



ST ROCH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

- Jn 2:1-3

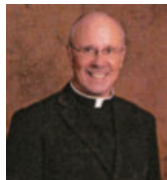
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Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic-Christian Community of St. Roch Parish, following the work of Jesus Christ, are dedicated to the faith formation, and spiritual growth of our Parish and neighboring communities. As the people of God, we are called through the Holy Spirit to evangelize, to minister, to provide faith-filled experiences of prayer and devotion and to cultivate the Gospel values of Love, Peace and Justice.

FR. RAY'S XRAYS



Howdy! The Ordinary Time of our liturgical calendar is celebrated now through the beginning of Lent and returns after the Easter season. In this OT period we listen to Luke's gospel - detailed gospel at points in time of his writing, but with an emphasis on Jesus' ministry and mission culminating in Jerusalem. Luke is also author of the Acts of the Apostles accounts, which immediately follows the gospels in our New Testament and Luke takes from what happened in Jerusalem and expands upon that.

His emphasis here is to give the Early Church the attention and for this young church to grow and develop from what has been started. I like envisioning Luke's writing as *the greater and lesser than signs*, used in math. The greater than sign is his gospel writing, funneling all the prophecies and expectations into his gospel message. The lesser than sign meets the small end of the greater than sign - Jerusalem - and now writes of the commissioning of the disciples of Jesus, to go out and make disciples, baptizing, etc.... This is what became the early church, and subsequently, the Christian church (so named in Antioch) and the historical church and the modern church that we are today. This is our ancestry.

Parish Ministries in FOP

We evolve and have entered into a family of parishes (FOP) that brings together six parishes in our immediate area. This FOP will be given a name shortly, so that we can refer to it as a personal entity versus something just out there! We hope that as a local FOP, we evolve as did the early church. (see my thoughts above). While early in the process, we have to envision changes that will occur - masses times for one. Perhaps too, we might see changes in the area of faith formation classes consolidated, and in that mindset, greater emphasis on family faith formation and adult formation classes.

This could also apply to parents preparing for the baptism of their children and young adults preparing for confirmation. The RCIA process too, might be consolidated in our area, bringing all interested folks together into one class of initiation.

In the midst of Winter, stay warm. In the continued midst of this pandemic, stay safe and be wise. My prayers and God's blessings.



Our Music Ministry will be providing a Music Class for anyone interested in learning how to read music or sight sing. If you want to sing and follow along better in your hymnal, want to participate in music ministry but fear the unknown, or just increase your knowledge of a music page, please see Anne Marie, our Music Director, after Mass to express your interest.

St. Roch Givers,

Thank you for supporting St. Roch Parish Community with your consistent support using envelopes or on-line giving. Your contributions help support all the activities and services the parish provides. Special offerings, such as Christmas flowers, holy days and charitable donations, such as Peter's Pence and Religious Retirement, are now included on-line for your use. It offers the opportunity to participate in all the collections the mailed monthly envelopes provide. To save duplication and expense, please consider discontinuing receiving envelopes in the mail if you do use on-line contributions. Contact the parish office to opt out of receiving them. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



COLLECTION 01-03-2022	
Registered Families	694
Sunday Envelopes Returned	91
Envelopes	\$ 6,973.00
Loose	\$ 284.00
Children's Collection	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,262.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,740.00
(Under) Over Budget	\$ (478.00)
December On-Line Total	\$ 5,679.18
Sunday	\$ 5,023.65
Christmas	\$ 117.40
Maintenance	\$ 136.10
St. Vincent	\$ 120.75
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 241.73
Christmas Flowers	\$ 39.55
Supplemental Income	
Immaculate Conception	\$ 60.00
Fuel/Heating	\$ 70.00
Christmas	\$ 390.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 559.00
Maintenance	\$ 135.00
Total Sunday & Suplm'tl	\$ 8496.00
Retired Religious	\$ 90.00
Poor Box	\$ 500.00

THANK YOU!



Greetings!

Faith Formation Classes will not be meeting this week for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Classes will resume on January 24th and 25th.

This Saturday, January 15th, is the 8th Grade Day of Service. Please keep the 8th grade in your prayers as they come together for a day of service, fun, and worship. The day will end by attending 4:00 Mass together.

From its beginning, the "Unleash the Gospel" movement in the Archdiocese of Detroit was meant to include everybody. And that includes the area's teenagers. RISE Detroit 2022 is a new youth event specifically geared toward teaching high school-age students how their contributions make a difference in transforming the Church into a "band of joyful, missionary disciples." The event will feature dynamic speakers, inspiring music, meaningful worship, and powerful connection to the larger church.

All 9-12th graders are invited to attend RISE! All attending teens must be accompanied by an adult chaperone (youth minister, high school campus minister, teacher, pastor, parent, etc.). Cheryl Knapp will attend with the teens of St. Roch. The event will take place on Sunday, February 6th from 8:15am-7:15pm at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The speakers include Dr. Bob Rice, the Culture Project, Bishop Cepeda, and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau! Activities include keynotes, powerful praise and worship experiences, two workshop opportunities, small group discussion, and Liturgy!

Standard Admission: \$35 for all participants: teens and adults. Includes lunch and dinner! **St. Roch is covering 50% of the ticket price, so it's only \$17.50 per person for our youth! Thanks, Fr. Ray!** Please contact Cheryl for more information and to sign up. She can be reached in the Parish Office at 734-782-4471 or through email at knappc@strochflatrock.com. **We hope you will join us for a great day!**

I'm still in need of a couple substitute catechists. As of right now, I'm the only one. As we move into cold, flu, and of course, covid season I'm concerned that there will be more than one or two catechists out. If you would be able to help us in this capacity, it would be greatly appreciated. **If you can't help, please pray that some will come forward that can.** Mrs. Cheryl Knapp



Pastoral and Sacramental Guidelines

Baptism

Infant baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 11:30 Mass (or after). Parents requesting baptism of their child or children must contact the parish office, be baptized (or at least one parent), registered and active members of the parish. They must attend a baptism class at least one month prior to the baptism. Newly registered members must wait three months prior to a request.



Marriage

Couples seeking to be married at St. Roch's must contact the pastor to secure a date, contacting him at least six months or more, prior to their desired date. One member of the party must be a baptized Catholic, active and registered at St. Roch's (or through their parents). The couple will then be instructed in the marriage preparation program. Non-Catholic members (of the party) or previously married members are not restricted from entering into marriage, so long as they are free to marry according to the laws of the Catholic Church.



Anointing of the Sick

Any member of the parish may be anointed prior to surgery, beginning therapies, suffering chronic illnesses, having reached old age and/or having been hospitalized. **This sacrament of healing is for the living (conscious and alert) and can be celebrated in church, at home or in the hospital.** Please contact the parish office for a visit to be arranged. Emergencies always take precedence.

First Eucharist and Confirmation

Please contact the Faith Formation Office for information regarding these initiation rites, requirements and subsequent celebrations.

Reconciliation

This healing sacrament is celebrated every Saturday afternoon at 3Pm in the church or by appointment.

Catholic School Tuition Assistance

St. Roch Parish is able to assist families who are active members of the Parish, with Catholic School tuition assistance. Contact Fr. Ray and or the Finance Council for more information.

RCIA

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Call Cheryl @ 734-782-4471 or e-mail her @ knappc@strochflatrock.com

LEST WE FORGET

Lord, may we remember in prayer, our loved ones. Support them with your Holy Spirit and grant us the courage and grace to embrace your loving ways. With all our heart, strength and love grant them divine consolation and eternal rest.

Helen Jennings – January 16, 2009

Karen Coffee – January 16, 2013

Michael & Sara Bird- January 18, 1979

Olive Commarford – January 18, 2010

Alice Ciborowski – January 18, 2018

Gertrude Fuchs – January 19, 2014

Donald Allai – January 19, 2016

George Balowski – January 19, 2017

Ralph Dunn- January 20, 1985

Joanne Gallagher- January 20, 1998

Lucile Denney – January 20, 2004

Scott Robert Dussia – January 20, 2005

Thomas Jean – January 20, 2017

Stanley Orkisz- January 21, 2001

Carl Watson – January 21, 2010

Rose Davis – January 21, 2011

Kenneth Wayda – January 21, 2015

Anna St. Peter- January 22, 1993

Robert C. Wells – January 22, 2009

Matthew Wegienka – January 22, 2011

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

WE LOVE OUR PARISHIONERS



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 15th, 2022

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Noon til 5:00 pm 8th Grade Day of Service

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm **Deceased Members of St. Roch Parish Family**

Sunday, January 16th, 2022

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 am **Nguyen Grandparents Family**

11:30 am **Claire & Peter Rzonca**

Req. by Charlie & Connie Gladhill

Wee Worship

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 17th, 2022



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; St. Anthony, Abbot

No 8:30 am Meals on Wheels

9:00 am **No Mass**

Office Closed

No 4-5:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

No 6-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

Tuesday, January 18th, 2022

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

9:00 am **Mass**

No 6-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

12:30-3:00 pm Bible Study & Sharing

Thursday, January 20th, 2022

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

9:00 am **Deceased Members of St. Roch Parish Family**

Friday, January 21st, 2022

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 am **Deceased Members of St. Roch Parish Family**

7:00 pm AA

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 22nd, 2022

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm **Joe Csotty**

Req. by Michele

2nd Grade Rite of Enrollment/Parent Meeting

Sunday, January 23rd, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am **Alice Verbeke (11 Yr)**

Req. by Judy Morgan

2nd Grade Rite of Enrollment/Parent Meeting

11:30 am **Linda Bensie**

Req. by Family

2nd Grade Rite of Enrollment/Parent Meeting

Wee Worship

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)



Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)



Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)



Gospel:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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YOU ARE
Welcome Here

PRAYER FOR MILITARY

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior, Amen



Please keep in prayer ALL the men & women serving in the military & coastguard.

Especially these members of our Parish Community:

- Joseph Cooper, CDR US Navy**
- Mark E. Bomia-LCDR, Navy**
- John Taylor II, USCG BM2**
- Tim Koscielny, USCG BM2**
- Noah Holtschlag, USMC**
- Mark Cordovado, Army**
- Yahir Macias, Army**
- Donald Puruleski, Army**

Please let us know of current personnel in the Armed Services.



Time	Lector/EM Altar Server
January 1 10:00 am	SATURDAY Pam Munroe/Volunteer
January 2 9:00 am 11:30 am	SUNDAY Lana Cooper, Pat Kehoe/Mary Kehoe Joan Kowalski/Sara Tackett
January 8 4:00 pm	SATURDAY Chris Hensley/Judy Morgan
January 9 9:00 am 11:30am	SUNDAY Kelli Lambrix, Jessica Phillips/Virg Valmassoi Kevin Martin/Lilli Martin
January 15 4 pm	SATURDAY Gayle Malloy/Pat Vassel
January 16 9:00 am 11:30 am	SUNDAY Jay Otten, Mike Hojnowski/Gabe Tamburino Debra Meeks/Tari Lesperance
January 22 4:00 pm	SATURDAY Dan Harnum/Mary Jo Taschler
January 23 9:00 am 11:30am	SUNDAY Tim Stokes, Ed Suchyta/Fio Valmassoi Chris Snow/Lynn Nowicki
January 29 4:00 pm	SATURDAY Judy Morgan/Debbie Weise
January 30 9:00 am 11:30 am	SUNDAY Ed Suchyta, Kelli Lambrix/Tony Figuera Mike Holtschlag/Becky Matzo



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Paul Adams | Maxine Crandall | Roseann Keenan | Harold Peterson | Margaret Stamper |
| SFC Leonard Addams | Alexis Daley | Mary Kehoe | Nick Peterson | JulieAnne Steckel |
| Beverly Asper | Joyce Downey | Kay Kinsey | John Piekarski | Bruce Stevenson |
| Debbie Baron | Marlene Elwell | Cathleen Kornacki | Barb Pierce | Carol Stoughton |
| Frank R. Beven | Lori Ferguson | Martha LaPrad | Eileen Przybylo | Tom & Susan Strong |
| Janet Beven | Sharon Fletcher | Tony Lloyd | Dorothy Ransford | Jennie Sute |
| Krista Bonesteel | Rick Fournier | Linda Mackay | Paul Ransford | Joanne Tamburino |
| Bill Bonkowski | Cheryl (Mallon)-Gohlinghorst | Mary Ellen Maley | Joanne Rodzewicz | Joshua Tate |
| Amy Bowling | Louise Griffiths | Dcn John Malloy | Brenda Roll | Greg Tinsler |
| Carla Brown | Tom Hartnett | Colton McGowan | Jennifer Russell | Carol Toporek |
| Wes & Noni Bulman | Cheryl Hojnowski | (Deacon Johns grandson) | Kevin Rzeppa | Mary Wellman |
| Victor Campbell | Rachel Ivey | Michael Michalak | Pamela Sanderson | Ann Williams |
| Victor Campbell, Jr. | Barb Jennings | George Messmore | Tanya Setser | Zelinske Family |
| David Coffey | Rachael Jennings | Isabel Metty | Hunter Simadon | Mary Ann Zukowski |
| Mike Cragg | | Gene Nasal | Dolores Smith | David Zurawski, Sr. |

**GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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. ©LPi

THANK YOU so much for your continued support of the Giving Tree. This year you supported 22 Seniors and 25 kids with your generosity. I want to thank the Committee who made tags, placed them on the tree and helped to sort out the gift cards. Thanks as well to our SVDP members who made the deliveries.

Continued blessings to our Giving Tree families and to the generous St. Roch parishioners. I have so enjoyed being a part of this for so many years. There is a need for a new Chairperson starting this year. If anyone feels called to this ministry please, please let Theresa know.

Thank you for the privilege of serving our Flat Rock neighbors. Basia Brulez

**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing! ©LPi

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah used marriage imagery (bridge and groom) to describe the Lord's love for his people, Israel. What do you see as some implications of this marriage imagery?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith. How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?

Gospel:

Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana was one of the first public "signs" he performed revealing his divinity. It also showed Jesus' compassion, sparing the family shame at running short of wine. How do you imagine the family reacted to Jesus' intervention and rescue? ©LPi



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
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 ©LPi



National Council of the United States
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
End Poverty Through Systemic Change



In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christ. St. Roch's Conference number is 734-778-2998

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED
Faithful Departed**

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! ©LPi

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS FOR
PARISH BULLETINS
CYCLE C 2021-2022 (ST. LUKE)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We witness God's power in today's Scripture passages. In his First Letter to the Corinthian community, the evangelist St. Paul recognizes that different spiritual gifts, forms of service, and workings are derived from the power of the one Trinitarian God. These blessings are bestowed for the good of the common Corinthian community. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus, at His Mother Mary's encouragement, miraculously changes water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, manifesting His glory and power. As Christian stewards, we acknowledge that all blessings arise from God's tremendous love for us. In heartfelt gratitude, let us use our gifts in prayer, service, and generosity to spread the Good News of salvation. Every parish has an unlimited need for parishioners to help at the food pantry, read at Mass, serve on the Evangelization or Stewardship Commission, or volunteer in the school or faith formation program. Can your family offer a few hours a week in service to the Lord?



**THE DOWNRIVER PARKINSON'S
DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP**

Greetings. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, we invite you to join an upbeat, educational and local community – The Downriver Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Our group goals are to make new friends, have fun and learn from each other and experts in the field on how to minimize the effects of this disease. We are part of a larger, state-wide network of 80+ support groups under the Michigan Parkinson Foundation umbrella. There is no reason you and/or your loved one needs to feel alone in this journey.

The group currently meets the first Tuesday of every month from 1 pm to 2 pm at the Allen Park Presbyterian Church at 7101 Park Ave. Allen Park, MI.

We encourage Care Partners (spouse, family, friend, neighbor, etc.) to also attend.

Should you like additional information please contact:

**Steve Femminino
(313 318-9795)**

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Dear Members of St. Roch's:

Once again, we are saying thank you so much for helping us provide a special Christmas for 151 children and their families. Your generous donation of food and volunteers was very much appreciated. It is great having wonderful neighbors and friends who are willing to offer their time to help during the Holidays. We are wishing all of you a Blessed New Year!

Sincerely Helping Hands Ministry

Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland

Dear Fr. Lewandowski:

Christmas is a time to be grateful for gifts received. I'm very grateful to you and your parishioners for your \$255 contribution to the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia. The 49 participating parishes in our Archdiocese raised \$30,752.36 which will be used primarily to educate priests and assist parishes throughout Poland and Polonia.

On behalf of the Church in Poland and Polonia I'd like to express the gratitude of our brothers and sisters in faith for your concern and kindness. I'd also like to thank you as the moderator of the Catholic League for your support through the years. I'm happy to announce that Fr. Walter Ptak, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrow, has accepted the role of moderator starting the first of the year. I know he'll appreciate your cooperation in the future.

May the Lord bless your generosity and our Lady of Czestochowa watch over you. Yours in Christ, Rev. Stanley Ulman, Moderator


St. Sebastian | January 20

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 ter 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 and 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. ©LPi



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