

**Respect Life Ministry**

As we seek to make abortion not just illegal but unthinkable, there are many holy men and women whose lives can inspire us as they continue to intercede:

**Blessed Marianna Biernacka (1888-1943)** was a Polish farm wife in World War II. When her son and his pregnant wife were arbitrarily chosen for execution, Marianna begged to take the place of her daughter-in-law so that the baby might live. Clutching her rosary, Marianna was killed; her daughter-in-law lived to be 98.

When **Venerable Annie Zelikova (1924-1941)** was 13, she heard her distraught mother pleading, "That's a sin against heaven and against the infant—you can't kill it!" Annie didn't understand what was happening, but she knew that God was asking her to make reparation for this evil. She offered Him her life. Her spiritual director explained that she was making reparation for abortions. Within six weeks, Annie had been given three months to live. Instead, she lay dying for four years, offering her life to the Lord to console his heart and make reparation for abortions performed throughout the world. She died of tuberculosis at 17.

**Blessed Francisco de Paula Victor (1827-1905)** was born to a mother in crisis. A slave, unwilling or unable to name the father of her child, she might well have hoped for an easier end to her pregnancy than single motherhood. But she raised her child, in spite of the obstacles, and Blessed Francisco went on to be freed, ordained a priest, and beatified, the first Black Brazilian to be so honored.



*For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

~ Psalm 139:13-14

**Emergency Food Distribution**

In this chaotic time, many find themselves at risk for their food supplies and others wish to help out. Here are a few opportunities.

1. Loaves & Fishes

- To arrange for boxed food pick up at L&F HQ, 901 Portage St., call: 269- 343-3663. For questions: [info@kzoolf.org](mailto:info@kzoolf.org)
- To arrange for boxed food pick up at the Eastside Pantry @ Sunnyside Methodist, 2800 Gull Rd. on Thursdays 6-7:30 PM, call (269) 488-8918 after 9:00 AM.
- L&F Mobile Food Initiative food drop off sites: <http://kzoolf.org/mobile-food-initiative/>
- L&F delivery to Eastside seniors and disabled persons who cannot get out. Call Candy at the Eastside N'hood Assn @ 269-381-0700.

2. Catholic Charities Emergency Food Distribution

- For those in need, contact Toni Newell, Supervisor of Community Outreach, at [toninewell@ccdok.org](mailto:toninewell@ccdok.org) or the Hot Line at 269-910-3390
- To volunteer, contact Jeannine Boehm, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at [jeannineboehm@ccdok.org](mailto:jeannineboehm@ccdok.org) or 269-382-1234

3. Fresh Food Initiative

- Every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am. Eastside Neighborhood Association Center, 1301 E. Main St. and Charlotte Ave. Bulk fresh produce trucked in. Bring your own boxes and bags.
- Diapers are provided too (and wipes) every Tuesday 11:30 - noon at the neighborhood center. One sized bag of diapers and wipes per family.

May the Lord protect you and may you serve as an instrument of His Grace ~ Dcn. Pat (269-744-5136)

*"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." ~ Mt 25:13*

**St. Mary's Weekend of Oct 31/Nov 1**

<u>Weekly Collection</u>	<u>Mass Attendance</u>
Weekly Goal ..... \$5,675.00	Saturday, 4:15 pm ..... 37
Collections..... \$6,547.18	Sunday, 8 am ..... 70
E-giving..... \$580.00	Sunday, 10 am ..... 177
Total ..... \$7,127.18	Sunday, 12 Noon ..... 86
Goal Percentage..... 125.6%	Weekend Total ..... 370
<i>This week in 2019. \$4,934.86</i>	<i>This week in 2019..... 277</i>



**Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman**

*In honor of Black Catholic History Month, each week of November the bulletin will feature a black Catholic Saint.*

Bertha Elizabeth Bowman was born on December 29, 1937, in Mississippi. She was raised Protestant but drawn to the love, especially for the poor and vulnerable, she saw lived out in the Catholic Church. At the age of 9, with her parents' permission, she became Catholic. At the age of 15, she joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, adopting the name "Sr. Mary Thea" after the Blessed Mother and her father Theon. She was the only African American member of that community.

Sr. Thea spent 16 years of her life to teaching at the elementary, secondary and university level, inspired by advice given to her as a child by elders in her community: "If you get, give. If you learn, teach." The bishop of Jackson, Mississippi, then asked her to work for the diocese promoting intercultural awareness and combatting racism and prejudice. She dedicated the rest of her life to this work. She died from cancer in 1990. When asked what she hoped her legacy was, she replied, "I want people to remember that I tried to love the Lord and I tried to love them."

**St. Mary Liturgical Schedule**

**Daily Mass:** Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am (EF)

Daily Mass and Devotion times are subject to change depending on feasts and Holy Days. There will be no extra Mass (7:00 pm) on November 12 this week; Fr. Jose will be away on retreat through November 12. (Live streaming of Daily Masses will be as per Fr. Jose’s availability)

**Saturday Anticipatory Mass:**

**4:00 pm** (English); this Mass is for our “High Risk” parishioners. Use of face masks and hand sanitizer is mandatory. If you cannot wear a mask please attend one of our three Sunday Masses.

**Sunday Mass:**

8:00 am (EF); 10:00 am (English); 12:00 Noon (EF)

**Confessions:**

Saturday: 3:00 pm

Sunday: 45 minutes prior to the beginning of each Mass. The priest will stop hearing confessions 5 minutes prior to Mass.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Thursday (Vocations & Sanctification of Clergy): 5 - 6 pm  
 First Friday (Sacred Heart): 5 – 6 pm

**2021 Once in a Blue Moon Garage**

Have you recently been spending more time at home? Have you been cleaning out closets? Do you have items to donate?

St. Augustine Cathedral School is collecting donations for the 2021 Once In a Blue Moon Garage Sale and we want yours!

St. Augustine Cathedral School  
 600 West Michigan Avenue  
 Kalamazoo 49007

2020 Donation Drop-off Schedule:

- Wednesday, November 11th
- Wednesday, November 18th
- Wednesday, December 2nd
- Wednesday, December 16th

All donations can be dropped off behind the Crowley Center from 1:00-2:30 pm and 3:30-5:30pm.

We do not accept exercise equipment, mattresses, or personal pillows.

**IMPORTANT:** Please remain in your vehicle and a volunteer will unload your donations. If you want to assist the volunteer, we kindly ask that you wear a mask. Thank you for your continued support!

**Please Note:**

The 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday will be for our “High Risk” parishioners.

Use of face masks and hand sanitizer will be mandatory. If you can not wear a mask please attend one of our three Sunday Masses.

*“Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.”*  
 ~ 1 Thes 4:13-14

**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

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After a brief delay, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal 2020 has officially begun. Given our current circumstances, Bishop Bradley has approved a significant change for this year’s appeal: after each Parish has reached 50 percent of its goal, all additional gifts will be returned to the parish. The hope with this change is to allow parishes to remain strong centers of worship, faith formation and service to their communities because, as we know, strong parishes equal a strong diocese. This year’s theme of “Living the Mission of the Eucharist” is powerfully expressed in the three diocesan priorities: 1) Fostering Priestly Vocations; 2) Accompanying Families toward Holiness; and 3) Activating Missionary Disciples. Learn how your donation to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports these priorities at [diokzoo.org/bishops-annual-appeal](http://diokzoo.org/bishops-annual-appeal). Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration and financial support. Our goal this year is \$46,191

**Nota Bene:**

If you are receiving a hard copy of this bulletin via post mail it is because we do not have an e-mail address for you on file and have assumed you do not have access to the internet and are remaining at home. Starting back on Saturday, June 13, hard copies of the bulletin were available in the back of church. If you are attending Mass or are able to access the internet and view the bulletin electronically through our website, let us know and we can save on postage. You will also be able to access all the links listed in this bulletin at this site. Thanks for your help.