

THE EPIS LE

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

586-228-1210 Parish Office 586-228-6651 Religious Ed 586-228-1094 Food Pantry

24 hr Emergency Line: 586-909-5480

41300 Romeo Plank Road Clinton Twp., MI 48038

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday Closed

Saturday 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:30 am to 1:00 pm

WEEKEND MASSES

4:00 pm Saturday Sunday 7:45 am

9:30 am 11:30 am

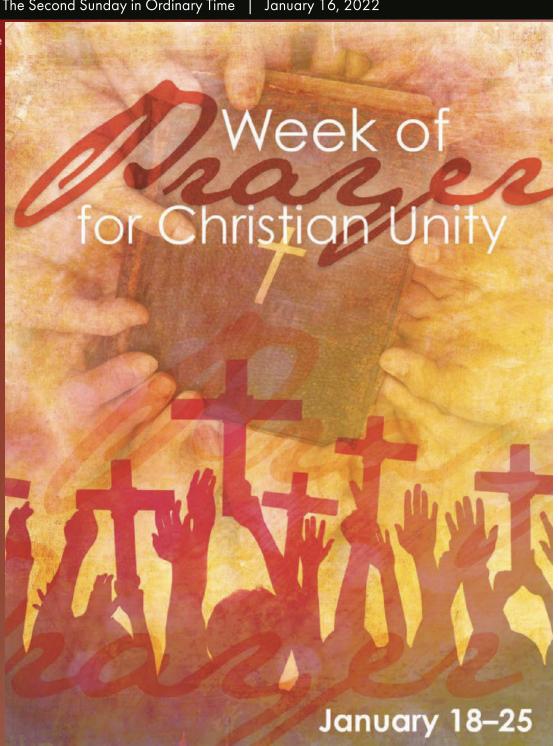
WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 pm Tuesday Wednesday 8:30 am Thursday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30 to 6:30 pm





JERRY'S JOURNAL — continued from page 2 JERRY'S JOURNAL

Truth be told, I do not always find it easy to pray. Sometimes I'm exhausted, distracted, caught-up in tasks, pressured by work, short on time, or find myself being drawn to focus on something else. But I do pray daily, despite the fact that there are days I have to push myself to do so. I pray daily because I'm committed to a number of rituals, the Breviary/Divine Office of prayer, meditation, reception of the Eucharist, and a daily examination of conscience.

And these rituals serve me well. They hold me up, keep me accountable, even when, many times, I find myself struggling to do so. That is the power of ritual. If I only prayed when I felt like it, I would not pray with any real degree of regularity.

Ritual practice keeps us doing what we should be doing (praying, working, spending time with loved ones, being polite) even when there is the inclination to veer off in another direction.

This is true for so many areas of our lives, not just prayer. Take for example the social rituals of propriety and good manners. Our heart isn't always in the greetings or the expressions of love, appreciation, and gratitude we extend to each other every day. We greet each other, we say goodbye or good night to each other, we disclose our love for each other, and we express our gratitude and intentions in a variety of ways through a number of social formulas or ritual utterances. Over the course of any given day, we say: Good morning! Glad to see you! Have a great day! Sleep well! Nice to meet you! I am sorry for your loss. I love you! I appreciate you! Thank you!

We convey these expressions of affection and concern to each other daily, even though we have to admit there are times, many times, when these expressions seem to be purely a formality and do not reflect the state of agitation we might happen to be in at that given moment. Yet we say them, and they are true in that they express what rests in our heart at a deeper level, more than a momentary feeling of melancholy, frustration, anxiety, or just feeling downright grumpy. Moreover, these words reflect civility, good manners, graciousness, respect and love

despite the fluctuations in our energy, mood or the emotions of a given moment. Our mood, or emotions, at any particular moment, are not always a true indication of what is in our hearts, and as all of us know, those passing emotions of negativity lead us to have to frequently apologize for our persnicketiness, rudeness, indifference, anger, or apathy. Who of us has not at some point in time been upset or bitter towards someone we love or care for deeply? The profound truth is that we love that person, but that may not be the emotion that is most aligned to how we are feeling at that instant.

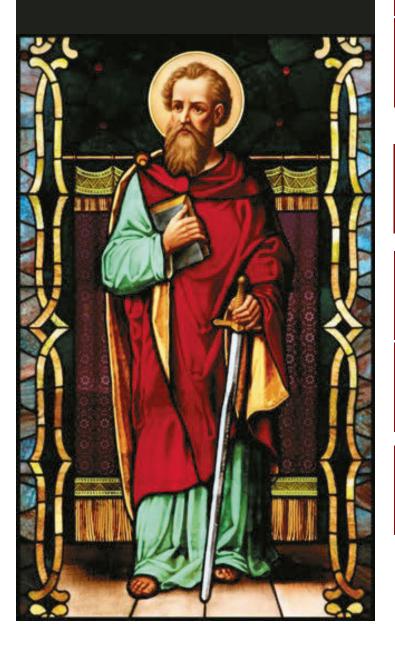
If we only expressed love, affection, gratitude or empathy at those times we are perfectly in simpatico with our feelings or in a "good mood", we would not voice that affection, gratitude and empathy anywhere nearly as often as we should be doing. Thank God for the ordinary social rituals which hold us in love, graciousness, civility and good manners, even in those moments when we are out of sorts with our truer selves.

Today, in too many areas of life, we no longer understand ritual and the ways it allows us to remain grounded. This, in turn, leads us to trying to live our life by our feelings. This is not to say that feelings are bad, but rather they can descend upon us as uninvited guests. It has been said that our world can change in fifteen seconds because we can fall in love in fifteen seconds. But we can also fall out of love in fifteen seconds. Feelings can come and go in the blink of an eye (although when it comes to feelings such as anger, people are, unfortunately, inclined to wrap themselves tight in such an emotion rather than to let it go). Simply put, we cannot sustain love, marriage, family, friendships by just our feelings. We need help. Rituals can help sustain our relationships in a way that feelings cannot.

A perfect example of this is what Bishop Fulton J. Sheen use to say to a couple when he was officiating at their wedding. He would tell them:

Conversion of St. Paul of Tarsus Tuesday, January 25

Please join us
Tuesday, January 25
at the 7:00 pm Mass as we
honor our parish patron saint!





Weekly Schedule

MONDAY
January 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Day 10:00 am Food Pantry 11:30 am Senior Club 6:30 pm Men's Group 7:00 pm RCIA Session

TUESDAY January 18

5:30 pm............ Confession 7:00 pm........... Mass

WEDNESDAY January 19

8:30 am Mass
9:30 am Prayer Shawl Group
10:00 am Food Pantry
6:00 pm Reconciliation Family
Prep
6:30 pm Evensong Rehearsal

THURSDAY
January 20

8:30 am Mass
10:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am Library Committee
1:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY
January 21

Parish Office Closed 7:00 pm......AA Meeting

SATURDAY January 22

3:15 pm..... Rosary 4:00 pm..... Mass

SUNDAY January 23 7:45 am Mass
9:30 am Mass—Choir
11:30 am Children's Liturgy
of the Word
11:30 am Evensong
1:00 pm Baptisms

5:00 pm.....Sponsor and Candidate

Meeting

JERRY'S JOURNAL — continued from page 2

Today you are in love, and you believe that love can sustain your marriage. But it can't. However, your marriage can sustain your love.

Ritual not only can help sustain a marriage, but it can also help nourish our prayer lives, our civility, our manners, our graciousness, our humor, our gratitude, and our balance in life. Be on guard for anyone who in the name of psychology, love, or spirituality tells you that ritual is a meaningless waste of time and that you must rely on your mood and feelings to be your north star or guiding compass. Such advice won't carry you very far.

Henri Nouwen, a Roman Catholic priest and one of the most widely-read and most-influential among all contemporary authors in the world once wrote: Don't travel with anyone who expects you to be interesting all the time. On a long journey, there are bound to be some boring stretches. In other words, a person is going to be sadly mistaken if they believe life will be vibrant, exciting and the good times will roll without end. If this in fact were the case, no marriage, no relationship could remain sustainable. St. John of the Cross echoes this sentiment as it relates to prayer. He tells us that, when it comes to our prayer life, one of the biggest problems we will face daily in our prayer life is simple boredom. Just because something may seem boring, or difficult to do at times, does not mean it has lost its value.

For some, rituals, in the form of exercise may seem boring or something that a person may not be inclined to do, but they continue and persevere because it is vital or essential if they want to live a long and healthy life. If rituals, such as observing social norms is important for sustaining friendship and communicating love in a marriage, if ritual, such as exercise, is important for achieving and maintaining physical health, how much more important is ritual, in the form of prayer, vital in order to maintain an intimate and life-giving relationship with God?

As mentioned at all the Masses last weekend, Archbishop Vigneron has approved my petition for retirement. I am grateful to the Archbishop for granting my request. My original projected retirement date had been July 1, 2023. I will now officially assume senior priest status one year early, July 1, 2022.

Within the course of the next few weeks, we may have some word as to who my successor will be. The Archdiocese sent an email to all the priests last Sunday, January 9, informing them of an opening at St. Paul of Tarsus. All interested candidates are being asked to notify the Chancery by January 31 if they wish to be considered for this assignment. Presumably, at some date yet to be determined in February, the priests and bishops who are members of the Assignment Board will review those requests and make a recommendation to the Archbishop as to who they believe is the most suitable candidate from the group of applicants. The Archbishop is free to accept or reject the Assignment Board's recommendation. As stated last weekend, I believe Saint Paul of Tarsus is a Top 10 parish in the AoD. I am hopeful there will be a wealth of candidates to choose from. As soon as word is received of the decision, the parish will be notified. Stay tuned for further information.



The Magic of Hope with Anthony Grupido



Saturday, February 12, 2022
10:30 am Keynote presentation
11:30 am Lunch
12:30 pm—1:45 pm Workshop

Aside from dazzling
+ crowds with his aweinspiring magic, Anthony
also uses his magic to be
an advocate for mental
health. Dealing with his
own depression and
anxiety, he uses his
platform to talk to schoolage kids about similar
struggles they might be
dealing with.

Students in Middle School and High School, along with their parents, are invited and encouraged to attend this awesome presentation.



St. Paul of Tarsus CATHOLIC CHURCH

RESERVE YOUR SPACES NOW! MASK REQUIRED. Social distance seating will be set up so space is limited. Reserve a spot for yourself and your student now at: 586-228-6651 or janice@spotcatholic.org



SENIOR MEETING

The first Senior Club meeting of the new year is on Monday, January 17th. Come to the church social hall at 11:30 to enjoy some refereshments with your fellow seniors and spend the rest of the afternoon playing cards.

Where are all our Pinochle players? We need you!

All seniors are welcome. We meet the third Monday of every month in the parish social hall from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Reminder if the weather is bad and schools are closed, we are closed too.

Inflation has hit our Senior Club and dues for the coming year are going up to \$15 a year because the cost of donuts, bagels, etc., have gone up in price. Dues will be collected at the January meeting.

Mark your calendars and join us on Monday, January 17.



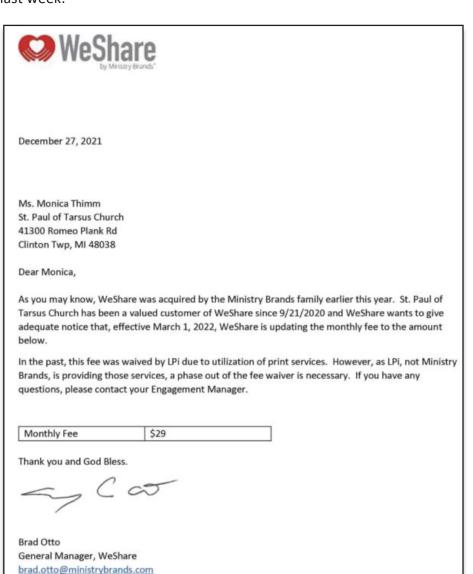


A NOTE FROM OUR BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul of Tarsus,

Thank you to all who gave your Christmas donation to the 2021 CSA Campaign. As you know, Christmas income is not assessed the 7% 'tax' by the Archdiocese but it is used to calculate CSA. Hopefully this will lower our CSA commitment for 2022.

As you recall, when we changed online giving programs in 2020, I made a promise not to change companies again. I am going to stick to my promise, but I wanted to make you aware of the notice I received last week:



Basically this letter is saying that the monthly fee for WeShare was waived by LPi because we get our bulletin printed through them. WeShare was recently acquired by Ministry Brands so beginning in March, they will charge us a monthly fee of \$29.

"MARC" MY WORDS

Despite being in the throes of the "deep freeze" of winter we are back to green as our liturgical color. This weekend is the "Second Sunday in Ordinary Time." Ordinary in the Church's context means a time of counting. It comes from the word ordinal. So, ordinary time is the period of counting between liturgical seasons. We begin the countdown from Christmas to Ash Wednesday when Lent begins. There are either 33 or 34 weeks of "Ordinary Time" that are celebrated in the liturgical year. That's why you see the priests and deacons in green vestments. Green symbolizes growth, like the plants and flowers that begin to grow in the spring. The days are getting longer and so there is more daylight. Although this seems to happen very slowly. This growing "enlightenment" should carry over into our spiritual lives as well. We need to be green too as we aspire to grow in faith and love, and not green with envy. I just have to throw this in; Green and white just happen to be the colors of MSU. Green for ordinary time and white for the snow on the ground. I bet you didn't think that MSU provided a "colorful" spiritual and environmental experience?

I usually write my article with a focus on the gospel. However, this week, I am going to focus on the Old Testament reading from Isaiah (62:1-5). Isaiah mentions desolate lands. That may seem how our frozen landscape looks, but despite the outward appearance and what is going on in our world, our

country, and maybe even in our families, there is hope. Because in God's eyes we are espoused, and God finds delight in us. Yes, in each and every one of us!

So, for our community and family's sake we must not be silent. We must not be quiet until the light of Christ shines forth from us as an example for others. That is the very first verse in today's first reading. Jesus' light is entrusted to each of us. At our baptism, our godparents and parents were entrusted with the "Light of Christ," symbolized by our baptismal candles. They in turn passed it on to us. We are called to maintain that light and use that light as a guiding light for others. As stated in Isaiah, may our example be fueled by the graces we receive.

I believe that we need the light of Christ to shine forth like a burning torch. Our light should reflect the morals and values of our faith and Jesus' teachings. This is not easy, and at times can be downright painful. Secular contemporary cultural values create a fog that our light needs to penetrate. In doing so, we may be called to suffer for it. We are in very good company as Jesus suffered for us. We must embrace our role as well. When we shine forth God rejoices in us and bestows upon us...

Love, Peace, and Blessings, Deacon Marc



THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 1:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

> ST. PAUL OF TARSUS SOCIAL HALL



Our Health Ministry—Parish Nurses are hosting a Blood Drive here at St. Paul of Tarsus on Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 1 pm to 7 pm. Reservations are required. Please go to the following website to reserve your time slot:

www.redcrossblood.org

TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT VISIT:

WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG OR CALL ROSALIE AT 586-263-3516 Call our Lead Parish Nurse Rosalie at:

586-263-3516

Evangelical Charity S.P.O.T. Light



BECAUSE WE CARE

How kindness changes us

Lifting one another up is as powerful as any fitness routine or healthy meal. Here is why being kind matters, more than ever, for your body and our future. Kindness isn't simply a happy face cherry on top thing. Along with the cooperation and collaboration it fosters, kindness is one of the main things that's made it possible for people to live in communities for thousands of years.

What kindness does for your body: Research suggests that practicing kindness significantly affects our own well-being. Studies show that kinder behavior is linked to having fewer health problems, such as heart disease, sleep disorders, hearing loss and living longer. Being kind has shown to lower

blood pressure and anxiety. Experiments show that doing something kind for someone is more likely to boost your mood and lower your stress than doing something for yourself. Each small daily choice we make either nurtures our emotional well being or aggravates stress, and that helps or hinders our physical health. Kindness triggers a neurochemical response to get released, and cortisol (hormone related to stress) falls. There is evidence that kindness affects our genes too. The DNA we are born with is the blueprint for our cells as they replicate over the course of our lives. Diet, exercise and smoking all effect how well that blueprint gets translated into new cells. Kindness and other social factors impact that process as well.

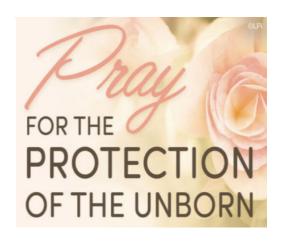
Build your kindness superpower: Kindness is not a personality trait. It is a skill we need to work on. Pay attention how well you communicate with others. Do you respond or react to others. Consider the situation from other the other persons point of view. Rehumanize the other person. Take a pause. Rushing to say something causes stress which makes it difficult to practice kindness and empathy. Make a habit of scheduling a kind act. Volunteer, call a lonely friend, do someone a favor.

Being kind doesn't mean never getting angry. Kindness is treating someone with dignity and respect even when you disagree with them.

PROTECT THE UNBORN

Mass for the Protection of the Unborn—Sunday, January 23, 2022 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit.

Join the Archdiocese of Detroit for an annual liturgy to pray for an end to the practice of abortion and to celebrate Christ's victory over death. The Mass coincides with the anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision and is celebrated in solidarity with the thousands of pro-life witnesses who gather in Washington, D.C., for the annual March for Life. Join us for Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament or watch the livestream at www.aod.org/livemasses





Motor City Caravan for Life Saturday, January 22, 2022

Who is invited? EVERYONE!!! Pack your friends & family in the car to tell everyone I LOVE LIFE!!!

Purpose: To locally commemorate the 49th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade AND the National March for Life AND To give public witness to a Culture of Life & end to abortion in Metro Detroit.

The Event: We will caravan in our own vehicles on Woodward Ave. displaying our pro-life message under the theme "Love Life". Almost 100 cars joined us in 2021 and we hope to expand and really show Metro Detroit the strength of the local pro-life movement in action!

The Starting Point: Shrine Catholic Grade School Parking Lot - 12 Mile Rd. & Woodward

Start Time: 11:30 am; Caravan to begin promptly at 12 pm

Create: Get creative & decorate your own car! Life Chain signs will also be available! Bring your "I Love Life" car flag from 2021 & new "I Love Life" *LIFESPAN* car flags will again be available to fly proudly!

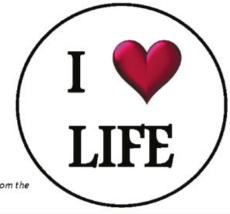
The Route: Shorter than last year. We will head Southbound on Woodward Ave. into Downtown Detroit and then head East to Gratiot Ave. We head Northbound on Gratiot to Assumption Grotto Catholic Church where the Caravan ends at the gravesite of aborted babies.

End Time: 2 pm at Gravesite; Fellowship Gathering 2-3 pm

Love Life Fellowship Gathering: All participants are invited for light snacks & refreshments at Assumption Grotto upon completion of the Caravan.

RSVP To: Any Chapter Office (Oakland/Macomb: 248-816-1546 or Wayne: 734-422-6230); RSVP is NOT necessary to attend

Visit mi*LIFESPAN*.org for more details



Note: This is a cultural rally for the Right to Life and not a political event. Please refrain from distracting from the Love Life message by mixing in signs that address other worthy political issues.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

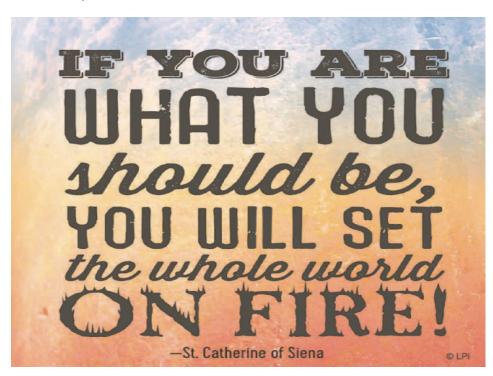
But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

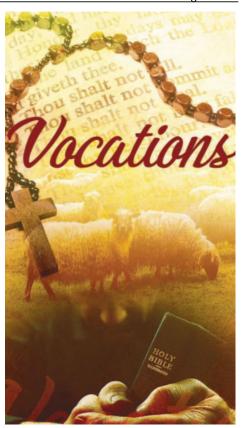
Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Discernment Day, Saturday, January 29, 2022

A Discernment Day offers a single high school man (freshman -senior) from the Archdiocese of Detroit a unique opportunity to experience the seminary and learn about the priesthood. High school students will meet new their friends and grow in understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you know any men who are interested and would like more information, please contact us:

https:// detroitpriestlyvocations.com/ discern-the-priesthood/highschool-discernment-day/.

Those interested must have a phone conversation with Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, before they are allowed to register.

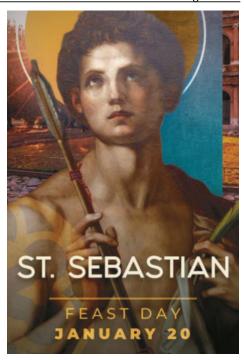
GOSPEL MEDITATION

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.





Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.



Virtual Meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2022 3:30 to 4:30 pm All Are Welcome!

Important information for all that are concerned about our youth!



An Overview of The Effects of Vaping Nicotine and Marijuana (THC) on Youth Varun Vohra, Ph.D.

Director, Michigan Poison & Drug Information Center
Assistant Clinical Professor, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Dept of Emergency Medicine
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, Wayne State University

Due to a previous commitment, Dr. Vohra will present from 3:30 to 4 pm.

We will also recognize Dawn Radzioch, SUD Prevention Coordinator at the Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse. Dawn, a long-term member of the Coalition's Executive Board and an invaluable resource for the Coalition, is retiring.

The balance of the meeting will provide information on new Coalition initiatives.



Pantry Needs

- Dish Soap
- Band-Aids
- Paper Towel
- Brown Paper Bags
- Feminine Products
- Small Laundry Detergent

Giving with love of the Lord!

Volunteers Needed!

Our food pantry receives a delivery from the Macomb County Food Bank and Meijer each month. We are in need of able-bodied volunteers to assist unloading the delivery food pickup truck. If you are interested in this role, we look forward to hearing from you. We also have various volunteer roles from behind the scenes to having direct contact with our clients. Please stop in or call and we can find the perfect fit for you! Joyce 586-228-1094.

Many hands make light work.

Food Pantry Hours:

Monday: 10am to 12pm Wednesday: 10am to 1:45pm Thursday: 10am to 12pm

Phone: 586-228-1094





THE JOURNEY MEN

Upcoming Schedule:

Thursday Jan 27 - 6:30PM - Library - TOPIC: Saved - A Bible Study

Saturday Feb 5 - 8:00AM - Social Hall - TOPIC: Metanoia - episode 9 + optional Eucharistic Adoration (before session, starting at 7:15AM)

Saturday Feb 19 - 8:00AM - Social Hall - TOPIC: Metanoia - episode 10 + optional Rosary (before session, starting at 7:30AM)

Highlight from a recent session:

Don't get comfortable in your tomb (away from conflict and struggle), listen for Jesus to call you out of your tomb.

Join the Journey ... get spiritually fit ... all men are welcome ... no experience required ... no cost to attend ... see spotmensfsg.wordpress.com OR www.facebook.com/spotjourneymen OR contact Guy Infante:gpinfante@comcast.net.

HELP FOR A TROUBLED MARRIAGE

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer.

In today's world families are becoming disposable. If you know someone who is in a marriage that may be nearing divorce or separation, ask them to visit **HelpOurMarriage.org**. That is HELP OUR MARRIAGE DOT ORG.

Please pray for marriages.



<u>Tuesday, January 18 — Weekday—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</u>

7:00 pm Gloria Jean Oleksiak by Husband

Curt Levillier by Family Gail Levillier by Family

Wednesday, January 19 — Weekday

8:30 am Linda Spies by Craig and Carolyn Thomson

<u>Thursday, January 20 — Weekday—St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr—St. Sebastian, Martyr</u>

8:30 am For the People of St. Paul of Tarsus Parish

<u>Saturday, January 22 — Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children—St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</u>

400 pm Bernice Pellegrino by Mike and Linda Bradley

William Mitchell—2nd Anniversary by David, Judy, and

Katie Endres

Stanley and Margaret Powers by their Daughters

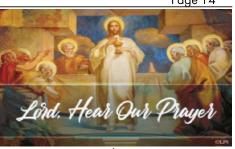
<u>Sunday, January 23 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>

7:45 am Walter John Zawadzki by Mrs. Victoria Cook

9:30 am Kenny Felcyn by his Wife Pauline

Carla DiBenedetto by Karen Gallivan

11:30 am Cesk Ndoja by Antonio, Frisko, and Kristina Ndoja



Dee Bercel
Mitchell Brand
Lucas Carlson
Connie Colosimo
Ralph Colosimo
Michael Denomme

Leno Difalco Del Difalco

Michalene Distlrath

Jeff Eichelberger Christopher Evans

Billie Foster Donald Gasko

Angelo Garavaglia

Fran Gross Joe Gross Levi Hester

Brandon Keskitalo
Brittni Keskitalo
Cyndi Kuehnel
Pat Labadie
Henry Leflere
Robert Liddell
Emilio Manzo
Peter Mulhern
Jennifer Robinette
Loretta Suwal
Paul Suwal

Evelyn Rose Swanson

Sarah Swanson Laura Thomson Jean Urbanek Annie Schweiger Juanita Vazquez Eileen Wade

Charlene Wojtaszek Michael Wojtaszek Sarah Wojtaszek

Names are included in the Prayer List for 3 weeks. If you would like to extend that time, please call the parish office at 586-228-1210 or e-mail

586-228-1210 or e-mail parish@spotcatholic.org.



December 13 to December 19



Weekly Budget Goal	\$20,000.00
Offertory	\$10,618.00
Non-Pledge Building Fund	\$290.00
Electronic Giving	\$4,510.00
TOTAL	\$15,418.00
(Shortage)/Overage	(\$4,582.00)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Visit SPOTCATHOLIC.ORG to give online.

Readings for the Week

READINGS FOR THE WEEK 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



Dear Lord Jesus and Mary, Mother of God, hold all these brave souls in the palm of your hand; comfort them and their families. Send angels of protection, love, and comfort to all our service men and women. Bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. -Amen.

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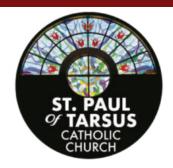
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Rosary @ 3:15 pm	Sue Young			
Welcome Host	See schedule	See schedule	See schedule	See schedule
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Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.

Embolden us to speak the truth
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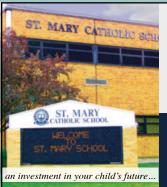
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