

My dear Brothers and Sisters.

A SELFISH MAN died and went to heaven. An angel escorted him to his house. They passed many lonely mansions and the man thought, "This one must be mine." When they came to a miserable hut, the angel told him, "This is yours." Shocked, the man protested, "This must be a mistake, please check once again." The angel replied, "There is no mistake; this is the best we could do with the material you sent."

IN THE GOSPEL Jesus narrated the parable of the "Rich man and Lazarus." We are all like the rich man – gifts, talents, resources, and possessions, in different measures, are given to us as stewards. The way we use them shall determine where we land after this earthly life - in heaven or in hell, in bliss or in torment. The rich man lived in great luxury – he was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared deliciously and sumptuously every day. His table was furnished with food of all varieties and delicacies, which money and art could provide. It is no sin to be rich and be clothed in purple and fine linen; it is no sin to have dainty and sumptuous food provided. What Jesus warns is that a man may have all these and yet perish forever under God's wrath. There is also a great warning for those who possess great wealth – that it becomes a great danger, a great temptation to pride, sensuality, and forgetfulness of God and His poor people, and the other world.

THE RICH MAN'S sin is not that he abused or physically tormented the beggar Lazarus. It is implied that the rich man took no notice and care of Lazarus. Despite being poor and sick, the expectations of Lazarus were minimal – he wanted to eat only the crumbs, which fell from the rich man's table. But the rich man did not take notice of him. He never ordered Lazarus to be treated or lodged in his backyard. The love the rich man had for his dogs, he did not have for Lazarus, a human being. The dogs, which licked and soothed Lazarus sores, were more compassionate to him that rich man. The rich man's sin is not that he did any harm, but that he did not do any good. It is not enough that we do not oppress and exploit the poor; we shall be found as unfaithful stewards of the Lord's gifts and possessions if we do not help and alleviate their sufferings.

SOME MIGHT SAY that "Jesus' parable of the rich man is not addressed to me, for I am not rich." This is a mistake in interpreting the significance of the parable. This parable is not about money. Though we may not be materially rich, we all still have something to share with others in need. Therefore, the real question to ask is not "Am I rich?" but who is sitting at my gate begging, not necessarily for bread but for a word of recognition or appreciation, for a bit of companionship or of fellowship, or a little bit of forgiveness? And the time to give is now. My dear friends, when there is still time and opportunity to set our ways and relationships right, let us seize the moment now and set them right.

May God bless you and your families. Fr. Tomy

God's Blessings to Fr. Tomy and Fr. Placido on this Priesthood Sunday!

ST. JOHN VIANNEY THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS. WHEN YOU SEE A PRIEST, THINK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.



Today is a special day to thank, pray for, and support our devoted priests! Many priests have touched our lives. We thank them for saying yes to following in Jesus' footsteps and caring for all of the people of God.



WELCOME

A Journey in Faith to Love and Serve the Lord

We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ to live out the vision of the Gospel as a Catholic Christian Community. We strive to joyfully share our faith, to humbly serve the needs of others and to strengthen and encourage one another as followers of Christ.

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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 noon

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday, 10:00 am Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:00 pm Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 am Saturday: 8:30 am

First Friday of the Month Masses Friday: 9:00 am and 5:00 pm

Private Confession

Monday: 6:30 pm Wednesday: 8:30 am Saturday: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm

Adoration Fridays: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 7:00 PM (FR. TOMY)

- ~ Fr. Tomy, by Benedict Matthew Santiago
- Hope Michelle Morrison, by Benedict Matthew Santiago

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 9:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- [†] Jane Sweet, by the Sweet Family
- ~ Fr. Placido, by Benedict Matthew Santiago

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 9:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- † Marito Torio (Death Anniversary), by Family
- † A Soul in Purgatory in most need of a Mass Intention, by Brandon A. Randolph

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 9:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

~ Markiyan Vasyl and Milena Sophia Marcheff (For Good Health), bv Tetvana

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 9:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- † Ruth Ayers, by Pat Kowalski
- † A Soul in Purgatory in most need of a Mass Intention, by Lillian G. Lesniak

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 AM (FR. TOMY)

† A Soul in Purgatory in most need of a Mass Intention, by Richard Long

5:00 PM (FR. PLACIDO)

- † Gregory Mack, by Larry and Sandra David
- † Amy Colletti, by Alexis Pollard

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- † Barbara Mullen, by Family
- ~ People of St. Mary

10:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- † Gilbert Kloss, by Dan and Jeanne Fader
- † Marion Nagle, by the Nagle Family

12:00 NOON (FR. TOMY)

- † Bernie and Joan Shubitowski, by Carol Shubitowski
- † Ruth Ayers, by the Morelli Family

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE **BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Jesus is our Strength when we are weak, our Hope in time of despair, and our Light in time of darkness. Come visit with Him in the Blessed Sacrament and receive His Peace and His Love.

Exposition at 1:00 pm Adoration from 1 until 4:50pm followed by Benediction.

ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERFUL **REASSURANCES TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF:**



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STEWARDSHIP

September 18, 2022	\$ 21,866.00
Our Weekly Goal	\$ 20,365.00

CSA CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Pledged to Date 9/18/2022	\$ 90,997.48
Needed to Reach Goal	\$ 86,367.52
2022 AOD Goal	\$ 177,365.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday, September 25 Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31 Monday, September 26 Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50 Tuesday, September 27 Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50 Wednesday, September 28 Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62 Thursday, September 29 Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51 Friday, September 30 Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16 Saturday, October 1 Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

October 2, 2022

First Reading: Hebrews 1:2-3; 2:2-4 The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hab 2:4)

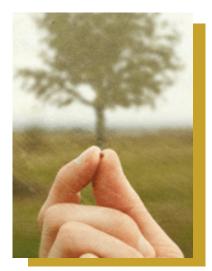
Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord. (2 Tm 1:7-8)

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Lk 17: 6)



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BECOMING CATHOLIC

JESUS IS AT the center of the Catholic faith, but Mary, His Mother, is one of the most honored people in the faith. When Mary was



asked to be the mother of the Son of God, she responded: "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Mary accepted God's will for her life. She became the Christ bearer, the one through whom Jesus, our hope for salvation, entered the world, making our redemption possible.

SO IT MAKES sense that those who confess Jesus as their Lord would also respect and venerate (honor and revere) Mary. If we love Jesus, we love His mother because of her important role in His life. "Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it" (CCC964).

"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42).

IF YOU WOULD like to learn more, contact Deacon Tim Pilon (deacontimpilon@yahoo.com or 248-390-5436).

PARISH CHOIR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

REHEARSALS EVERY THURSDAY FROM 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM DO YOU LOVE to sing?

DO YOU ENJOY singing in a group setting? **WHY NOT SHARE** your gift of singing as a member our choir?

THE PARISH CHOIR begins a new season of singing this month as rehearsals are underway for Advent, Christmas, and the Anointing of the Sick. We welcome new members to join us at this time. An audition is not required. We simply ask that you to attend our next rehearsal on Thursday from 7 - 9 pm in the Music Room, room 3. Our Director of Music, Kurt Dicksen, will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding membership in the Parish Choir.



WE ARE LOOKING for a few compassionate volunteers on a rotating basis to pray the Rosary at the funeral home when requested by parishioners when a loved one has passed. We will provide training. Leading the Prayer of the Rosary is a ministry that is appreciated during a difficult time.

PLEASE CALL THE Parish Office for further details or to volunteer.





ON SEPTEMBER 29, we will celebrate the feast of the Three Archangels: Michael, along with Gabriel and Raphael. Angels are spirits without bodies (although in scripture, angels have appeared to people). God created them in His Image and Likeness. Their main purpose is to love and serve God in heaven and to assist us in our journey on earth. They are very powerful spiritual beings. The name Michael means "who is like God;" is known as the Prince of Angels and the most trusted of God. He is a powerful Angel of God. He is the protector of the Church, Angel of Peace, protector of the faithful, guardian of our souls, and patron of policemen. He is the archenemy of satan and all evil powers roaming the earth seeking the ruination of souls. He is our symbol of strength, power, courage, and hope and was the patron of many armies. In his humility, he recognized that God is God-----and he was but God's servant. In Revelation, he defeats the devil.

ST. GABRIEL IS known as the messenger for God to certain people; is known as the Angel of the Incarnation (Annunciation) and of consolation (Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane). He also appeared to St Joseph and the shepherds.

ST. RAPHAEL IS known as the physical and emotional healer of God, as found in the Book of Tobit and the Gospel of John. He acts as a physician and expels demons. He is the patron of the blind, of happy meeting, of nurses, physicians, medical workers and travelers, Christian marriages, and Catholic studies.

AS A NATION, we have been blessed and preserved for many years in peace and prosperity and have grown in power and wealth. But now, our country has become divided. Evil arises as never before, causing deception, disrespect, riots, and hate, anti-Christian sentiments, breakdown of families, abortion, and children killing children. Discouragement and confusion are tools of the devil in trying to break us down. In these particular times, we need the intervention of the Archangels in bringing us the Truth of God and to adhere to His teachings and to the Constitution of our country. We need the strength and will to fight against all these evils occurring in our nation. We are in great need of God's healing for America. And so, we pray to the Archangels for their intervention and assistance. Until next week,

Love & Prayers,

Arlene Loehr

P.S. God gave the angels wings-----and He gave humans chocolate. THANKS BE TO GOD FOR ANGELS AND CHOCOLATE.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

BEING A CATHOLIC PRIEST is ranked among the four most difficult "professions" in the world. This is because a CATHOLIC PRIEST must be at the same time:

• preacher • example • advisor • former• planner • minister • visionary • director • mentor • friend • nanny • reconciler• marriage counselor • youth counselor • leader trainer • Bible teacher • psychologist • intercessor

Besides being:

• church porter • corporate administrator • engineer • bricklayer• event promoter • a mediator between two factions in a conflict • a mediator between God and man • first to arrive and last to leave.

THE CATHOLIC PRIEST is usually the most lonely person in the community: you can even see a CATHOLIC PRIEST is always surrounded by people, but rarely by people interested in their problems, needs or even in their life, let alone in the demands that the communities themselves place on them.

IF YOU HAVE a CATHOLIC PRIEST or PRIESTS as friends, take care of them, protect them, pray for them, understand their vision, support them, but above all love them, don't forget the promise of Jesus Himself.

"And I will give you shepherds after my heart, who will feed you with knowledge and intelligence" (Jeremiah 3:15).

Therefore, take care of them because

"they personally watch over your souls, since they will be accountable for them" (Hebrews 13,17).

LET US HONOR with our prayers the lives of all those men of God who have sacrificed so many things, including some of their own needs and that of their families to fulfil God's call.

Value the time CATHOLIC PRIEST dedicates to you.

The Catholic Priesthood is A Vocation not a Profession.



hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified and show them that they are needed by the Church.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1-2

Thank you, Ministers, for sharing your talents and gifts that God has given you with our Parish! If you are unable to serve during your scheduled time, please contact a sub from the roster that was emailed to you. Call the office if you need a copy of the current roster.

Saturday, October 1, 5:00 PM

Altar Server: Jonathan Davis Altar Server: Sara Sherry Sacristan: Judy Vereecke Lector: AVAILABLE Lector: AVAILABLE Greeter: AVAILABLE Greeter: AVAILABLE

Sunday, October 2, 8:00 AM

Altar Server: Luke Lamerato Altar Server: Vince Smoker Sacristan: Kathleen Quittschreiber Lector: Patrice Hartnett Lector: AVAILABLE Greeter: Pat Kowalski Greeter: AVAILABLE

Sunday, October 2, 10:00 AM

Altar Server: Eddie Logsdon Altar Server: Katie Logsdon Sacristan: Cindy Linebaugh Lector: Alisa Logsdon Lector: Charles Smith Greeter: James Kramb Greeter: AVAILABLE Children's Liturgy: Alyson Mejia

Sunday, October 2, 12:00 PM

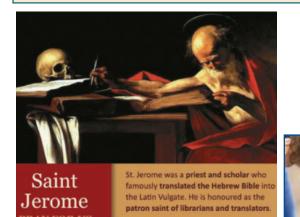
Altar Server: Kara Courtney Altar Server: Claudette Pilon Sacristan: Jerri Somervell Lector: Kevin Compton Lector: Richard Kerruish Greeter: Barbara Kerruish Greeter: AVAILABLE

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FAITH FORMATION DATES

Sept 25	6-8:00 pm	LifeTeen 9-12 Service Night
Sept 26	7-8:30 pm	EDGE 6-8
Sept 28	4:45 & 6:30	Faith Formation K-5
Oct 3	7-8:30 pm	EDGE 6-8
Oct 5	4:45 & 6:30	Faith Formation K-5
Oct 9	5:00 pm	Youth Mass
Oct 10	7-8:30 pm	EDGE 6-8
Oct 12	4:45 & 6:30	Faith Formation K-5



MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY ST. JEROME, FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 30

Do Catholics worship Saints or their relics? St. Jerome, Doctor of the Church, has the answer: "We do not worship the relics of the saints, but honor them in our worship of Him whose saints they are. We honor the servants in order that the respect paid to them may be reflected back to the Lord." Honoring them, he said, was not idolatry because no Christian had ever adored the saints as gods; on the other hand, they pray for us. "If the Apostles, saints and martyrs, while still living on earth, could pray for other men, how much more may they do it after their victories? Have they less power now that they are with Jesus Christ?" And another pearl:

"The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink without fear or drowning and deep enough for a theologian to swim in without ever touching the bottom."

~ St. Jerome

WALKING WITH PURPOSE COME AS YOU ARE. YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Which book to order?

Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point is the

foundational study for WWP. Explore

fundamental questions of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. Learn how your spiritual life fits into your day-to-day life. **Sessions start Sept. 20 at 10:00 am to Noon**

Beholding His Glory reminds us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Recognize and appreciate God's plan for our lives, His awe-inspiring majesty and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.



Sessions start Sept. 27th, 10:00 am to Noon OR Sept. 29th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Order your book today: www.walkingwithpurpose.com

Questions? Theresa MacFarlane, tjmac1207@gmail.com or Colleen Gonzalez, 248-685-7848

West Oakland Catholic Family of Parishes

SESSIONS

A four-part series outlining Archbishop Vigneron's pastoral letter "Unleash the Gospel" through the lens of Families of Parishes and our world today

> EACH SESSION BEGINS IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

SERIES DATES

DN 1	
Holy Spirit	Mass: 11:00am
DN 2	
St. Perpetua	Mass: 11:30am
ON 3	
St. Patrick	Mass: 12:00pm
ON 4	
St. Mary	Mass: 12:00pm
	Holy Spirit N 2 St. Perpetua N 3 St. Patrick N 4

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SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



THE CASE FOR JESUS BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Dr. Brant Pitre, Scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the 'case for FOR JESUS Jesus" by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years, resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian Faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more



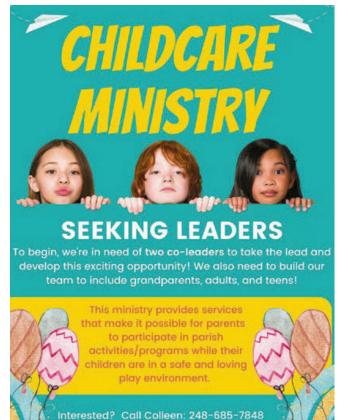
THE CASE

Sept 25, 2022

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). Ironically, we don't see the rich man doing anything bad—he didn't hit Lazarus or make him leave or even yell at him. So why did he end up in eternal damnation? It was because he didn't even notice his suffering brother. The rich man was totally oblivious to the needs of Lazarus.

Your challenge this week is to increase your awareness. Look at your community, your country, and even your world with new eyes. Who are the invisible poor who need your help? Discuss every evening who you have noticed for the first time. Then, at the end of the week, as a family or an individual choose one action you can do to help a person or a group whom you identified. The help could be a financial donation, direct service, or a form of advocacy on their behalf (e.g., emailing your state legislators to change laws to provide more aid to the homeless or singleparent families or the mentally ill).



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MEN'S MINISTRY

WE WELCOME YOU to gather with us every Thursday morning for coffee, donuts, fellowship, prayer, and enrichment. We are a judgement-free zone for your faith questions, comments, and concerns. men's

ministry **COME AND SEE** what you've been missing!

THURSDAYS AT 9:30 AM, ROOMS 6-8

Contact: Larry LeClerc, 248-685-9762 or leclercl52@gmail.com or Matt Pigula, 248-719-0772

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 15, 2022 9:00 am to 5:pm at the Lansing Center Register at: www.michigancwc.org



Please call Faith Formation for carpool information.

THE FLOCK



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"The Lord gives sight to the blind ...raises up those who were bowed down."

Sheepish Question:

Where have I failed to notice someone in need?

Youth Ministry

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HOLY FIRE

... is back this year and is closer to home... in Detroit! Open to all middle school students, this is an event you won't want to miss! A chance to be with other middle school students from around the Archdiocese, great speakers, growing deeper in your faith and having the time of your life! We are registered as a parish, so please contact Olivia at youthministry@stmarymilfordmi.org to purchase your ticket. Scholarships are available. We will carpool from St. Mary Church.





The Bethlehem Christian Families

The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety.

Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been so blessed and so grateful to have had the opportunity to travel all around the United States to different parishes for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We are happy to announce that we will be visiting your parish October 22-23.

We encourage you to look over their beautiful hand carved items. We value your support through these unprecedented times. We will be accepting cash credit cards & checks.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

The Bethlehem Christian Familiess

www.theholylandshop.com (810) 625-8536





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DAYS FOR GIRLS SUPPLY COLLECTION

During the month of October we will be collecting supplies to donate to Days For Girls International. This is an organization that provides items needed

for young girls to maintain their dignity as they enter puberty. The items being collected are part of a kit that is provided to young girls in poverty stricken and developing countries throughout the world.

The items being collected include:

100% cotton brief or hipster panties in white or solid

colors only. Sizes Girls 8 to Women's large.

100% cotton washcloths, thin (Walmart brand works best).



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PLEASE JOIN US on the Sundays in October after the 10:00 am Mass to pray the Rosary. Make a difference in our world. Help America to turn back to God and be worthy of His protection and blessings.

A PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY will take place on Saturday, October 15 at Noon in the lower parking lot (weather permitting, otherwise it will take place in the church). More information to come.

SENIORS AGING GRACEFULLY, SOMETIMES (SAGS)

SAGS WOULD LIKE to extend an invitation to the Seniors of St. Mary Church to events they have planned.

COME AND SEE what SAGS is all about. There is something for everyone! Here are our upcoming events:

- Thursday, September 29th at 5:30 PM NOAO Weather Center
- Saturday, October 15th at 12:15 PM Fiddler on the Roof at the Fisher Theatre \$75.00
- Monday, October 24th at 5:30 PM Meadowbrook Hall Flashlight Tour
- Sunday, November 20th. 12:15 PM Hamilton at the Fisher Theatre. \$125.00
- Thursday, December 29th at 12:15 PM Les' Miserables at the Fisher Theatre \$75.00

ALL ACTIVITIES REQUIRE registration. Please contact Julie Owens, the SAGS coordinator at Holy Spirit, by calling 248-887-0027.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

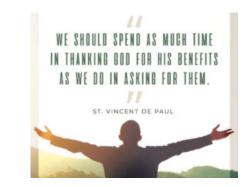


MY BROTHER KNIGHTS,

WHERE ARE YOU? Where are all of our Knights? We have a meeting once a month, and only a small percentage our Knights attend our General Business meeting. We have over twenty-five events per year, and the same Knights work all of them. We need greater participation from our men. Our Council is dedicated to serving the community and we cannot do it without you. Have you considered being an Usher or a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister? We are not a 'write the check organization.' So, let's get back involved. Remember, I can do more!

FROM FULTON J. SHEEN: "During this terrible day, you have been kind enough to protect me. I make haste to thank You, but I am thinking all the time of the many who have fallen, my officers and my comrades. May they receive from You all the rewards, the peace, and the rest that are reserved for brave men who did their best. Give their unhappy families, please, the consolation of believing in Your kindness and Love."

Enjoy Sunday with your family. Gus LaRuffa – PGK (248) 912-7406 Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7444



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

DURING THE WEEKEND of November 12-13, St. Mary Church will be hosting a clothing drive for SVDP. Trucks will be available in the parking lot to collect your gently used clothes, coats, hats, gloves, shoes and boots. Please bring your items in boxes or plastic bags. Thank you!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ON SEPTEMBER 27TH, the Church will celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish. With your gifts in the month of September, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring good news to the poor," by assisting many area families, providing financial assistance for food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

NOTE THAT ALL monies donated to St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul remain in this area and are used to assist local families in need. If you have questions, please contact Julie Jacobs at (248) 396-2857.





