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SHRINE HERALD



NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE LITTLE FLOWER
BASILICA



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.....	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday.....	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Sunday.....	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Emergencies handled any time. Please limit other visits/phone calls to the above times

CHURCH HOURS/ HORAS DE IGLESIA

Monday through Friday.....	5:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday.....	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sunday.....	6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

GIFT SHOP HOURS/ HORAS DE LA TIENDA DE REGALOS (EXT. 1423)

Monday - Friday.....	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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MASSES/MISAS

Sunday	7:30, 9:00, 10:45 AM, 12:30, 4:00 PM (Español, Spanish) 6:00 PM
Saturday.....	8:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 6:30 PM
Weekday.....	6:30, 8:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ SACRAMENTO DE RECONCILIACIÓN

Confessions in the Basilica Monday - Friday: 30 minutes after the 6:30 AM Mass
Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Sacrament Of Baptism/ Sacramento Del Bautismo

Sunday at 2:00 PM please contact the parish office at ext. 1410
(En español 1er domingo de cada mes, después de misa de 4:00 PM)

Sacrament Of Marriage/ Sacramento Del Matrimonio

Parish members, please contact the parish office at ext. 1410 At least six months in advance
(Miembros de la parroquia por favor de contactar a Suzy Bonilla)

Spiritual Care For The Sick And Homebound

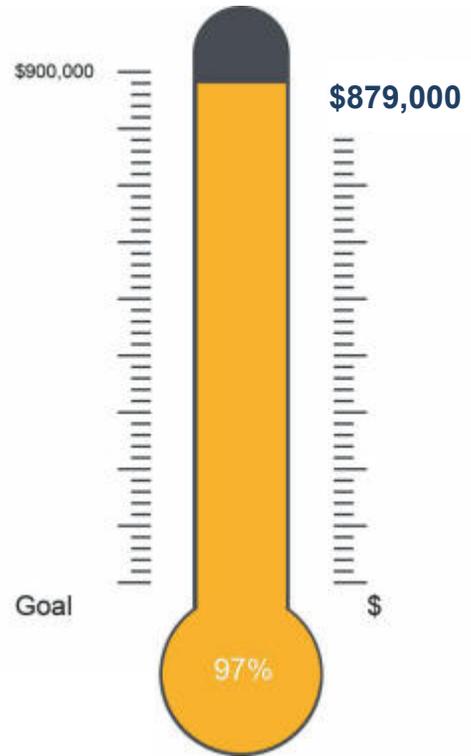
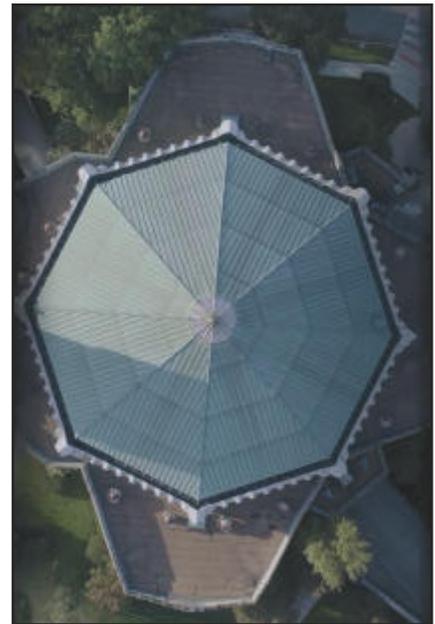
Please contact Paula Dixon, Pastoral Associate, at ext. 1411, If there is an illness, hospitalization or a need for homebound ministry

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Docents are on duty from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Friday except during services.
To schedule groups of ten or more call 586.431.1753 or email vrohr@shrinechurch.com

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MASS INFORMATION including Intentions

The Basilica is now returning to pre-COVID Mass protocols including:

- All entrances and exits are open. • All directional floor signage have been removed. • All communion lines are open with exception of communion on the tongue (please take communion at the front gate). • Masks will no longer be required. Sections will be available for the faithful who wish to continue wearing masks and social distancing. • Ushers will be taking collection in the pews and ask for public assistance.

See page 4 for the readings.

For those unable to attend in person, Masses will be livestreamed Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM (Spanish). We will also continue to stream the 6:30 AM weekday Mass.

Monday, December 27

6:30 AM Fr. Joe Horn
Intention + Pablo Chapa Cardenas

8:30 AM Fr. Radeck Zablocki
Intention + Keith Bauman

Tuesday, December 28

6:30 AM Fr. John McKenzie
Intention Intentions of Vincente Guzman

8:30 AM Fr. Mark Livingston
Intention + Rock LaCivita

Wednesday, December 29

6:30 AM Fr. Joe Lang
Intention + Msgr William Easton

8:30 AM Fr. Joe Horn
Intention + Helen Marie Seidl

Thursday, December 3

6:30 AM Fr. Joe Lang
Intention Intentions of Justin Polak

8:30 AM Fr. John McKenzie
Intention + Mary K Converse

Friday, December 31

6:30 AM Fr. Mark Livingston
Intention + Veronica Agnes Zinger

8:30 AM Fr. Joe Lang
Intention Intentions of Kent Peaslee

6:00 PM (Vigil Holy Mother of God) - Fr. Joe Horn
Intention Intentions of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parishioners

Saturday, January 1, 2022 Holy Mother of God

9:00 AM Fr. Mark Livingston
Intention + Deceased Members of the Dysarz, Feyers, and Wojcicki Families

12:00 PM Fr. John McKenzie
Intention + Veronica Agnes Zinger

Our balconies are open for all weekend Masses for those who would prefer to sit at a distance. Masks are strongly recommended indoors, but, not required.

Sunday, January 2

Vigil Masses (on Saturday)

4:30 PM Fr. Joe Horn
Intention Intentions of Carin Garfield & Family

Lectors Bill Barnes
Hospitality Mike Nagy, Team

6:30 PM Fr. Joe Lang
Intention + Patricia Nason
Lectors Lisa Pickering
Hospitality Ed Hernandez, Team

Sunday Masses

7:30 AM Fr. John McKenzie
Intention + Gabrielle M Evangelista
Lectors Marjie Chouinard
Hospitality Mary Ann Skaggs, Team

9:00 AM Fr. Mark Livingston
Intention Intentions of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parishioners
Lectors TBD
Hospitality John Pruse, Team

10:45 AM Fr. Joe Horn
Intention + Raymond Leduc
Lectors Lloyd West
Hospitality Mikki Edwards & Team

12:30 PM Fr. Joe Lang
Intention + Janette M De Guzman
Lectors Janie Lynch
Hospitality Hugh Brennan, Team

4:00 PM (Spanish) - Fr. John McKenzie
Lectores Gonzalo Cisneros

6:00 PM Fr. Mark Livingston
Intention For Shrine Religious Life Vocations
Lectors TBD
Hospitality Patrick McQueeney & Team

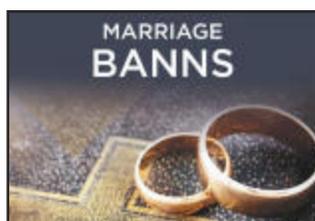
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

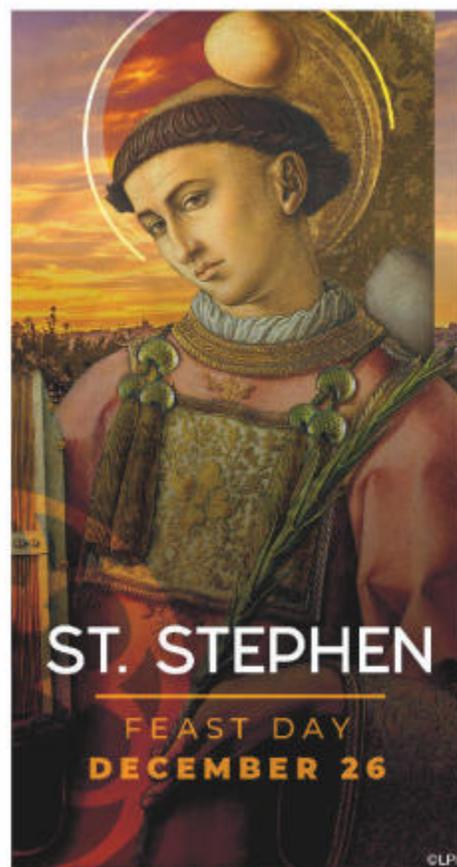
- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church



THIRD BANN
**Kaleigh O'Brien &
Kevin Matuszak**
**Kendall Dorie &
Michael Rossnagel**

Baptisms

Sofia
daughter of
Mariano De La Paz and
Maria E Leon



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Please Pray for the
Sick of our Parish

O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!



Contact us at shrineadoration@gmail.com to schedule a holy hour or with any questions you may have. The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, feel free to come and adore Jesus anytime day or night.

Best wishes to all for a blessed and healthy Merry Christmas!



Susan Haley

Rudy Barno
Basima Barno
Bernice Bettendorf
Norman Brault
Susan Budzinski
Francille Burns
Virginia Casey
Christine Como
Maria Dackiw
Paula DesRochers
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Nolan Ostrowski
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Michael Piatak
Loretta Reid
Lydia Rochon
Victor Saccaro
Antonia San Agustin
Brillantes
Shelly Schindler
Mary Stack
Judy Strozeski
Timothy Tenbusch
Dewey Totty
Maria Ward
Karl Wolfe

Please pray for our Military



Sgt. Daniel J. Allen, US Army
Ltc. Eric Ansorge PhD, US Army
Patrick Paul Atallah, USMC
Christopher Babcock, USAF
Staff Sgt Robert J. Bain, US Army
Envin E. Billings, US Army
Corey Brady, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Cain, US Army
Pat Carroll, USAF, Shrine '61, MIA
SSGT Anthony Carter USAF
MA Charles Dagher, US Navy
L.Cpl. Jacob Dagher USMC
Crisanto R. Delos, USCG
Capt. Matthew DesRochers, USMC
Specialist Raymond Dorierty
PV2-E2 Melissa Ducastel, US Army
Lt. Michael Ehlen, USAF
Capt. Elena Elwart, US Army
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LCpl. Sarah Fitzpatrick, USMC
SSgt. Samuel Flannery USAF
Brian France, Navy
LCpl. Helen Girardot, USMC
Flt. Cmdr. Troy Perry Glendye, USCG
Joseph Haddad, USMC
Lt. Col. Richard Holt, USAF
Capt. Kevin Joyce, US Army
Kasey Wetters RSSN, US Navy
Capt. Justin Kuhlmann, US Army
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Spec. Keegan Murphy, US Army
Cmdr. Peter T. Murphy, US Navy
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Sgt Sean P. O'Dell, USAF
SSGT Ryan W. Oke, USAF
Seaman Jason Palmer, US Navy
Ch Capt Michael P. Palmer USAR
Lt. Paul V. Palmer US Army
Capt. Kent B. Peaslee, USAF
Lt. Col. Loren D. Penney, US Army
Sam Piontkowski, USMC
1st Capt. Johnny Pruitt, ASAF
Lucy Queen, National Guard
Anthony Reynolds, USAF
Emerson J. Schroeder, US Army
Lt. Col. Eric J. Simpson, FA
Adrian M. Springer, US Navy
Capt. Michael Szalma, US Army
Lt. Dan Totsch - National Guard
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Spec. David Wittla, US Army
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US Navy Jack C. Zimmerman
Spc. Nathaniel C. Zyren US Army

LIFE MATTERS

Below is an excerpt of a Christmas sermon by **Saint Leo the Great** (*Sermo 1 in Nativitate Domini, 1-3: Pl, 54, 190-193*). He teaches us that through the Incarnation, God has given us a great gift; we share in Christ's divinity. As such, all human life needs to be cherished and respected.

"Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life. In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind. And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men? Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh. Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom. Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ."



Christmas 2021 Rectory Office Hours

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24 - Closed
Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25 - Closed
Feast of Holy Family - Sunday, December 26 - Closed
Monday, December 27 - Closed
Thursday, December 30 - Closed
New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31 - Closed
New Year's Day/Mother of God - Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Closed



Evangelical Charity/Christian Service

Shrine Christian Service helped many families this year through our Adopt a Family outreach. A portion of the donations received from the Giving Tree/Christian Service allowed us to reach out as a parish family to provide for basic needs of persons who are finding life difficult. Thank you for your generosity – the families truly appreciate your kindness.

The generosity of our Shrine parish family allowed us to provide outreach to many organizations again this year.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan extended assistance to families in need through Christian Service in each of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Two families known to Shrine benefited from this generous donation.



**Please sign up for a Holy Hour
in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Requested Hour: _____

**Pick the day and hour
that is best for you.**

**(Return this form to the Parish Office or
send to shrineadoration@gmail.com)**

With gratitude we remember all of the volunteers who serve in the ministry of Christian Service— their presence, especially in the Christmas season, is truly the face of Jesus.

*Christmas Blessings,
Paula Dixon*

*"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist."
- Pope John Paul II*

Evangelization & Faith Formation

One Christmas Eve, I found myself in Calcutta, India. I had been volunteering with **Mother Teresa's** Missionaries of Charity, helping in the orphanage as a preschool teacher for children with special needs. Most of my days were filled with the loud sounds of car horns honking, and children laughing or crying.

I had traveled there to serve, but it was a lonely year; most of my fellow volunteers would join for a month or two and then move on. Often times I felt overwhelmed by the impoverished conditions experienced by so many. I was almost constantly discouraged by the idea that my efforts were so small they could not possibly be making an impact.

On Christmas Eve, we gathered at the motherhouse with all the volunteers and sisters together. While the sisters and volunteers sang Christmas songs, I fought back tears. I couldn't see through the darkness. I was far from home, and I felt so alone. The suffering and poverty around us felt suffocating, and the work I had hoped to do felt so small and insignificant.

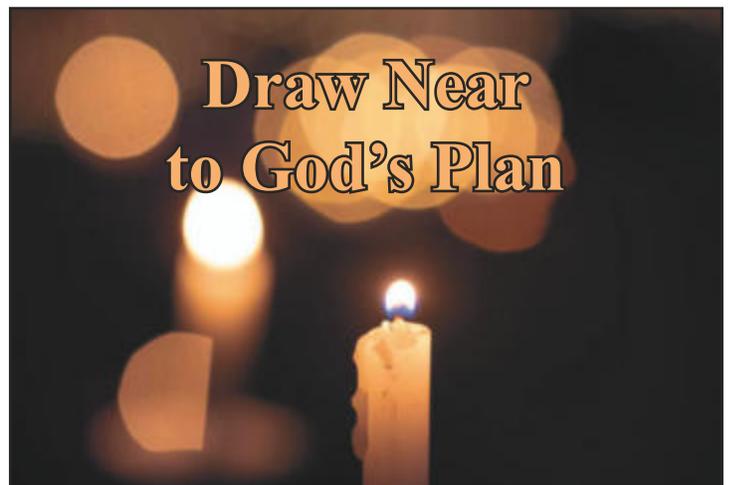
Do you ever feel this way? Lost in the darkness? Overwhelmed by all that you can't control or fix? Alone?

This December at Shrine we're reflecting on God's Plan. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." In the midst of so much confusion these days, know that God has a plan. God has a plan for you.

There was one song from Christmas Eve in Calcutta that has stayed with me all these years. The lyrics pierced through the darkness of my heart in such a profound way, and I have never forgotten them. I encourage you to take them into your heart, too.

*We have a hope in Jesus.
We have a hope in Jesus.
That all things will be well
That all things will be well, in the Lord.*

Send me (Beth Spizarny) an email (bspizarny@shrinechurch.com) or give me a ring (248-556-9898) and let me know your thoughts. As Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, I am responsible for overseeing the formation of children, youth, and adults, as well as implementing *Unleash the Gospel* with parishioners, and reaching out to inactive Catholics, and the unchurched.



May we be moved to pray more this Christmas! In the intimacy of prayer, we will discover anew the astonishing hope we have in Jesus Christ— who came to save us from sin and death, to reveal to us the love of God. If we fix our eyes on Jesus, we will always see light, even when we are surrounded by the darkest night.

May we remember the angels words spoken so many years ago, and know they are speaking to us as well... The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)

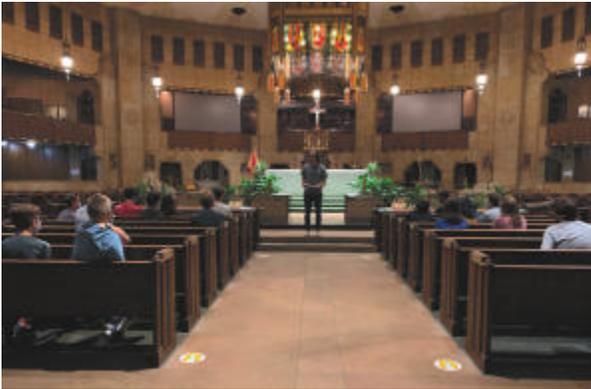
May you and I live as lights in the world, sharing the hope we have found in Jesus with others. Merry Christmas!





Merry Christmas from Shrine Youth Ministry!

The Fall semester has treated us well and we're thankful to everyone who has been a part of a great year so far in youth ministry. Our prayer for you is that Jesus would truly open your heart to the love and joy He has for you this Christmas! The Lord's plan has been fulfilled, let us remember it with great joy this season.



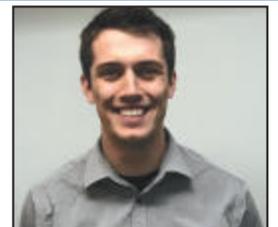
Bowling Over Christmas Break 12/29



We will be bowling on December 29 with both middle and high schoolers. See the email updates for more info or contact Brennan.



Contact Brennan McHugh at bmchugh@shrinechurch.com for more details about Youth Ministry. Follow us on Instagram @Shrine_Ym for the latest and greatest up-to-date info

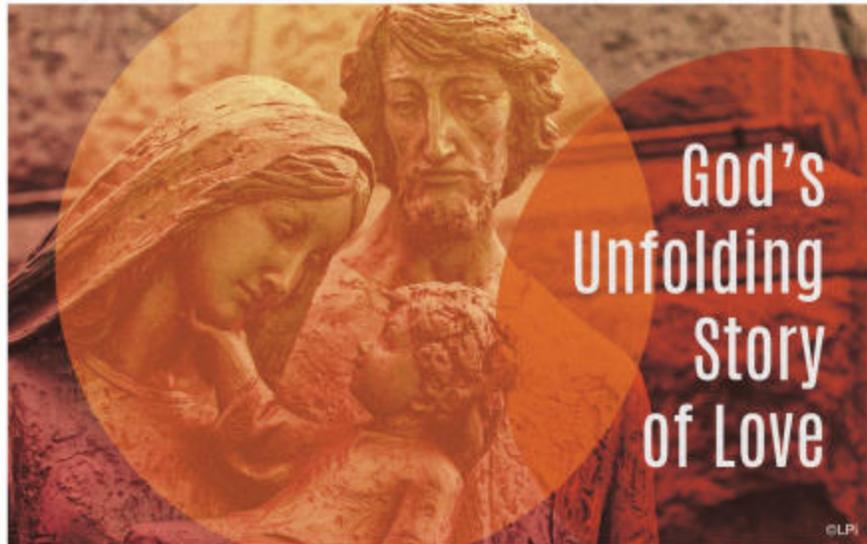


GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of



any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

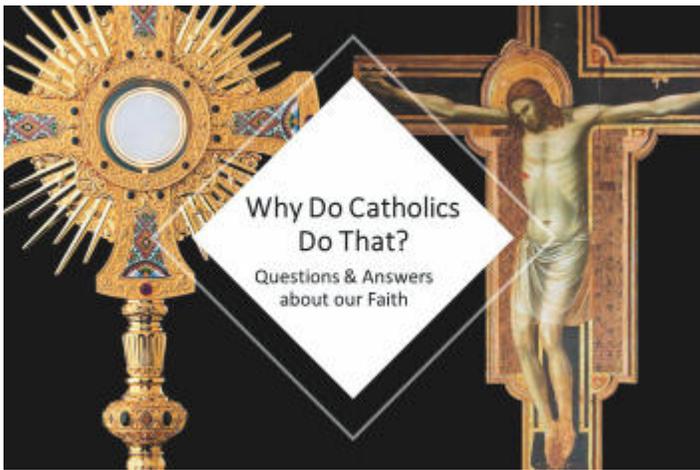
Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able

to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.
- Lk 2:51-52

Excerpts from the Lictionary for Mass: 1970, 1998, 1970 C.C.D.





Question: What does it mean to live God's will? Shouldn't I be able to do what makes me happy? Isn't that what God would want?

Answer: God lovingly allows us to freely choose or reject His will or how God desires for us to live.

While this freedom means we are able to make choices, choices that often shape our lives and can potentially have long-lasting effects, it also means we ultimately have to take responsibility for them.

The Catechism teaches that with our freedom of choice comes the possibility of choosing between good and evil...of growing in perfection or of failing and sinning (CCC1732).

Obviously, sin, which is an offense against God, is not the path we should desire! Rather, we should strive to do what is good and moral and make our choices accordingly. "The more one does what is good," explains the Catechism, "the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin" (CCC 1733).

In his book, *Because God is Real*, **Peter Kreeft** wrote, "Socrates once asked, "Is a thing good because God wills it, or does God will it because it is good?" His answer was that God wills it because it's good. That's the right answer. God is not arbitrary. He designed our human nature, and His will is that we fulfill our own human nature. He wants us to obey His will so that we can be fully human and happy."¹

So, every time you make a morally correct choice, you become a better and freer person. And in doing so you move closer to doing God's will. The result of that is happiness!

And to put a finer point on it ... on March 24, 2012 while speaking to a young audience in Guanajuato, Mexico

Draw Near To St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first American-born saint. She was raised episcopalian, married a prominent businessman at age 19 and had 5 children. Her husband became ill, and the family went to Italy hoping the climate would help him heal. He died soon after, and she sought God's plan for her life and converted to Catholicism while staying with an Italian family. She returned home and started a boarding school to support herself, but her family and friends drove her out of the city since she was now Catholic. Again following God's will, she started the first Catholic school in the U.S. in Baltimore with the blessing of the bishop. Elizabeth was always seeking "the Will" of God and became a saint because of it. Shrine's Conference Center, Seton Hall was named in her honor.

Pope Benedict XVI explained, "God wants us to be happy always. He knows us and He loves us. If we allow the love of Christ to change our heart, then we can change the world. This is the secret of authentic happiness."²

1. *Because God is Real*, Copyright 2008, Ignatius Press, 122.

2. *Christ's Love Can Transform Mexico*, Pope Tells Children, March 25, 2012, <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/24603/christs-love-can-transform-mexico-pope-tells-children>.

Do you have questions about the Catholic beliefs, theology, teachings, and practices? Email us at questions@shrinechurch.com and be sure to watch the Shrine Herald to learn more about the faith.



FAMILIES OF PARISHES

OUR FAMILY - MASS SCHEDULES

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W 12 Mile Rd Royal Oak

SATURDAY - 8:30 am

4:30 pm (livestreamed) and 6:30 pm

SUNDAY - 7:30 am, 9:00 am (livestreamed)

10:45 am, 12:30 pm

4:00 pm (Spanish-livestreamed), and 6:00 pm

WEEKDAYS (Monday - Friday)

6:30 am (Livestreamed), 8:30 am

St. Justin/St. Mary Magdalen

50 E Annabelle Rd Hazel Park

1631 E Elza Ave Hazel Park

SATURDAY - 4 pm - St. Justin

SUNDAY - 9 am & 11 am - St. Mary Magdalen

MON-WED, FRI- 9am - St. Justin

No Mass on Thursday

St. Mary

730 S Lafayette Ave Royal Oak

SATURDAY - 4:30 pm

SUNDAY - 9 am, 11 am

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30 am

WED - 12:10 pm

St. Vincent Ferrer

28353 Herbert St Madison Heights

SATURDAY - 4 pm

SUNDAY - 9 am (livestreamed)

MON- THURS - 8 am (livestreamed)

No Mass on Friday



Christmas 2021 Schedule

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24

*4:00pm Children's Mass and 6:30pm Mass

*12:00am Midnight Mass (11:00 pm Musical Prelude)

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25

7:30am, *9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm Mass

*2:30pm (Spanish) Mass (not 4:00pm Mass)

Feast of Holy Family - Sunday, December 26

7:30am, *9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm, 4:00pm (Spanish), 6:00pm Mass

New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31

6:30am, 8:30am and 6:00pm Mother of God Vigil Mass

New Year's Day/Mother of God - Saturday, January 1, 2022

*9:00am and 12:00pm Mass

Vicariate Penance Services-7:00pm

Our Lady of Sorrows-Monday, December 13

St. Hugo of the Hills-Tuesday, December 14

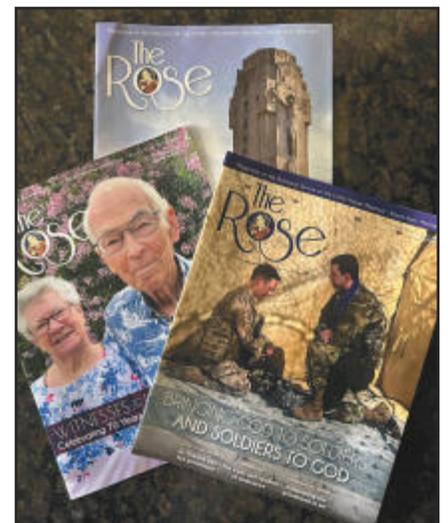
National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica-Monday, Dec 20

Are you a Business Owner?

Help Spread the Good News with The Rose Magazine

Many small businesses or offices have magazines available for customers to read while they wait for goods and services. If you are one such owner, will you help us share the Good News to your customers by placing copies of The Rose in your lobby?

The Rose is the Basilica's magazine, featuring stories of hope, truths of the faith, and articles on the rich history of our Shrine Basilica. Help connect those who may be searching for God, looking to re-connect with their faith, or seeking a place to worship. Contact Judy Maten for further information on how to obtain copies for your place of business. Email Judy at jmaten@shrinechurch.com or call 313-268-1985.



Stories of Hope



He Cracked Me Like an Egg”

Last weekend after all the Masses, we shared Cathy Russ’s Story of Hope. Here is a written summary!

Attacked!! One day Cathy entered her garage, and a man pushed his way into the car with her and put a knife to her throat. She thought it was the end of her life and began praying, “Please God, Please God.” Fortunately, he only took her money and ran.

The event was traumatizing for Cathy and left her feeling very fearful, taking away her ability to cope. She didn’t feel understood by the people around her, which led her to feel unsupported and betrayed. Regardless of which way she turned, she felt like nothing worked for her. Everything was bleak. She turned to her work as a distraction, worked all the time, and worked herself into exhaustion.

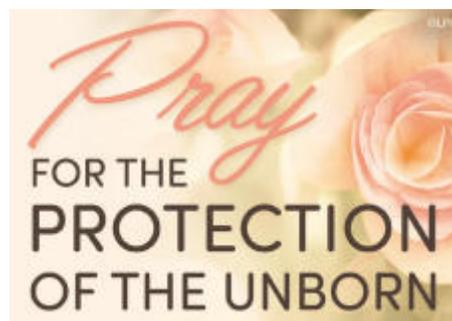
Finally, Cathy signed up for a retreat. During the retreat, although unenthused, she went to Adoration. She knelt in front of Jesus and cried out, “Jesus, I can’t do this.” Almost immediately, a wave came over her lifting the heavy weight that had been burdening her. She exclaims enthusiastically, “He cracked me like an egg.” She felt so much better and the healing process began, gradually rebuilding her life, making positive changes.

Most of all, Cathy wants you to know, God brings good out of the worst situation. Give God time, sit, listen and ask Him to help you.

Do you want to share your story? We’d love to hear it! Email bspizarny@shrinechurch.com to get started.

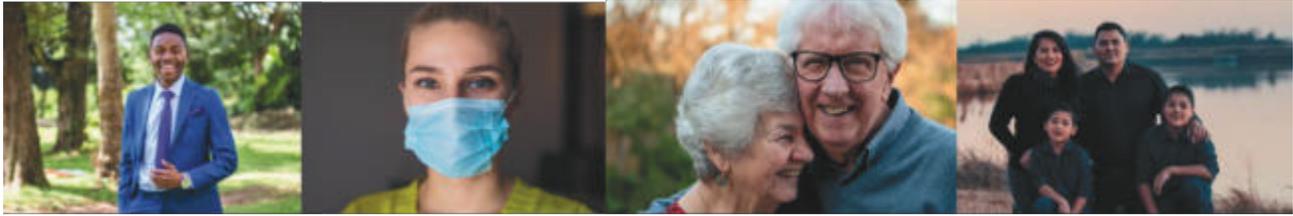
ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

The Shrine Development Team is looking for volunteer assistance with the application process to the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) for Michigan to have the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica recognized as an historic site. Such status would not only provide Shrine greater recognition, but also access to grants from various Foundations. The ideal candidate(s) will have experience working in historic preservation or historic research, and/or related museum experience. Further, interested parties will need the following: good written and oral communication skills; good computer skills; and attention to detail. Candidates will also need to work as a team to accomplish our goal. Our Church/ Basilica and Tower are amazing examples of unique architecture and contain many extraordinary works of art. Most importantly, we would like to share the story and message of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** with as wide an audience as possible. For further information, please contact Dick Daly at 248-860-2427.



National Shrine of the Little Flower Parish *Offertory as of December 5, 2021*

Envelope & E-Contributions	\$ 39,243
Total	
Budgeted	\$ 36,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ 3,243
Year to Date (July 2021 -June 2022)	\$ 806,638
Year to Date- Budgeted	\$ 828,000
Over/Under Budget	\$ (21,362)
No. of Envelopes Mailed to Parishioners	3,907
No. of E-contributions/ Envelopes Received	441



The Welcoming Initiative at Shrine

As a basilica and a very large parish, we want everyone who enters the basilica doors to know that they are loved by God and that they matter to our community. Last fall the Shrine Evangelization Team invited you to share your thoughts on how welcoming we are here at Shrine. We received hundreds of responses. While only 46% of survey respondents described Shrine as warm and welcoming, you had great ideas for how we could be a more welcoming community! We're kicking off the new year with two of your ideas.

Greeters!

The most frequent idea that was shared on our survey was the idea of forming a greeter ministry! One respondent wrote, "I think we need to slow down and listen to each other more. With Operation Olive Branch we can see that people have gotten lost along the way. A simple greeter ministry could make a huge impact."

The Evangelization Team has graciously agreed to begin forming a greeter ministry. Parishioners of all ages are welcome, and even families with young children. Join the team! Email bspizarny@shrinechurch.com.

A Welcoming Challenge of the Month

One of our respondents said, "It doesn't take much to make people feel welcome, but everyone has to do it. :)" Inspired by this great point, we're launching a Welcoming Challenge of the Month beginning this January. Each month we'll have a simple challenge to help us be more intentional about welcoming. Give it a try! If you have a story to share, send it in and we will celebrate what God is doing in our community.



Euchre Tournament Fundraiser!



for the

Shrine Catholic High School
Senior All-Knight Party!*

Saturday, January 22, 2022

(6:30 p.m. arrival with games starting at 7:00 p.m. sharp! - 10 p.m.)
Shrine Parish Conference Center
\$20.00/person

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the highest euchre scores will be awarded. We will also have a 50/50 raffle to support the party.

Bring family, friends, and yourselves to play!
This is an **adult** night out!
Masks required

There will be water and pop available. BYOB if you would like alcohol. Also, everyone should *bring either an appetizer (hot or cold) or a dessert to share.*

Please RSVP by completing this form: <https://tinyurl.com/Euchre2022> so we can plan accordingly. Walk-ins welcome but reservations preferred. For more information, please contact Steve and Julie Whitmore at 248-547-1841.

*The Senior All-Knight Party (AKP) is an off-campus event planned by parents for the Shrine high school seniors on the night of their graduation. The AKP provides an alcohol-free environment for fun, fellowship and lasting memories.

Support the next generation of leaders!

SHRINE CLASS OF 2022

The All Knight Party (AKP) is a Shrine Catholic High School tradition providing a safe and fun-filled evening the night of graduation. Visit shrine2022.com to make a donation of any amount. Sponsorships are available by contacting schsclassof2022@gmail.com. We appreciate your support!

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LIVE at the Basilica

Monthly Speaker Series

7pm in the Basilica

Each month we'll bring in a world-renowned speaker to inspire and reinvigorate us to live as missionary disciples in today's changing world.



Wednesday, January 12, 2022

“The One Who Hopes Lives Differently”

Peter Herbeck

*Currently vice president and director of missions for Renewal Ministries, Peter has been working in evangelization and Catholic renewal throughout the U.S., Canada, Africa, and Eastern Europe for over 30 years. He co-hosts weekly television programs *The Choices We Face* and *Crossing the Goal*. In addition he hosts the daily radio show *Fire on the Earth*.*



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Please visit shrinechurch.com for more information

Religious Formation

Elementary Religious Formation and Sacramental Preparation

Welcome Shrine Visitors!



If you are visiting the National Shrine during this Christmas season, welcome! If you are considering joining our parish, allow us to introduce our department. The Office of Religious Formation is here to serve the catechetical needs of the parish. We provide religious formation classes for families, sacrament prep for reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation, and Vacation Bible School.

Registration for the 2022-2023 year starts in the spring. Our Family Catechism program is for children in kindergarten through (typically) grade 8. These sessions are held two Sundays a month at Shrine Catholic Grade School from 10:30 AM until noon. Children who are in at least second grade and have attended religious formation classes or a Catholic school the prior year are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. In other words, if not attending a Catholic school, current kindergartners should register this spring to start first grade religious formation classes in the fall in order to receive Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in second grade.

Teens in grades 7 and 8 (and sometimes slightly older) are prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation over these two years.

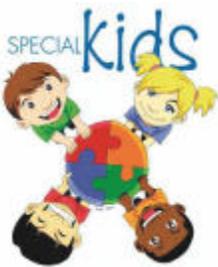
Continue to read the Religious Formation pages of the Herald (also accessible at www.shrinechurch.com) for details on class registration, upcoming events and special family activities.

For answers to any questions you may have, please contact us at 248.541.5133.

May the Light of Christ shine on you and your family this Christmas season!

The Office of Religious Formation

Special Needs Religious Formation Classes Wednesday evenings: 6:00 – 7:00 pm



The program is open to Kindergarten–8th grade. We address individual needs and offer group instruction in a multi-age classroom. The classes consist of an opening prayer group with music. Group instruction may include discussions, arts and crafts, videos and opportunity for hands on religion activities. We are able to provide one-on-one help for your child. We follow the Adaptive Finding God Program by Loyola Press.

The program is open to all parishes. Contact Janie Lynch at jlynch@shrinechurch.com or 248.541.5133.

2021-2022 Religious Formation Schedule

January 9, 23

February 6, 27

March 6, 20

April 10, 24

May 1, 15

Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness

After a pause with Vacation Bible School for the past two summers due to the pandemic, we are looking forward to offering it again on June 20-24, 2022.

Shrine Vacation Bible School runs a Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until noon each day at Shrine Catholic Grade School. Please keep watching for additional details in the Shrine Herald in the spring when we begin to start registration.



**Looking for the Perfect Christmas Gift?
Give a Gift Subscription for
*The Rose Magazine***

Adult children living away from home? Family from out of state? Friends who have everything? Give the perfect gift this year!

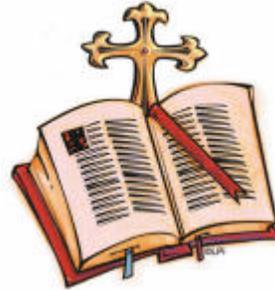
An annual subscription to The Rose magazine, the Basilica's magazine, makes a great Christmas gift for family and friends alike! The quarterly magazine will arrive in their mailboxes, filled with stories of hope, faith, and inspirations drawn from community of faith and the life of St. Therese and her beautiful Shrine. To order a subscription, use the QR code to order online or email Judy at jmaten@shrinechurch.com to subscribe.



**MEN'S SCRIPTURAL GROUP
FORMING IN THE
NEW YEAR**

***Attention all men of our
Family of Parishes***

The St. Vincent Ferrer Adult Faith Formation Committee will be offering a bi-weekly gathering to help men grow in relationship with God and with each other through Scripture. Gatherings will be every other Saturday beginning on January 8th from 9:00 AM to approximately 10:30 AM in the St. Vincent Ferrer Admin Bldg., 28353 Herbert St. Madison Heights, 48071



No need to register, no cost involved. Just bring a pen, paper and your bible. Come and see what God might want to say to you! Bring a friend or come and make new ones. The coffee will be on!



Surviving Divorce is a Catholic divorce healing program from Ascension Press. Shrine is offering this video and facilitator-led, 12-week divorce healing program to all individuals seeking post-divorce healing.

Begins: Monday, February 7, at 7 PM

Location: Shrine Conference Center

Register: (248) 541-4122

Or, online:

<https://forms.gle/71MTV3C22RGNN4kZ6>

COME & SEE

open house

Mon, January 24, 7-9 PM

National Shrine of the Little
Flower Basilica

Conference Center

SHRINE CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH

NOON - 2 PM



ShrineSchools.com

Pre-Registration available in December

Shrine Catholic Grade School &
Early Childhood Center (Pre-K- 5th)
1621 Linwood Avenue, Royal Oak

*Does Life Seem Overwhelming? Lack Meaning?
Join us and find ways to uncover the joy God has for you.*

Discovering Your Gifts

Charism Workshop

Tuesdays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15 & 22
7:00-8:30 PM

St. Mary Fellowship Center, 730 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak

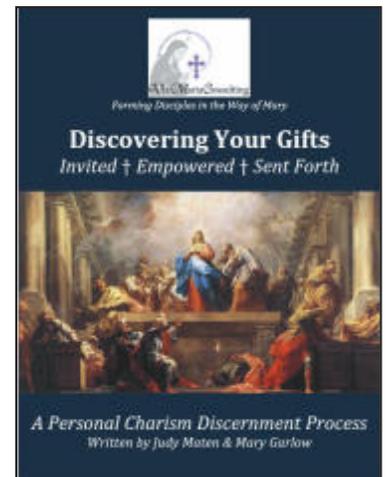
This workshop is for those:

- Seeking to learn more about themselves and their relationship with God
- Considering life transitions, career moves, or ministry opportunities
- Seeking a deeper prayer life
- Desiring to know their gifts and how to find happiness through them

In these five sessions you will uncover how God has uniquely gifted you to find true happiness, live out your call to holiness, lead a fulfilling life, and go deeper in your relationship with Jesus. During the sessions, you will learn how both your spiritual gifts given in baptism (charisms) and natural talents are discerned, activated and exercised through ministry, career, volunteer opportunities, and relationships with others. We will also delve into learning how to pray deeply to be able discern wisely.

The workshops will be presented by Judy Maten and Mary Garlow of Via Maria Consulting, LLC. Cost is \$25 for the five-week workshop, payable at the first session. All materials will be provided; registration is required to assure enough materials. Sign-up online at www.viamariaconsulting.com. Please RSVP no later than January 17 to ensure enough materials are available.

Questions? Contact Judy at judym@viamariaconsulting.com or call 313.268.1985.



SOULCORE

BODY MIND SOUL

SOULCORE at Shrine

Thursday 7:00 PM in the Youth Room

Wednesday 6:00 AM in the Conference Center

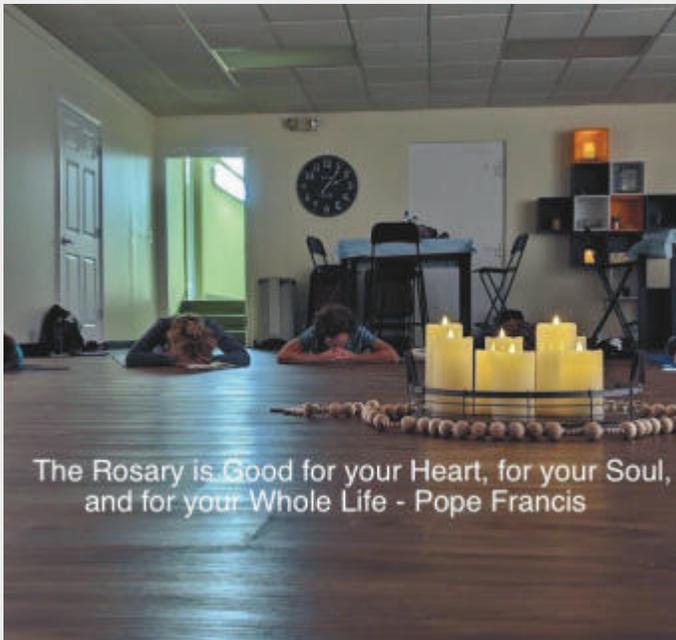
Wednesday 10:00 AM *CHAIR*

SOULCORE in the Conference Center

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or text Sue 248-933-7065

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The Rosary is Good for your Heart, for your Soul,
and for your Whole Life - Pope Francis

Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. *St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*



Feeling overwhelmed?
Does God seem distant?
Searching for hope?

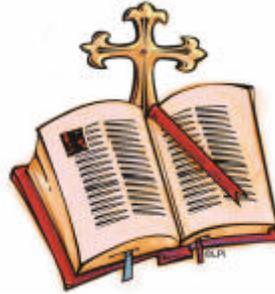
Come and know the power of prayer. Experience peace and inner joy.

Members of the Shrine Prayer Companion Ministry are waiting to pray with you and your needs after the 9:00 AM Mass in the St. Therese Chapel.

Let the power of God's love and mercy permeate you.

All are invited!

Praying with Sunday's Gospel Every Thursday at Noon Online



Join this virtual prayer group as we pray and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel using **Lectio Divina**. This ancient art of praying with Scripture has roots going back to the 6th century and St. Benedict of Nursia, founder of the Benedictine Order. **Lectio Divina** is a slow, contemplative

encounter with the Word of God. In today's world, filled with anxiety, stress and fear of the unknown, **Lectio Divina** is a way to escape the noise and encounter our Lord in the intimacy of His Word.

All you need is your Bible, a notebook and pen, and a computer, smart-phone or iPad/notebook to connect into the virtual gathering. Sessions are led by **Judy Maten, Tom Scholler** and **Patti Koval**. Join us at <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/6215951574>.

"The *Militia Immaculata* Prayer Village at Shrine has resumed in-person meetings. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM in the Martin Room of the St. Thérèse Chapel. Together we pray the rosary, reflect on a reading from St. Maximilian Kolbe's writings, and say intercessory prayers for our intentions. We also evangelize by spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through consecration to the *Immaculata* and distribute miraculous medals.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD?

Come join the Love of God Charismatic Prayer Community here at Shrine Basilica. We meet every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Therese Chapel. Come join us for one hour of praise, teaching, and healing prayer. See what the Lord has planned for you. Questions – call Mary Ellen Buchanan at 586-770-2214.





Basilica Nacional de La Florecita
MINISTERIO HISPANO
 (Hispanic Ministry)



Domingo, 26 de diciembre, 2021

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

“Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa” Salmo: 83, 2-3. 5-6. 9-10

Horarios de oficina:

Directora de Ministerio Hispano: **Susan Bonilla**

Lunes : 8:00am- 5:00pm.

Sábado: 1:00pm-5:00pm

Domingo: 9:00am-5:30pm

Correo electronico- sbonilla@shrinechurch.com

Teléfono- (248)-541-4122 Ext: 1422

Misa en Español: Domingo.....4:00pm

Ministerios Parroquiales/ Ministries

Escuela de Evangelización San Andrés
 Informes con Jazmín y Gonzalo Cisneros al **248-515-5375**

Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos
 Cada 2do Domingo del Mes.
 para más informes con Joanna Barrientos al **248-971-4197**

Armada Blanca

Informes con Juliana Liborio al **248-595-2197**

Nota: los niños deben estar acompañados por sus padres.

Renovación Carismática Católica
 “La Sagrada Familia”
 Informes con Jose Barrientos al **248-247-4283**

Contacta a Susan Bonilla para mas informes sobre:

Información Adicional/ Additional Information

<i>Quinceañeras</i>	<i>Bendición de Casas</i>	<i>Intenciones</i>
<i>Registro Parroquial</i>	<i>Bendicion de 3 años</i>	<i>Virgen Peregrina</i>

Sacramentos/ Sacraments

Clases Pre-Bautismales En Español Las clases son requisito para poder bautizar a niños menores de 7 años.	Agenda una fecha con Susan Bonilla Es obligatorio que los papás y padrinos asistan. Solo se ofrecen sesiones virtuales por el momento
Preparación Matrimonial No puedes vivir toda tu vida en unión libre o solo por el civil. Recibe la bendición de Dios a través del Sacramento de Matrimonio.	Nuestra parroquia ofrece un hermoso programa de preparación llamado “Testimonio de amor”. Contáctanos si estas interesado en recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio
RICA En Español	Tenemos un programa para personas adultas quienes quieran recibir sus sacramentos.
Confeciones en Español El primer Jueves de cada mes. De 7:00pm a 8:30pm. Dentro de la Iglesia a los costados del altar.	Asistencia en Español Formacion Religiosa Pimera Comunión Primera Confirmacion Escuelas de Shrine

Entrenamientos En Español/ Training In Spanish

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 Llévate a nuestra virgen peregrina a casa y reza el rosario en familia toda la semana.
 Inscríbete con Susan Bonilla a turno. Te daremos la virgen peregrina, un rosario, y guía de las oraciones.
 PARA MAS INFORMES CONTACTA A SUSAN BONILLA.

ORACION DE COMUNION ESPIRITUAL

Mi amado Jesús, creo que Tú estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo sobre todas las cosas, y deseo recibirte en mi alma. Ya que no puedo, en este momento, recibirte sacramentalmente, ven, al menos, espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si Tú estuvieras ya ahí y me uno a mi mismo completamente a Ti. Nunca me permitas estar separado de Ti. **Amén.**



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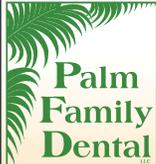
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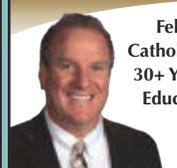
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