



# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

*Celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass*

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## **Mission Statement**

We have a nice blank spot in the bulletin to put such a thing... if we had one.

Hint, hint pastoral council

## **Fr. Robideau - What will he say next? I can't wait!**

NCBC - National Catholic Bioethics Center  
Letter of Religious Exemption

*Bishop Boyea and his office put out this information from the NCBC this week. I have personally used the NCBC in the past as a resource. They do some good work.*

*What I hope you see is that it affirms everything I have been teaching you on this matter. And note again that this resource is recommended by Bishop Earl Boyea and his office.*

*We are on solid ground in what we believe and what we are doing. It is the likes of so many bishops, priests and even the Pope who keep trying to force people into getting the vaccine. Their guilt and scare tactics and miss use of scripture and out right lies, not to mention the use of politically driven information about the virus and the vaccines is very disgusting. Telling people that they do not love their neighbor if they do not take the vaccine or wear a mask is absolutely clerical malpractice and spiritual abuse of the faithful. Some bishops have even mandated that their priest do not have anything to do with religious exemptions for the vaccine under the false rhetoric that people have a moral duty to take the vaccines.*

*The following is from NCBC web site:*

*This resource explains how the Catholic Church's teachings may lead individual Catholics to decline certain vaccines. It is intended for Catholics who have made a sure judgment in conscience to refuse a vaccine and should be adapted to fully reflect their beliefs and reasoning. It is not a decision-making guide and does not address all legal, medical, and moral considerations. The NCBC has provided such guidance [here](#). It is not a determination that an exemption will be granted.*

## This Weeks Schedule

- Sun: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon  
Mass 8 am Minor children of George Family  
10 am Parish
- Mon: Vigil of St. Lawrence  
Open 11 am - 1 pm  
Mass 12:10 pm - Reparation to the Twin Hearts
- Tue: St. Lawrence  
Open 5 pm - 7 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm - +Jerome Smith
- Wed: Feria  
Open 7:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 8 am - + Margaret Yonishik
- Thur: St. Clare  
Open 5 pm - 7 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm - Tim Coppernoll
- Fri: Feria  
Open 7:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 8 am - Reparation to the Twin Hearts
- Sat: Vigil of the Assumption of the BVM  
Open 8:30 am - 11 am  
Mass 9 am - Reparation to the Twin Hearts
- Sun: Assumption of the BVM  
Open 7:15 am - 12 noon  
Mass 8 am Fr. James Altman  
10 am Parish

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### Confessions

Confessions are available Monday - Saturday during open hours outside of Mass times.

You may also call to make an appointment outside of these times.

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### Weddings

Please call me as soon as you can after the engagement so we can get things started.

Do not schedule a date or rent a hall until church matters are cleared first (That will take 1-2 months)

The marriage prep process can take 9 or more months of prep.

### Please pray for:



**Oh Lord,  
hear our  
prayers for  
our family  
and friends  
in need.**

Tim Copernoll  
Amy Sobie  
Rachelle Koenigsknecht  
Ed Reichstetter  
Melissa Dorbeck  
JoAnn Brock  
Chuck Campanella  
Hal Schneider  
Timothy McLin  
Dean Lind  
Rhoda Greenhoe  
David Makara  
Sharon Etzel  
Bob Wilson

### Money Counters

#### This Week

Greg Snitgen  
Ben Schneider

#### Next Week

Julie Snitgen  
Linda Cremer

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### Last Sunday's Collection

# Of Contributions	23 + Cash
Sunday Total	\$ 3573
Capital Campaign	\$ 240

**Thank you for your generosity**

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### Meetings

Pastoral Council	– Sep 14
Security Council	–
Men's Group	– Aug 19
Woman's Group	– August 7

[Date]

To Whom It May Concern,

[Name] is a baptized Catholic seeking a religious exemption from an immunization requirement. This letter explains how the Catholic Church's teachings may lead individual Catholics, including [name], to decline certain vaccines.

The Roman Catholic Church teaches that a person may be required to refuse a medical intervention, including a vaccination, if his or her informed conscience comes to this sure judgment. While the Catholic Church does not prohibit the use of any vaccine, and generally encourages the use of safe and effective vaccines as a way of safeguarding personal and public health, the following authoritative Church teachings demonstrate the principled religious basis on which a Catholic may determine that he or she ought to refuse certain vaccines:

- Vaccination is not morally obligatory in principle and so must be voluntary.
- There is a general moral duty to refuse the use of medical products, including certain vaccines, that are produced using human cells lines derived from direct abortions. It is permissible to use such vaccines only under certain case-specific conditions, based on a judgment of conscience.
- A person's informed judgments about the proportionality of medical interventions are to be respected unless they contradict authoritative Catholic moral teachings.
- A person is morally required to obey his or her sure conscience, even if it errs.

A Catholic may judge it wrong to receive certain vaccines for a variety of reasons consistent with these teachings, and there is no authoritative Church teaching universally obliging Catholics to receive

## MONEY COUNTERS

Please note that starting this week people are now scheduled.

If you are not able to make your scheduled time, please contact me.

any vaccine. An individual Catholic may invoke Church teaching to refuse a vaccine developed or produced using abortion-derived cell lines. More generally, a Catholic might refuse a vaccine based on the Church's teachings concerning therapeutic proportionality. Therapeutic proportionality is an assessment of whether the benefits of a medical intervention outweigh the undesirable side-effects and burdens in light of the integral good of the person, including spiritual, psychological, and bodily goods. It can also extend to the good of others and the common good, which likewise entail spiritual and moral dimensions and are not reducible to public health. The judgment of therapeutic proportionality must be made by the person who is the potential recipient of the intervention in the concrete circumstances, not by public health authorities or by other individuals who might judge differently in their own situations.

At the core of the Church's teaching are the first and last points listed above: vaccination is not a universal obligation and a person must obey the judgment of his or her own informed and certain conscience. In fact, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs that following one's conscience is following Christ Himself:

In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man

perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law: “Conscience is a law of the mind; yet [Christians] would not grant that it is nothing more; . . . [Conscience] is a messenger of him, who, both in nature and in grace, speaks to us behind a veil, and teaches and rules us by his representatives. **Conscience is the aboriginal Vicar of Christ.**”

Therefore, if a Catholic comes to an informed and sure judgment in conscience that he or she should not receive a vaccine, then the Catholic Church requires that the person follow this certain judgment of conscience and refuse the vaccine. The *Catechism* is clear: “Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. ‘He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, **especially in religious matters.**”

Sincerely in Christ,  
[Name and Title]

END OF DOCUMENT ON WEBSITE

Where to go from here?

We need to stand up and stand against this evil of mandatory vaccination. People have rights. As Americans and as Catholics, we must stand for these rights even if we personally choose a different option for ourselves. “But I think my way is the right way!” You may think that all you want, but you do not have the right to use

mob rule to take rights away from someone else. Sure, people might agree with you this time, but next time you may be on the wrong side of the mob and they will take your rights from you. How would you feel about that? Remember, God gave us free will and even He will not violate it. Who are we to violate the legitimate rights of others if God willed.

Also to be stood against is the vaccination passport. Again, people have rights. We have the HUMAN (God given) right to move freely about our native country (immigration and foreign travel are separate issues). It is part of our human dignity to do so.

Bishops! Why are you not teaching this stuff and using your political clout to drive this discussion according to our FAITH?

With this question in mind, let the bishop know that you want him to stand against such things publicly and politically. Remember the bishop has an arm called the MCC (Michigan Catholic Conference) which is his political arm. And believe me, he knows how to use it when he wants to. Give him some encouragement.

ALSO - Remember that we still have our Non-Vaccinated Passport fundraiser going on. When was the last time you showed your card to someone and told them to go to [gregorythegreat.com](http://gregorythegreat.com) to get theirs?

God Bless - Fr. Robideau

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## Contributions and Donations are greatly appreciated

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- You may use the donation box in the back of church if you want to use cash or check.
- You may contribute electronically with a credit card by going to: [www.continuetogive.com/gregorythegreat](http://www.continuetogive.com/gregorythegreat)