



Our Lady of Grace Parish GX. Đức Mẹ Ban Ôn Lành

The Year of Grace

June 9, 2019

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Mon thru Thur: 9AM-12Noon — 1PM-4PM

Masses/Thánh Lễ

Mon thru Sat: 8:30AM

Weekend: Sat 4PM (English)

Sun 8AM & 10AM (English)

12Noon (Vietnamese).

Holy Day: To be announced/Sẽ thông báo.

Confessions/Giải Tội

Mon thru Sat: 7:30AM

Weekend: Sat 3PM, Sun 11:15AM

(Vietnamese)

Receive the Holy Spirit

Today we celebrate Pentecost, and the Church asks us this great question: Is your heart open to the Holy Spirit? He has been sent to us through the door of salvation opened by the death and resurrection of Christ. Yet, like the apostles and disciples who had witnessed the marvels of the life, teaching, suffering, and death of the Lord, and then the glorious, astounding events of his life resurrected, we may have closed and locked our door.

Why? It isn't that we don't believe all that Christ taught, or what we have experienced of the power of his grace in the sacraments and in our daily lives. It is perhaps that our faith has been stunned by the realization of what has taken place. Salvation is more than we hoped for, we who live our days in this world.

We often plod along from day to day hoping for the best. We may only have a vague idea of what that best might be. Our daily concerns and cares may cloud our vision of faith. And so, we may be hiding in fear of the stunning act of love we have just lived in the Lent and Easter seasons. Fear is the natural reaction. We fear our very fearfulness.

Today we open the doors of our hearts and let in hope and healing, like the sun's rays coming through the clouds. Today the Holy Advocate comes to fill us with wisdom, fortitude, and zeal. The Spirit brings all these things to our minds. He strengthens our resolve to live as true followers of Christ, and he fills our heart with fire. Consider, if you will, the effect of the Holy Spirit on St. Peter. During Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin, Peter cowers at the very words of a young maid in the courtyard of the High Priest. Peter hears her words, "This man also was with Him." (Luke 22:56) Out of fear Peter denies his friendship with Jesus. Consider too, Peter's courage after Pentecost, when he and John are ordered by the rulers and elders of Jerusalem to stop preaching in the name of Jesus, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." Filled with the Holy Spirit and no longer fearful, Peter's life is transformed. But not only that, led by the spirit he is out to help transform the world. Now able to carry out Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations.

The Lord is standing at the door of our hearts and knocking. Why should we keep Him waiting? Why do we hesitate to open our door? Are we unsure of His request? Are we distracted? Maybe we say, "Let me just finish with what I am doing before I let you come in." Why do we wait? Why do we fear His visit? Rather we should say, "Come to me with the fire of your love. Fill me with wisdom; fortify my spirit; make me zealous for your reign. Send your Spirit. Come to me, Lord, you are always welcome!"
Deacon Kevin

Parish Mission Statement: The Combined Catholic Community of Our Lady of Grace and St. Cletus, led by Jesus Christ and His Good News, endeavors to be renewed in Spirit, grow in faith, and live the Gospel. We invite all people to join us in joyful worship in service to God and neighbor.

Sứ Mạng của Giáo Xứ: Giáo xứ kết hợp hai cộng đoàn Công giáo Đức Mẹ Ban Ôn Lành và Thánh Cletus, dưới sự dẫn dắt của Chúa Giêsu Kitô và ánh sáng Phúc âm, quyết tâm đổi mới trong Chúa Thánh Thần, để cùng nhau tăng trưởng trong đức tin, sống chứng tá để loan báo Tin mừng. Giáo xứ xin mời gọi tất cả mọi người đến cùng hoan hỉ hiệp thông trong việc thờ phượng Chúa và phục vụ tha nhân.

“Making Connections at the Ball Game”

May 29, 2019 | [Blog Post](#), [Stories from the Street](#) | St. Paul Street Evangelization
Detroit, Michigan

Sometimes it's the little things that plant seeds. A kind gesture, a sacramental at the right time, a word uttered that has prophetic significance. YOU may be the person God is sending to do a job, give a message, or attend to a need. The “crumbs,” the little things, as we see them are not insignificant, as the faith of the Canaanite woman attests, “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table” (Mt [15:27]). They have the power to exact big change in a person's heart when they meet fertile soil.

The following report comes from SPSE evangelist Mark in Detroit, Michigan:

“Staff from the national SPSE office recently attended a Detroit Tigers baseball game but made time to evangelize before and during the game. Outside the stadium, Adam noticed a man with his arm in a sling. Adam approached Daniel and offered to pray for healing. Daniel graciously accepted, shared that he and his wife were struggling with their marriage and have been separated for the last three weeks. Adam prayed for physical healing and, more importantly, healing between Daniel and his wife.

Immediately after entering the stadium, a passerby noticed the crucifix that Michael was wearing and approached him. Michael offered an identical crucifix to James and asked if he was practicing Catholic. James shared that he was raised Catholic, and still goes to Mass occasionally, but not every week. However, James was encouraged to take his faith more seriously when he witnessed his granddaughter's First Communion the previous Sunday. James was convinced that this meeting was a sign from God.

When heading to our seats, an usher stopped Steve and asked to see his ticket. Steve pulled out his phone to show his digital ticket and the usher, Karen, noticed the Our Lady of Guadalupe wallpaper and said, “wow, that's a beautiful picture!” Steve took advantage of the opportunity and gave a Miraculous Medal to Karen and asked if he could pray for her. Karen asked Steve to pray for her husband who was in hospice care. Karen came back and visited the evangelists and continued the conversation a few times near the end of the game. After the game, as we were leaving, Steve gave Karen his business card and she promised to keep in touch.”

Praised be Jesus Christ! They may seem inconsequential to you, but a well placed sacramental, or one given in charity, can unlock the key to grace when activated by faith. Beautiful art, invitations to worship, offers to pray for healing...these are all the “little things” that have the potential to be very meaningful to a person in need of them. We make connections by building relationships, just as Christ invites us to “come and see” and be in relationship with him. Join us!

Parish Guideline: With good intention to welcome others to worship and pray with our Church, we ask the invited person, with your free will, be registered in our Parish for at least three (3) months in order to schedule for the Sacrament of Matrimony or Baptism. Otherwise, a letter of permission is definitely required from your Pastor.

Sacrament of Baptism of a Child: Second Saturday of the month after 4:00 PM Mass. Arrangements are to be made at least one (1) month in advance. Contact the office for the date of training.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Arrangements are to be made with our Director Religious Education (DRE) for the further assistance.

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage): Arrangements are to be made at least six (6) months in advance. See Parish Guideline.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office for prayers and receiving of the Anointing of the Sick: 586-755-1313.

Hướng dẫn: Xin lưu ý quý vị dự định đón nhận Bí tích Rửa tội hay Hôn phối nên vui lòng ghi danh gia nhập Giáo xứ và sinh hoạt với Cộng đoàn ít nhất ba (3) tháng trước khi chuẩn bị thủ tục giấy tờ. Nếu không là thành viên của Giáo xứ, quý vị bắt buộc phải có thư ủy quyền của Cha sở của quý vị.

Bí tích Rửa tội trẻ em: Thứ bảy tuần thứ hai trong tháng sau lễ 4:00 pm. Xin nộp đơn trong văn phòng Giáo xứ trước một (1) tháng. Xin tiếp xúc Văn Phòng để biết chi tiết tham dự lớp chuẩn bị rửa tội.

Tân tòng (RCIA): xin liên lạc với Trưởng Ban Giáo lý (DRE).

Bí tích Hôn phối: Luật của Tổng Giáo phận đòi hỏi phải sắp xếp với Giáo xứ ít nhất sáu (6) tháng để chuẩn bị.

Bí tích Xức dầu bệnh nhân: Xin liên lạc Văn phòng: 586-755-1313.

Khẩn cấp: 586-755-5490

Minister's Schedule June 15th & 16th 2019				
	4:00PM	8:00AM	10:00AM	12:00PM
Presider	Fr. Hoang	Fr. Hoang	Fr. Hoang	Fr. Hoang
Deacon		Dcn. Kevin	Dcn. Kevin	
Extra. EMs	Volunteer	Dcn. Kevin	Dcn. Kevin D. Orozco	Nguyen Thanh Son Tran Kinh Tran Ngoc Chau Mai Du
Lectors	Volunteer	G. Sankeur	Volunteer	Ha Thi Sau Hoang Len
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Hospitality	D. Krass	D. Krass	D. Krass R. Ciavattone G. Ciavattone	Cuc Phan

Words on the Word

June 9, 2019 – Lost and Found

It was the kind of story that, all too often, doesn't end well. A hiker in a 2,000-acre Hawaiian forest reserve had been missing for 16 days and, after that long and in such a remote location, the odds against a successful rescue operation were declining.

But, some might say miraculously, the woman, a 35-year-old physical therapist and yoga instructor, was spotted by a search crew from a helicopter circling an area with dense foliage and a waterfall.

The woman had a broken leg she had suffered on the third day of the ordeal, and also other leg wounds, but was mostly OK, having survived on various plants and moths.

The story was reported by numerous media outlets across the country, including *The Washington Post*, which detailed the extent of the effort that crews had undertaken.

The story explained how all types of people – professionals and volunteers – had come together in the effort, including backcountry hikers, drone operators, hunters, rock climbers and rappellers, among others. And, by the grace of God, the effort paid off. The story is a great metaphor for the ways in which people can work collectively for a greater good, and the resulting success that can be achieved, even in the face of extremely long odds.

It's also a metaphor for how we, as the Church, can harness our spiritual gifts to have an impact on the world around us, again, even in the face of extremely long odds.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit," St.

Paul writes to the Corinthians in one of the choices for today's second reading. "There are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

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FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Sophia Adams, Julie Ambris, Richard Barner, Barbara Bellono, Joanne Bergmoser, Janet Bishop, Richard Brochu, Don Bruzdewicz, Francisca Buan, Christine Buhay, Gloria Castro, Erika W. Cavanaugh, Ruth Ann Clancy, Charles Dagnall, Shawn Doan, Anne Doan, Rita Dahmen, Pat Drobek, Judy Dudaryk, Marie Elliott, John Fornelli, Al Fracassa, Caroline Fredal, Mary Fromm, Thomas Gajda, Sylvia Gentile, Rose Giacalone, Gregg Golden, Christine Gorski, Euncik Gorski, Trudy Gorski, Agie Green, Caroline Gregg, Marie Gregory, Carl Hahn, Maria Hang Ha, Becky Hertberg, Rose & Bob Jenion, Louise Heyza, Gordy Janiszewski, Tom Kijek, Melissa Jones, Susan Joseph, Carol Karain, Sandy Kohndorfer, Ann Koval, Dennis Krass, Judy Kupiec, Margaret Kurkowski, Gregory Kruk, Suzanne Kyc, Sheery Lynn, Lynn Macieczni, Anthony and Jan Mazzenga, Susan McCann, Keith McCrudden, Brian McGee, Veronica Morrison, Linda Nardechia, Thuan Maria Nguyen, Sean Norris, Gordon Olis, Lorraine Osinski, Leonard Parada, Mark Parks, Anita Parks, Callan Pen, Kristen Peterson, Judy Pienta, Joann Plachta, Mark Prang, Amy Raggio, Lagrimas Saens, Alexander Salansky, Audrey Salet, Rosa Maria Santos, Felix Skowronek, Theresa Terzo, Dolores Thompson, Robert Thompson, Batolomeo Dinh Tran, Tham Thi Tran, Helen Walczak, Patricia Waligora, Thaeer H., Matthew M., Jillian H., Anna Warner Mayes, Krisztina Kortuesi, The Haio family, The Arabbo family, Geraldine Van Hoet, Maria Kim Vu, Thelma Watts, Suzanne Wessels, Pat Wojnarowski, Angela Yancey, Cheryl Ymieszewski, Carol Zachwieja, and all home bound brothers and sisters, that God's healing hands will touch them.

To update, call the office at 586-755-1313.

Mass Intentions

- Mon. June 10th 8:30 am
+Lawrence McDonald by Al & Lorraine Jaworowski
- Tues. June 11th 8:30 am
+Judy Kowal by Al & Lorraine Jaworowski
- Wed. June 12th 8:30 am
For Emily & family members safe travels by Crombez family
- Thur. June 13th 8:30 am
For Emily & family members safe travels by Crombez family
- Fri. June 14th 8:30 am
For Emily & family members safe travels by Crombez family
- Sat. June 15th 8:30 am
For Emily & family members safe travels by Crombez family
4:00 pm
Pat & Ron Coffee 60th wedding anniversary by family
- Sun. June 16th **Most Holy Trinity**
8:00 am
For Emily & family members safe travels by Crombez family
10:00 am
Fred Sankuer 96th birthday by Gloria Sankuer
12:00 pm
+William Kennedy by Quan Nguyen family
+Soul of Maria Be Thi Bui by family,
+ Soul of Catarina Hiep Do by anonymous,
+ Soul of unborn & forgotten souls; +Soul of Giuse Hien K. Nguyen by Andy & Tam
+Soul of Giuse Hai Tran by Hiep Tran family
All intentions announced today.

Archbishop Byrnes to visit Rome for pallium Mass June 29; local pilgrimage organized

Michael Stechschulte May 31, 2019

DETROIT — Archbishop Michael J. Byrnes, a native son of the Archdiocese of Detroit and the current archbishop of Agana, Guam, will join newly appointed archbishops from around the world June 29 for a special Mass celebrating the conferral of the pallium with Pope Francis.

Archbishop Byrnes, who served from 2011 to 2016 as an auxiliary bishop in Detroit, officially became the archbishop of the Pacific island territory on April 4, after a Vatican-imposed sentence upon former Guam Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron was upheld after accusations of sexual abuse.

Until the decision of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was announced, Archbishop Byrnes had been serving as coadjutor archbishop in Guam, though he had been overseeing the archdiocese from a practical standpoint since 2016.

As coadjutor archbishop — a position to which he was appointed on Oct. 31, 2016 — Archbishop Byrnes held the automatic right of succession upon the removal, resignation or retirement of Archbishop Apuron, who was placed on administrative leave at the time.

As the new archbishop of Guam, Archbishop Byrnes will travel to Rome for the pallium Mass, a papal tradition dating back centuries that signifies a new archbishop's unity with the pope and his role as a shepherd to his flock.

A pallium is a 3-inch-wide band worn around the neck and shoulders, with a 14-inch strip hanging down the front and back. Made of wool, it signifies the sheep the archbishop symbolically carries, as Christ the Good Shepherd did.

Its use in the Latin rite is reserved to the pope and to metropolitan archbishops, as well as the Latin rite patriarch of Jerusalem.

Historically, the pallium has been conferred upon archbishops directly by the pope. However, in 2015, Pope Francis changed that custom, allowing newly appointed archbishops to receive the pallium itself during a special Mass in their home archdioceses.

While Archbishop Byrnes will be formally vested with the pallium during a later date in Guam with the apostolic nuncio to the Pacific Islands, he will still make the traditional pilgrimage to Rome for a special Mass and celebration with the Holy Father, who will bless the palliums on June 29.

Archbishop Byrnes, who retains close ties with friends and family in southeast Michigan, is inviting Catholics from both Guam and Detroit to join him for the pilgrimage.

Corporate Travel Service, based in Northville, is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Rome from June 24 through July 1. Faithful who attend the pilgrimage will experience a papal audience, a tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, a day trip to Assisi, a tour of the "Christian Rome," and the pallium Mass itself, which will be followed by a reception with Archbishop Byrnes and other North American archbishops at the Pontifical North American College. Fr. Ron Richards, a Detroit priest on loan to the Archdiocese of Agana as special assistant to Archbishop Byrnes, will lead the pilgrimage.

Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago we shared a snapshot of parish finances from 7-1-2018 to 4-30-19. As you know, the parish operates on a fiscal calendar. Our current fiscal year will end on June 30, 2019. Below is a summary of the last three fiscal years.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Gain/ (Loss)</u>
2016-2017	\$297,786	\$302,879	(- \$5,093)
2017-2018	\$322,821	\$281,076	\$41,745
2018-4/2019	\$422,398	\$328,718	\$93,680

As we move forward, we will provide updates. As always, thank you for everything you do for Our Lady of Grace.

Please know of my prayers.

In Christ,
Fr. Hoang

Quý ÔBACE thân mến,

Vài tuần vừa qua Giáo xứ đã đăng lên báo ĐMBÖL báo cáo về tổng quát tài chánh trong năm từ July 1st 2018 đến April 30th 2019. Giáo xứ đã dùng lịch tài chánh với một chu kỳ một năm. Chu kỳ lịch tài chánh của chúng ta kết cuối vào June 30th 2019. Dưới đây là tường trình tổng quát chi và thu trong ba năm liên tục:

<u>Chu Kỳ 1 Năm</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Chi</u>	<u>Thặng dư (-thiếu hụt)</u>
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Tiếp tục như thế trong tương lai, Giáo xứ sẽ bổ túc thêm để Quý Cộng Đoàn biết rõ. Chân thành cảm ơn lòng quảng đại của Quý ÔBACE đã đóng góp cho Giáo xứ Đức Mẹ Ban Ôn Lành.

Xin Chúa chúc lành cho Quý ÔBACE

Cha Hoàng

Our Lady of Grace Parish**Gx. Đức Mẹ Ban Ôn Lành**

Please send a reminder envelope as indicated below:

Xin gửi thư nhắc nhở theo như ý sau đây:

Name (Tên): _____

___ 9 Monthly Payments or ___ Quarterly

Phone Number (Số Điện Thoại) _____

___ 9 Tháng Đóng Góp hoặc ___ Mỗi 3Tháng

Membership Number (Số Thành Viên): _____

Amount of Gift (Dâng Tặng): \$ _____

Amount paid (Đã Dâng): \$ _____

Balance (Còn Lại): \$ _____

**Notes: Please send this pledge form to the Office or drop it in the Collection Basket...thanks!**

XIN ĐỀ DÀNH NHỮNG NGÀY SAU ĐÂY:

1. Phòng khám bệnh ViệtMD mở cửa ngày 23 tháng 6, 2019
2. Phong Trào Cursillo tại Đức Mẹ LaVang, Grand Rapids ngày 15 tháng 6, 2019. Xin liên lạc anh Trần Bá Lộc để biết thêm chi tiết.
3. Tiệc mừng tiếp đón quý ÔBACE từ St. Vincent Ferrer tại hội trường ngày 16 tháng 6, 2019.
4. Thánh Lễ dành cho người Á Đông tại nhà thờ Saint Anne, Detroit lúc 7 giờ tối ngày 19 tháng 7, 2019.
5. Tình tâm chữa lành: Ngày 4 – 6 tháng 10 tại hội trường do LM Phê rô Võ Tá Đề và LM GB Đình Thanh Sơn đảm trách.

Altar Society News !!.....QUARTERMANIA is Coming!!

The Altar Society's next meeting is this Thursday, June 13th in the Social Hall. A **POT LUCK DINNER WILL BEGIN AT 6PM.** Doors open at 5pm, with dinner at 6pm. Following the recitation of the Rosary and a short meeting, we will be playing QUARTERMANIA. BRING YOUR QUARTERS AND TAKE SOME CHANCES TO WIN GREAT PRIZES! Short on quarters?...not to worry, we can make change for you!. (A reminder to members to please bring any paint stirrers you obtained to the meeting). ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE FUN! If you have any questions, contact Betty at 586-751-4857.

SAVE THE DATE

August 4 - Sunday Mass honoring "God the Father of All Mankind" Celebrant Fr. Dan Zaleski
3:00pm OLOG Church

Thông Báo

****Giờ Chầu và Nhận Phép Lành Thánh Thể 7PM—9PM mỗi chiều thứ Tư.** Tại Nhà Thờ của Giáo Xứ vào mỗi thứ tư trong tuần vào lúc 7PM—9PM, tiếng Anh.

***** Hội Mân Côi:** Lần chuỗi Mân Côi ngay sau Thánh Lễ tại Nhà nguyện Thánh Cletus, mời Quý ÔBACE tham dự.

***** Đọc kinh Lòng Thương Xót Chúa** mỗi thứ bảy đầu tháng sau thánh lễ 8:30 sáng, tiếng Anh.

Announcements

**** Recitation of the Holy Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Every Sunday at 9:25am in Church.

**** Divine Mercy Novena**

Beginning each First Saturday.

Novena chaplet starts following the 8:30am Mass.

**** Holy Hour of Adoration with Benediction**

Every Wednesday evening, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in Church.

**** Bible Study—Biblical Walk through the Bible Timeline**
Thursday, 7:00pm, Church - Social Room

St. Vincent de Paul

METRO DETROIT — People donate clothing and household items to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for many reasons.

Some are downsizing to a smaller home. Others, inspired by the recent Netflix series *Tidying Up with Marie Kondo*, want to free themselves of clutter. Still other donators, who are Catholic, feel loyal to St. Vincent de Paul because they know it is a Catholic organization.

Whatever the reason, when someone drops off a donation to one of St. Vincent de Paul's nine thrift stores in southeast Michigan, their contribution brings hope and assistance to people in the form of food and clothing and in dozens of other avenues: rent, furniture, energy assistance, life skills programs, summer camp for children and more.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization established in 1884 in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Last year, it provided services to more than 300,000 people in southeast Michigan. The Society maintains a four-star rating — the highest possible — on Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator of financial health, accountability and transparency.

Jillanne Shafto-Earl, 64, donates to St. Vincent de Paul and wouldn't consider giving anywhere else. Two years ago, after working in furniture sales and retail for 35 years, she experienced hardship and found herself homeless. She lived with friends and in her car for two months. Then one day, she drove to the nearest Catholic parish and asked for help.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd find myself homeless," Shafto-Earl told *Detroit Catholic*. "I never knew anything about St. Vincent de Paul before, but I was desperate."

Shortly after she walked into the parish office, with St. Vincent de Paul's assistance, they settled her into a room at a hotel, paid for her to have much-needed dental work done, and gave her food and other assistance.

Now she is living in a home again, furnished by items she found at St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores.

"They bridged the gap until I could get back on my feet and rebuild my life," Shafto-Earl said. "The best part is that they showed me compassion when I needed it."

Now Shafto-Earl visits the thrift store as a customer, finding lamps and antique furniture for a few dollars, then transforming them into pieces she loves. If she doesn't like the way something turns out, she donates it back to St. Vincent de Paul for someone else to enjoy. She enjoys visiting the society's Waterford store not only for the treasures she might find, but also for the friendships she has found.

"The people who work there are a really special group. They're always smiling and work as such a great team. They're so good to all their customers, treating everyone with respect," Shafto-Earl said. "I tell people this is a happy story, not a sad one. They have become like family to me, and I will always be loyal to St. Vincent de Paul because of it."

Many who donate to St. Vincent de Paul also shop at the thrift stores. Some will visit once a week or more to see what's new and visit with the employees and other customers.

St. Vincent de Paul's Detroit development director, Keith Koppmeier, says donations have been up 20% over the last six months, but more donations are always needed.

"We want to make sure our stores are stocked with good quality items so that our customers can shop with dignity," Koppmeier said. "We treat everyone with compassion, dignity and respect; it's one of our core values."

Koppmeier would like people to see St. Vincent de Paul as more than a chain of thrift stores.

"We like to say that this is today's St. Vincent de Paul," Koppmeier said. "People think of us as thrift stores, but we do so much more. We see the face of Jesus in the people we serve, and hopefully they see Him in us. We're always thinking of new ways we can serve and what's next for us."

Jennifer Butler, manager of the Waterford thrift store, is proud to work for St. Vincent de Paul, serving Shafto-Earl and others with similar stories. When *Detroit Catholic* visited her store on a Saturday, she knew most customers by name.

"There aren't many organizations who can say they give back to the local community as much as we do," Butler said. "We always do whatever we can to help."

Help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

To learn more about the many ways the Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves the others, go to www.svdpdetroit.org. Donations are needed; check the website for dropbox locations and thrift store drop-off hours.

Parish Finance Committee

The parish Finance Committee is looking for a few people interested in taking an advisory role on the committee that oversees and advises the pastor on parish finances. A background in finance is not necessary. The only requirement is the desire to assist the pastor in the stewardship of the resources of the parish.

Anyone interested may speak to Fr. Hoang, or simply call the parish office at 586-755-1313.

Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: (866) 343-8055. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. This toll-free number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with such complaints are also encouraged to directly contact law enforcement authorities.

Trình Báo Lạm Dụng Tình Dục

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