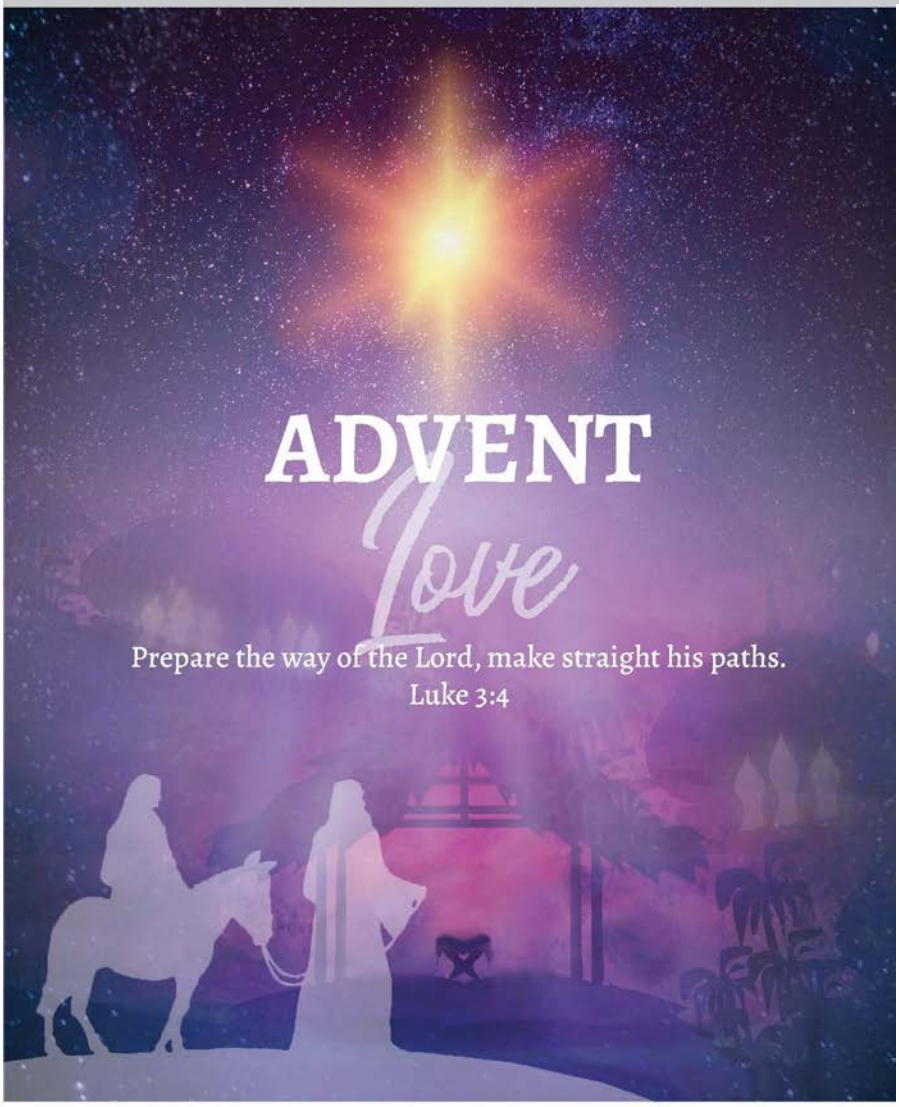
CHURCH OF THE DIVINE CHILD

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 2021

The Infant

Pastor
Rev. Robert J. McCabe

Associate Pastors
Rev. David Pellican
Rev. John Dudek

Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Robert Calleja

Mass Schedule
Weekday: 6:30 AM and 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM
Saturday: Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM and 12:30 PM
Holy Day: 6:30, 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Reconciliation Schedule
Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
And after the 4:30pm Mass
Tuesday: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm
Closed for lunch 12pm - 1pm

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.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00am People of the Divine Child Parish
7:00pm Night Prayer
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021
6:30am Maria Ventura, by JoAnn Gigliotti
8:30am Joseph Bova, by Family
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021
6:30am Jeanette Stachnik, by Wanda Okasinski
8:30am (20th Anniv.) Catherine Vella & John Vella, by Alfrida, Gloria and Dennis
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021
6:30am Kenneth Backiel, by Wife, Jane
8:30am Nicholas Virag, by Family
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021
6:30am Joseph Pulford, by Family
8:30am Living/Deceased Members of the Micale & Bova Families, by Freda Bova and Family
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021
8:30am Leslaw Piwonski, by Family
4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
9:30pm Christmas Eve Mass
12:00am Midnight Mass - People of the Divine Child Parish
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021 - The Nativity of the Lord
9:00am Christmas Day Mass
12:00pm Christmas Day Mass
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021- Feast Day of The Holy Family
8:00am People of the Divine Child Parish

MASSES TO THE MISSIONS
Dec 19: (Spec. Int.) Megan Gonyeau, by Mindy
Dec 20: Adelmira Monaldini, by Graziano Canini
Dec 21: Adelmira Monaldini, by Graziano Canini
Dec 22: (Spec. Int.) Fr. Paul Graney, by Parishioners for Priests
Dec 22: (Spec. Int.) Msgr. Todd Lajiness, by Parishioners for Priests
Dec 22: Adelmira Monaldini, by Graziano Canini
Dec 23: Adelmira Monaldini, by Graziano Canini
Dec 24: (Spec. Int.) Fr. Bob McCabe, by Parishioners for Priests
Dec 24: Adelmira Monaldini, by Graziano Canini
Dec 25: Joseph Bova, by Freda and Family
Dec 25: Josephine Pacos, by Family
Dec 25: Herman Hylenski, by Family
Dec 25: Adelmira Monaldini, by Graziano Canini
Dec 25: Margaret Engstrom, by Freda Bova and Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Frank Maguire

Rest in Peace

Anna Greco
Mary Karas

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."
(Matthew 5:5)

Baptisms - December 12, 2021

Ethan Matthew Dombrowski
Son of Matthew & Danielle (Conn) Dombrowski

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

- **LIVESTREAM MASS - SUNDAYS AT 8:00AM:** A recording of the 4:30pm Mass will be posted on our website every Sunday at 8:00am. Go to DivineChild.org and click on *Live Masses*.
- **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Tuesday Exposition in the Church from 11am to 7pm. **JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU!**
- **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:** Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Church. Let us join together in prayer, asking the Blessed Virgin Mary for her intercessional aid.
- **ADORATION CHAPEL:** Please visit our Lord anytime! It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Every first Saturday of the month following the 4:30pm Mass.
- **PARISHIONERS FOR PRIESTS HOLY HOUR:** Every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Adoration Chapel.
- **WEEKLY HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:** Fridays at 3pm in the Church. Contact Tim at 313-363-7124 or email at tabailey@mac.com.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM:** First and third Friday of every month at 9:30am, in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Perhaps, God is calling you to join this beautiful ministry of intercession. Please prayerfully consider joining us to pray for the intentions of the parish and the needs of others.
- **OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STATUE:** Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue has been in the parish since the 1970s. If you would like to request a visit from the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, please contact Laurie Lundblad at 313-320-3127 or Llundbl@aol.com.
- **SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** Wednesdays we meet at 7pm through Skype. If you would like to join or are interested, please contact Maria Teresa Garcia at 313-229-1058.

Altar Server Schedule

Friday, December 24
4:00pm N. Bragenzer, A. Haas, S. Succurro, S. O'Donnell, A. Toloday
7:00pm P. Ciarelli, S. Ciarelli, T. Ciarelli, R. Vicary, E. Vicary
9:30pm J. Biscaro, S. Balash, L. Bergeron, L. Bergeron, J. Pyzik
Midnight J. Biscaro, B. Corak, S. Corak, I. Cogswell
Saturday, December 25
9:00am A. Bustamante, L. Hansen, N. Hansen, J. Bustamante, P. Bustamante
12:00pm L. Sterbenz, M. Sterbenz

Sunday, December 26
8:00am J. Stratton, I. Cogswell
9:30am A. Senerpida, Z. Vitale
11am V. DeLand, M. DeLand
12:30pm W. Meehan

Eucharistic Ministers

Friday, December 24
4:00pm L. Sourbeck, B. Blazo
7:00pm S. Gibb
9:30pm A. Lapshan
Midnight J. Grabowski
Saturday, December 25
9:00am S. Diez
12:00pm M. Manchell

Sunday, December 26
8:00am J. & M. Schroeder
9:30am J. Ciarelli, M. Tomilo
11am M. Hughes, S. Camardo
12:30pm C. Matthewson, M. Manchell

Reader Schedule

Friday, December 24
4:00pm R. & E. Bridgnanan
7:00pm M. Stawarz
9:30pm K. Kennedy
Midnight M. Van Houten
Saturday, December 25
9:00am K. Crombie
12:00pm D. Czeski

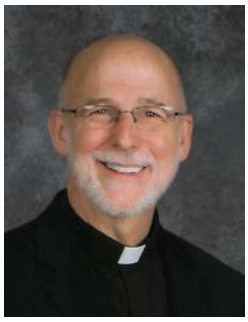
Sunday, December 26
8:00am B. Mrowka
9:30am M. Dombrowski
11am S. Martin
12:30pm M. Manchell, S. Camardo

Coordinator Schedule

Friday, December 24
4:00pm C. Salmonson, E. Ziaja, S. Dluzynski, M. Redmon
7:00pm J. Pierzynski, C. Howarth A. Senerpida, M. Senerpida,
9:30pm T. Gorski, K. & J Kennedy
12:00am J. Eddy, **2 more needed**
Saturday, December 25
9:00am J. Garrity, J. Gigliotti, F. Gatto, A. Peters
12:00pm C. Guido, C. Hancock, T. Schramek

Sunday, December 26
8:00am J. Garrity, D. Welker, S. Gibb, E. Bridgnanan
9:30am M. Schultz, W. Schultz, P. Szpytman, S. Wygonik
11:00am G. Delgado, B. Sadler, K. Kennedy, J. Kennedy
12:30pm C. Guido, M. Bergeron, C. Bergeron, C. Hancock

The Big Picture with Fr. Bob



Dear Friends,

The older I get and the less hair I have, the more I notice it on others. Therefore, the great head of hair on my brother's neighbor has not gone unnoticed by me.

A number of years ago, I did think it was a little out of character for Mark when I saw that his hair was getting longer. It was shoulder length and he normally pulled it back and put a rubber band or something to keep it in place.

We are talking thick hair. This is the type of hair that is so thick that if he had a buzz cut, you still wouldn't be able to see his scalp. Never in my life was my hair that thick!

One day, I found out why Mark was letting his hair grow so long. He was growing it out so he could donate it, so that a wig could be made for someone in need.

What a thoughtful gesture! It reminds me of the short story by O 'Henry, *The Gift of Magi*, where the woman cuts her hair to buy a chain for her husband's watch. In the story, the husband sells his watch to buy beautiful combs for his wife's long hair.

It is a wonderful Christmas tale. However, I think the wife made out better than the husband. After all, her hair would eventually grow back whereas the husband's watch was gone for good.

During the Advent season, we prepare for the celebration of the Father's great gift of His Son. There was a time when Mark was preparing to give something of himself as a gift to someone in need.

Let us take the remainder of Advent, as well as the Christmas Season, to acknowledge how God has blessed us and how we can be more of a blessing to others just by giving of ourselves. Often, we sell ourselves short and think we have nothing to give to others. A simple smile can be an enormous gift for someone who is having a real bad day. We may not have money to give someone in need, but how about the gift of our time. If we do a simple inventory, we will discover we have many ways in which we can give something of ourselves to others.

May we also remember what is written in the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in giving that we receive." Let us always try to imitate Jesus by lovingly giving ourselves to others.

God's Peace and Joy,

Fr. Bob



4th Sunday of Advent



Night Prayer for Advent
Sunday, December 19
at 7:00pm in the Church.



Private Confessions before Christmas
Tuesday, December 21
6:00 PM to 6:55 PM
(No Confessions on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25)

We collected $1,342 for the Christmas Flower Fund Collection!
God bless you for your kindness and generosity!
DC parishioners are the BEST!

RECTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs, December 20 -23
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday, December 24 - Closed
Monday, December 27 - Closed

Tues-Thurs, December 28-30
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Friday, December 31 - Closed
Monday, January 3 - Closed

What's on Deck with Fr. Dudek



Traditions of Advent: The Christmas Creche

One of the most powerful decorations we have is the Christmas Creche, or Nativity Scene. The tradition is believed to have been started by St. Francis of Assisi. He wanted the townspeople of Greccio to really experience and see the beauty of that first Christmas. He enlisted a friend to help him set the scene with real animals and people! All were invited to come experience the **Joy** of Jesus' birth. It is said that when Francis knelt by the manger, he had a vision of Baby Jesus.

Having a model of that first Christmas allows us to imagine and become part of the Christmas story ourselves. Children can use it to tell themselves and others the story. I have a friend whose daughter, as a toddler, would play Mary and Joseph talking to each other while the animals made their noises. She would hold baby Jesus in her hand as she teetered around the house. If you have little children, or grandchildren around your home during Advent, I encourage you to give them a Children's Nativity set to use. Let them design the setting by placing the characters where they'd like. This allows them to learn the story by telling it in their own way, making it more real to them. It also may keep your creche intact!

Attending a Nativity play or a live Nativity is another way for you and your family to experience and see the beauty of that first Christmas. Let's focus our scattered thoughts on what's important during Advent: our Heavenly Father, who loves us so much, sent His Son to show us that love. He doesn't care if we're organized or have our shopping done. He loves us whether we serve pretzels, prime rib, or pizza. So, let us take time this week to gaze upon the lowly stable and enter into the Christmas story.

Fr. John



IMPORTANT NOTICE
For those of you who are sensitive to incense, there will be **no incense at the 12:00pm Christmas Day Mass.**





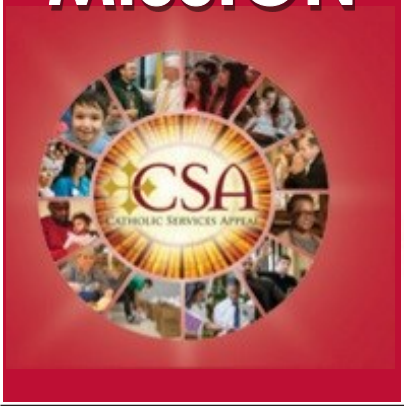
EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES



Tuesday, December 21
January 2 bulletin articles due.

Questions? Please email marilyn@divinechild.org.

FUEL THE MISSION





WAYS TO GIVE | CSA

1. **Give online at** www.givecsa.org
   Select *Divine Child Parish* as your home
2. **Mail payment with your CSA donor card to:**
   Archdiocese of Detroit
   PO Box 6047
   Albert Lea, MN 56007-6647
   Make checks payable to: Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA
3. **Drop off your donation to the rectory.**
   Parishioners are asked to indicate "Divine Child Parish" as your home parish on your check's memo line. If you received a CSA donor card in the mail, please use it to accompany your donation.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Friday,
December 24
4:00 PM (+Livestream),
7:00 PM,
9:30 PM and
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
Saturday,
December 25
9:00 AM and
12:00 PM
(No incense)



No 4:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 25

Sunday, December 26 - Feast Day of the Holy Family

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM



GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER – GIFT

The Nativity Story
4th Sunday of Advent - December 19
Following the 9:30am Mass
Divine Child Elementary School Cafeteria

Young families with children ages 2-5 years old are invited to join us for Divine Child's NEW Young Families Ministry.
Fun crafts, activities, music and more!

Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 313-277-3110, so we can have adequate supplies.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Celebrating the Sacraments



Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Wrobel!!
Brianna Guido and Brian Wrobel celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on November 20 at Church of the Divine Child.
God bless you, Brianna & Brian!

Please join us for our next
ROSARY RALLY
Saturday, January 8
at 12:00pm
Divine Child Marian Shrine
(outside in front of the high school)



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

Upcoming Rosary date: February 12

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

Wee Care

"Providing clothing, blankets, diapers, bottles… and a little bit of love…to very special babies"

November 3, 2021

Dear Friends,

What would my Wee Care babies do without you? In a time when so many have not returned to church, when so many churches have not resumed their charity outreach projects—there you are—with bags and bags and bags of wonderful baby supplies for my little ones! You are unbelievable! Covid stopped a lot of things—but babies continued to be born! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping them!!

I really don't know where to start to thank you! There were so many adorable sleepers and onesies. The soft, warm blankets, crib sheets and baby towels were so cute and the tiny sox, bibs, bottles and pacifiers were so needed! The handmade afghans were so special and will be treasured I am sure.

And finally, thank you for over $600 in gift cards! We will definitely spend them wisely on items that are desperately needed that we don't normally have.

I really don't know what we would do without your help, your love and your prayers. You truly are our babies' guardian angels!

God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen Patrosso, Wee Care Director

50 YEARS

A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

32540 Schoolcraft Road, Suite 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305
Phone: 734-524-0165
mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org • miLIFESPAN.org

Donations made to Right to Life-LIFESPAN Educational Fund are tax deductible.

"Prayer begins by talking to God, but it ends by listening to Him." ~Fulton Sheen
The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

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 anyways). Therefore, we encourage you to **complete the required Baptism preparation class during your pregnancy.** This class is an on-demand program from online FORMED platform.

To get a Baptism information packet and sign up for preparation class or select a Baptism date, call the Rectory Office or Jodi Ann, the parish Baptism coordinator, at 313-277-3110, ext. 222.

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

DC Alumnae Make the Catholic League Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Divine Child High School Girls Basketball Coach, Mary Laney '95, and Basketball Player, Riley Blair '15, on being inducted into the Catholic High School League Hall of Fame on September 13, 2021. A job well done, Falcon Ladies!















The Divine Child Alumni Association and Falcon Athletic Club honored Mike Opiela '72, Patricia Poirier, Wes Wishart and the late Guido "Chief" Madaleno for their years of dedication and service to Divine Child Catholic Schools during the 6th Annual Divine Child ***Hall of Fame*** celebration. The event featured a "TasteFest" strolling dinner made possible by more than 20 local restaurants. Proceeds from the event directly benefited the elementary and high school athletic programs and the Divine Child Alumni Association. Please visit the restaurants or caterers below that support the ***Hall of Fame.*** Many of the generous donors are alumni, parishioners or have children in the schools. Please join us next year.

Thank You Sponsors!

Alchile Mexican
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Bangkok 96
Benny's Pizza
Biggby - Dearborn Heights
Brome
Broasted Brothers
Cantorio's
Capri Bakery
Culinary Innovations
DC Culinary Arts
DC Concessions/HS Cafe
Dearborn Meat Market
Dominos - Dearborn Heights and Garden City
Donutville USA
Fusion Flare
Hacienda Mexican Foods
Jolly Pumpkin
Loaf and a Pound
Picnic Basket
Sam Adams
Salute Taverna
Srodek's Quality Polish Food
Stefan's
Uncle Ray's
Shatila Bakery
Park Place
Szegedi's
Senior Lopez
The Great Commoner

DIVINE CHILD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

DCHS Open House

























St. Vincent de Paul
Divine Child & Sacred Heart



Angels Know No Boundaries

This season of Advent for SVdP is a joyous one. We have a lot on our plate delivering assistance since our client volume has multiplied tremendously.

Next to our plate is a cup brimming full of donations from our angel donors. I'm not referring to our income of monetary gain. But, it's the volume of donors that has increased dramatically. We are beyond delighted to understand this emerging phenomenon.

We have been successful in touching the hearts of first time donors. And, simultaneously, we have maintained a strong-hold on the loyal following of angel donors that have been feeding, clothing, and sheltering our clients all along the way.

Our SVdP wishes to express our appreciation to the angel donors below and ask for God's warm blessing upon the following:

- "First Time" angel donors
- "Thoughtful" angel donors who drop coins and bills into Poor Boxes
- "Anonymous" angel donors who quietly accomplish great deeds
- "Reflective" angel donors who memorialize Father Jack Child. He is smiling and gives you a "God Wink"
- "Illuminated" angel donors acknowledging loved one in Tree of Lights initiative
- "Out of Town" angel donors who know no boundaries
- "Garden" angel donor, Elena Lovelace, who has beautified the statue of St. Vincent de Paul with lovely blooming Christmas Cacti
- "Kind" angel donors to our SVdP Pocket Shrine Project
- "Giving Tuesday" angel donors who remembered November 30th as the day to "give to non-profits"

May God bless you, thereby receiving the ultimate gift full of awe and wonder…His birth. May the spirit within you dwell and swell within your heart. Please keep the poor in your prayers and remember the Divine Child Poor Box is located on the back wall of the church.

~Mindy Delano

SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM THROUGH MEIJER IN ALLEN PARK

Once again, it's time for our Simply Give Program at Meijer. Beginning **NOW thru January 1,** you can go to the Meijer Store on the hill in Allen Park, pick up a Simply Give donation card located at every other register and donate a minimum of **$10.00** which Meijer will MATCH!!

We have seen quite an increase and surely could use your help. This is the holiday season and we thank you for thinking of others in need.

St. Maria Goretti's St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

2021 Tree of Lights Advent Project
Sponsored by Sacred Heart-Divine Child St. Vincent de Paul



100% of all monies directly help our "needy neighbors."

Please pray for the poor.

The Tree of Lights project is an opportunity for **parishioners from both parishes** to honor special people in your life, living or deceased. For a $10 donation per name, lights shine on a parish evergreen throughout the holidays, beginning the 4th Sunday of Advent through the Feast of Baptism of the Lord. The Tree of Lights evergreen is located near the outdoor gathering space behind Sacred Heart Church (Military side). If requested, we will provide you with an ornament as a remembrance, or to present in honor of your $10 donation.

All persons honored will also be listed in both churches' bulletins (Sacred Heart's Guardian and Divine Child's Infant) toward the end of the holiday season.

Enclose the bottom of this flyer, along with cash or your check written to SVdP Sacred Heart/Divine Child into an envelope marked **"Tree of Lights."** For convenience, place envelope into collection basket during Mass, or you may deliver your envelope in person to the parish office, or mail to: ***Sacred Heart Parish Office, Tree of Lights, 912 S. Military, Dearborn, MI 48124***

( ) In Honor ( ) In Memory of

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( ) Send me an acknowledgment & ornament (Pinecone Angel or Holy Family) Please underline choice

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Your Name and Phone Number

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Your address

$_____**My check/cash is enclosed**

Your phone number is important because Mindy Delano will call you and schedule the time of pick-up of ornament from her home at 951 North Elizabeth, Dearborn, MI 48128. See pictures of ornaments for reference. Thank you for your support and have a blessed Advent season!





Hope Renewed

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

Rite of Commissioning Mass

Monday, November 29 | 7 PM

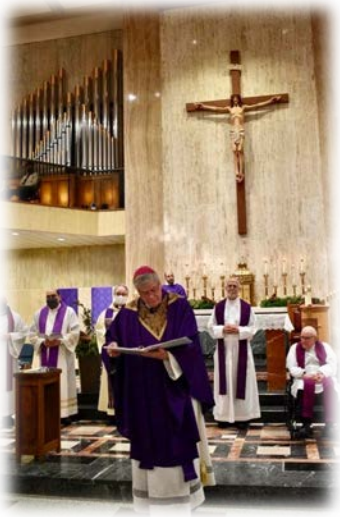
Church of the Divine Child
1055 N. Silvery Lane
Dearborn, MI 48128



It's official! Our Family of Parishes name is "HOPE RENEWED." Each parish will still keep their individual identity and church name and will support each other by sharing resources to further advance the mission Christ has entrusted to His Church. God bless our Family of Parishes.



















Photos courtesy of Elaine Orischak and Carl Salmonson























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Foley's Forum

Bishop Foley Council 2660
Serving Dearborn since 1927

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Foley Knights sponsored a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest in November. A special thank-you goes out to **Giovanni Vitale**, the Foley Family Director, and **Dawn Dwyer**, Director of Religious Education at Divine Child Parish, for their outstanding effort promoting this year's event. Their efforts brought in a record number of posters. Thank you to the **150+ Divine Child Elementary School and Religious Education Students** who took time to participate in this Faith Program. Below are the 6 finalists in the 5- to 7-year-old age division. Congratulations to **Sienna Grace Hall, Alexander Simpsom, Gianna Kropiewnick, John Paul Wilkerson, Evelyn Bustamante, and Emma Anderson**.













INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FOLEY KNIGHTS AND SERVING WITH US?

If you are interested in joining this group of fine Catholic gentlemen, please contact our Membership Director, Steve Wygonik (MD2660@mikofc.org; call or text 313-303-7530) or Steve Lentz, Grand Knight (GK2660@mikofc.org; call or text 313-949-5162), or talk to any Foley Knight!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 26, 2021 – Recite Consecration to the Holy Family during Mass
Saturday and Sunday, January 8 and 9, 2022 – Recite Life Prayer during Mass and Distribute Novena for Life Pamphlets after all Masses
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 – Membership Meeting – DCES Activities Room
Wednesday, January 12 through Thursday, January 20, 2022 – Individually Directed Novena for Life
Thursday, January 20, 2022 – Prayer Service for Life, 7:00 PM in the Church
Sunday, January 30, 2022 – 5th Sunday Rosary

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



LISTEN: Open Door Policy Podcast Episode 78: Fr. David Pellican

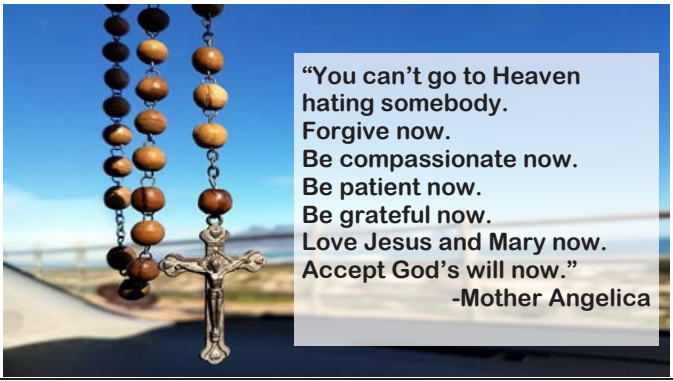
Father Patrick and Emily speak to guest Father David Pellican about his journey as a joyful missionary disciple, from his childhood growing up with seven sisters in rural Michigan raising pigs, to his call to the priesthood, to his current work of bringing students at Divine Child Schools into encounters with Christ.

SCAN TO LISTEN

LISTEN: Men Of The Hearts Podcast Episode 9: Bishop Gerard Battersby's Vocation Story

Fr. Craig introduces Bishop Gerard Battersby as the latest guest on the podcast. His Excellency shares his vocation story from his initial call to the priesthood to his appointment as an auxiliary bishop of Detroit.

SCAN TO LISTEN







The gift of a Catholic education: $250K in scholarships awarded to 96 students

By Michael Stechschulte

A pair of scholarship programs have awarded nearly $250,000 in financial aid to 96 students attending Catholic grade schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit this year. Started last year during the COVID-19 pandemic, the St. Anne Scholars and the St. Martin de Porres Scholarship programs experienced a 62 percent increase in gifts for the 2021-22 academic year, allowing students from 27 schools to benefit from a Catholic education. The two scholarship funds came to fruition through the generosity of the Archdiocese of Detroit and other generous Catholics in the community, according to the Catholic Foundation of Michigan. Read this and more stories at www.detroitcatholic.org.

SCAN TO READ





WEEK AT A GLANCE
December 19-25, 2021

12/19 Sunday
4th Sunday of Advent
10:45 AM GIFT Program - ES Cafeteria
7:00 PM Night Prayer - Church

12/20 Monday
HS & ES - No Classes
No Religious Ed Classes

12/21 Tuesday
Saint Peter Canisius
HS & ES - No Classes
First Day of Winter



11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
6:00 PM Confessions
7:00 PM Novena - Church

12/22 Wednesday
HS & ES - No Classes
6:30 PM ***Parishioners for Priests Holy Hour*** - Chapel
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Loft
7:00 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor - HS Aud.& Café.

12/23 Thursday
HS & ES - No Classes

12/24 Friday Christmas Eve
Rectory Office Closed
HS & ES - No Classes



4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
9:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass
12:00AM Midnight Christmas Mass

12/25 Saturday Christmas Day
9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
12:00 PM Christmas Day Mass

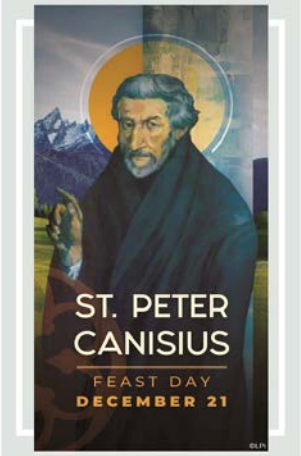
"I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us." ~Lk 2:10-11

Saint of the Week

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Widowed Friends
Monday, Jan. 3 - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Call Tom at 586-216-1454.

Thursday, January 6 at 1:30pm. Annual Secret Santa Gift Exchange at Stefan's Banquet Hall at St. Michael, 26355 West Chicago, Redford. Gift price approx. $15. Lunch $18. Call Tom at 586-216-1454 to RSVP by December 30.



Beware of Scammers:
During the holiday season, there may be an increase in email and text message scams targeting parishioners.
The most common scam targeting parishioners is an email or text message, purporting to be from the pastor, asking recipients to send gift cards that the pastor will make available to the less fortunate. Please be aware, Fr. Bob would not solicit donations in this manner. God bless and stay safe!

SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS FROM DIVINE CHILD!
To receive real-time text messages regarding when the church reaches its maximum capacity and cancellations of outdoor Mass due to weather, simply text the keyword DivineChild to 84576.

Christmas Detroit Area Historic Churches Pilgrimage
On Tuesday, January 4, you are welcome to join *Prayer Pilgrimages* as we are planning to visit and tour, with informative talks, the following seven churches specially decorated during the Christmas Season: Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, St. Joseph Shrine, Holy Cross Hungarian Church, St. Florian Church, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, & Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit with Noon Healing Holy Mass. Scheduled deluxe motorcoach local pickup departures & returns from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights (8 AM departure, 6:30 PM return) & Our Lady of the Woods Church in Woodhaven (7:00 AM departure, 7:30 PM return). Total cost per person is $40 (with lunch on your own in Mexicantown). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or https://prayerpilgrimages.com/.

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Words to live by.
"I'd rather be tired from living, than restless from not." -DC Parishioner, Andrew Donovan

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.

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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.

Joseph Lennon, a DC Parishioner & 2017 St. Frances Cabrini HS graduate, is in formation for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.



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.

Right to Life – LIFESPAN
Save the Date: January 22, 2022

Please save the date and plan to join LIFESPAN for the 2nd Annual Motor City Caravan for Life on Saturday, January 22, 2022. The Caravan commemorates the 49th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, locally celebrates the National March for Life in Washington, and spreads the loving pro-life message "Love Life" to all who witness the cars driving by. The Caravan traverses Oakland and Wayne counties starting in Royal Oak, cruising down Woodward Avenue to downtown Detroit, and ends at the gravesite of aborted babies. A simple Fellowship Gathering follows the Caravan. All participants receive a complimentary "Love Life" car flag. Call 734-422-6230, email ***wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org***, or visit ***www.milifespan.org*** for more information on participating in this event.



Mass for Shut-Ins on TV

Fox 2 **-** 4:30am Sunday

EWTN **-** 5:00am Sunday
12:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday
EWTN is available on Channel 44 (WOW), 562 (ATT), 637 (Xfinity), 370 (DirecTV), or 261 (DISH).

Catholic TV **-** 7:00pm and 11:30pm Saturday
8:00am Sunday en Española
10:00am Sunday
CatholicTV is available on Channel 389 (Xfinity), or 73 (Wyandotte Cable).

Maria Vision USA-
1:00pm Sunday
Maria Vision USA is available on Channel 262

Readings For This Week:



Sun: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Mon: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Tue: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Wed: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Thur: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Fri: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
Christmas Eve Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
Christmas Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Next Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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Every first Saturday of the month following the 4:30pm Mass. In emergency situations, when the office is closed, the emergency line attendant will take the call.

Baptisms
Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a **Baptism class** prior to the Baptism.
The Church requires that at least one of the parents and one of the godparents/sponsors be practicing Catholics; that is, they attend Mass each weekend.

Marriages
One person of the couple must be an active, registered parishioner of Divine Child for at least 6 months. (*Exceptions are made for DC alumni.*) The Church requires a minimum of 6 months for marriage preparation. Potential wedding date is not confirmed until couple meets with a Divine Child priest. The celebrant will be a Divine Child priest unless the couple has someone close to them who is a Catholic priest. Music for the liturgy must be coordinated with our Director of Music Ministry, Mr. Matthew Simpson.

Funerals
Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home. Eulogies must be given at the funeral home or at the funeral luncheon; no eulogies at the funeral Mass, please. *Memorial Masses* are scheduled Monday-Friday only.

Quinceañeras
Arrangements must be made in advance at the Rectory Office. Please call Alicia Reyes at 313-277-3110.

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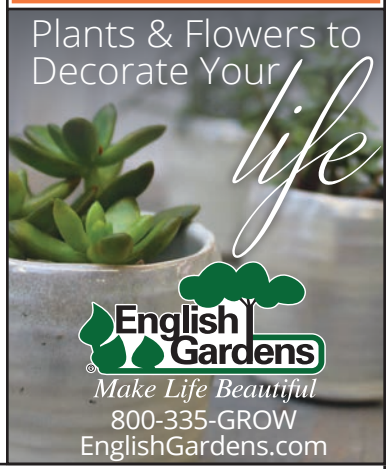
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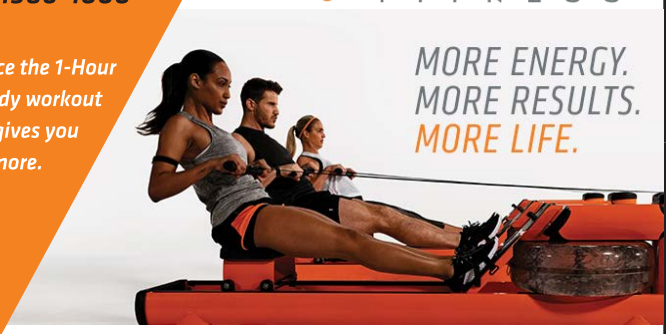
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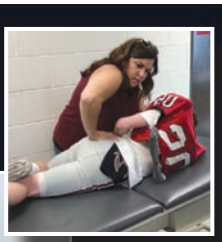
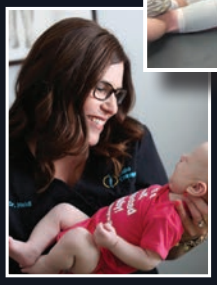
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