

## WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

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Pope Francis' Mission Statement:
To Become a Band of Joyful Missionary Disciples.
Archdiocese of Detroit's Mission Statement: To Unleash the Gospel.
Saint Christopher's Parish Mission Statement: Transform Lives in Jesus Christ Through the Power and Freedom of the Gospel.
Parish Vision Statement: Foster a Personal Encounter with Jesus.

Pastor's Ponderings. Greetings and the Father's Blessing be upon you, my dear spiritual children. This Sunday, at the 11:00 AM Mass, we welcome Bishop Robert J. Fisher, our Regional Moderator of the Northeast Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit, to administer to our younger parish family members the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be a "sealing in" of the Fruits and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they will each hear the Bishop say to them, "N. (Saint Name) Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." These confirmandi who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation have been preparing for this moment for the past year. We are all very proud of them and we shall continue to pray for them as the Lord has promised to complete the good work He has begun in them (For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus (Phil 1:6)). Please note, my dear brother and sisters, that this 11:00 AM Mass promises to be quite populated. If there is anyone wishing to attend a less populated gathering for Mass, then I would recommend the 5:30 PM or the 8:00 AM Masses so that one may be able to physically distance from others according to your comfort level.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is an actualization of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism, which began the life of grace. This life of grace (the life of God) is also called the "life of the Holy Spirit," or referred to often as the "Life of Charity/Love." The Life of the Holy Spirit can be summed up in the Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit must be nourished on grace so that they produce an abundance of the twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit, which essentially amounts to contentment in this physical life, and happiness in eternity in the spiritual life after our bodies experience a physical death. As Christians we live our physical lives and our spiritual lives simultaneously (already, but not fully yet); and we now participate in the life of God by grace. We receive more and more of the life of God from grace, for which our seventeen confirmandi will receive too with the sealing of the Gift of the Holy Spirit. We thank Bishop Fisher for administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our confirmandi.

Later this week a representative group of Parish Family members, along with others, will be going on the March for Life in Washington, D.C. to continue to witness to our Christian Faith and support the legal protection for human life. May we pray for their safe travels and protection, and in particular, the legal protection of human life.

**Note on the CSA Goal.** We are only \$1,547 away from meeting our CSA goal presuming all the remaining pledges will be contributed. From the perspective of actual contributions received, we are \$8,873.49 away from completing our goal (see the financial section in the bulletin for reference). For those remaining families who have not yet participated in the CSA, now through the end of April is your opportunity to help Saint Christopher's reach our goal. If anyone has any questions about the CSA, then please do not hesitate to call upon me. Thank you so very much to all our contributors and pledgers. We are almost there!

Helpful Prayers for spiritual liberation, healing and inner peace are provided here. Lies and spirits oppress us, or we have difficulty forgiving, still experiencing hurt from others' offense. So, once again, here are some simple,

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yet powerful and strategic prayers we can often pray for healing and peace. For these prayers to be truly effective in our lives they require of us, foremost, faith in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ and belief in His power, repentance of our own sins, and a willingness to forgive all.

- In the Name of Jesus Christ I command (depression, doubt, fear, N., N. (or spirit of N., N., etc.)) to depart from me right now and I declare null and void any and all of its/their effects in my life in the Name of the + Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- In the Name of Jesus Christ I renounce the lie that (I am not worthy, I have no meaning, I am alone, I'm dirty, I'm ugly, I'm no good, N., N., etc.) and I declare null and void any and all of its/their effects in my life in the Name of the + Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- In the Name of Jesus Christ I renounce the fear of (disappointing others, not being loved, not being forgiven, not being good enough, N., N., etc.) and I declare null and void any and all its/their effects in my life in the Name of the + Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- In the Name of Jesus Christ I forgive (name of person) for (what they did) and I declare null and void any and all of its/their effects in my life in the Name of the + Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Catechism of the Catholic Church Preface for this weekend's readings to *ponder.* "On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign – at his mother's request – during a wedding feast. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that marriage will be an efficacious sign thenceforth of Christ's presence" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1613).

Peace,

Fr. James

### WEEKEND MASS

Sunday

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am



### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday

3:00 pm - 4:00pm or by appointment

### ADORATION WITH **CONFESSIONS**

Third Thursday of **Every Month at** 7:00 pm

### LOCAL PARISHES **WEEKDAY MASS**

ST. MARY, ST. CLAIR Mon., Tues., Wed, Fri., 9am **Thurs.,** - 6:30 pm

ST. STEPHEN, PORT HURON Tues., Wed., Fri., - 8:30am

ST. MARY, PORT HURON Wed., Thur., Friday 8:15am **Tues.,** - 7pm

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

### Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am RCIA

9:30 am Religious Education

11:00 am Mass - Confirmation



11:00 am Children's Church/Babysitting

5:30 pm *Mass* 

### Monday, January 17

9:00 am Mass

tGerald Huber by Sharon Krosnicki

### Tuesday, January 18

9:00 am Mass

Healing of Our Nation by Alex Somogy

### Wednesday, January 19

10:30 am Small Church Community 3

7:00 pm Small Church Community 4 & 10

### Thursday, January 20

9:00 am Mass

†Jim Wood

by Irene Huber

7:00 pm - Adoration

### Friday, January 21

9:00 am Mass

tJoseph Konopka

by the Kalbaugh family

Saturday, January 22

3:00 pm Confessions

### Sunday, January 23

8:00 am Mass

9:30 am RCIA

9:30 am Religious Education

11:00 am Mass

11:00 am Children's Church/Babysitting

5:30 pm Mass

# **WEEKLY PRAYER**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-

14. 27/Lk 1:1-4: 4:14-21

# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Frank Behn Colleen Berry Mary Bixler Elizabeth Bolton Linda Bowman Marilyn Bromberger **Christine Cairns** William Cairns Mary Deising Denise Gawronski Karen Goodmen Sharon Goulet

Nancy Hubbard James Jagger Linda King Sondra Kota Donna Landschoot Judy Landschoot Alan Langolf Barbara Letzgus **Edward Letzgus** Kim McConnell Kalvert Mark Meier Iris Miguel

Mike Murphy Natalie Lech Parent **Greg Porrett** Chuck Roehl Dorothy Shafran Michael Slowski Heather Stadler Michael J. Ward Robert Wawrzyniak Sara Wawrzyniak Phillip Ziezulewicz

Dorothy Vanlerberghe



### ATTENTION MEN OF ST CHRISTOPHER

The Spring Semester of THAT MAN İS YÖU begins Friday January 28 at 6:00 am

That Man Is You meets in the social hall at St. Christopher on

Fridays, beginning at 6 AM. From 6 AM until 6:20 AM, participants can enjoy a light breakfast; then, we open by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. At 6:30 AM, we play a video following with a small around us. group discussion.

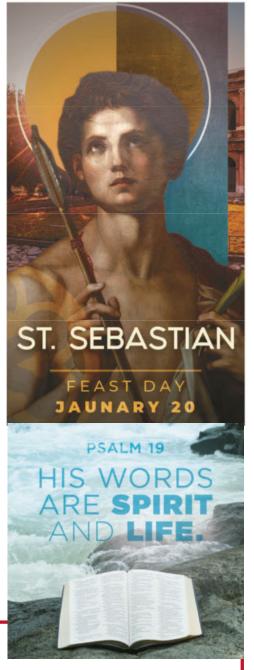
in time for most to get to work. We could use some volunteers to assist with the breakfast set up and the clean-up afterward.

Thank you for being a part of the TMIY men's group as we all grow in our faith and in our roles of

fathers and husbands to serve our families and our community

Don't forget to bring a friend and The sessions end at 7:30 AM, just introduce him to an outstanding group of guys and the wonderful fellowship we share with Christ as the center point! See you Friday, Mornings.

> For more information please contact Marv Redlawski at (810) 326-1700 or check out TMIY.org.



### QUEST Lock-in

Sometime during the week between Christmas and New Year. QUEST has traditionally held our annual Lock-in. This year, we began with prayer and some interactive group games in the evening. The Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary generously provided a nacho dinner for us. We had some downtime

to play board games, video games, JustDance, cards, air hockey and ping pong. Later in the evening, Father James was able to join us for some Q&A where the teens write down questions about our Catholic faith, Fr. James himself, the Church, what we believe and why etc. Father did a great job answering them in an honest and engaging way.

After this, in the peaceful darkness of the church lit only by candles, a few lights, and the Christmas tree, our group got to sit throughout the church in Jesus' loving presence during adoration. Instrumental piano music accompanied our quiet meditation. Father graciously made available the Sacrament of Reconciliation to us, which many took advantage of.

The remainder of the night included large & small group games, plenty of food/snacks, our annual hide & seek competition, and after early morning clean-up, we finished with a big waffle breakfast. Then, I'm fairly certain everyone fell asleep when they



aot home.

A big thank you to all the people who helped make this enjoyable night possible - for providing food, chaperoning a portion (or all!) of the evening, cooking & serving food, cleaning up, etc. As always, thank you to Fr. James for your continued love and support of our young people.

Joyfully in Christ, Suzy DeVeny Coordinator of Youth Ministry 1000michiganave@gmail.com 810-364-4100 ext 204



\*The new Confirmation Prep group (current 8th graders) will have their first session (for parents & teens)

January 27, 2022 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Social Hall.

# UPCOMING QUEST CALENDAR

(Grades 9-12):

\*Boys/Girls Night is Sunday, Jan 16, 7-8:30pm in the Social Hall. The boys will plan the details of an evening for the girls and the girls will plan the details of an evening for the boys. Sure to be fun!

\*March for Life in Washington, D.C. is Thursday, Jan 22. Saturday, Jan through Please pray for the 13 young people plus many other parishioners who are representing our parish at this event.

### \*Sledding with QUEST is

Sunday, Jan 23, 2 pm - 3:30 pm Columbus Park **WEATHER PERMITTING** PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED

\*Traveling Dinner Party is Sunday, Jan 30, 5-8:30pm in Social Hall. Please RSVP to Suzy by Ian 16.

For over twenty years St. Christopher has supported St. Thomas Parish in the Dominican Republic. Over the years teams of parishioners have built classrooms, dug wells, provided computers for the school, built homes, and brought down much needed supplies.





One of the ways the parish supports the St. Thomas Parish is through monetary donations.

After mass on January 30, team members will be taking up a collection to send to our sister parish in the Dominican Republic. Donations can also be brought to the Parish Office during the month of February.



### 2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

Thank you for your contributions for 2021! If you would like a statement, please fill out this form and submit it to the parish office.

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Request forms can also be dropped in the collection slot.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILLITARY

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Major Clayton Cruickshank, U.S.A.F.
Lt. Mark Cruickshank, U.S.A.F.
CPL Nicolas Deland, U.S.
Marines
A1C Marshall Eckert, U.S.A.F.
SPC Jordan Garijo, U.S. Army
Pvt. Nathaniel Nelson
Hohf, MI N'tl Grd
Sgt Joe Kilbourne, U.S. Army

Cpl Michael Knowles, U.S. Army

# PORT HURON MARCH FOR LIFE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022 DOWNTOWN PORT HURON - 1:00PM

We will be meeting behind Arby's 3502 Pine Grove Ave., Port Huron, MI 48060 Signs will be provided. March will take place from 1:00 – 2:30pm

Prayer Service following at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church 1505 Ballentine Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

Sgt Mario Nowicki, U.S. Army
PO2 David Patchel, U.S. Navy
Capt Chelsea Patino, U.S.A.F.
Capt Taque Patino, U.S.A.F.
CPT Lt Eric Reder, U.S. Army
C4 Jacob Redlawski, U.S.A.F.
LCpl John Russ, U.S. Marines
Sgt Curtis Senyk, U.S. Marines
CPL Randy Washburn,
U.S. Marines

	WEEKEND LIT	URGY FOR JANUARY 23, 2022	PAGE
DAY /TIME	SUNDAY 8:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM	SUNDAY 5:30 PM
MASS INTENTIONS	†Joe Roehl by Dave & Linda Tokarski  †Gerald Huber by Linda & Mike King  †Nora Serkel by Kory & Sean Quain	†Joey Severini by the Severini family  †Paul Janiszewski by the men of TMIY  †Joyce Roehl	Parishioners and Territorial Souls of St. Christopher's Parish
CELEBRANT	Rev. James F. Arwady	Rev. James F. Arwady	Rev. James F. Arwady
LECTOR	Kathy Simons	Traci Rumsey	Patricia Berry
MUSICIAN	Therese Oldani	Therese Oldani	Brandon Byrne
CANTORS/CHOIR	Mark Privette Cheryl O'Neill	Evelyn Carl Judy Garijo Marilyn Taylor	Marianna Ranshaw Jeremy Ranshaw Heidi Tenyer Greg Kobe
HOSPITALITY MINISTERS	Mike O'Brien Gale Messing Ted Hubbard	Webb & Sue Coates	Penny Trottier
EMHC *MASS SACRISTAN	Linda Tokarski Rob Slis Ron Baranowski*	Monica Myers Irene Huber Cami Armstrong*	Debbie Gomola* Elizabeth Moore Mike King
ALTAR SERVER	Charlie O'Brien Gavyn Stadler Sophia Senyk	Evan O'Connor Jacob Tunich Konner Wattle	Jack Curley



The members of
St. Christopher's Parish
extend their prayers and
sympathy to the
family and friends of
Patricia Damman

### **ENCOURAGE SUPPORT**

The Archdiocese of Detroit offers monthly Courage and EnCourage ministries support groups for those experiencing same-sex attraction. Courage is for those who experience same-sex attraction while EnCourage is for those parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction.

These ministries provides confidential, welcoming, and informative support for family and friends, and men and women with same-sex attraction.

For more information Call: 313-237-5900 Email: courage@aod.org or encourage@aod.org



### **JANUARY 9, 2022**

Loose	\$	402.00
Envelopes	\$	5,584.00
Online	\$	420.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	\$	6,406.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$	7,795.00
(amount needed	to pa	ay expenses)

Christmas (total collected 1/9/22) \$92,553.00

### **Parishioner Summary**

Registered Families	705
Envelopes Received	122
Contributing Families	21%



### 2021 GOAL \$65,062.00

Total Pledges..\$65,265.00 Contributions Received \$58,329.28

Families Supporting CSA - 142

Please make checks payable to Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA Thank you for your support "

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St. Marianne Cope

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