

SUMMER WORKS OF MERCY



Saturday, July 15

The **Oakland County Children's Village** Gift Donation Drive ends on July 15. Thank You for your generosity and continued prayers.



Saturday, July 16, 9:30 AM [Sign Up](#)

September 17, 10:00 AM [Sign Up](#)

BLOOD DRIVE
Friday, August 5
11 AM - 5 PM

Red Cross.org



The week of August 7
Formerly SOS - South Oakland Shelter
SOS Donations needed by the end of July

[Dinner Delivery Crew](#) [Lunch Crew](#) [Dinner Packaging Crew](#) [Lunch Food Donations](#) [SOS Donations](#)



WALK AT THE DETROIT ZOO

August 13

Walk at Home

[Crossroads Care Center](#)

[Register Here](#)



GROVECREST Senior Care
Ice Cream Social
Thursday, August 18, 12:30-2:00 PM
Floats, Cones, Sundaes
[Sign Up](#)



Works of Mercy and Deeds of Justice
Missionary Discipleship: Two Feet of Love in Action

St. Mary of the Hills Summer 2022

St. Mary's Priorities: Hunger & Homelessness – Life & Dignity – Mental Health

Catholic Social Teaching: [CST 101: Care for Creation - USCCB](#)

Pray Together

- [Examination of Conscience: Loving Our Neighbors in the Public Square](#)
- [Prayer for Nonviolence Catholic Health Association](#)
- [The Pope video](#) and prayer intention for the elderly July 24



Reach Out Together

- [Michigan Catholic Conference](#) Catholic Advocacy Network
Catholic Bishops in Michigan Release Statement Celebrating Life, Reaffirm Support for Mothers in Need
- Many MCC Spending Priorities Included In State Budget Approved By Lawmakers
- Prayer, Action for Life Still Necessary in Post-Roe Michigan. **WWMIN** [Walking With Moms in Need](#)
- MCC Examines Link Between Gun Violence, Abortion in Latest Op-Ed
- MCC Offers Prayer for America Ahead of Independence Day
- Take the Civilize Pledge USCCB [A Better Kind of Politics | Civilize It | USCCB](#)

Learn Together

- Learn about the Methodology of **See Judge Act** used in the Laudato Si' encyclical
- Connect the Issues with **Catholic Social Teaching**. . . Look for ways and organizations that address root causes
- **The Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life** at Georgetown University is a unique effort to promote dialogue on Catholic social thought and national and global issues, build bridges across political, religious, and ideological lines, and encourage a new generation of Catholic lay leaders to see their faith as an asset in pursuing the common good. <https://catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/>
- **icivics** is a 501 non-profit organization in the United States that provides **educational online games** and lesson plans to promote civics education and encourage students to become active citizens. iCivics was founded in 2009 by retired Supreme Court of the United States Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.
- Check out the **Social Action Library**. DVD's, and Books are listed on the Evangelical - Christian Service Section of the Parish Website. Call (248-243-0258) or email takeaction@smoth.org to reserve a copy. Your book or DVD will be waiting for you on the small table by the Chapel and the Christian Service Office. Return to the same spot preferably within a month.

PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community and Participation,
Rights and Responsibilities, Stewardship of Creation,
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, Solidarity

SEPTEMBER



Season of Creation

Labor Day

National Grandparents Day

World Day for Migrants & Refugees

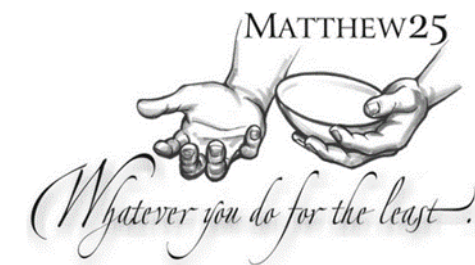
Catholic National Migration Week

September 1 – October 4

Connect to Catholic Social Teaching

(First Sunday after Labor Day)

(Last Sunday of September)



LIVING OUR FAITH

Gospel Witnesses

- September 1 [World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#)
- September 5 [Feast Day of Mother Teresa \(St. Teresa of Kolkata\)](#)
- September 9 [Anniversary of the Enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1965](#)
- September 9 [Feast Day of St. Peter Claver](#)
- September 9 [Frederic Ozanam - Founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul](#)
- September 10** [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)
- September 15 [National Hispanic Heritage Month Begins & International Day of Democracy](#)
- September 18 [World Water Monitoring Day](#)
- September 21** [United Nations International Day of Peace](#)
- September 25 [United Nations Adoption of the 2030 SDG's Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- September 27** [Feast of St. Vincent de Paul](#)
- September 28 [National Good Neighbor Day](#)

Working to Address Root Causes

- Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ* <https://www.sisterhelen.org/>
- Fr. Gregory Boyle, SJ* <https://homeboyindustries.org/our-story/father-greg/>
- Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ* <https://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/HumanitarianRespiteCenter.shtml>



Lean into the Holy Spirit Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer and inspiration



Select a person, issue, or one of the Summer Mercy in Action Opportunities

Frederic Ozanam, Employment, Needs Help with Rent, St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Mary's

Combine that person, issue, or Mercy in Action with your prayer for the month

Offer a Prayer of Gratitude for SVdP Conference, pray for those struggling to pay rent, connect to mental health

Reach out to a person/group, in person or by way of media to share insights, concerns.

If inspired to find out about the work of St. Mary's SVdP Conference call Dan Medved 248-710-7557

If interested in connecting the dots between prayer, and Catholic Social Teaching, and Works of Mercy contact Sr. Grace Keane at Parish Social Ministry-Evangelical Charity 248-243-0258 for an in person or zoom conversation

Learn more about your chosen issue, person, or Mercy in Action organization

Search online, the Parish website or contact Parish Social Ministry-Evangelical Charity for committee members

Take Action on the issue, A Work of Mercy or Deed of Justice

Search online, the Parish website for SignUpGenius or contact Parish Social Ministry-Evangelical Charity

Identify insights / graces received / future actions

Email takeaction@smoth.org with pictures /video and brief comment

Bell Ringing for Climate Justice

Calling attention to Laudato Si` Week in May.

Stories from six continents, 45 countries, 9,000 LS Animators.

Search online for any of the following:

- Laudato Si` Movement
- Laudato Si` Prayer Book
- Laudato Si` Animators' Course



Pray Together

Reach Out Together

Learn Together

Act/Serve Together