

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 30, 2022



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I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over."

-Lk 19:8

MASS Intentions

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October 29, Saturday - Sobota

Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

- 9:00AM For Mary Katherine Hines (B'Day)
❖ For Josh Mazurkiewicz (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Nathan & Theresa Robinson & Family
- 5:30PM For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family
❖ For Paul & Carroll Schuller & Family
❖ For Cindy Ljuljdjuraj req. Family
❖ For Hope Watson req. Marilyn
❖ For Don Burzynski
❖ †Daniel Sullivan ❖ †William "Bill" Bishop

October 30, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

- 7:30AM Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10
For the Gorinski Family ❖ For Vicki Babbie
❖ For Thom & Jan Schliem
❖ †Phyllis & Mike Chemny ❖ †Ann Sullivan
❖ †J. R. Chamness req. Barbara
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife
- 9:30AM For Michele Chandler (B'Day)
❖ For Kelly Chasney (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For James & Greete Varchetti
❖ For Denny & Becky Jaynes & Family req.
Uncle Dan & Aunt Jan
❖ †Selma Velilla ❖ †Louis Allawerdi
❖ †Lazar V. req. Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak)
For Mirka Plzak & Family ❖ For the Abate Family
❖ †Leo & †Marion McGrath
❖ †Bruce Normander ❖ †John Rafaidus
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

October 31, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM ❖ For Vicki & Hasina Babbie
❖ For Therese Stout req. Family
❖ †Cynthia Yanik req. Yanik Family
- 12:00PM For Samantha Shamoon
❖ For Yvette Berman (B'Day)
❖ †Edward Polakowski req. Shirley
❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti

November 1, Tuesday - Utorok

Solemnity of All Saints

*** HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION***

- 6:00AM For the Members of the Hanna Family
❖ For Jenna Hines (B'Day) ❖ For John Mangano
❖ For Gabriel Asmar
❖ †Peter, Olga, & Wacław Piatek
❖ †Anna Cnota
❖ †George & Helen Emmendorfer
- 12:00PM ❖ For Fr. Ben & All Priests and Seminarians
❖ For Aiden Brady (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Marie & Danny Hollerud & Family
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy and Family
❖ †Stephanie & Walter Duzyj
❖ †For Akhlah Gappy ❖ †Gene Kucharek
- 7:00PM For Lucas Dubon (B'Day)
❖ For Derek Chandler (B'Day)
❖ For Caluin Champine & Family
❖ †Roger Z. Lawson req. Eleanor ❖ †Ed Waldecker
❖ †Nikolle Shkreli req. Family ❖ †Louis Allawerdi

November 2, Wednesday - Streda

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

- 9:00AM (Latin) For the Intentions of the All Souls Novena
12:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

November 3, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Daniella Joseph (B'Day)
❖ For the Members of the Hanna Family
- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the All Souls Novena
7:00PM For the Noel Nelson Family
❖ †Bishops Lockey & Schmondiuk, OSBM
❖ †Dr. Ralph Watson, Sr. (Ann.)

November 4, First Friday - Prvý Piatok

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

- 6:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Raquel Jimenez (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Alexandra Schultheis req. Friend
- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the All Souls Novena
7:00PM For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
❖ For Akhlah Gappy (B'Day)
❖ For the Rosary Makers & their Families

November 5, First Saturday - Prva Sobota

Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the All Souls Novena
5:30PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For All Deceased Parishioners
❖ For the Intentions of the Rosary Society
❖ For Fr. Elijah Washington, All Priests, Religious,
Missionaries & Seminarians
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ †Roland & Gary Gasparski req. Barbara Gasparski
❖ †Mary & Greg Manning & Family
❖ †David Chupa req. Family

November 6, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

- Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10
- 7:30AM For All Deceased Clergy of the AOD
❖ For Adam & Lauren Miller (Wed. Ann.)
❖ †Gabriel Nehro ❖ †Vincenza Palumbo ❖ †George Moses
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife ❖ †Louis Allawerdi
- 9:30AM For the Intentions of the All Souls Novena
11:30AM (Slovak) For James Misko ❖ †Linda Holtzman
❖ †Anna Mary Eichbauer req. M/M Randy Brandon
❖ †Suzzane Rosenthal ❖ †Maria Ryszkowski
❖ †Anna & Jan Badowski ❖ †Jindrich Plzak
- 8:30PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Marvin Hanna Scaina ❖ For the Gorinski Family
❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti ❖ For Sameira Mansoor
❖ For Emmanuel & Hollya Asmar & Family
❖ For Steven & Candice Karcho





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Regular HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS: 9:00AM & 5:30PM
SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak) & 8:30PM
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 9:00AM & 12:00PM
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6:00AM & 12:00PM
THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

Tuesday, November 1
Solemnity of All Saints
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Holy Mass Schedule
6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 5:30AM-6:00AM & 11:30AM-12:00PM
THURSDAY & 1st FRIDAY: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM-7:00PM
SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 10:00AM - 2:00PM
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11:00AM - 2:00PM
THURSDAYS: 11:00AM - 5:00PM
***Office is closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - 7:00PM



Opposing Proposal 3

Over the last three weeks, we've been covering some of the more startling provisions contained in Proposal 3 (the "Reproductive Freedom for All" proposal). In addition to creating a State constitutional right to take the life of an innocent, unborn baby, the proposal's text authorizes minors to obtain abortions without parental consent or notification ("every individual" has the right), allows minors to obtain sterilization procedures without parental consent or notification (defines "reproductive freedom" to include "sterilization"), and permits mothers to take their child's life through nine months of pregnancy, provided that an abortionist says the abortion was necessary to protect the mother's "mental health," a truck-sized loophole.

In addition, Proposal 3 limits the State's power to pass pro-life laws unless the law supports a "compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means." In the legal world, this standard is known as "strict scrutiny," and the government can almost never satisfy it. In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court *rejected* strict scrutiny as the appropriate standard for analyzing pro-life laws in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. But Proposal 3 goes farther, defining a "compelling" state interest only as one "for the limited purpose of protecting the

health of an individual seeking care." Incredibly, that means the State would be prohibited from passing a law to stop abortions based on the baby's sex, race, or disability, or even for the purpose of protecting the unborn baby's life! And any such laws cannot interfere with the mother's "autonomous decision-making," replacing the familiar "informed consent" standard that applies to every medical procedure with a watered-down "voluntary consent" standard.

No matter how a voter feels about abortion, Michigan's Constitution should *not* be amended to prohibit the State from passing laws that protect innocent, unborn life or to pass safety regulations for abortion procedures that ensure mothers are fully informed before they choose to take their baby's life. Please tell everyone you know: vote **"NO"** on Proposal 3 on November 8th.

John Bursch is a constitutional lawyer and former Michigan Solicitor General. Through Alliance Defending Freedom, he represents the Michigan Catholic Conference and Right to Life of Michigan in court to uphold Michigan's pro-life laws.



All Saints Day • Tuesday, November 1
Mass Schedule: 6:00AM, 12:00PM, 7:00PM
 All children are invited to dress up as their favorite Saint for all Masses on November 1.

**All Souls Day Novena Begins
 Wednesday, November 2**

The All Souls Novena will begin on All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2. Novena Mass Cards for All Souls Day are available now. You may pick up a card in the Parish Office on weekdays or in the vestibule after Holy Masses on weekends.

(Suggested donation: \$10 each).

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest gift anyone can receive.

**Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Hours of Prayer for
 Election & Defeat of Proposal 3 • Thursday, November 3**



Join in Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours of Prayers led by Deacons Phil McCown & Gerald Smigell this Thursday, November 3, from 1:00PM-2:00PM and 5:30PM-6:30PM each day!

These Emergency Holy Hours will be offered for the November 8 Election and the Defeat of Proposal 3.

**Boxes of Joy Drop Off NEXT WEEKEND
 November 5 or 6 ONLY**

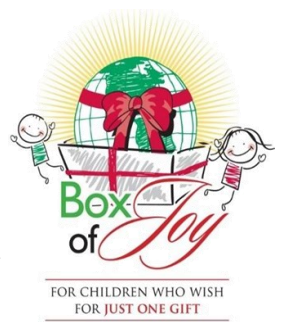
The Boxes of Joy are being collected next weekend before all Holy Masses. Be sure to drop off your Box of Joy on the cart located in the vestibule when you come to Mass next weekend, November 5 or 6. The boxes are being taken to a local collection center on Monday, November 7, so they must be dropped off by November 6.

There will also be a box where you can place a \$9 donation to cover shipping costs, if you have not made this donation online or by mail.

Thank You for Candy Donations

5,084 pieces of candy were donated by the Catechism Children and the generous parishioners of Ss. Cyril and Methodius for Sacred Heart Major Seminary's Project to Unleash the Gospel within the Heart of the City of Detroit. This collection will allow them to open their doors and hearts to their neighbors, inviting them in for a night of fun, games and trick-or-treating.

May God Bless everyone for their generosity.



COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is All Souls' Month. In Christian charity, we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and offer up Masses for the relief of their suffering. We especially remember our dearly departed relatives and friends. For this, you are invited to list the names of your loved ones who passed away this year in our Remembrance Book which is located in the vestibule. It will be brought into the church during the month of November. Throughout November, the Masses will be said for the souls of the people whose names are inscribed in the Remembrance Book.

Remembering Our Beloved Deceased † Memorial Mass and Service • Saturday, November 5, 5:30PM Holy Mass

For Our Deceased Parishioners and Friends

"Precious in the Eyes of Lord is the Death of His Faithful Ones"

**Gloria Ann Sunman, Margaret Ferkovic, Anthony John Ray, Rose Mary Charron, Cynthia Ann Sherrit
 Rafael Drensek, Akaram Shawkat Daniel, Mark Henry Ledford, Ryan Richard Ledford, William J. Hurley
 Charlene Femminineo, Wayne Alfred Sunman, Rudolf Frank Uhlar, Emil Debnar, Louis Allawerdi
 Jindrich Plzak, Dennis Joseph Dumas, Lynn Ann Reynolds, Philip Shawn Vivio, William Joseph Kramer
 Caroline Zerilli, Roy Joseph Prizgint, Michael Scarchilli, John Joseph Fontana, Sr. & Dorothy Ann Orlosky**

Listed above are the names of our dearly departed parishioners and friends who entered into Eternal Life in the past year. Family, friends and fellow parishioners are cordially invited to the Memorial Mass and Service held on their behalf. The Memorial Mass and Service take place on Saturday, November 5, at 5:30PM.

Memorial Display Wall

A Memorial wall with pictures of the deceased listed above is displayed in the vestibule

JOIN US ON ALL SOULS DAY • Wednesday, November 2

If you have the cremated remains of your loved one at home, the Gather Them Home celebration provides a beautiful way to have them laid to rest on sacred and consecrated ground at one of the six Archdiocese of Detroit Cemeteries in the All Souls Remembrance area at no cost. To RSVP and make arrangements to lay your loved one to rest, contact (248) 350-1900 or visit: gatherthemhome.com. **MASS & COMMITTAL SERVICES will take place at:**

**Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield - 9:00AM Holy Mass with Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron
 Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown - 11:00AM Holy Mass with Bishop Gerard Battersby
 St. Joseph Cemetery, Monroe - 2:00PM Holy Mass with Rev. David Burgard**

Our Lady's Rosary Makers • Friday, November 4

The Rosary Makers meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. The next meeting will be this Friday, November 4, from 1:00-3:00PM in Room #113. Newcomers are always welcome.

For more information, please call: *Jo Ann*, (586) 979-1078

Bilingual Rosary • First Friday, November 4

In honor, appreciation and service to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, everyone is invited to join us and pray one Holy Rosary in two languages: Slovak & English. The Bilingual Rosary is prayed on the First Friday of the month, beginning at 6:00PM before the 7:00PM Holy Mass. The next Bilingual Rosary takes place this Friday, November 4.

All are invited to send in special prayer requests or intentions which will be read and offered before each Bilingual Holy Rosary. Please submit prayer requests no later than Wednesday, November 2, by sending an email to: babate@saintcyriels.church

Organized by: *Maria Lamerova* and *Betty Abate*

Rosary Society Meeting • Saturday, November 5

Join us at the next Rosary Society meeting to hear our plans for upcoming church and Rosary Society events. We will meet on Saturday, November 5, at approximately 10:15AM in the Fr. Mikus Hall. The meeting begins after the 9:00AM Holy Mass and Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. This month we will discuss our December 3 Christmas Luncheon (tickets will be available) and Cookie Walk that takes place on December 17 & 18. All are welcome. Prayerfully consider joining the Rosary Society as we continue our 97-year-old mission of devotion to the Blessed Mother and of support to the Parish.

Questions: *Kathy Holka* at (586) 703-4043 or kholka@aol.com

Northland Family Planning Prayer News • November 5

It's hard to believe that the holidays are almost here. The secular world seems to go directly from Halloween to Christmas, skipping over a very important day - Thanksgiving. We all come into the world with nothing, so all that we achieve and everything we have is a gift from God. Let's not be too busy to thank Him each and every day for the blessings He freely gives to us - especially the gift of life! Please join us for the following Pro-Life events:

- The monthly prayer and witness event outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic, 3810 17 Mile Rd. (just west of Ryan Rd), takes place Saturday, November 5, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Bring your friends, family, and rosary. Park in the shopping center lots nearby - no parking is allowed at the clinic. Prayer events usually last around an hour, so please dress for the weather.

- A Pro-Life rosary is prayed each Saturday at church. The Joyful and Luminous Mysteries are prayed before Mass, starting at 8:10AM, and the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries are prayed after 9AM Mass, starting around 9:45AM.

- The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs daily until Sunday, November 6. For more info, please go to <https://40daysforlife.com>

Note - Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Carefully research all the candidates and issues, share the truth with those you encounter and vote pro-life (No on Proposal 3). Remember God is Pro-Life! For more info about the Saturday rosary or clinic prayer, please contact *Anne Marie*, (586) 873-2004

Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary Prep Begins 11/5

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary is a beautiful exercise to increase our spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The 33-Day preparation is intended to prepare our hearts and minds by praying and meditating. The next preparation begins on November 5, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. "Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the Parish Office for \$10. Questions or to register to make (or renew) Consecration, please contact the Parish Office: (586) 726-6911

Fellowship • Sunday, November 6

Fellowship with bagels and coffee, hosted by the Catechism students, will take place in the Fr. Mikus Hall next Sunday, November 6, after the 9:30AM Holy Mass. Everyone is invited!

Consecration to St. Joseph Prep Begins November 8

Consecration to St. Joseph emulates the tried-and-true preparation method employed by St. Louis de Montfort in his Marian consecration, highlighting many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. The program of preparation and (private) consecration takes 33 days. Preparation for the next Consecration to St. Joseph begins November 8. A limited number of books for the Consecration to St. Joseph are available in the Parish Office (\$15).

Spaghetti Dinner & Game Night • November 12

Trail Life Troop MI-0214 is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner & Game Night in the Fr. Mikus Hall on Saturday, November 12, beginning at 5:00PM. Come join us for a delicious dinner and fun games to support the troop's trip to Alaska in 2023. Dinner includes Spaghetti, Meatballs, Wheat Rolls, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Drinks! Dinner Service ends at 8:00PM. Games will continue until 9:00PM. Cost of tickets:

Adults (13+) = \$11 (at the door = \$15)

Kids (12 and under) = \$7 (at the door = \$10)

Immediate Family Max = \$45 (at the door = \$60)

Tickets are available on-line and in the Parish Office. They will also be sold after all Holy Masses next weekend, October 29 & 30. On-line ticket & Parish Office sales end on Wednesday, November 9.

Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, November 14

TOPIC: "Matthew 19:24 - Discussing How to

Manage Material Possessions" from 6:45PM - 8:45PM

All high school teens are welcome to Life Teen. Life Nights are dynamic youth gatherings including snacks, games, small group discussions, and an opportunity for teens to learn more about the Catholic faith with their peers. Some of the topics we'll be covering this month include Managing Material Possessions, being an Adult in the Catholic Church and Advent.

To be added to the email list, please contact:

Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyriels.church

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, November 10

TOPIC: "Sooner Than You Think - A Night Dedicated to Appreciating All the Vocations" from 7:00PM - 8:45PM

All middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th grade) are welcome to our EDGE Nights. EDGE Nights are dynamic youth gatherings including snacks, games, small group discussions, and an opportunity for teens to learn more about the Catholic faith at a middle school level. Some of the themes we'll be covering this month are Feelings, Appreciation of Vocations, and the Dangers of Justifying Sin.

New teens who would like to attend can register at the EDGE Night. If you have questions, please contact:

Alexandria Collins at edge@saintcyriels.church or (586) 641-7672

Catechism Corner Class Schedule

Wednesday, November 2, 6:15PM - Class

Sunday, November 6 - 9:30AM Commitment Holy Mass for all 7th Grade Confirmandi & 8th Graders who did not attend last year.

Wed., Nov. 9, 6:15PM - Class & Benediction Night for All Students

Wednesday, November 16, 6:15PM - Class

Fri., November 18, 6:00PM - (Missal Covering for 8th Grade Confirmation Students)

Wednesday, November 23 - NO Class - Thanksgiving Break

Wed., November 30 - Class & Benediction Night for All Students

Thank you! *Paul & Carroll Schuller*

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Analysis: The Dangers within Proposal 3

The opponents of Proposal 3 claim that if this constitutional amendment is passed in November's election, Michigan will become "the abortion capital of the country" and have "one of the most permissive abortion laws in the world". Are such claims just campaign hyperbole? Read for yourself! Below is a more detailed breakdown of some of the biggest dangers within Proposal 3.

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL ALLOW ABORTION UP TO, AND INCLUDING, THE DAY OF BIRTH.

Where to find it in Proposal 3: "In no circumstances shall the State prohibit an abortion that, in the professional judgement of an attending health care professional, is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual" (Bold Added) Article 1, Section 28, no. (1), 3rd paragraph.

The overall intent of this amendment is to remove any barrier to abortion if the woman consents to the procedure. Mental health is not defined by the amendment. Therefore, it is open to interpretation and can include anything related to mental health, including stress, anxiety, depression or even worry. By prohibiting the state from regulating abortions based on the "mental" health of the mother, the necessity of an abortion can be determined for any reason. This caveat has been used in other jurisdictions as the legal pretext for abortion on demand.

This is not the only exception under the amendment that permits late-term abortion. See for example, the new, subjective definition of "fetal viability," coupled with the prohibition on prosecuting the Incorrect exercise of such discretion. See, Article 1, Section 28, no. (1), 2nd paragraph, no. (3) 2nd sentence, and no (4) 2nd paragraph.

If the amendment is passed, abortion will be legal in Michigan up to and including the day of birth.

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL ELIMINATE DOZENS OF MICHIGAN LAWS THAT PRESENTLY REGULATE ABORTION. **Where to find it in Proposal 3:** Our Michigan Constitution restricts the power of our Michigan legislature. All laws enacted by the legislature must comply with the Constitution, or they are invalid. This has been recognized since at least 1885 in the early case of Attorney General v. Preston (January, 1885), 56 Mich 177.

Once a constitutional amendment is enacted, all laws currently in place which violate the amendment are also Invalid, and the Courts will not uphold those laws if they are challenged.

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL ELIMINATE PARENTAL CONSENT AND NOTIFICATION LAWS. **Where to find it in Proposal 3:** Parental consent and notification laws conflict with the proposal. "Every individual has a right to reproductive freedom, which entails the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy..." (Bold added) Article 1, Section 28, no. (1), 1st sentence – The use of the word "individual" without any age limit, as opposed to "adult" will include minors.

Further, the proposal prohibits the state from regulating abortions that "infringe on that individual's autonomous decision-making." (Bold added) Article 1, Section 28, no. (4), 1st paragraph. –The parent's right to be notified or consent to a child's decision to have an abortion could be considered as infringing on the child's autonomous decision-making.

Separate from the use of the broad word, "Individual," the proposal also states: "The state shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right." Other Michigan laws and constitutional provisions identify characteristics which cannot be used to discriminate. For example, with regard to "public employment" Article 1, Section 26, paragraph 2 provides, "The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin." Since minority is not included in this example, the state can discriminate on the basis of minority. However, in Proposal 3, no characteristics are identified at all. It simply says that the state cannot discriminate, period. Accordingly, all characteristics are protected, including minority.

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL ELIMINATE LAWS THAT PROHIBIT PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION. **Where to find it in Proposal 3:** Partial birth abortion is a procedure by which the child is delivered feet first, killed while the head is still in the uterus, then the head is crushed, then the head is delivered. Such an abortion could fall under the following protection: "in no circumstance shall the state prohibit an abortion that, in the professional judgment of an attending health care professional, is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual." Accordingly, if a health care professional determines that partial birth abortion is "medically indicated," then no law can prevent it.

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL ELIMINATE INFORMED MEDICAL CONSENT LAWS. **Where to find it in Proposal 3:** Physicians are typically required to inform their patients of risks. However, the proposal text provides: "The state shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual ... for aiding or assisting a pregnant individual in exercising their right to reproductive freedom with their voluntary consent." Sec 3.

Accordingly, someone assisting an abortion will not be held accountable, if the pregnant individual merely "voluntarily" consented, without any information about the risks.

Also, in Sec 1, 2nd paragraph, the language prohibits infringement on the "right to reproductive freedom" unless for a "compelling state interest." In Sec 4, "compelling" is defined to require that the interest meet three standards: 1) it is for the limited purpose of protecting the health of the individual, 2) consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice, AND 3) does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision-making. It may be argued that "informed consent" does not expressly protect the health of the individual and the requirement to hear information of potential risks could impose on her autonomous decision-making if she decides she does not want to know the risks.

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL ELIMINATE 24-HOUR WAITING PERIODS BEFORE AN ABORTION CAN BE PERFORMED. **Where to find it in Proposal 3:** In Sec 1, 2nd paragraph, the language prohibits infringement on the "right to reproductive freedom" unless for a "compelling state interest." In Sec 4, "compelling" is defined to require that the interest meet three standards: 1) it is for the limited purpose of protecting the health of the individual, 2) consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice, AND 3) does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision-making.

It is unlikely that a 24-hour waiting period will meet this standard; it is not directly related to the "health of the individual," is not required by clinical standards of practice, and would likely infringe on one's autonomous decision-making if they decide they do not want to wait 24-hours. .

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL ELIMINATE LAWS THAT PROHIBIT TAXPAYER-FUNDED ABORTION. **Where to find it in Proposal 3:** Sec 2 says "The state shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right." So, the state ban on public funding of abortion will likely be seen as discriminating against this "fundamental right" because the state provides funding for other health procedures for low-income individuals.

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL ELIMINATE LAWS THAT REQUIRE ABORTION FACILITIES TO BE LICENSED AND INSPECTED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. **Where to find it in Proposal 3:** In Sec 1, 2nd paragraph, the language prohibits infringement on the "right to reproductive freedom" unless for a "compelling state interest." In Sec 4, "compelling" is defined to require that the interest meet three standards: 1) it is for the limited purpose of protecting the health of the individual, 2) consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice, AND 3) does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision-making. It is unlikely that abortion clinic regulations will meet this standard because "accepted clinical standards of practice" set by the abortion industry do not include state licensing and inspection.

Of note, in 2012, while the Michigan legislature was considering the abortion facility health and safety regulations currently in law, Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry strongly opposed the regulations.

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL ELIMINATE LAWS THAT PROSECUTE ANYONE WHO INJURES OR KILLS A WOMAN DURING AN ABORTION. Where to find it in Proposal 3: The proposal states that, “nor shall the State penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against someone for aiding or assisting a pregnant individual exercising their right to reproductive freedom with their voluntary consent.” Article 1, Section 28, no. (3)

And so long as the pregnant individual voluntarily consented, this language could prevent the state from taking any “adverse action” against “someone” aiding or assisting a pregnant individual, regardless of the outcome of their assistance.

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL ELIMINATE LAWS THAT PROTECT THE CONSCIENCE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WHO REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN ABORTION SUCH AS DOCTORS AND NURSES.

Where to find it in Proposal 3: The proposal states that, “An individual’s right to reproductive freedom shall not be denied, burdened, nor infringed upon...” (Bold added) Article 1, Section 28, no. (1), 2nd paragraph. A doctor, nurse or other health care professional who objects to an abortion because of their conscience would present a “burden” for the woman seeking an abortion.

Sec 1, 2nd paragraph requires that this burden only be allowed if for a “compelling state interest.” In Sec 4, “compelling” is defined to require that the interest meet three standards: 1) it is for the limited purpose of protecting the health of the individual, 2) consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice, AND 3) does not infringe on that individual’s autonomous decision-making. A doctor or nurse refusing to participate due to their conscience would fail to meet the three requirements for a compelling interest standard.

Conscience protections for health care professionals would not be seen as protecting the health of the individual seeking care, are not incorporated into accepted clinical standards of practice and would infringe on the individual’s autonomous decision-making.

Fact: Proposal 3 WILL LIKELY PROHIBIT PARENTAL CONSENT RIGHTS IF YOUR CHILD WISHES TO PURSUE—OR IS BEING PRESSURED INTO PURSUING—MEDICAL PROCEDURES OR CHEMICAL TREATMENTS INTENDED TO CHANGE THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF HIS OR HER BIOLOGICAL SEX. Where to find it in Proposal 3: Parental consent and notification laws conflict with the proposal “Every individual has a right to reproductive freedom, which entails the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care.” (Bold added) Article 1, Section 28, no. (1), 1st sentence – The use of the word “individual” without any age limit, as opposed to “adult” will include minors.

This language confers a constitutional right to sterilization directly to the minor. By invoking this constitutional right, the minor could obtain sterilizing procedures without any parental involvement. The hormones and medications used in “gender transition” treatment are the same used for some types of sterilization, while gender change procedures and surgeries are inherently sterilizing.

If the courts read “relating to pregnancy” as a narrowing restriction, it is possible that such laws related to parental consent for such certain gender change procedures would remain in place, but not for others. However, if this clause is read broadly by the courts, it may also include even gender change surgery.

Further, the proposal prohibits the state from regulations that “infringe on that individual’s autonomous decision-making.” (Bold added) Article 1, Section 28, no. (4), 1st paragraph. – A parent’s right to be notified or consent to a child’s decision to have these sterilizing procedures or hormonal “fertility” treatments done could infringe on the child’s autonomous decision-making.

(Source: Diocese of Lansing Michigan, <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/office-bishop/analysis-dangers-within-proposal-3>)



November Indulgences for “The Holy Souls in Purgatory”

Please pray for the faithful departed throughout the month of November, and especially on November 2. The Church gives us ample opportunities today to help those suffering in Purgatory. **All the faithful can seek to obtain a plenary indulgence for a soul in Purgatory.** We would certainly want people to help us through their prayers if we go to Purgatory. And if we help get someone to Heaven, you can be sure that they will help us and pray for us before the Throne of God.

What is an indulgence? “Indulgences are a part of the Church’s teaching on the forgiveness of sins. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we receive forgiveness for our sins, and all punishment is remitted. Through the Sacrament of Penance, sins are also forgiven, and the eternal penalty that is due to sin—namely, damnation, the eternal loss of the presence of God—is taken away. However, consequences still remain that the sinner must bear. This is what is traditionally called the temporal punishment for sin. This consequence of sin disrupts our relationship with God, with the Church and with others. Those who have received forgiveness for their sins may still have an obligation to undergo a process of purification to restore these disrupted relationships. The necessary and painful process that brings this reconciliation and purification can take place in this life or in Purgatory, because whatever part of the process remains unfinished at death must be completed in Purgatory” (*Indulgences and our Spiritual Life*). An indulgence (full or partial) is what we receive when the Church lessens the temporal (lasting only for a short time) penalties to which we may be subject even though our sins have been forgiven.

Plenary (Full) Indulgence Available on All Souls Day (November 2)

* Piously visit a church to pray for the faithful departed. * Say one “Our Father” and the “Creed” in the visit to the church. * Say one “Our Father” and one “Hail Mary” for the intentions of the Pope. * Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day). * Make a Sacramental Confession within 20 days of (before or after).

All Souls Day Plenary Indulgence Available from November 1 to November 8

* Devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, even if the prayer is only mental. * Say one “Our Father” and one “Hail Mary” for the intentions of the Pope. * Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day). * Make a Sacramental Confession within 20 days of (before or after) All Souls Day.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, can be obtained when the Eternal Rest is prayed especially during the month of November: *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

THE GENERAL CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR GAINING A PLENARY INDULGENCE:

- All attachment to sin, even venial sin, must be absent. If one’s disposition is less than perfect or if some of the above conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence becomes partial.
- One must also remember that one can acquire only one plenary indulgence a day.
- The above indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory.
- Several Plenary Indulgences may be gained on the basis of a single Sacramental Confession; only one may be gained, however, on the basis of a single Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope’s intentions.