it has changed dramatically. In these times we look toward our faith to begin to heal. As our spiritual home, our church relies on time, talent, and treasure in order to prosper and fulfill our mission. Online Giving is an easy way to support our continued mission, both while we are away and as we slowly begin to gather together to keep our faith, so that we can offer hope and healing to those around us.

Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to your church.

Visit our church website today to sign up and get started.



# OPPORTUNITIES



## Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held on September 8 from 1-6pm here at Holy Family. To schedule your appointment either call Char Mello at 616-901-2803 or sign up online at <https://bit.ly/CCCdonateSept8>. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome!

Why is donating blood important to you?

#1 reason people say is to help others.

Will you help patients at our local hospitals?

THANK YOU!

Helpful tip:

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Together with your families, the Church in the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes

to celebrate with you. Bishop Walkowiak will celebrate the 10am Mass on Sunday, October 11 for the intentions of all couples in the diocese celebrating milestone anniversaries (25, 30, 40, 50, etc.) this year. Because of the current situation, we are asking couples to attend Mass at their own parish that day or to participate from home by watching the regular broadcast of the televised Mass on FOX 17 or the livestream on the diocesan Facebook page.

If you would like your marriage to be included in the Mass intention, please RSVP by Oct. 1 by calling or emailing the parish office to confirm your names, date of marriage, number of years married and home address (a letter of apostolic blessing will be sent to you for your marriage).

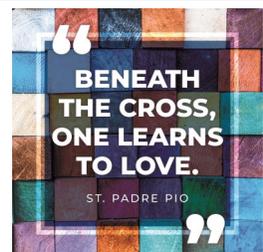


## Knights of Columbus Can Drive

Start saving your returnable cans today! The Knights of Columbus will be having a can drive on **Sept. 19/20** and **26/27**. The money collected from the cans will be used to help boost donations to their seminarian fund. This fund was created so that no seminarian would have to forgo his calling due to lack of monies which happens to be one of the main issues for men to leave the seminary. We all have lots of cans at home and probably know of many in our parish that also have cans.

If you are able to donate to this drive, cans will be collected before and after the 5pm, 9am & 11am Masses. Bring your cans to the trailer by the barn and a knight will help you off-load your car as needed (with masks & hand sanitizer). Thank You!

\*\*Please do not drop off cans early. If you have cans to donate outside of the dates and times listed above, please call a Knights of Columbus member.



# OPPORTUNITIES & VOLUNTEERING

## Meijer Simply Give

The Meijer "Simply Give" campaign is back and will run August 23rd-October 24th at the Cascade Meijer. Your contributions help stock the shelves all year long. Our double match days are September 11-12.

Because of your generous contributions we continue to feed your Caledonia Community with a wonderful selection of healthy food choices. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their 4th of July food drive. They brought in 534 lbs of food! Thank you, thank you to all who donated!

Many people ask, what are our boundaries? It doesn't matter where you live if you are a parishioner. Your pantry serves the area between 76th Street to the North, 108th Street to the South, Whitneyville to the East and Patterson to the West. We don't turn anyone away. If new clients are out of our area and not a parishioner, we inform them of the pantries in their area and weekly Feeding America food trucks at area churches.

Our clients are able to shop every second Tuesday of the month, 4:00-5:30 and the Thursday that follows from 10:00-11:30. We have had to change things up as required. All of our clients are wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart and we are taking their temperature before they enter. If they prefer not to shop we have packed boxes of food for them.

If you know of anyone in need of food please tell them about your pantry. No one should ever go hungry!

We are low on the following items:

Cereal \* Diced Tomatoes \* Beef Stew \* Juice \* Hearty Vegetable Soup \* Cream of Chicken Soup \* Pasta Sides \* Strawberry Jam \* Baked Beans \* Mayo \* Chocolate Frosting \* Chips \* Graham Crackers \* Toothpaste \* Facial tissue \* Razors

As always, I can not thank the volunteers that help make this pantry flow so smoothly. It defiantly takes team work. Your constant help is so very appreciated!

God's blessings to the promise of each new day and gratitude for all that is good!



## 5th Annual "Kind Like Katie" Blood Drive Results

Thank you from Versiti-Blood Center of Michigan, to all who gave the gift of life by donating blood at the Caledonia Community Churches drive on July 14<sup>th</sup>. 91 donors attempted to donate, with a total of 96 pints of blood collected (11 over goal=13%). There were 4 first time donors. Thank you to everyone for wearing your mask and adhering to social distancing guidelines.

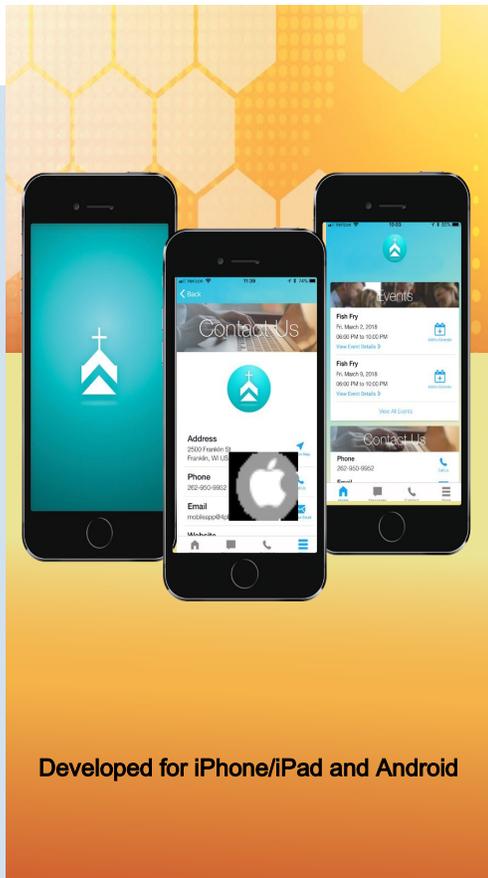
A special thank you to all volunteers who support this lifesaving ministry: Sue Sanker, Jim Shoaf, Mary Merritt, Bridgett Czarnecki and office staff at each church. A world of gratitude goes out to the Fairchild family for supporting blood drives and providing a gift bag of all things Katie loved, that was awarded to a lucky winner. "Kind Like Katie" blood drives have contributed 424 life-saving pints of blood over the five years. This is an outstanding accomplishment.

Congratulations to these donors who earned their respective blood donation gallon levels: Yvette Houser (1 gallon), Kimberly Lobbezoo (2 gallons), Allison Reuter (3 gallons), Elissa Vire (2 gallons) and Mary Thomasma (2 gallons). Eight donations = one gallon.

**2020 Blood Drives (Tuesday): Sep 8, Nov 10**



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