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Glory to Jesus Christ!– Dicsőség Jézus Krisztusnak! Слава Ісусу Христу!



WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Marton he will be happy to talk to you. Please join us for our potluck Agape in the Parish Hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

12th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3); Post-festive Day of the Dormition, Translation of Icon of Our Lord

The following is the prescribed music for the changeable parts of today's Divine Liturgy, from the teal pew book:

Troparion of Resurrection, Tone 3, Bottom of Page 135. **Troparion of Dormition, Tone 1**, Middle of Page 352. **Troparion of Icon, Tone 2**, Top of Page 220.

"Glory...Now and Ever..." Tone 2, Top of Page 131, or follow cantor.

Kontakion of Dormition, Tone 2, Bottom of Page 352.

Prokeimenon of Resurrection with verse: Middle of Page 137. Add Prokeimenon of Icon without verse, Middle of Page 221.

Alleluia of Resurrection with verses, Near Bottom of Page 137. Add Alleluia of Icon with verses, near the bottom of Page 221.

Instead of "It is truly proper...": Sing Magnification and Irmos of Feast of Dormition, Starts at Bottom of Page 353.

Communion Hymns: For Sunday (Psalm 148:1), Middle of p.78, plus Dormition (Psalm 115:4), Middle of Page 355.

Bishop Robert Pipta's Latest Teaching

We invite everyone to read Bishop Robert Pipta's latest teaching, "*Eucharistic Communion and the Parochial Community*." This reflection offers important guidance on the Eucharist, our parish communities, and our life together as the Church. [Read the full teaching here: https://www.parma.org/news/eucharistic-communion-and-the-parochial-community-a-teaching-from-bishop-robert-pipta](https://www.parma.org/news/eucharistic-communion-and-the-parochial-community-a-teaching-from-bishop-robert-pipta). If you would like a printed copy, please let Fr. Marton know.

Save the Date

Friday, August 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 22nd 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. "*Attic Treasures Sale*" at Sacred Heart

Friday, August 21st from 6:30pm Vespers and Victorials, Young Adult event at Sacred Heart

November 7, 2026 - November 8, 2026- Fall Pre-Cana Weekend

Location: [Annunciation Parish - Homer Glen, IL](#)



Friday, August 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Saturday, August 22, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church

Banquet Center

29125 Six Mile Road

Livonia, MI 48152

*Funds realized from the sale will assist
Fr. Joseph and Mary Marquis
in recovering some of the out-of-pocket expenses
required during their move from Sacred Heart Church
to their retirement residence.*

Those Willing to Assist Them as Volunteers...
Please Contact:
Mary Marquis
313.282.4540

*Lunch Will be Provided for Volunteers
on Both Friday and Saturday. ☺*

Parish Update

Dear St Stephen's and Sacred Heart Parish Family,

After many months of prayer, discussion, and careful consideration, the members of the St Stephen and Sacred Heart Parish Council have reached a shared recommendation regarding the future of our parish community. Throughout this process, the parish councils carefully examined every aspect of both parishes. We compared the condition and long-term needs of our church buildings, their locations and accessibility, the financial situations and operating budgets of both parishes, and where our parishioners currently travel from to attend the Divine Liturgy. We also considered the future sustainability of each community and what would best serve our faithful for generations to come. After this thorough review and many thoughtful conversations, we believe that the best path forward is to merge with **Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia**. Through this merger, a "**new parish**" would be established with a new name, bringing together the faithful of both communities as one parish family in Livonia, and will be having services at Sacred Heart. We believe this will strengthen our Byzantine Catholic presence, preserve our ministries, and provide a strong foundation for future generations. The recommendation of the Parish Councils to merge into one new parish will now be presented to **Bishop Robert Pipta** for his prayerful consideration and final decision. We humbly ask all our parishioners to keep this process in their prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom, peace, and unity to everyone involved. This recommendation was not made lightly. It reflects our sincere desire to be faithful stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us and to provide the strongest possible foundation for the future of our Byzantine Catholic community. We believe that by coming together to form a "**new parish**," we can build a stronger, more vibrant community that will continue to proclaim the Gospel and serve the faithful for many years to come. Thank you for your continued faith, support, and love for our parish family. Together, let us move forward with trust in God's providence, confident that He will continue to guide and bless our community. May the Lord bless us and lead us into the future with hope, faith, and unity.

Readings for 12th Sunday after Pentecost

1Cor 15,1-11, Mt 19,16-26

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments." "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,'¹⁰ and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'¹⁹" "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the rich young man who comes to Jesus and asks, "**Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?**" He seems to be a good man. He has followed the commandments and truly wants to please God. But Jesus asks something more of him. He tells him to sell what he has, give to the poor, and then come and follow Him. The young man becomes sad and walks away because he has many possessions. The problem was not simply that he was rich. The deeper problem was that **his possessions had become more important to him than following Christ**. This Gospel also asks us an important question: **What is holding me back from giving my whole life to Jesus?** For us, it may not be money. It may be our pride, our comfort, our plans, our time, our desire to always be right, or something else that we do not want to give up. Sometimes we say that we want to follow Christ, but we still want to remain in control of our own lives. The disciples are surprised when Jesus says how difficult it is for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. They ask, "**Then who can be saved?**" Jesus gives them the most important answer: "**For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible.**" Our salvation does not come from our own strength. We cannot make ourselves perfect. We need God's mercy and grace. What is impossible for us is possible for God. The Gospel therefore invites us to ask not only, "**What must I do?**", but also, "**Lord, what do I need to give to You?**" What am I holding onto that keeps me from following Christ more completely? When we place our lives in God's hands, we may have to let go of some things, but we also receive something much greater: **freedom, peace, and the joy of following Christ**. May we have the courage to trust Jesus, to let go of whatever keeps us from Him, and to remember His words: "**For God all things are possible.**"

Schedule of Services

August 17-23, 2026

Monday, August, 17 *13th Week after Pentecost, Myron Martyr, 2Cor 9,7-15, Mk 3,6-12*

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club – online: meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia

Wednesday, August 19, *Andrew and others Martyrs, 2Cor 9,12-10,7, Mk3,20-27*

1:00 pm-4:00 pm *Silent Prayer & Visit the Shrine in Sacred Heart*

6:00 pm Confession at Sacred Heart

6:30 pm Akathist to the Theotokos

Friday, August 21, *Thaddeus Apostle, 2Cor 11,5-21, Mk 4,1-9*

6:00 pm *Confession at Sacred Heart*

6:30 pm *Vespers and Young Adults event at Sacred Heart*

Saturday, August 22, *Agathonicus and other's Martyrs, 1 Cor 2,5-9, Mt 22,15-22*

10:00 am *Divine Liturgy at Sacred Heart*

11:00 am-12:00 pm *Silent Prayer & Visit the Shrine in Sacred Heart*

August 23, 13th Sunday after Pentecost *1 Cor 16,13-24, Mt 21,33-42*

8:45 am *3rd Hour in St. Stephen*

9:00 am *Divine Liturgy&Baptism for Clarissa Alwen Estabrook, Discussion about the future & Agape meal in the Hall at St. Stephen*

11:30 am *Divine Liturgy for Sunday, Agape meal in the Hall at Sacred Heart*

Request a Divine Liturgy for Your Intentions

Divine Liturgy is the Church's most sacred prayer offered for the faithful. You may request a Liturgy for: **The living** (for health, thanksgiving, or guidance), **the sick., the departed.** Please feel free to contact Fr. Marton if you would like a Liturgy offered for a special intention. *"Pray for one another, that you may be healed."* (James 5,16)

Please remember in your prayers:

"Prayer is the gentle embrace of those who suffer, even from afar." (Pope Francis)

Please remember the following members of our parish in your prayers:

Living and Sick: **Chris Lauffer, Dan Lauffer, Donald and Theresa Butellai, Deacon Laurence Hendricks, Abigel Egressy, Nancy Patterson, Paul and Betty Baise, Luella, Nella, James Wilkins, Betty, Julia, Marielies, George, Sugars, Richard and Elaine Baranko, Guillermo, Christine, Rosario, Nicodemus, Mary Alice, Virginia Thome Weber, Debra Grega, John Michalski, Sarah Maron, Tim Nausiedas, Susan Edwards-Haesler, Helen Stulock, Gloria Scott, Barbara Barnes**

Deceased + **Paul Sugars +Helen Moehler, +Edith Santo + David Hindenburg, +Richard Baranko, +Barbara Barnes**

Please pray also for all our benefactors, friends, neighbors and anyone we may have forgotten. Pray for:

- Monastic, diaconal & priestly vocations for the Byzantine Catholic Church in the USA and throughout the world; St. Sabbas Monastery

The restoration of families, renewal of monastic, religious life & priesthood, and the conversion of Russia; peace in Ukraine; people of the United States, and whole world.

Please let Fr. Marton know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming "Attic Treasures Sale"

Effort Seeks to Recover Post-Retirement Moving Expenses Absorbed by Fr. Joseph & Mary Marquis. Volunteers are requested to assist Fr. Joseph and Mary with an upcoming sale of their personal belongings. The "Attic Treasures Sale" will be conducted at the Sacred Heart Banquet Center, 29125 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI, **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 21 st and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 22nd**. Monies gained from this effort will assist them in recovering some of their moving expenses, following Father's retirement as pastor of our parish. Help with organizing and setting up the sales area at our Banquet Center, from Tuesday, August 18th to Thursday, August 20th, will be of greatly appreciated. Additionally, of course, volunteer help will be needed on each day of the sale. Those willing to assist are requested to contact **Mary Marquis at: 313.282.4540.**

God bless you in advance for your kind attention this concern.

PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS:

SACRAMENT of CONFESSIONS: on Weekdays, Sundays and Feast Days: 30 min. before

Divine Liturgy and other days, by appointment

HOLY COMNIUNION; for the sick, by appointment, anytime.

BAPTISMS - by appointment.

MARRIAGES - by appointment, at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS - by appointment.

ANOINTING of the sick, hospital visits - by appointment, anytime.

ATTENDANCE in St. Stephen

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **August 9th was 32 in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **August 9th was 62 in St. Sacred Heart**

Devote yourselves “to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

COLLECTION

Weekly Donation **was \$961.5 in St. Stephen** (*Rent: \$, Collection/Candles: \$*)

Weekly Donation **was \$ 2,676 in Sacred Heart**

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7)