

St. Colette Catholic Church

17600 Newburgh Road
Livonia, MI 48152
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April 28, 2024

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

The Saturday Mass at 4:00pm is livestreamed on Facebook Search: St Colette Church

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00am

For the most current information, please see our website:
www.stcolette.net



Welcome New Parishioners! To register, change an address, or if you moved, please contact the parish office.

Mission Statement

We, the Family of St. Colette, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit are dedicated to celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ through Worship, Education, Fellowship and service to others.





Congratulations 2024 First Communicants
at this weekend's 12:00 pm Mass
Let us pray for these students
and their families on this wonderful occasion!

Welcome to the table of the Lord:

Natalie Cobor
Gracyn Kerfoot
Kash Kerfoot
Connor Leahy
Padraig Nagy
Baron Putz
Kate Rowell
Lillian Stocki
Maia Stocki
Asher Vartanoff
Dean Wejroch

Knights of Columbus – Pasta Dinner



Reminder: The Knights of Columbus "All You Can Eat" Pasta Dinner is Sunday, April 28th. Dinner will be served from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Activities Center. Wine will be available for an extra charge. There will be no gluten-free meals. ("Take-out" meals are available.)

May Crowning Next Weekend

Catholics honor the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary in many ways, including the long tradition of crowning an image of Mary during the month of May. Here at St. Colette Parish we will start the month of May with the annual May Crowning to be held in our church on Sunday, May 5th after the 10:00 am Mass (at approximately 11:15 am).

Please join others in church for the singing of Marian hymns, the praying of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the crowning of Mary's statue. Weather permitting, we will walk in procession to our Marian grotto located outside of the Activities Center for additional prayers and hymns and the crowning of that statue as well.

Afterwards everyone is invited for an Ice Cream Social serving free ice cream in the Activities Center. The free ice cream is compliments of the Dr. Thomas Dooley Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Please join others next Sunday, May 5th as we honor the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to enjoy a treat of free ice cream celebrating the Season of Spring!

Pastor's Note

Dear Brothers and Sister,

This is my wish and prayers that we understand the Tremendous Value of the Holy Mass. This article is what I have preserved from my old readings. I hope it will help us to appreciate and value the Holy mass and attend without fail.

At the hour of death, the Holy Masses you have heard devoutly will be your greatest consolation. Every Mass will go with you to Judgement and will plead for pardon for you. With every Mass you can diminish the temporal punishment due to your sins according to your fervor. By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass, you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord. Through the Holy Sacrifice, Our Lord Jesus Christ supplies for many of your negligence and omissions. He forgives you for all the venial sins which you are determined to avoid. He forgives you for all your unknown sins which you never confessed. The power of Satan over you is diminished. By piously hearing Holy Mass you afford the Souls in Purgatory the greatest possible relief. Through Holy Mass you are preserved from many dangers and misfortunes which would otherwise have befallen you. You shorten your Purgatory by every Mass. Through the Holy Mass you are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs. When you hear Holy Mass devoutly, offering it to Almighty God in honor of any Saint or Angel, thanking God for the favors bestowed on him, etc., you afford that Saint or Angel a new degree of honour, joy and happiness, and draw his special love and protection on yourself. Every time you attend Holy Mass, besides other intentions, you should offer it in honor of the Saint of the day.

The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" says Pope St. Paul VI. For each Mass we hear with devotion, Our Lord sends a saint to comfort us at death. Which is the revelation of Christ to St. Gertrude the Great. Once, St. Teresa was overwhelmed with God's Goodness and asked Our Lord "How can I thank you?" Our Lord replied, "ATTEND ONE MASS." The Blessed Virgin Mary once told Her faithful servant Alain: "My Son so loves those who assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that, if it were necessary He would die for them as many times as they've heard Masses." "The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death" said Pope Benedict XV. A great doctor of the Church, St. Anselm, declares that a single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after death. St. Leonard of Port Maurice supports this statement by saying that one Mass before death may be more profitable than many after it.

"When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary - a joy, a fragrance, a well-being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt" said Saint Jean Vianney. "The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross" said Saint Thomas Aquinas. "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy" said Saint Jean Vianney. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us" said Saint Jean Vianney. "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass" said St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), stigmatic priest. "When we have been to Holy Communion, the balm of love envelops the soul as the flower envelops the bee" said Saint Jean Vianney "The heavens open and multitudes of angels come to assist in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass," said Saint Gregory. "The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass," said St. Augustine. When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine victim immolated on the altar" said St. John Chrysostom.

Since today the 28th of April is a very special day in the lives of the children who are receiving the Eucharistic Lord for the first time, this is my humble request that parents and family members tell the children and your friends about the importance of attending Holy Mass. May the Eucharistic Lord Live in us always.

With Kind Regards,

Fr. Susai Esack. SAC

Thank You, Fr. Susai & St. Colette's!

I want to thank all of you for your support of our ministry (Terra Sancta Ministries) and shrine (St. Joseph Chapel & the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pontiac) during this past weekend's sale of religious items. We appreciate the support and generosity. This was a big help to us. We also appreciate all the help by the ushers and volunteers from St. Colette's who made things go so smoothly. May God bless you!

In Christ,

Fr. Alex Kratz, OFM

Father Susai's Sunday Reflection

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Every Mass we come to celebrate and partake in the communion, keeps us united to Jesus and give visibility to his presence. The lunar module Eagle, carrying astronauts Aldrin and Armstrong, landed on the moon July 20, 1969. While Armstrong prepared for his moon walk, Aldrin unpacked bread and wine and put them on the mission guidance system computer. He describes what he did next. "I poured the wine into the chalice... In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were communion elements." Just before eating and drinking the elements, Aldrin read this passage from the Gospel according to John: "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me." Commenting on his Communion experience alone on the moon, Aldrin says, "I sense especially strongly my unity with our church back home, and the Church everywhere." (Guideposts Treasury of Hope)

That story not only gives special meaning to today's Gospel but also underscores the way we, the branches, remain united with Jesus, the vine. We remain united to Jesus by three ways in particular: by gathering in his name, by listening to his word, and by sharing his Body and Blood. Concerning gathering in his name, Jesus told his disciples, "Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." Matthew 18:20. When we gather in Jesus' name, we have his promise that he's there with us. Concerning reading and explaining his word, Jesus told his disciples, "Whoever listens to you listens to me." Luke 10:16 When we hear the Gospel read and explained, we have Jesus' promise that we listen to him. Finally, concerning eating and drinking his Body and Blood, Jesus told his disciples, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in him." John 6:56 When we share the Lord's Supper, we have Jesus' promise that he's united with us. These are the three special ways, then, by which we remain united to Jesus: by gathering in his name, by listening to his word, and by sharing his Body and Blood. This leads us to an important point: If we want to find Jesus today, we will find him in his Church, or we won't find him at all. Sometimes we hear people say, "I can find Jesus and unite myself to him in my own way. I don't need the Church." When we hear this, we want to cry out, "But there is no Jesus apart from the Church. There is no Jesus like the one you are talking about. That Jesus died on Calvary 2,000 years ago. "The only Jesus there is today the Jesus who rose on Easter Sunday. And this Jesus lives in his Church, or he doesn't live at all. As evidence of this, recall Paul's experience on the road to Damascus before his conversion. Listen to how the Acts of the Apostles describes it: "Suddenly a light from the sky flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?' "'Who are you, Lord?' he asked. "'I am Jesus, whom you persecute," the voice said." Acts 9.3-5 Paul was confused. He hadn't persecuted Jesus. He had persecuted only his followers. Then it dawned on Paul. Jesus and his followers were one. They were like a head and a body. Trying to separate Jesus from his followers was like trying to separate a head from its body. Years later Paul wrote: "Jesus is the head of his body, the church; he is the source of the body's life." Colossians 1:18.

This leads us to a final point: If people today are to find Jesus, we, the Church, must make him visible to them. A teacher used to say to his students, "What if some unthinkable explosion destroyed all life on earth except for us, right here in this room. Where would the Church of Jesus be then?" The students would always think a minute. Then they would see the light. The Church of Jesus would be right there in their room. They would be the Church. That little experiment makes an important point. The Church is not a place where people gather. It's the people who gather. The Church is not a place where people gather to pray. It's the people who gather to pray. But note what we said! The Church is the people who gather. To have Church we must gather together. The Church is like the bread and wine that we use in the Eucharist. Hundreds of grains of wheat and hundreds of grapes had to be gathered to make them. It is the same with us. Only by gathering together do we become the Church of Jesus. Only by gathering together do we make Jesus' Church visible to our world. Only by gathering together do we make the risen Jesus visible to our age. And so by gathering together we give visibility to Jesus and his Church. Each time we gather, we show people where they can find the risen Jesus in today's world. This is one of the reasons Jesus said to his followers in the Sermon on the Mount: "You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.... "In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14, 16.

Lord, you are the vine, and we are your branches. As the branches draw life from the vine, so we draw life from you. Lord, help us remain united to you always, by gathering in your name, by hearing your word, and by sharing your Body and Blood. For in this way we make you visible to our world. Lord, help us remember always that where your Church is, there you are. Amen.

Save the Weekend of June 8th /June 9th for a Farewell to Fr. Susai

Please join us in the Gathering Space near the Chapel to say farewell to Fr. Susai. Fr. Susai must return to India to comply with immigration rules for his visa. We have been blessed to have him with us here at St. Colette even for this short time. Our lives have been enriched by his inspirational homilies and warm personality. Fr. Susai will be available after all the weekend Masses to receive your written cards of thanks as well as warm wishes to express our appreciation for his time here at St. Colette.

May Food Drive for Cares of Farmington Hills



Cares of Farmington Hills is a Campus of Hope for people in Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Redford, Novi, Northville, or Bloomfield Hills. Cares offers food assistance, clothing, Veterans assistance and many other resources through their Navigation office. The May Food drive is May 18th and 19th to benefit those who turn to Cares for help. You can drop these items in the brown bins in the Gathering Space at church that weekend. Some of the items they can use to further their mission are:

Tuna Fish
Soups
Individual cups of Macaroni and Cheese
Canned spaghetti, ravioli
Snacks such as: granola bars, breakfast bars, individual cheese and crackers, etc.
Spring cleaning supplies
Feminine hygiene products
Shampoo
Lotion
Toilet paper in 4 roll packs or individually wrapped rolls
Dish soap-small size from the dollar store
Laundry soap—small size from the dollar store

Cares is located in the former parish of St. Alexander's at 27835 Shiawassee in Farmington Hills. It is truly a Campus of Hope because it carries on our faith mission of helping one another. You can help by volunteering to help with the many programs that are ongoing at the center. Check out their website to volunteer, here is the website information: www.caresfh.org.



Seasoned Saints

All seniors of the Family of Parishes gather once a month for lunch, social time and a presentation. You are invited to join us for lunch at any time you are able, just make sure you RSVP so we know you will be joining us. Here are the future dates for Seasoned Saints lunches and concerts. If you have any idea of a speaker or presentation you think the group would like, please let Cindy Portis know.

May 8th: 12:00 noon Lunch at St. Colette-- Laudato si' (Praise be to you), the Encyclical on the care of the common home by Pope Francis. Rebekah Phillips from Madonna University Sustainability Club will share with us ways to live a sustainable life through food, awareness and faith.

June 12th: 12:00 noon Lunch at St. Colette Luau with Polynesian Dancers. Aloha, you will learn to hula dance too! Wear bright colors, grass skirts are optional!

July 10th: 12:00 noon Lunch at St. Colette Harry and Bess Truman join us for lunch and will share stories about the life as the 33rd President and their family.

August 14th: 12:00 noon Lunch at St. Colette Penrickton Center for the Blind will share with us their work helping children with visual impairment

Please RSVP at the following link https://olvnorthville.org/seasoned-saints or scan the QR code below. You can also call Cindy Briody at St. Colette 734-464-4436 or email christian-service@stcolette.net

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament And Holy Hour of Prayer, May 3rd

Please consider gathering for the celebration of Mass in church on Friday, May 3rd at 9:00 am followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour of Prayer, and concluding with Benediction at 10:30 am. The Holy Hour of Prayer includes time for communal and private prayer. Please join others in this special opportunity for prayer.

April 28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31•1 John 3:18-24•John 15:1-8

…remain in me… John 15:5

Do you know why so many of us like to hear jokes and stories in homilies and speeches? Because while entertaining they also capture our imagination and for many, it is there in our imagination that things can happen. Jesus knew that. Why He told so many parables and offered so many images. These past two weekends we find good examples of what we speak. We read in the gospel of St. John seven complex images Jesus taught to explain what our relationship with God is meant to look like. Last week we heard Jesus the Good Shepherd whose voice, if we listen to, will guide and protect us from ultimate harm. This weekend we have Jesus the vine and we are the branches. There is no way I will be able to do justice to the whole of this complete symbolic teaching, so, I will focus on one piece. Three simple words: *remain in me* (John 15:5). Sadly, many here this and think, "I don't need you!". And in truth can we survive without Jesus in our lives. Look around and you can see some very successful people (by worldly standards) who claim to hold no connection in faith. The key word there is *survive*. Personally, I would rather thrive and live my best life. How about you? And this we can only do by being united to our Creator. Last week Jesus invited us to allow Him to show us the way to that best life. This week we are being told that the only way to live that life is to remain connected to Christ. Jesus is the source of all life supplying us with all the nutrients (Eucharist) and good things that we need (Catholic Church). Cut off from Him and while in this life we might survive, eventually like useless waste, (dead branches), we are thrown into the fire destroying all possibility of hope. Thrive or Survive? The choice is yours. So how do we remain connected to Christ? You are off to a good start. You went to Mass. Making our branch, our life strong and enduring is dependent on proximity to the vine/God, so participation at Mass, receiving Jesus in Word and Eucharist is essential, as well as regular participation in other sacraments such as Reconciliation. Keeping open lines of communication is also essential to any relationship, so daily personal prayer and as well as regular study of scripture and our faith. And let us not forget regular service to those in need. These three commitments: Sacraments – Prayer – Service, helps us get out of our egotistical, arrogant self and allows us to put on Christ. Or to use the image of today's gospel, *remain in him*.

I remain, your servant in Christ,
Theresa Lisiecki

Reflection: How close are you to the Lord? What is one thing you could do daily to get closer?

Prayer: Jesus, my Good Shepherd and Vine; give me the fortitude to listen, obey and remain connected to you.

Family Activity: Compare with your family a dead branch and a healthy tree or plant. Discuss which they would rather be. Make the connection to Jesus' image of the vine and branches. List practical ways they can remain close to God. As a family commit to one.

Mini-Catechism

Question: As a student in the 1970's I remember everyone making a big deal about "Earth Day". What does the Catholic Church say about our relationship to the environment?

Answer: As a high school student in the early 70's I too remember those days and the various opportunities to participate in "Earth Day", held on April 22nd and continues to this day. Back then the world was awakening to the devastation some of our lifestyle practices were perpetrating on Mother Earth and "Earth Day" was created to light up and open communities to awareness and action. To answer your question, a nutshell the Catholic Church teaches that as followers of Christ not only can we not turn our backs to the plight of our negative environmental changes, but we have a responsibility to do something about it every day of our lives, not just on April 22nd. In November of 1991, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops published an encyclical called *"Renewing the Earth: An Invitation to Reflection and Action on Environment in Light of Catholic Social Teaching".* In this document the bishops talked about our call as Catholics to understand we have a duty in faith to be stewards of the earth reminding us that *"the web of life is one."* In a January 2010 address Pope Benedict XVI stated, *"If we wish to build true peace, how can we separate or even set at odds, the protection of the environment and the protection of human life."* More recently Pope Francis led dozens of religious leaders on Oct. 4, 2021 in issuing a plea to protect the environment, warning that *"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home."* Our commission to be good stewards of the environment not only comes from Church teaching but from the Lord Himself. Scholars explain that when we read the second chapter of Genesis we read of God bringing all the animals to Adam who would then name them*: So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name*(Gen 2:19). It is said "to name something is to claim it as your own". Scholars believe that in biblical terms God allowing Adam to name everything was God's way of placing humanity "in charge" of and stewards of all that God had created.

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Thousands of years later Jesus would show us what being in charge meant when he knelt down to wash the feet of his disciples and the later died on the cross for our salvation -- Service. Our faith teaches us that to be in charge does not mean dominance and subjugation. As Christians who follow Christ as model, to be in charge means to recognize our responsibility to someone, in this case the environment and do everything we can to bring about their fullness of life. So, get busy everyone. Consume less. Recycle. Reuse. Let us do what we can to heal and protect all that God has given us in creation. For more information on what the Catholic Church teaches on our responsibility to the environment go to Catechisms #299,343,355,396 & 1469; as well as the document *Catholic Social Teaching on Care for Creation and Stewardship of the Earth* found at usccb.org.

I remain, your servant in Christ,
Theresa Lisiecki

Should you have a question of your own or desire to respond to my answer please let me know by emailing them to Theresa Lisiecki at lisieckitheresa@gmail.com.

Women's Guild

Our last meeting of this calendar year is May 9th at 1:00 pm in the Social Area. We will discuss suggestions for an agenda for the 2024-2025 year.. A catered lunch will be served to members. Those attending please call June at 734 464-0476 or Rosa at 734 516-3536 by Monday, May 6th for a reservation.

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Next Sunday, May 5th
In the Church at 1:15pm

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is intended for anyone seven years and older who is chronically ill, undergoing medical testing or surgery, disabled by disease, age or addiction, or is affected by psychological or emotional problems. As the title states, this is a sacrament for the sick and not the dying!

If you need to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please join others next Sunday, May 5th at 1:15 pm in the church. The celebration of the sacrament will begin once everyone is assembled and depending on the number being anointed the ritual should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes.

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick takes place in our parish every month (usually the first Sunday). The personal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may take place anywhere and anytime there is a need for it (like prior to medical testing or surgery). Contact the parish office to arrange for the personal celebration of this sacrament when the need arises.

SCAP REGISTRATION



Monday, May 6, 2024, marks the start of the registration process of St. Colette's summer SCAP program. What is SCAP you say? It is our Summer Catechesis Alternative Program. It runs for two weeks from June 17, 2024 – June 27, 2024, 5:30-9:00 PM.

Registration is online on our website under our Religious Education/Faith Formation tabs. Registration opens on May 6th and ends May 22nd. It is for grades 1-8. Spaces are limited to 16 students per class and are on a first come first served basis. It is open to our St. Colette family and our family of parishes. *Payment must be made in full prior to the start of the program* by cash, check or card. Please contact the office for payment details.

Because this is an accelerated program, there cannot be ANY absences during the two weeks. All program days are mandatory. If you find that there will be conflicts with the scheduled program, we offer a fall homeschooling option that might best suit your needs and registration for that program begins in August 2024.

Please note that students registered for SCAP will be added to the classes in the order in which they register - even if the site accepts your registration, the class may have already been filled. Your registration is date and timestamped so they will be processed in the order in which they are received. We will process the registrations as quickly as we can and if any class fills up, we will post that on our website.

Seeing that our program is volunteer based, the need for volunteers is GREAT. Without them, the program cannot exist. So, if you have some free time for two weeks and would like to help in the form of a teacher, teacher's aide, art, bible, music, hospitality, etc., we would LOVE to have you! Please reach out to the Religious Education department for further details.

Should you have any questions, please contact our offices at religioused@stcolette.net or call 734-464-4435 during the hours of Monday-Wednesday 8am-4pm. Offices are closed on Thurs-



Have you ever considered teaching at our summer catechism program? It's a meaningful way to give back to our church and our youngest members- after all, they are the future of our church! There are lots of reasons NOT to volunteer, but one of the biggest obstacles we hear from potential volunteers, "*I don't know enough about church teachings or handling a group of kids- I could never do that!*"

If you're open to volunteering but feel like you lack the knowledge or confidence to lead a class, join us for a teacher volunteer workshop!

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Right to Life – Lifespan

State Senate Targets the Elderly. In November 2023, Senate Bill #681 was introduced to the State Senate in Lansing to legalize euthanasia in Michigan. State Senators Cavanaugh, Hertel, Klinefelt, Singh, Moss, Geiss, Chang, Polehanki, McCann, Irwin, Bayer and Wojno all sponsored SB 068. It was referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy. Although it does not currently have the votes in the House or Senate, the 2024 elections to Statewide offices will be vital. Naming it "death with dignity," "medical aid in dying," or "mercy killing" will never avoid the reality that it targets those most vulnerable. It is already happening in Ontario and the death peddlers have their eyes on Michigan next. See SB 0681 of 2023 for yourself at: http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2023-SB-0681. Call our office at 734-422-6230 or email wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org to join as a LIFESPAN member or volunteer and be a hero for life at all stages.

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We'll spend time talking about classroom best practices, how to handle questions, and learning from experienced volunteers. Bring your toughest questions about being a teacher volunteer!

What's the difference between our volunteer teachers and you?

Nothing! You just need to say "yes"!

Will you make time to volunteer this summer? (Information about when the sessions are, how to sign up or learn more, etc.?) The workshop is scheduled for May 7, 2024, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm and is in the Activities Center building. Pizza and pop will be served. Please contact the Religious Education office at 734-464-4435 or religioused@stcolette.net for more information.

Pregnancy Resource Center

If you or someone you know is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, you are not alone. Contact one of the following pregnancy resource centers near you for counseling and free and confidential pregnancy services:

AAA Pregnancy Resource Center
32080 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia (734) 425-8060

The Lennon Center
24275 Ann Arbor Trail
Dearborn Heights (313) 277-5637

A Woman's Pregnancy Choice
31700 West 12 Mile Road #102
Farmington Hills, call or text
(248) 471-5858



We are **still** in need of volunteers for our summer 2024 **SCAP** program.

Won't you consider donating your time and talents? If you've always wanted to volunteer but weren't sure what the position entails, I invite you to a "**Volunteer Workshop**" that will take place at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, **May 7th, 2024**, in the Activities Center for insight into a SCAP volunteer.

We are in need of Bible storytellers, teacher aides, art aides, substitutes, session supervisor and a photographer that has experience/knowledge in downloading photos to PowerPoint for our final program.

Volunteering during SCAP is a very rewarding experience, not only as a volunteer but for the children as well. They truly enjoy this program and get a lot out of it. Without volunteers, this program would **never** exist. Won't you please consider being part of St. Colette's summer SCAP experience?

Please reach out to the Religious Education office at 734-464-4435 or email religioused@stcolette.net for more information.

1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ*." **Serving is a form of worship, a way to express gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and to share**.

Thank you, St Colette parish for giving a warm welcome to Diaconate Candidates across the Archdiocese of Detroit in hosting their Formation Day on April 13. We very much appreciate the close cooperation with Father Susai, our operations manager Alex Luckhardt, and the whole church staff. Once again, our Knights of Columbus demonstrated their strong support for vocations by providing breakfast and lunch for this training workshop for future deacons. We would especially like to recognize those who served during the event, including Dan and Carol Brown, Al Carbone, John and Reon Glennon, Tom and Deborah Jackett, Juan Maldonado, Bob Steckowski, and Dan Vecchioni. Your willingness to serve was a rich blessing to all those who attended!
Thank you!
Mark and Cindy Henry

Meetings of the Week

Monday Apr 29, 2024
9:30am Quilter's Circle RM B
12:00pm Line Dancing AC
7:00pm Youth Group YC

Tuesday Apr 30, 2024
9:00am Mass
10:00am Art Workshop SA

Wednesday May 1, 2024
9:00am Mass
9:45am Bible Study Hospitality EM
9:45am Mat Makers RM A
10:00am Bible Study EM
12:00pm KofC Communications Comm RM C
1:30pm Haiti's Angels RM A
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal CH

Thursday May 2, 2024
9:30am Christian Crafters RM A/B
6:30pm Daughters of Isabella Mtg AC
6:30pm KofC Cmtte Mtg RM B
7:00pm KofC Business Mtg RM B

Friday May 3, 2024
9:00am Mass
9:30am Exposition & Holy Hour CH
9:30am MOPS AC/CL/KIT

Saturday May 4, 2024
Mass 4pm
9:00am Ice Cream Social Set-up AC
2:00pm Confessions

Sunday May 5, 2024
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Masses 8, 10, & 12
10:00am KofC Corp. Communion Mass CH
11:15am May Crowning
11:45am Ice Cream Social AC
1:15pm Anointing of the Sick CH

Monday May 6, 2024
9:30am Quilter's Circle RM B
12:00pm Line Dancing AC
7:00pm Youth Group YC
7:00pm Worship Comm. Mtg. RM C

Praying for the Military

Please keep these service men and women, and their families, in your prayers and continue to pray for peace:



Major James Agius
AT1(AW) Jessica Bitell
SRA Alexander Bryant
E 1 Leyna Calice
Cpl Caden P. Dorsett
LCDR Brian Evanski
2 LT Gabriel Glennon
2LT Eric Hill
Sgt Ian Hammill
MMN3 MiAngelo Jaramillo
PVT Gabriella Lamacchia
E3 Cole Johnson-McCall
Captain Drew H. Kohler
Cpl William Kramer
SSgt Andrew Krasemann
Major Matthew Massman
Ssgt Mike Hayes
Lt. Col. Brooke Heintz Morrissey
Major Michael T. Morrissey
QM1 Warren Nash
SSgt Anna Nowak
MSgt Stephen Perakes
Major John Rehberg
Major Tommy Sheep
Captain Steven Siemieniak, USAF
Major Brandon Spears
SSgt Alan Stackpoole
LTJG Conor Sullivan
AO Brady Taubitz
HM3 Elyse Timmermann
PVT Kimberly Tomaszewski
LT Patrick J.P. Treppa
SRA Dylan Underwood
SGT Junior Underwood

Heavenly Father,
hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
I ask this in your name,
Amen

We want to be sure we are praying for all who serve our country. Please call the Parish Office at 734-464-4433 to add a name to the list or to remove a name from the list.



Pray for the Sick of our Parish

The names included in the Sick List should be parishioners, their relatives and friends. If you would like to add a name, please contact the parish office. Every 4-6 months the prayer list will be updated.

Millie Battaglia
Barry P. Byrwa
Shirley Carner
Carol Cline
Bernice Dostal
Estela Drabicki
Virginia Dul
Thomas Durack
Mary Flecksteiner
Franz Geisz
Sue Gregor
Rose Hassell
Maureen Kelsey
Geri Krolicki
June Lavoie
Kristen Lavoie
Pat Marshall
Joan McKnight
Barbara Millard
Donna Mitchell
Beverly Moilanen
Megan Moriarty
Dale Monette
Marlene Mrakovcic
Joan Nehasil
Christine Prentki
Connie Robertson
Jerry Roosen
George Saba
Mark Sabatini
Elaine Solak
Alberto Spano
De Streicher
Juliana Tokarz
Debbie Witkowski
Helen Witkowski

Liturgical Ministers for May 4 & 5

	Presiding Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lectors
4:00 pm	Fr. Mike Loyson	Volunteer	Mark Kullen
8:00 am	Fr. Alex Kratz	Volunteer	Carrie Osborne
10:00 am	Fr. Susai Esack	Volunteer	Michael Sosnowski
12:00 pm	Fr. Susai Esack	Volunteer	Jennifer Kurzeja

Chuck Gaidica Speaker Event

"You know Chuck Gaidica as a beloved TV weatherman. But do you know his powerful story about returning to the Catholic Church? Come and be inspired. Friday, May 10th, Monaghan's Knights of Columbus at 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. Free admission 7:00-8:30 PM."

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Michael Gregory Williams, son of John and Danielle was welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at St. Colette Church. Fr. Susaikannu Esack, SAC celebrated the baptism.

Ryan Lee Henderson, son of Aron and Brittany was welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at St. Colette Church. Fr.Susaikannu Esack, SAC celebrated the baptism.

Marina Ivy Garringer, daughter of Kyle and Ashley was welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at St. Colette Church. Fr. Susaikannu Esack, SAC celebrated the baptism.

Alexis Cornelio, daughter of Alfredo and Kami was welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at St. Colette Church. Fr. Susaikannu Esack, SAC celebrated the baptism.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 30
Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
9:00 am †Giorgio Raimondi by Graziano Canini
Wednesday, May 1
Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
9:00 am For first responders and those serving in the military
Friday, May 3
1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
9:00 am †Joel R. Karczewski by Grace
†Kathy Pardo by Kevin & Ann Kopitz
Saturday, May 4
Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
4:00 pm †Frank & Anna Minolli by Family
†Deceased members of Nicolini Famly by Nicolini Family
†Jim Silvi by Silvi Family
†Janet Z. by Mom & Dad
Sunday, May 5
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
8:00 am Family of St. Colette Parish & An Increase in ChurchVocations
10:00 am †Doris Holmes by Christopher & Karen Roosen
†Alexander Patch by Family
†Brian Motter by Family of St. Colette Parish
†Dorothy Goryca by Family of St. Colette Parish
12:00 pm †Mary Burnett by Roger Burnett
†Justin Price (5th Anniv) by Family
†Joan Mazur by Mazur Family
†Andree Maalouf by Family of St. Colette Parish



Altar Care for May

May 3rd: Mary Ann Bowers/Mark Bowers
May 10th: Ronald Danowski/Darlene Markiewicz
May 17th: Michele Nagy/Cindy Henry
May 24th: Norma Piacentini
May 31st: Bernice Dostal/Betty Monnette

Young Adult Discipleship Group "Digging deeper into the faith"

Young adults (20s and 30s) are welcome to join us the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm for evening prayer, free dinner, video and discussion on a faith topic. This month the topic is Leading through Failure [3 tips] from the Spirit Filled Leadership podcast.

When: May 2, 2024 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Where: Bixman Hall @ St. Aidan Catholic Church
17500 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48152

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Sunday, 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 am
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 pm or by appointment

St. Colette Church
17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, 48152
734-464-4433, FAX 734-464-1694
Website: stcolette.net
Email: parishoffice@stcolette.net
Mass Times
Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 am
Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:00 pm or by appointment

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Mass Times
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Sunday, 8:30 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, 9:00 am
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm or by appointment

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734-420-0288, FAX 734-420-2921
Website: stkenneth.org
Email: communications@stkenneth.org
Mass Times
Saturday, 4:30 pm
Sunday, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
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Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm or by appointment

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Knights of Columbus Tom Jackett
Mothers of Pre-Schoolers Julie Dunaway
Women's Guild Rosa Compton

SACRAMENTS

Baptism
Ordinarily baptisms are celebrated on the third Saturday of the month.
First time parent(s) need to participate in a Preparation Class:
Contact: 734-464-4433 parishoffice@stcolette.net

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
A formation program for those interested in becoming Catholic
Contact: 734-464-4433 or 734-464-4435
parishoffice@stcolette.net or religioused@stcolette.net

Marriage
Arrangements must be made a minimum of six months prior to the date. Participation in a Pre-Marriage Preparation Program is mandatory.
Contact: 734-464-4433 parishoffice@stcolette.net

Pastoral Care for the Sick and Homebound
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated in church on the first Sunday of the month. It may be celebrated anytime there is a need for it.
Contact: 734-464-4433 parishoffice@stcolette.net
Volunteers are available to visit the sick and homebound.
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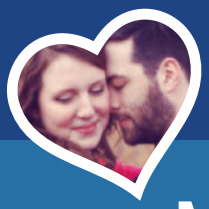
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