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The Bread of Life Discourse and the Sunday Eucharist

This “Cycle B” year of the three-year lectionary cycle, we hear mostly from the Gospel of Mark, but since that Gospel is so short, some passages from John’s Gospel are used as supplemental material. During the summer from July 25 through August 22, we heard the sixth chapter of John proclaimed and preached, in which is included a long passage that Scripture scholars call the “Bread of Life Discourse.” (You may want to get your Bible out and read the entire sixth chapter of the Gospel of John slowly and reflectively!)

The “Bread of Life” chapter begins with the miraculous feeding of five thousand with five loaves and two fish. Jesus teaches his listeners at length about the “true bread from heaven” and that he is the “Bread of Life.” This is true in two senses: First, his teaching is the heavenly bread that is life-sustaining. Second, in the Eucharistic sense, Christ is literally the bread that gives life, both now and for eternity. This section ends with many of his former disciples walking away, thinking that Jesus is too shocking. They object, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Did you know that unlike the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians, John does not include the words of Christ’s institution of the Eucharist? (“Take, eat, this is my body...”)

In John’s Gospel, however, the Bread of Life discourse serves the very same purpose!

When I read this entire passage as a whole, it is so striking that Jesus is the Bread of Life in both senses; he is the Word and he is the Bread. It is no wonder that we Catholics gather each Sunday for the double feast—for both the Word of Life and the Bread of Life. Yes, we are disciples of the Jesus of the Bible, and at the same time we are the disciples of the Jesus of the Eucharist.

So, how does Jesus give us his flesh to eat? It is almost impossible for the human mind to ponder. Our faith and our Church Tradition tell us that it is precisely in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. That true presence is not physical. (That would be cannibalism.) It is not purely spiritually or metaphorically. (Either is just too weak to express the mystery.) St. Thomas Aquinas hits the mark when he states that Christ is present **sacramentally**; that is the reality of Christ—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—under the form of bread and wine.

I hope that reflecting on John 6 and thinking about what we do each Sunday as the assembled Church, that we can echo Peter’s faith response to Jesus:

“You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”



This painting by Hendrik de Clerck depicts the disciples' astonishment after Jesus delivered his teaching on the Eucharist at the Bread of Life Discourse.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER 2021 ISSUE IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
Please email information to: [Crysti Esper at communications@monroevicariate.com](mailto:Crysti_Esper@monroevicariate.com). Thank you!





Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Pre-Marriage Workshop Saturday, October 16, 2021 11 AM – 5:00 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Temperance is hosting a Pre-Marriage Workshop for couples actively preparing for their Catholic wedding. This workshop is approved by the Archdiocese of Detroit, and includes Natural Family Planning.

Cost is \$50.00 per couple and includes materials, lunch & snacks. Casual dress. Registration is required. Space is limited.

Registration form can be requested by email: olmc@bex.net

The Fr. Bowers Knights of Columbus Council

The Fr. Bowers K of C Council of Dundee & Ida will conduct a scrap metal and bottle/can drive on Saturday, September 11 from 9:00 to 1:00 at St Joseph Catholic Church at 8295 Van Aiken St., Ida, MI. This is a great opportunity to clean out the basement, garage, out buildings and assist the Knights with supporting Seminarians and other charitable projects. No appliances with freon!



Please acknowledge receipt and publishing, thanks, John Moskwa. Fin, Sect.

Harvest Mass - Trabbic Farm



Deacon Ken and his family would like to welcome everyone to a Thanksgiving to the Harvest Mass at Trabbic Farm on **Sunday, October 3rd at 5:00 p.m.**

Rosary will proceed.

Trabbic Farm is located at 1560 Sterns Rd., Erie, MI 48133

Peace & Justice

Inclusion Participation Assessment Tool (National Catholic Partnership on Disability [NCPD] 2020), Part 2

The Inclusion Participation Assessment Tool "Accessibility-Physical Checklist" was highlighted in last month's Monroe Vicariate Bulletin. This month's column presents three additional areas for review—Social Engagement, Meaningful Participation, and Belonging.

Social Engagement

- Opportunities for engagement are provided for people with different communication abilities
- Support is offered for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing (HoH) (e.g., ASL interpreter, assistive listening devices, loop systems)
- Support is delivered to people with vision impairments (e.g., large print materials, braille, screen reader compatibility, electronic documents)
- Support is made available through augmented communication devices (e.g., communication boards, pictographs)

If your parish provides specific resources for people with disabilities, please contact Valerie Tyldesley, Ph. D., valerie.tyldesley@gmail.com, so the information can be published in the Monroe Vicariate Bulletin.

Meaningful Participation

- Opportunities, roles, and activities are offered that utilize various talents/gifts
- Opportunities are arranged so that all people's strengths can be utilized in working towards the goal of facilitating inclusive active engagement
- Opportunities are based on understanding and respecting Individual goals for parish participation
- Opportunities are provided for active engagement in the life of the parish

Belonging

- The interaction of persons with diverse abilities is promoted
- Relationship-building among parishioners of all abilities is nurtured
- A sense of community within the entire parish is fostered
- Participation is reinforced through welcoming attitudes and behaviors that contradict barriers to inclusion

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 175 YEARS

The Detroit Youth Concert Choir on Sept. 12 at 3 p.m.

Join the IHM Sisters as they welcome the Detroit Youth Choir in concert on **Sept. 12**. The concert concludes an extended year of events celebrating the founding of the IHM in Monroe. The Detroit Youth Choir concert begins at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Park, the site where Sister Theresa Maxis Duchemmin established the congregation in a log cabin in 1845. Come early, bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a fun, free afternoon of music and comradery!



Founded in 1996, the Detroit Youth Choir (DYC) is a nonprofit organization that serves young people with music education, dance and theatrical arts. The program is focused on boys and girls ages 8-18 throughout the Detroit Metro area. The Detroit Youth Choir teaches and develops student talent and creativity, in addition to life skills. With more than 20 years of service, they have maintained a 98% graduation rate.

DYC drew a national following with its summer-long series of energetic performances on the NBC talent show, America's Got Talent, earning second place. They have performed at various events around the city of Detroit, nationally, and internationally before many celebrities, dignitaries, and pioneers of the music industry. La-Z-Boy, Inc. is graciously sponsoring their appearance.

To add to the festivities, St. Mary Catholic Central Parent Committee will be selling food and beverages with all proceeds benefiting the Parent Committee. Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters of Michigan books will be for sale and author, Patricia Montemurri, will be in attendance to autograph them. Following the concert, Mayor Bob Clark will give a proclamation honoring the IHM. The rain date location is the St. Mary Catholic Central's gymnasium, across the street from the park.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Through the tremendous generosity of people from Monroe County the Monroe Council was able to raise nearly **\$37,000 to provide a new Ultrasound machine for "Heart of Monroe" and possibly a second agency!**

The majority of the funds for this new machine were raised by the Monroe Council from a Live Art and Memorabilia auction.

The agencies receiving the ultrasound machine will select the appropriate machine for their needs. We will supply an external monitor that can be viewed by other family members during the ultrasound procedure. This is done because it has been proven that 80% of pregnant mothers who are considering abortion change their minds after seeing the image of their baby on an ultrasound monitor!

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in New Haven CT started the ultrasound initiative 11 years ago. This ultrasound machine is the 69th machine donated by the Knights of Columbus in the state of Michigan. Throughout the United States and Canada the K of C has donated over 1,000 Ultrasound machines.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus ultrasound initiative, please visit;



www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/culture-of-life/faq.pdf

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BACK to SCHOOL FUN RUN
& Tot Dash
In Memory of Mike Busen



Saturday, September 25, 2021

@St. Patrick School

2970 W. Labo Road, Carleton, MI 48117

- Race Day Registration: 7:45 – 8:45 a.m.
- 5K Run/Walk: 9 a.m.
- 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk: 9:15 a.m.
- Tots Dash: 10:15 a.m.
- Post-Race Awards Ceremony: 10: 45 a.m.

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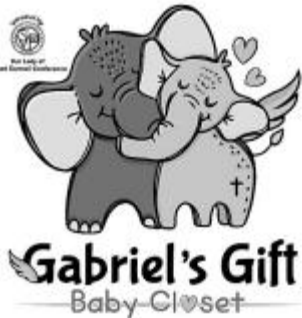
\$20 Pre-registration

\$25 On site race day registration

\$10 Tot Dash

\$75 Family Deal (immediate family ONLY & a registration form must be filled out for EACH person). Please complete one registration/waiver form per person. Forms can be found at www.divinegrace.com, click on the "Calendar"

T-shirts guaranteed for all registered by Friday, September 17th. Event will be held rain or shine...all are invited to participate.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church St. Vincent de Paul would like to announce the addition of **Gabriel's Baby Closet** to our ministry located at:

Our Lady of Mt Carmel
8330 Lewis Avenue
Temperance, MI 48182

Open Monday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & Thursday 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Or by appointment by calling 734-847-2805, extension 19 and leaving your name and phone number.

We have been awarded a National SVDP Grant for this purpose. We will be able to supply diapers, wipes, formula, and other items for families in need. We will celebrate our **Grand Opening on October 1, 2021** which is **Respect Life Month**. This year's theme is "Moved by Mercy". **Our hope is to help mom's choose life.** If you or someone you know are expecting, please make an appointment so we can give you the help and support you need throughout the pregnancy. We plan to offer parenting advice and classes. We welcome any low-income family who lives in Bedford Township. Our baby closet may be used once a month for children age 3 and under.

At the first visit, families will be asked some questions so we can get as much help for them as possible.

Please help us to continue to provide this service by generous donations of formula, diapers, wipes, cash, and gift cards to stores that sell these items. Please spread the word to all the families in Bedford.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Conference

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Top "Liked" Summer Photos on Facebook



Abby Johnson, a prominent pro-life warrior spoke to a crowd of 500 gathered on St. Anthony's soccer field to pray this prayer with her. **Photo by Heather Wilson of Snap Happy Photography**



The Monroe Knights of Columbus, Council #1266, and the generosity of Lowe's donated a new grill to Holiday Camp. **Photo by Crysti Esper**



Father Zaid Chabaan (right) formerly assigned to St. Mary, Monroe and St. John the Baptist, was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 2021.



The **Spirituality Centers of the IHM Sisters** welcome all seekers and their quest for God. Visit our Monroe spirituality centers at River House and at the IHM Motherhouse for retreats, programs, spiritual direction – or to simply have a respite in places of quiet beauty to **pray, rest and renew.**

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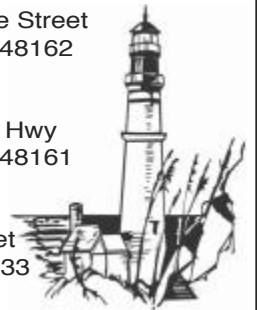
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