

St. Ambrose Parish

Our 101st Year!
MAY 7, 2017
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OPENING DOORS TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2017



“The encounter with Christ can completely change your life.” How very true. That wisdom was shared with us recently by Pope Francis. It provides the right context to introduce this year’s theme for the Catholic Services Appeal: “Opening Doors to Encounter Christ.” As your Archbishop, I want you to know that when we “open doors” for others to have this personal encounter with Jesus through our CSA supported ministries, you and I are doing something crucial for the life of our local Church: we nurture life-changing encounters with Christ in our parishes, schools, institutions and agencies. We do it together, and as Christian stewards, in our support of the CSA we live out the Gospel mission of our Church.

The ministries, programs, and services funded by our annual appeal reach every soul in our six-county Archdiocese, strengthening urban and rural faith communities alike. Opening Doors? Your generous donations do just that in supporting the formation of new Catholics beginning their faith journey through the RCIA. There’s Campus Ministry which gives college students a spiritual lifeline as they transition to lives away from home. On the other end of the age spectrum, we “open doors” to home-bound Catholics through the “Mass for Shut-Ins” on the Catholic Television Network of Detroit. CSA supports our social media and the numbers are impressive: nearly six-thousand of our “followers” watched on the web or Facebook as our new auxiliary bishops were ordained. Your donations also make a critical difference for the less fortunate in our community who receive food and shelter through our participation in the Corporal Works of Mercy. What that means is the CSA touches countless lives and cultures. Supporting the CSA helps us — you and me — Open Doors to Encounter Christ.

No one individual or parish could possibly accomplish all of these good works themselves! Truly, the CSA transforms our diverse family of believers into, in the words of Pope Francis, a “band of joyful missionary disciples.” As you prayerfully consider your pledge to the 2017 CSA, please understand that we all benefit in some way from the ministries, programs, and services funded by the Catholic Services Appeal. I am sure you will be inspired to once again make the most generous gift possible.

Solanus Casey often said: “Thank God ahead of time.” In that spirit, I would like to say “thank you” in advance for your support of this year’s Catholic Services Appeal. May God abundantly bless you and your family as we continue to help our brothers and sisters encounter Christ.

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit

Discernment Retreat

The Discernment Retreat on the weekend of May 19-20, 2017, is for single men aged 16 – 55 seeking a better understanding of their vocation from the Lord. It takes place at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

This weekend retreat features presentations on the different aspects of discernment. The speaker is Archbishop Allen Vigneron. Other presenters include Detroit seminarians and seminary faculty members. The retreat will also include time for quiet reflection and Eucharistic adoration.

The Discernment Retreat will be both informative and prayer-filled. Both are important tools for anyone seeking a better understanding of their vocation from the Lord.

The retreat also includes an opportunity to celebrate Solemn Evening Prayer with the seminarians. A catered dinner follows the evening prayer.

The Discernment Retreat will be time well spent with men who are dedicating their lives to serving the Lord and His people. Register at detroitpriest.com.

Business Person's Day of Reflection

Is there a deeper meaning to the work that you do? Join the Detroit Woodstock Business Conference at Manresa on Thursday, May 11th to reflect on how business is a vocation and how to live it out integrally with your faith. The morning begins with a 7:30 registration. Mass is offered at 8:00 a.m. Talks and reflections begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 12:00 noon when lunch will be served. The schedule allows a worker to get back to their jobs refreshed and inspired that afternoon.

The conference features highly sought-after speaker Fr. Gerald Cavanagh, SJ, renowned business ethicist and author of *American Business Values*. A freewill offering will be collected, but please register soon because seating is limited. Go to Eventbrite.com and search, "Detroit Woodstock Business Conference" or call 734-464-8353. Manresa is located at the corner of 1390 Quarton Road and Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

Motor City Makeover



Metropolitan Detroit is rapidly being made over in ways that will define its future. We've invited persons knowledgeable in the field of Detroit's makeover to talk with us. Hear their visions of the 'Detroit to come'.

These sessions are from 9:45 until 11 a.m. in the ARK

May 21st "Detroit's Newest Developments" with John Gallagher; An update on Detroit's recovery with emphasis recent projects, large and small that are changing the face of Detroit. John is a journalist with the Detroit Free Press, author of the books [Reimagining Detroit](#) and [Revolution Detroit](#) and chronicler of creative urban change.

May 28th "Urban Farming Update" Gary Wozniak, CEO of the Detroit farming effort Recovery Park will talk about the state of urban agriculture in Detroit and how his 65-acre farming effort is both producing salad greens for Detroit restaurants and training Detroit workers.



Bee at the Tee
St. Ambrose Golf Classic
Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park



Just how far off can Summer be? Make plans now to join in the annual St. Ambrose Parish golf outing on June 16, 2017 to benefit our Religious Education program and to support activities of our parish

We're planning a great day of golf and socializing at the beautiful Chandler Park Golf Course (americangolf.com).

The event includes a scramble format with four person teams, lunch and awards with a great dinner to conclude the day at the ARK at St. Ambrose. A person can register to play a round of golf and dinner, or just for dinner.

Multiple sponsorships are available in many different price ranges. Consider signing-up your business as one of the first supporters of our 2017 golf outing. Go to BeeAtTheTee.com for prices and registration. Questions? email st.ambrosegolf@gmail.com or call Brian at (313) 595-8767.

All Things Considered

This May marks the beginning of a “new and improved” CSA. Due to general dissatisfaction on the part of many pastors, **Archbishop Vigneron** created a study group to analyze the way the CSA was being conducted. The group met and assessed critiques from across a wide spectrum of priests and parishioners. After more than a year’s meetings, a fresh plan for the CSA funding and reporting the funds was enacted.

A noticeable difference for St. Ambrose Parish is a decrease in our quota. You read that correctly – *a decrease*. We had long argued that our quota had been factored too high. The revised CSA agreed with that. And while it is less than a \$20,000 difference, it is extremely helpful to us. If we maintain the current standard of CSA gifts, then the surplus returns to the parish for our own purposes. Last year, we were able to pay a full year of property and liability insurance with our CSA overage. We would like to do that again this year and start work on tuck pointing the church building.

We try to wrap up the CSA by the end of May, so please factor it into your budget for this month. Donations can be paid using the return envelope we’ve sent you – or it can be done electronically. Log onto stambrosechurch.net and then follow the prompts.



The month of May in Catholic tradition gives special homage to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In her honor, and to encourage prayer, we are offering a 10% discount on our custom designed rosaries. Think about the First Communion, graduations, Mother’s Day and weddings coming up this Spring and ask yourself if a gift of an Ambrosian Rosary might be something that is a lifetime keepsake.



One of the major beneficiaries of the Catholic Services Appeal is Sacred Heart Seminary and all that goes into training future clergy and pastoral ministers for the Archdiocese of Detroit. We are a direct beneficiary of this part

of the CSA in that they have funded the ministerial education of **Deacon John Maksym**. His graduate studies are taking place at the John XXIII Seminary in Boston, a National Seminary specializing in later-life vocations. As such, those costs for John’s education come from the Catholic Services Appeal.

Much of what the CSA does is to finance programs like this which are beyond the scope of any single parish. We can only have a Catholic presence here in Southeastern Michigan if we have strong parishes *and* a strong Archdiocesan structure, so please support both.

And while we are speaking of Deacon John Maksym, we received word this past week from our Vocation Office (another service of the CSA) that he was being assigned to a ten-week internship this summer here at St. Ambrose. This is to begin on June 1st. So expect to see Deacon Maksym on a regular basis through August 15th. After that, he returns back to the John XXIII Seminary for two more semesters of class work leading to his ordination as a priest, God willing, a year from now at Pentecost.



The civil unrest in Detroit in 1967 had profound effects on this part of the city, and on St. Ambrose Parish. It has been 50 years since that horrible time and we are still trying to make sense and heal from that sad episode.

There will be a number of retrospective events this summer examining the riots of ’67, and one of the most scholarly revolves around the anthology entitled Detroit 1967: Origins, Impacts, Legacies. That will be our summer reading for Marcellina’s Book Club.

A number of other workshops, discussions and lectures will be taking place this summer regarding what we experienced fifty years ago. Consider the panel presentation this week sponsored by the National Association of Black Journalists. The information about this will be found on page five of this bulletin.



Our planning session for our June 11th visit of the Detroit Mass Mob was well attended. We heard from **Thomas Mann** who is the catalyst of this phenomenon here in the Detroit area. The purpose is to introduce and reconnect

suburban Catholics with the rich heritage of urban parishes that were the mainstay of the lives of their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

We were told to expect several hundred visitors at our 11:15 mass that morning. Following mass, we will hold an “expo” in the ARK highlighting the activities of our parish today.

There will be a parking and hospitality detail. Tours will be given of the church building after mass and refreshments will be served. There will be need for our parishioners to help with lots of different aspects of the visit. If you can commit some time to this, please email or phone us.



Fire has come down from heaven several times in history. The Bible records at least six of these instances:

Fire in the form of burning sulfur rained from the heavens and destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

Fire fell from heaven and destroyed Job’s flocks.

God also used fire from heaven to judge the soldiers sent by the wicked king Ahaziah to arrest Elijah—twice.

But fire from heaven is not exclusively a means of judgment. On at least three occasions, God sent fire from

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We begin the 2017 CSA campaign this week. Expect a letter asking for your participation. Contribute by using the CSA forms sent to you, or you can make a contribution electronically through stambrosechurch.net. • We fully expect to again meet our Archdiocesan obligations. Remember that any overage to the CSA campaign reverts to our parish at 100% 		

All Things Considered

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above in order to consume a sacrifice: fire came down from heaven to consume the sacrifice that David offered on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite; to consume the sacrifice at the dedication of the temple, in the presence of King Solomon and the people of Israel; and to consume Elijah's sacrifice on Mt. Carmel, in response to the prophet's prayer.

In each sacrifice consumed by fire from heaven, God was making an important point. But I am not quite certain of what point the Lord might have wanted to make last Sunday when at the beginning of the Eucharist Prayer at the 11:15 mass, I heard a small explosion above me and was hit on the head with a piece of fiery molten glass. The projectile then careened off my skull and landed directly in the plate of hosts where it proceeded to smolder and burn!

It took me a second to determine that I had not been shot – or is this what it feels like to be shot? The plate of immolating hosts stunned me as I endeavored to process what this could mean!

All I could come up with up with were the times Yahweh either accepted or rejected offerings by sending down fire. I thought, "Come on, God, I couldn't have done that badly!" I next thought; "I hope God was aiming for **Deacon Robert!**"

My memory bank then flashed back to a conversation I had earlier in the week with our building supervisor, **Scott Sellke**, when he informed me that the high intensity lamps in the ceiling light fixtures had just been changed out by our electricians. Staring at the glob of hot glass, I then realized it was the remnants of one of those new lamps.

Serious injury was avoided, and because the hot glass fell where and when it did, a fire hazard was averted. This was a good time to be bald, since hair might have stopped the molten projectile. Had the glass landed where it did when the building was unoccupied, there certainly would have been a fire. As it is, I hope to go down in Archdiocesan legend as the pastor who actually survived fire from heaven. You decide if that was God's displeasure or favor.

TRP

Diaconos Post

Daniel Migliore, in his widely read and respected text [Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology](#), says of revelation, riffing on a story by Flannery O'Connor so named, that "... revelation is not something that confirms what we already know. Basically, it has to do with a knowledge of God and ourselves that is utterly surprising and disturbing. It is an event that shakes us to the core." Agreed? If so, then is it any wonder that so often we come to God or return to God in the context of suffering – our own, or someone else's? Is suffering not always surprising, disturbing, and more? That's what Peter is pointing to in today's Second Reading, and it'd be good to enter into his wisdom and form ourselves for whatever suffering has come or is to come.

Peter uses dialectics to shine a light on the sufferings – and triumphs over same – of Jesus, in 1 Pt 2: 22-24. If anyone ever asks (and I hope they do), "How could Jesus have died for my sins?" maybe bring them here. About our suffering his approach, and his implication, is by necessity different, because no one could ever suffer as Jesus did. He writes, in a verse elided from the reading, that "... what credit is there if you are patient when beaten for doing wrong?" (1 Pt 2: 20) In this he is riffing on Jesus, who asked, "And if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them" (Mt 5: 46, Lk 6: 32). The imitative mode, the way that we can be like Jesus, is found in the conclusion of the verse when Peter says, "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God."

Think of all the holy ways people give life to this wisdom. I have in mind parents who bear with their kids the suffering that comes from addiction; I'm thinking of people who work for peace and justice, who are so inspired by their hope for the Reign of God that they reject defeatism and apathy; and I remember people who bore pain and illness and the approach of bodily death in ways that inspired their loved ones, and did what they could to keep them from feeling despair.

There's a crucial elision in the Gospel, too: in the next verse after the final one proclaimed today Jesus says (and does so only in Chapter 10), "I am the good shepherd" (v. 11). There is no quarrel to be had with those who form the lectionary: to meditate on Jesus as the gate is enough for one Sunday. But to understand and believe how much he wants to be with us is to understand that he is both the gate and the keeper. Jesus says in Chapter 15: 9, "Remain in my love." A struggle to remain through suffering resides in us, not in Him.

Deacon Robert Wotypka

Detroit 67

On July 28, 1967, President Lyndon Johnson established the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorder, which came to be known as the Kerner Commission, to look into the riots that happened in the U.S. that summer. The Detroit Historical Museum is hosting a panel discussion titled "Detroit 1967 Media Coverage: Then & Now" to dissect that Commission's findings and recommendations.

Journalists and community leaders – including Rochelle Riley, Ike McKinnon, Keith Owens, Shirley Stancato, Tim Kiska, Luther Keith, Brenda Peek and Bill McGraw will gather this week for a conversation on the questions: "What did the Kerner Commission Report have to say about the news media?" and "Have media outlets adopted the Kerner Report's recommendations?"

There will be two sessions. One on May 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and another on May 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Museum which is at 5401 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. Admission is free. This event is sponsored by the WGPR Historical Society and the Detroit Association of the National Association of Black Journalists.

The Buzz

I recently saw a poignantly humorous saying on an outdoor church sign. Maybe you have seen it too. It read: "Open Sundays between Easter and Christmas". We are too; spread the word!



Being that it is May, our Catholic thoughts at this time of year traditionally focus on Mary as mother. She is the mother of Jesus, and because of this has been hailed by believers as "Theotókos" – bearer of God (incarnate in Jesus), and in that sense, Mother of God. In Eucharistic communion with Jesus, we share His life so thoroughly that we can unreservedly declare that His mother is OUR mother.

Yet, what exactly is your image of Mary? Soft and tender? Conniving (to get things for us from her Son He wouldn't grant us otherwise)? Beautiful blue-eyed blonde? Jewish teenager pregnant by someone other than her husband? Powerful queen of heaven and earth? Someone who makes miraculous appearances with prophetic messages to visionaries? How do you relate to your mother in heaven? It may reveal a lot about many other aspects of your faith.



Next Sunday is Mother's Day! This May celebration coincides nicely with the Church's continuation of the Easter season as well as with its dedication of the whole month to our Blessed Mother. So, peace and blessings upon all moms at this time of year . . . those living with us here, as well as those who live not that far away from us in eternal life!

Moms have a special way of helping us identify who we are. Take a moment and identify how much of an influence your mom has had on who you are today. Spend some time praying thanksgiving for all the great and the good things you discover in this meditation. And forgive whatever you find that you dislike. With such awareness, you can make changes in yourself – so that mom, who is more important than any bad memories, can receive your full love and appreciation.



The day before Mother's Day – next Saturday – we will celebrate Eucharist at a special time and in a more solemn way with our children who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time during this holy season. Please keep praying for them and for our newly initiated adults who together are a sign to all of us of a healthy and growing community – alive as members of the risen Body of Christ.

And especially for our youngest members – let's keep supporting, nurturing and challenging them, as well as one another, to keep growing in close communion with our Good Shepherd. Let's particularly make sure that our second graders' first communion is not their last.



A month from now it will be Pentecost Sunday. For a number of years, we have had a very special way to proclaim the first reading of the mass on that solemn day with a variety of people reading a short passage in different languages. It is easy to do, yet very meaningful for the worshiping assembly. If you can read a line or two in another language, give me a call at 822-2017 and let's see how you too might be able to use the Spirit's "gift of tongues" to celebrate God's Word with others.

Chuck Dropiewski

Spring Cleaning for a Good Purpose

It's time to clean out your closets and organize your attics. Our St. Ambrose St. Vincent de Paul Society's "Bundle Weekend" will take place Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st. To save you a trip to the donation center, a pod will be located in the church parking lot to collect your items. We have need of kitchen items, such as pots and pans, and small furniture such as card tables and chairs. Good clothing in good condition is always needed. We also have an ongoing need for clean twin mattresses, box springs and bed frames. We can arrange to pick these up from your home if you are not able to bring them to the pod. Just call the rectory and let us know. Organize your stuff now for a drop off later this month.

Marcellina's Book Club



Detroit 1967: Origins, Impacts, Legacies is a soon-to-be released anthology from 30 contributors offering up memories, facts and analysis and some suggestions for the future.

The book ends with a cautiously optimistic tale: "Fifty years after the riots, Detroit is living up to its motto. It is seeing better things. It is rising from the ashes. And if city leaders, residents and businesses are willing to build a city that works for everyone, they are sure to avoid the fire next time."

We've selected this work for your summer reading. Our book club gathering will be held just after Labor Day. The date of that session will depend on the schedule of one of the authors.

The Beehive

is the parish weekly bulletin of the St. Ambrose Catholic Community Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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Sacramental Celebrations

Masses: On the Lord's Day –
 Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Baptism: Arrangements for both adults and infants to be made by contacting the rectory.

Penance: As announced and by appointment.

Marriage: Couples should contact the rectory office a minimum of six months in advance of the proposed date to make arrangements.

Funeral: Normally celebrated within one week after the deceased's passing.

Directory

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Liturgy Schedule for the Coming Week

Monday, May 8

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Tuesday, May 9

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Cyril Wybo, Tom Goff

Wednesday, May 10

St. Damien de Veuster, priest

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

Thursday, May 11

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Ed and Sadie Duncan

Friday, May 12

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs and

St. Pancras, martyr

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Dan Nicholson

Paul and Elaine Geshel, Gwen Glass

Saturday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

1:30 p.m. - Solemn First Eucharist

4:00 p.m. - Mass - For All People

Sunday, May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. - Mass - For All People

11:15 a.m. - Mass - For All People



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Scriptures for the 4th Week of Easter

Monday, May 8

- Acts 11: 1-18
- Pss 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4
- Jn 10: 11-18

Tuesday, May 9

- Acts 11: 19-26
- Ps 87: 1-7
- Jn 10: 22-30

Wednesday, May 10

- Acts 12: 24-13: 5a
- Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8
- Jn 12: 44-50

Thursday, May 4

- Acts 13: 13-25
- Ps 89: 2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
- Jn 13: 16-20

Friday, May 5

- Acts 13: 26-33
- Ps 2: 6-11
- Jn 14: 1-6

Saturday, May 6

- Acts 13: 44-52
- Ps 98: 1-4
- Jn 14: 7-14

Sunday, May 7

- Acts 6: 1-7
- 1 Pt 2: 4-9
- Jn 14: 1-12

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 13th and May 14th

4:00 p.m. – Saturday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Jeri Krueger
Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bennert, Della Cimini, Bob Krueger,
Karen McShane, Mary Helen Quigg
Altar Servers: Sean Hall, Frankie Pangborn

8:30 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Bede **Lector:** Norman Cure
Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Drummond, Christopher Harrison,
Liz & Steve Linne, Judy Ramberger, Joellyn Valgoi
Altar Servers: Daniel & Eleanor Bernas

11:15 a.m. – Sunday – Celebrant: Fr. Pelc **Lector:** Kurt Vatalaro
Eucharistic Ministers: Sue & Roger Playwin, Janis Ramsey,
Darryl Swiatkowski, Liz & John Witherell
Altar Servers: Ava Boley, Ella Chamberlain

Your Envelope Speaks . . . the Inside Story

To operate, each week our parish requires a *minimum* of \$10,100.00

On Sunday, April 30, 2017

in envelopes we received \$7,346.00

in the loose collection \$612.00

in electronic donations \$1,390.00

in children's envelopes \$5.00

for a total of **\$9,353/00**

Under budget for the week **\$747.00**

Number of envelopes mailed 800

Number of envelopes used 165

“Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...” ACTS 2:38
The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

Our Sick

Please pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill or hospitalized: Pat Blake, Dominic Centorbi, Andrew Chavez, Maria Chinchilla, Karen Culver, Mary Pat Egan, Kathleen Elberson, Ann Sullivan Kay, Donald & Marilyn Miriani, Bonnie McKenna, Mary Myers, Jeanne Noto, Ray Oberly, Bob Ramsey, David Schumacker, Matthew Elias, George Bucec, Scott Nedoff, Betty Greenia, Emilie Kasper, Arthur Stoyschin, Anna Noto Billings, Vilma Rivers, Vilma Marone, Eileen O'Brien, Bernadette Gutowski, Martha Luna, Laurie Lavins, Dan Urbiel, Dina Engels, Cheryl Lapensee, Darby O'Toole, and Lou Rondini.

Three Retreats

- Give a special woman in your life the gift of time away with God on a Mother's Day weekend retreat May 12th-14th. Call St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center at 313-535-9563 or register on line: stpaulretreat.org/event/womens-weekend-29-mothers-day/.

- Caregiving is not just physical, but emotional and spiritual as well. Sometimes we need to 'go to the cross' and replenish our Spirit and renew our strength – to be reminded we are not alone on the journey. Join us at St. Paul of the Cross on Wednesday, May 17th, for a day of refreshment and encouragement in your role as caregiver. To register, contact Lynnette Marshall at 313-286-2800 or online at stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats.

- The Labyrinth is an ancient Christian prayer form often seen as a metaphor for our Spiritual journey – a Pilgrimage to the Holy. Participants will learn about the history and movements of the Labyrinth as well as experience walking and praying the Labyrinth. The workshop takes place on Thursday, June 1st, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center. To register, contact Lynnette Marshall at 313-286-2800 or online atstpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats.

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center is located at 23333 Schoolcraft Road in Detroit west of Telegraph.

It's Graduation Time!

In addition to offering our congratulations to our High School parishioners on their accomplishments, we also want to help them make a successful spiritual transition to the next phase of their education. On every secular college and university campus in the United States, students can find a Newman Club. Named after the famed Cardinal John Henry Newman, Newman Centers are places that provide pastoral and social services particularly to a Roman Catholic student population within that college or university. Connect Catholic students with the Catholic Campus Ministry at their respective Colleges and Universities by registering them through the Newman Connection.

Log onto NewmanConnection.com. and click on "Invite a Student to Connect" that will generate an email to the student with a link inviting them to "Get Connection to Campus Ministry." Entering a student's information into the NewmanConnection data base will also allow the campus minister to log in and see a link that says "view incoming student." You may also go to newmanconnection.com/ambassador and sign a student up.

The First Years and Beyond

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are invited to treat each other to an enjoyable, relaxing and entertaining dinner date night along with other young married couples! On Friday evening, May 19th from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at St. John Neumann Parish in Canton for a Spring dinner date for young married couples.

The evening will feature national speakers, authors and Catholic radio hosts Peter and Debbie Herbeck in their lively, heart felt, and faith-inspired talk – "Love Never Fails." Peter and Debbie will share how they overcame personal shortcomings and potential pitfalls in their own early years of marriage by putting the other and Christ first, and the practical wisdom and strength of union they gained along the journey! Engaged couples are welcome to attend. Childcare is available. The cost, \$50 per couple includes dinner, dessert, open bar, live entertainment, and dancing!

Young Catholic Professionals

Young Catholic Professionals is partnering with the Archdiocese of Detroit to launch a chapter in the Detroit Metro area to join the national network of 15+ chapters nationwide. We are in need of volunteers to join our leadership team!

Volunteer Chapter Leaders receive numerous benefits which include developing your faith in a fast-paced professional world, mentorship from chapter board members, exclusive access to executive speakers and mentors, incredible friendships formed with other leaders in your chapter and around the country, and development of management and leadership skills that are invaluable in the marketplace. Interested young professionals in their 20's and 30's should contact Donald Smith at dsmith01@newyorklife.com or Erik Coules at coules.erik@aod.org. For more information, visit youngcatholicprofessionals.org.

Share Your Love with Kids in Crisis

Every day and at all hours Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) provides children and teens with basic needs. CCSEM's Adoption and Foster Care services often receives late night calls that an infant, child, or youth will be removed from a dangerous situation with little more than what they are wearing. CCSEM provides clothing, bedding, personal care, and other necessities. Next time you go shopping, share your love by adding an item or two to your list:

Disposable diapers (any size), baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, girls clothes (3T/4T), cleaning supplies, pillows, sheets (cribs to full size), laundry detergent, shoes, boots for all ages, storage tubs, bins, laundry baskets, socks, underwear for all ages, hangers and duffel bags.

CCSEM assists all of God's people to lead fulfilling, independent lives, including children in crisis situations and youth transitioning from foster care. Learn more or arrange a drop-off today. Call 248-552-0750 or email: willey-kingc@ccsem.org

Mass Times When Traveling

Your membership in the Catholic Church gives you privileges to worship with any Catholic Community world wide. While on your vacation or traveling, websites like masstimes.org and thecatholicdirectory.com make it easy to find a mass wherever you are.



Playscape Birthday Party

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Look for sign-up sheets at the back of church and plan to celebrate and work that Saturday.