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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT The Church is the work of God initiated by Christ and held together by the Holy Spirit. Divine Child is a Catholic Parish entrusted with the responsibility of bringing people to the Lord and answering the call to holiness.

March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

PRAYER - FASTING - ALMSGIVING



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020 - 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) 8:00am People of the Divine Child Parish 1:45pm Baptisms

Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

8:00pm Night Prayer MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020 6:30am Bernard Willis, by Peggy Scarpace 8:30am Bernice Lezotte, by The Ripleys TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020 6:30am Robyn Crombie, by Thomas & Marilyn O'Brien 8:30am Joseph Marciniak, by Family WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020 6:30am Richard Adamian, by Susan Tesorero 8:30am Sophie & Francis Kulesa, by Family THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020 6:30am Bruce Goins, by Mary 8:30am Otto, Florence & Barbara Dobry, by Family FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020 6:30am Jerome Kuczajda, by Family 8:30am Wally & Betty Walkowski, by Gary & Linda Nieckarz 7:00pm Stations of the Cross SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 8:30am Anton Family, by Krasity Family 4:30pm Vocations to the Priesthood SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 - 5th Sunday of Lent 8:00am People of the Divine Child Parish 8:00pm Night Prayer

NOTICE:

Fr. Bob, Fr. Matt and Fr. Ray will be offering private Mass for the scheduled Mass intentions, every day.

MASSES TO THE MISSIONS Mar 22: (Spec. Int.) The Rita Nowak Family, by Family Mar 22: (Spec. Int.) Br. Philip Blazhkevych, by Christopher & Melinda Mar 22: Larry Calkins, by The Desjarlais Family Mar 23: Romolo Berti, by Graziano Canini Mar 23: Bachowski & Zemlak Family, by The Nowaks Mar 24: (Spec. Int.) Fr. Bob McCabe, Parishioners for Priests Mar 25: (Spec. Int.) Msgr. Todd Lajiness, by Parishioners for Priests Mar 26: Romolo Berti, by Graziano Canini Mar 26: Angelo Tomei & Family Members, by The Nowaks Mar 27: (Spec. Int.) Delia Tomei, by The Nowaks Mar 28: Stanley Sobczak, by Family Mar 28: Mary Miholancan, by Family Mar 28: Romolo Berti by Graziano Canini Mar 28: William Murphy & Family Members, by The Nowaks



Rest in Peace

Robyn Crombie Uncle of Carmen & Alejandro LaForest Aunt of Roylene Hermann Uncle of Joan Lesinski

Baptísm - March 14, 2020

Louis John Paul Vitale Son of Giovanni II and Lauren (Adamkiewicz) Vitale

THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

When it is not possible for us to participate at Mass, how can we still keep holy the Lord's Day?

1. Watch the Mass

We invite you to watch the recording of the private Mass celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament today, March 15, at noon. Every Sunday while public Masses are suspended in the Archdiocese of Detroit, we will broadcast Sunday Mass at noon from the Cathedral for all to watch on our Facebook page and this web page aod.org/livemasses.

Sunday, Saturday, & Weekday Live Mass Times

In addition to the noon Sunday Mass at the Cathedral, other parishes and organizations are hosting live video streams of Sunday, Saturday, and weekday Masses online and on television. Visit aod.org/livemasses to see the list.

2. Make a spiritual communion

An ancient practice of the Church for those who cannot be present at Mass is to make a spiritual communion.

"*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy* Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

3. Read the Sunday readings as a family

These can easily be found at usccb.org/bible by clicking on "Today's Readings." Magnificat (a daily prayer book) is also offering free digital resources during this time, including the Sunday readings and a reflection.

4. Check in on those around you

Because those who are older are most susceptible to complications from COVID-19, health official are encouraging them to minimize their time away from home. It is a great act of charity to reach out to these brothers and sisters in our faith communities to check in on them. Do they need groceries or help with something in their homes? Caring for each other ---especially those who are most vulnerable during this time — is a demand of the Gospel. It is the enactment of our life as joyful missionary disciples.

5. Pray a family Rosary

Unleash the Gospel also calls for families to reclaim the Rosary as a way to be united to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church. She is the perfect model of a disciple and our great intercessor.

6. Go to a church and pray

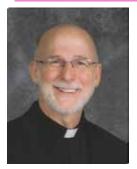
Divine Child will be open daily for private prayer time. Please note there can only be 100 people in the church at one time.

Monday - Friday: 6am to 5pm Saturday: 8am - 5pm Sunday: 9am - 1pm

Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is also open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Fr. Stephen Pullis is director of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship.

A Message from Fr. Bob & Fr. Matt







Dear Parishioners,

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. *Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality*." - Romans 12:9-13

In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul speaks about the mark of a true Christian including the important admonition to "contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality." During this time of responding to the COVID 19 crisis, as a parish family, we recognize that many in our community are struggling in this time.

There is the struggle of being separated from receiving the Lord in the Eucharist.

There is the struggle of being separated from our friends, family and community in order to protect each other.

There is the struggle of those who are limited in their ability to leave their house to get the food and the supplies that they need.

During times of need and crisis, the Church has always and will always work to recognize those needs and respond in the ways that she is able. Here at Divine Child, we know that many in our community are at higher risk for infection and are working to quarantine themselves in their homes. For those individuals, we would like to begin a **Porch Ministry** where we are able to have volunteers reach out to the people in need to bring food and supplies to their porch.

In order to develop this Porch Ministry, we need to know who is in need and also who is willing to volunteer to help address those needs.

If you or someone you know in our parish or school community who currently could use the support of having a volunteer deliver food and supplies to their porch, please reach out to us or have them reach out to us by calling the Rectory Office at 313-277-3110. Even if you do not need support at this time, please consider who you know in our community who could use this assistance.

For this ministry to be successful, we need volunteers who are willing to help. Several people have already come forward indicating that they would like to help. In receiving volunteers, we recognize that everyone has limitations in their availability, and we will work to match you with an individual who corresponds to your ability to help. For anyone interested in helping, please contact the Rectory Office at 313-277-3110.

While the majority of people who could benefit from this ministry will be able to reimburse the volunteers for the expense of their food and supplies, we realize that there are some individuals and families that may be experiencing increased financial burdens due to this crisis. If you would like to help support these families in need, we have set up a link for you to donate to this ministry online. You may also mail in donations with checks made payable to "Church of the Divine Child" with "Porch Ministry" in the memo line.

The phone number to the Rectory Office: 313-277-3110.

The link to donate to the Porch Ministry: <u>https://pavit.nelnet.net/form/fej6iSui</u>

Yesterday, at his Livestream Mass, Archbishop Vigneron mentioned his desire to entrust ourselves to Our Lady of Lourdes, the patroness of the sick, during this time of need. He mentioned that, when this crisis is over, it is his plan to build a Grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes on the Cathedral grounds in gratitude to Our Lady for her intercession and support. Let us join our prayers with the Archbishop. May this time of crisis pass. May we also pray that the light of our Christian charity may shine in the midst of these difficult times. When it is dark, even one candle sheds much light and can make a big difference. May our parish Porch Ministry be a light in the darkness for people in need! Let us dedicate this important Porch Ministry to Our Lady of Lourdes that she might intercede on our behalf!

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

In the peace of Christ,

Fr. Bob and Fr. Matt



Please visit the parish website at **divinechild.org**, or the social media links above, to get up-to-date information on the Coronavirus in our Community. Community Resources are also available at **divinechild.org** by clicking the **COVID-19 Update** tab. Scroll to the very bottom of the page to view these links below.

<u>COVID-19 Response and Recommendations</u> <u>COVID-19: Community Resources</u>



MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand; sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

PARISH OFFERTORY



During the COVID-19 pandemic and the temporary suspension of public Masses in the Archdiocese of

Detroit, Divine Child still needs your support. Although we are not celebrating Mass as a parish community, we still have a need to pay our staff, maintain the church building, and, importantly, continue our outreach ministries. We ask that, to the best of your ability, you continue to make your weekly offertory donations, either by mailing them to the parish at 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128 or via our website divinechild.org, select the giving tab then select the FaithDirect tab.

If your income has been adversely affected by the response to COVID-19, please contact our parish office to see if we can help you at 313-277-3110.

All Masses, devotions, activies and events will be postponed until Monday, April 6 The Church will be open for private prayer Monday - Friday: 6am - 5pm Saturday: 8am - 5pm Sunday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

> LIMIT: 100 people may be in the church at any time.

Confession Schedule Tuesdays: 5pm - 6pm Saturdays: 2pm - 4pm

Parish Office Hours

The Rectory Office will be closed to visitors, until further notice.

Should you need to visit the rectory office, please call us at 313-277-3110. The phones will be monitored and messages will be retrieved and returned as promptly as possible.

In the case of an emergency, such as anointing of the sick or funeral preparations, please call the rectory and select the appropriate prompt. Your message will be given first priority and returned promptly.



Nine DC parishioners made the trip to St. Paul of the Cross Lenten Retreat. A wonderful spiritual journey!

BLOOD DRIVE NOTICE:

The April 5 Parish Blood Drive is cancelled at Divine Child. Please visit a local Red Cross facility to donate blood. The need is great!





Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be performed at a later date!!

If you purchased a ticket, we would like to offer you the following options:

- 1. **Keep your ticket** We will honor it at a future performance of Joseph once the new dates have been determined.
- 2. **Donate the cost of your ticket** release your seat for the rescheduled performance, but are not requesting a refund, rather, donating the money to DCHS Theatre Department.
- 3. **Request a refund** If you choose this option, we will offer a full refund of your purchases minus the convenience charges. dctheatertickets@gmail.com

Readings for March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:16-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



Knowing that prayer is so important at this time, we want to pray for our families as well as those affected by Coronavirus and their families.

Please feel free to invite your family members, friends, and neighbors to the Lenten Family Prayer Challenge as one way to unite our prayers together. You can direct them to <u>https://www.52sundays.com/lenten-prayer-challenge</u> to sign up or text LENT20 to 8457.

During this difficult time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. To help them sanctify their day and to keep walking in the liturgical rhythm of the Church, we are honored to make our online version of **MAGNIFICAT** temporarily available to everyone for free at https://us.magnificat.net/free.

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PRAYER:

- Read Scripture at usccb.org or the readings on this page
- Pray the Rosary and/or Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Read a spiritual book
- Go to our DC Marian Shrine (In front of the high school) or Adoration Chapel
- The church is open every day for private prayer (*please* note there can only be 100 people in the church at one time)
- Check out FORMED.ORG (see page 8 for details)

FASTING & ABSTINENCE:

- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every Friday during Lent.
- Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal, according to Canon law & the U.S. Bishops

ALMSGIVING:

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- Please continue to donate and support your parish. Make this your Lenten Almsgiving by mailing your envelope to the rectory office at 1055 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128, or donating online at FaithDirect.net.
- Helping families in need during this outbreak. If you are interested in volunteering to help those in need in our community, please contact the rectory office at 313-277-3110.



FRIDAYS 4:30 - 7:00 pm

#1 FRIED DINNER

***3pcs of Fried Cod, French Fries, Cole Slaw w/Roll & Butter *** Adult - \$9.00 / Senior (65 & over) \$8.00

#2 BAKED DINNER

***2pcs of Baked Cod, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw w/Roll & Butter *** Adult - \$9.00 / Senior (65 & over) \$8.00

#3 KID'S FISH

***1pc of Fried Cod, French Fries, Applesauce w/Roll & Butter ***

\$5.00

#4 KID'S MAC & CHEESE

***Mac & Cheese, French Fries, Applesauce w/Roll & Butter ***

\$5.00

BEVERAGES

Coke Products / Bottled Water / Iced Tea or Lemonade \$1.00

sorry no substitutions due to drive-thru service

Divine Child Parking Lot - off Silvery Lane between Ford Road & Cherry Hill



March 13, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to receive reports about the spread of the Coronavirus in our communities, I write to you today with some news that may be difficult to hear. After consultation with health care professionals and government officials, I am temporarily suspending all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Detroit until Monday, April 6.

The celebration of Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Catholic faith, through which we encounter and enter into sacred Communion with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The decision to temporarily suspend this practice was not and must never be taken lightly. As Mass is a commemoration of Christ's great act of love for us, we take this unprecedented measure with eyes fixed on him and his greatest commandment to love one another, which in this difficult time means that we ensure the health and safety of our community by following the wise counsel of local, state, and federal government and health officials.

During this growing spread of COVID-19, we must redouble these efforts, particularly of prayer and fasting. We should pray and fast for God's mercy on our local community and the whole world to end the Coronavirus pandemic. We should pray for medical professionals, researchers, and government leaders that the Lord would give them wisdom in their work and that we would heed their advice and directions for the good of society, especially for the least among us, those who are most susceptible of contracting this virus and other illnesses. You can find prayer resources here. More resources will be forthcoming

The decision to temporarily suspend public Masses has been communicated to your pastors in a separate correspondence with more details. Effective Saturday, March 14, **all Sunday and weekday public Masses, faith formation courses, communal Penance services, and all other parish events will be suspended in the Archdiocese of Detroit until Monday of Holy Week, April 6.** Mass will be available to you each day via live-stream and other media channels. You can find these on our website www.aod.org. Be assured that our priests will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each day in private so as to harness and direct the great spiritual grace and power contained therein.

As you temporarily participate at Mass in this different way, you and your families are encouraged to make a daily Spiritual Communion by praying:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

At the discretion of pastors, churches may be open for private prayer so that you can approach Our Lord who is fully present in the Tabernacle. Whenever the church remains open, it is the responsibility of the pastor (or the one whom he designates) to ensure that no more than 100 people are present at one time. This directive is given by local government so that the number of cases of those infected with COVID-19 does not spike. Therefore, so as to refrain from large gatherings, there will be no posted times for collective prayers, recitation of the Rosary, or other set times for gathering.

Funerals, weddings, and baptisms are at the discretion of the pastor but are not to exceed 100 people in attendance. Holy Communion, except as Viaticum, will not be distributed to the faithful at any liturgy during this time.

Individual confessions, anointings, and other forms of pastoral care can be offered in a case-by-case basis. Consult your local parish for any of these needs during this time.

As I mentioned in my letter yesterday, let us entrust ourselves to Our Lady of Lourdes, patron for those who suffer illness. Through her intercession, may God grant healing and protection to the people of southeast Michigan and beyond. And let us, by the courageous hope with which we face the challenge of the virus' spread, give witness to our confidence in the good news of the Lord's victory over suffering and death.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron Archbishop of Detroit

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EASTER MASS GREETERS/LITURGY AID ASSISTANTS

We need your help! All ages - families, couples, singles, and youth - are invited to volunteer for greeting and distributing liturgy aids for the 8am and 12:30pm Easter Sunday Masses. Opening doors, welcoming all, and distributing aids for the Mass is a rewarding way to assist our Divine Child parishioners and guests on Easter Sunday!

If you are able to help at either of these Mass times, please contact Jacquie at divinechildgreetersministry@gmail.com for details. We appreciate your help!

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God" - Romans 15:7

LENT FOR KIDS

<u>4th Sunday of Lent</u> Look and Wonder!

Jesus performed wondrous miracles. People reacted in many different ways. Some came to believe that Jesus was God's Son. Some were frightened while others became excited and happy. Still others became angry.

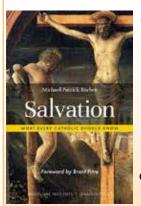
In one of these incredible miracles, Jesus gave a blind man his sight. Imagine you had grown up and had never, ever seen anything–anything at all! But now, because of Jesus, you suddenly can see everything!

Take a moment to look at everything near you, pretending that it is completely new to you. There are God's wonders all around you! Draw or write TEN things you would find delightful, beautiful, interesting or puzzling. Be wonder-filled!

Dear Creator God, thank you, thank you, thank you! Amen!

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Divine Child Book Group's next selection



At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." But what does "salvation" mean?

In this robust and accessible book, Salvation: *What Every Catholic Should Know*, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer. He deftly tackles this complex topic, unpacking what the New Testament teaches about salvation in Christ, detailing what exactly salvation is, and what it is not.

Only \$2 while supplies last Available in the Gathering Space

All are welcome to gather for light, yet thoughtful discussion on this book on

Wednesday, April 29 7:00 – 8:00 pm Divine Child Elementary School Multi-purpose Room (Enter through door #3)

Please join us for our next **ROSARY RALLY Saturday, April 4 at 12pm Divine Child Marian Shrine** (in front of the high school)

Future Rallies: May 9, June 13, July 11 and August 15



Please join us as we all come together and pray the Rosary in public to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother. Rain or shine!

If you have questions, please contact Virginia May at 734-748-4442 or Linda Wielkopolan at 313-563-2427.

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FORMED Pick of the Week March 22:

Listen: History of Salvation: God's Plan for His People Read: Cradle of Redeeming Love Watch: Handmaid of the Lord

How should Catholics respond to the Coronavirus?

Such questions suggest their own answers. We need to take the coronavirus seriously, but we should not panic. We are called to put our trust in the Lord, which is an act of supernatural faith.

"Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, But stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth."

Thinking only of earthly concerns and resources brings barrenness. Trusting in the Lord, the prophet tells us, brings life and good fruit:

> "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit."

We would be wrong, however, if we took God's word to mean that we can ignore the problems of this world because of our faith in God's promise concerning the world to come. On the contrary, our faith in God Who is love (1 John 4:8) inspires and motivates us to act for even the natural, earthly good of others.

Earthly problems and resources are never our top priority, but they are a necessary concern, properly subordinated to our faith in God and spiritual welfare. Therefore, our approach to a challenge like the coronavirus is to take the threat seriously and use all of the resources at our disposal to combat it, while always maintaining our trust in the Lord.

But what do we do when we find it hard to trust in the Lord? How do we handle the anxiety that sometimes overwhelms us at times like these? How do we gain the peace Jesus promises to His disciples? Here are some steps we can take to gain or maintain the peace of Christ:

- We begin by acknowledging our struggle. We should never be afraid to admit to God, ourselves, and others that we are struggling with anxiety. In fact, anxiety is a normal response to the dire warnings we find every day online, in newspapers, and on television. Pretending everything is OK will make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to heal.
- Next, we need to choose trust in the Lord. Many people compound their anxiety by worrying about the fact that they don't feel like they trust God enough. While it is great to experience trust at an emotional level, it is not necessary. The point is that we do trust in God, however we feel. Trusting in God despite our anxious and doubtful feelings can often be a more powerful and profound act of trust.
- **Pray.** Our need to pray is such an obvious, yet easy-toignore weapon against the threat of anxiety and fear. We need to spend time with the Lord in order to express and to strengthen His priority in our lives. When we're feeling

anxious, it can be especially helpful to read Scripture prayerfully, and spend quiet time meditating on what we've read and responding to God's word by entrusting our lives to Him. It can also help to pray our most beloved and familiar prayers, such as the Our Father and Hail Mary. The simplicity and familiarity of these prayers can be a great consolation when our hearts fill up with fear and turmoil. An element of any prayer should be asking God's Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. Peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit's presence within us.

• We need to make good use of all the resources at our disposal. We should consider our lives. Are there any natural causes of my anxiety over which I have some control? Am I getting enough sleep? Am I exercising? Could I get outdoors more? Do I eat a healthy diet? Are there any environmental or lifestyle factors that could be addressed to help me have greater peace?

Finally, we need to trust that God is truly with us. Jesus promised in Matthew 28, "I am with you always, until the end of the age." The same Jesus who promises His peace to His disciples is with us at all times, especially in the Holy Eucharist. We need to trust in Him at all times, remembering that He is the King of the Universe and that His guiding hand directs our lives and the course of history in the way that is best for us and gives the most glory to His, and our, Heavenly Father.

St. Francis de Sales beautifully expresses the unshakable trust in God we ought to have at all times in a book titled, *The Golden Counsels of St. Francis de Sales*:

We must try to keep our hearts continually, unshakably serene through the vicissitudes of life. Even though everything turns and changes around us, we must ever remain steady — always looking, striving, and aspiring toward God. No matter what course the ship takes, no matter whether it sails to the east, west, north, or south, no matter what winds drive it on, the mariner's needle never points in any direction except toward the polar star. Everything may be topsy-turvy, not only around us, but within us as well. But whether we are sad or happy, full of sweetness or bitterness, at peace or disturbed, filled with light or darkness, troubled or at rest, delighted or disgusted, experiencing aridity or consolation, scorched by the sun or refreshed by the dew — for all that, the fine point of our heart, our spirit, our higher will, which is our compass, must ever look and tend toward the love of God, its Creator, its Savior, its sole and sovereign good.

As Archbishop Vigneron often says, if God can bring good out of the murder of the Son of God, He can bring good out of any difficulties we face. The Cross of Christ, the instrument by which the worst act imaginable was committed, has become the instrument of our salvation.

We should always trust that God can bring good out of the threat we face in the Coronavirus and every other challenge of our lives. God loves us more than we can possibly imagine, and He wants to give us every good thing we need, especially that which is most good, all-good, the gift of Himself.

Fr. Charles Fox Detroit Catholic

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

"Heavenly Father, protect these members of our Armed Forces. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, Lord, so that they may return home safely." Amen.

MA3 Sean Abraham PFC Keith Bizek Cpl Luke Boudreau, USMC Staff Sgt David Brash PVT Nick Calvas, Army SPC Alexander Collins PFC Connor Danaher, USMC PVT Michael Dawson SO2 Ryan Desjarlais Major Kevin J. Dobzyniak Sgt Aaron Fryer Lt CDR Ted Haskell, USN Bradley Anthony Hura, National Guard Major Joseph Johnson Captain Stephen Kerr Major Natalie Ann Korona Airman First Class Jamison R. Kucinski Lieutenant Daniel Kuriluk Captain Matthew Kuriluk Commander Ron Kuzdak Airman 1st Class Lauren LaCaprara PO3 Carmen LaForest Airman Christopher J. (Seraceno) Lapinski Private Ian W. Laskey Major Adam J. Lytle, D.D.S. Airman 1st Class Brittany Mack

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Please let us know if you have a loved one who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly column. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

Please pray for this young man who is discerning God's call to the religious life.

James Bird, a 2016 DCHS graduate, is in formation for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.





Expecting a baby?

Start planning now for the most significant event of your child's life – receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. You will be forever enriched by

your child, yet free time and sleep are two things you go without (for a while anyway). Therefore, we encourage you to **attend the required Baptism Preparation Class during your pregnancy.** This class is for parents and is held every other month. Upcoming class dates: June 6 9:15a.m. - 12:30p.m., (attend one date) Located in the Elementary School Multipurpose Room.

To get a Baptism information packet and reserve a spot in an upcoming preparation class or select a Baptism date, please call the rectory or Jodi Ann, Parish Baptism coordinator, at 313-277-3110, ext. 222.

UPCOMING BAPTISM DATES: April 26

"It is better to be a child of God, than king of the whole world." -St. Aloysius Gonzaga



Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance Grant for Catholic Families

Grant applications are available online at <u>www.aod.org</u>, and click on Catholic schools. Then click on Parent Resources.

Application Deadline Thursday, April 30

- The Archdiocese of Detroit offers grants to Catholic students based on demonstrated financial need.
- All grants are annual and require a new application each year!
- One part of the application requires a pastor's signature.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show His face to you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace. ~ Blessing of St. Francis

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In order to keep this list current, names will be kept on the list for one month only. Please call 313-277-3110 to keep a loved one on the list. Thank you.

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As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace. -1 Peter 4:10

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For more information, contact Colleen Johnson at the Advancement Office at 313-216-0893.











