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World Marriage Day

El Día Mundial del Matrimonio

February 9, 2025

The
Infant

PASTOR

Rev. Robert J. McCabe

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev. Jeremy Schupbach

Rev. John Shi

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, 10:00 AM

and 12:30 PM

Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM

and 7:00 PM

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

And after the 4:30 PM Mass

Tuesday: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

First Friday of the Month:

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Closed for lunch between

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 - World Marriage Day

8:00am Joe Krug, by Brian Krug

10:00am People of the Divine Child Parish

12:30pm Mike Salter, by Jim & Lea Foley and Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 - St. Scholastica

6:30am Richard & Audrey Adamian, by The Lindback Family

8:30am Frank Maguire, by Robert & Barb VanAssche

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 - Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30am Karen Buist, by The Hermann Family

8:30am David Popeney, by Carolyn Gabriele

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

6:30am Dorothy Ewing, by Elaine Wilson

8:30am Betty Wolski, by Daughter, Susanne

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

6:30am Coach Bill McCartney, by Mike Wiggins

8:30am (Spec. Int.) Christina Painter, by Andrea Swierlik

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025 - Ss. Cyril & Methodius

6:30am Atkins & Vella Family, by Alfrida Turner

8:30am Shirley Berent, by The Bungee Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

8:30am Ed Hermann, by Roylene, Children & Grandchildren

1:00pm Wedding - Kylelan Peters & Elizabeth Stratton

4:30pm Mike Salter, by Joe Moss

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

MASSES TO THE MISSIONS

Feb 12: (Spec. Int.) Fr. David Pellican, by Parishioners for Priests

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Feb 13: (Spec. Int.) Fr. John Kopson, by Chris and Mindy

Feb 14: Michael Ossy, by Sherry Ossy

Feb 15: (Spec. Int.) Fr. Jim Bilot, by Parishioners for Priests

Please Pray for Our Sick



Owen Gibbons
Joseph Duarte
Mother of Vicki Kort
Kathleen Berry
Son of Jane Backiel
John Manchell

Rest in Peace

Brother-in-law of Susan & Dennis Walkowiak
Kim Leonetti
Ken Gauci
Sandy Therrian Phillips
Mother of Nikki Rinke
Sister of Karen Kobylinski
Ed Muir



DEVOTIONS AT DIVINE CHILD

- **MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND - SUNDAYS AT 8:00AM:** For homebound parishioners unable to attend Mass physically because of illness or other reasons, we invite you to watch our recorded Sunday Mass each week. The 4:30pm Mass will be posted on our website every Sunday at 8:00am. Go to ChurchoftheDivineChild.org and click on *Live Masses*.
- **ROSARY:** The Rosary is recited at 7:45am, Monday - Friday and Saturdays after the 8:30am Mass.
- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Every first Saturday of the month following the 4:30pm Mass.
- **FIRST FRIDAY CONFESSIONS:** 7:00am - 8:00am
- **FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE FOR HEALING:** 7:00pm in the Church
- **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:** 7:30am Rosary with Special devotions to The Blessed Virgin Mary.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Tuesday Exposition in the Church from 11am to 7pm. **JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU!**
- **MOTHER 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.
- **WEEKLY HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:** Fridays at 3pm in the Church.
- **PARISHIONERS FOR PRIESTS HOLY HOUR:** Every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Adoration Chapel.
- **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:** On Mondays, we meet at 7pm through Skype. If you would like to join or are interested, please contact Maria Teresa Garcia at 313-229-1058.

Register to Give Online through our eGiving program: Faith Direct

Faith Direct is our parish's online giving platform used for making online contributions to the weekly offertory easy! By electing to use Faith Direct, you can give to any collection, schedule recurring eGifts, or make a one-time donation. Scan the QR Code below or visit bit.ly/DivineChild-FaithDirect.



Please consider a gift to Divine Child in your estate planning, to ensure the preservation of our parish and schools for future generations!

- Make a bequest to Divine Child and leave a legacy!*
Charitable Bequests in Wills/Trusts • Gifts of Life Insurance
• Gifts of Retirement Account Assets
• Gifts of Marketable Securities • Gifts of Retained Income
• Gifts of Cash

For more information, contact Colleen Johnson at the Advancement Office at 313-216-0893 or cjohnson@divinechild.org.

*"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven."
-Matthew 5:16*



The Gist with Fr. Jeremy



The Oft-Ignored Warnings of Conscience

A long time ago I bought the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy on audiobook format and I listen to them fairly often in the car or while eating or at other times. It is a great way to keep my favorite books fresh in my head, and I feel like I am constantly noticing beauty and wisdom in lines and scenes where I haven't noticed it

before. I wanted to share one such line that I noticed for the first time just the other day while I was listening to the second book: *The Two Towers*.

Those who have read the books or seen the movies will remember the scene where Pippin looks into the palantir. For those who have not, the palantir is sort of like a crystal ball that the evil wizard Saruman uses to communicate with the more evil dark lord Sauron. After a critical victory over Saruman, the good wizard Gandalf is parlaying with him, when one of Saruman's servants flings the palantir at Gandalf, thinking it to be a handy projectile for injuring him, and not realizing the importance it has for his master.

The palantir misses Gandalf and gets picked up by Pippin – a rather childish character – who doesn't know what it is, but immediately becomes very curious and interested in it. Gandalf hastily takes it away from him and gruffly tells him not to handle it. But Pippin's curiosity continues to gnaw at him the rest of that day, and even won't let him sleep. Finally, to satisfy his restlessness, he gets up late at night and steals the palantir from the sleeping Gandalf, and begins to stare into it. Before long he finds himself talking with the dark lord Sauron who terrifies him so badly that he screams out, wakes everyone up, and his theft is discovered.

Later Gandalf is sternly telling Pippin how foolish he was, and how lucky he is that the enemy did not use the palantir to force Pippin to reveal his knowledge of their plans against Sauron. After a long lecture, Pippin – feeling thoroughly chastised – cries out, "I wish I had known all this before, I had no notion of what I was doing." To which Gandalf replies, "O yes you had. You knew you were behaving wrongly and foolishly; and you told yourself so, though you did not listen."

This is the line that struck me, and the reason is that I love how Gandalf doesn't put up with Pippin's attempt to plead ignorance. Even though Pippin didn't know exactly what the palantir was, he still had enough moral instincts, also known as conscience, to know that this wasn't a good idea.

The voice of conscience is rarely clear and specific, which makes it easy to ignore. And if we ignore the instinctual voice of conscience and then something bad happens, we will want to say that we are not to blame, but in reality the instincts of conscience are sufficient for us to make responsible decisions, and if we choose to ignore them, what happens next is on us, even if we can't foresee it with perfect clarity.

One example of this is if we are watching a movie and a vulgar scene comes up, or if we are surfing the internet and end up on a vulgar website, it can be easy to say,

"I didn't know that was coming," but if we are attentive, very often our conscience was giving us warning signals that we ignored. We know perfectly well how common that stuff is, and we know perfectly well when we are wandering into areas where we might stumble across it. But do we pay attention to those warnings and take necessary precautions?

This is not the only example, but it is a particularly relevant one, which is why I think it is very fitting that this moral lesson emerges from a scene where the character was *looking* at something he shouldn't have been looking at. Ultimately the lesson comes down to this: it is very easy to ignore our conscience, and that means we are often not as ignorant as we might like to think. We should learn how to pay more attention to the red flags and warning signals that our conscience gives us!



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There will be NO Confessions on Tuesday, February 18.



Early Bulletin Deadline

On Tuesday, February 11, articles are due for the February 23 bulletin. Please email them to the bulletin editor at: marilyn@divinechild.org.



SAVE THE DATE
American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Sunday, March 16



WEEK AT A GLANCE

February 9 - 14, 2025



2/9 Sunday
World Marriage Day
Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
Souper Bowl of Caring Collection
 10:00 AM OCIA Rite of Entrance

2/10 Monday
St. Scholastica
 6:00 PM Religious Ed Classes - ES Classrooms

2/11 Tuesday
Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick

11:15 AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00 PM Confessions - Church
 7:00 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions - Church
 7:30 PM Exodus 90 Meeting - Gathering Space

2/12 Wednesday
 7:00 PM K of C Membership Meeting - ES Activities Room
 6:30 PM Parishioners for Priests Holy Hour - Chapel

2/13 Thursday

2/14 Friday
Sts. Cyril & Methodius
Happy Valentine's Day

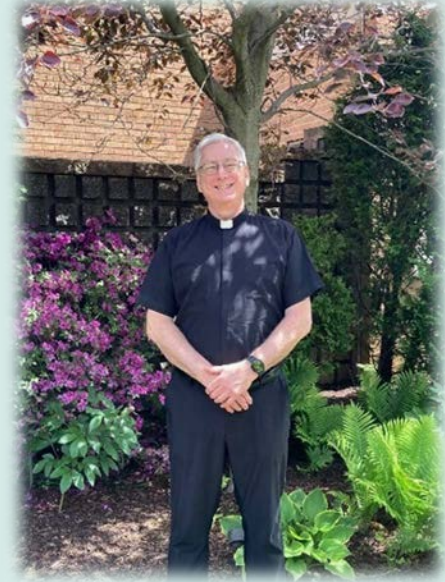
7:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship - Gathering Room
 3:00 PM Holy Hour to the Sacred Heart - Chapel

2/15 Saturday
Sign-ups for DC Men's Retreat at St. Paul
 2:30 PM Confessions - Church
 5:30 PM Confessions - Church





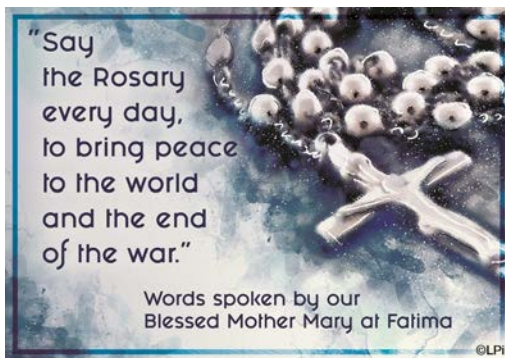
Prayers for Dcn. Pat Bruen St. John Vianney Traveling Statue



Please join us in praying for Dcn. Pat Bruen as he prepares for his priestly ordination in June 2025. Families are invited to take home a statue of St. John Vianney for one week and commit to daily prayers for Dcn. Pat's peace and joy during this time.

Instructions to sign up for the traveling statue to pray for Deacon Pat:

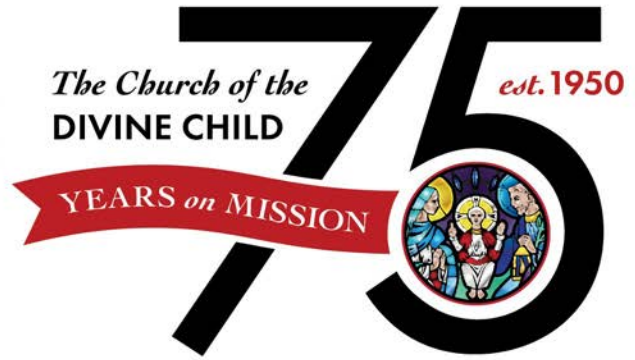
1. Sign up with the QR code or online at: bit.ly/Dcn-Pat
2. Pick up the box, containing the statue, from the priest sacristy the weekend you signed up for. Prayers will be included in the box.
3. Return the statue the following Saturday, **BEFORE** 4:30PM Mass, for the next family/parishioner to pick up.
4. Please submit a photo with you and/or your family with the statue, so we can post in the bulletin.
5. Questions? Please contact the Parish Office at 313-277-3110.



Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue

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If you are looking for a way to come to know Our Lady better, consider joining the special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima on the first Saturday of each month. The Divine Child Parish Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is brought to the church and beginning at 7:45am, parishioners say the Rosary as part of the fulfillment of the requests of Fatima.



Sunday, June 29, 2025 | Mass with Archbishop – 12:30pm
Parish Picnic – 2pm-5pm

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR PARISH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

All parishioners (past and present), former associates, and friends of the Church of the Divine Child are warmly invited to join us on Sunday, June 29 as we celebrate 75 years of mission and ministry. Enjoy a special Mass followed by a parish picnic filled with food, fun, and fellowship. See you there!



Fun and Fellowship:

The Christian Service Ministry took a break from their regular scheduled meeting to share a meal and have some fun. They enjoyed pizza and played a few games! Fun and laughter was had by all! A big Thank-You to Neil and Vicky Lezotte for picking up the pizza and salad! Photos courtesy of Diane Barrett. Thank you Diane!



A Heavenly Site!

A strange cloud formation was captured hovering over our DC neighborhood, by one of our Operations employees, Anthony Hall. Maybe it was the Guardian Angel of the Parish? Whatever it was, it sure was a beautiful site!

Celebrating the Sacraments



Elizabeth Anne Wenderski received the Sacrament of Baptism at Church of the Divine Child on January 26, 2025. Pictured with her parents Mark & Anne (Holmes) Wenderski, and godparents Peter Wenderski and Hannah Barnes



Cole Henry Fronczak received the Sacrament of Baptism at Church of the Divine Child. on January 26, 2025. Pictured with his parents, Johnathan Fronczak and Jade Murray Cole is a Divine Child Elementary School student in Mrs. McMahon's first grade class.



Feast Day, February 10: Patron Saint of Learning and Reading.

Sign up for Text Alerts

To receive real-time text messages from our parish regarding community events, Mass live streams and more, simply text the keyword: **DivineChild** to **84576**.



G.I.F.T. Our January GIFT program focused on bringing the idea of being part of the body of Christ to a level young children can begin to understand. We used a winter theme with snowman doughnut snacks, and had some fun making a snow globe craft. Our story told of a tiny snowflake trying to learn her part among all the other snowflakes. We learned that all of us are an important part, and that we help each other. We made bird feeders to help the birds. And we had a "snowball" fight to share the joy of being together in God's love. Photos courtesy of Roberta Kulpa



Conversion in Medjugorje

Catholic Treasures Article 3 of 3

Several children in Medjugorje, which is in Bosnia-Herzegovina, began to hear messages from the Blessed Mother on June 24, 1981. The messages continue to this day and are received by the visionaries on a monthly basis. The messages can be grouped into five themes: peace, the need for peace between God and man and between peoples; faith, the need for belief in God as the foundation of all earthly desires; conversion, without which there is no peace; prayer, to strengthen our disordered relationship to God; fasting, to restrain our disordered pleasure seeking and gain solidarity with the poor. Medjugorje became a popular pilgrimage site in the 1980's but only received approval in 2024 when it was granted the "nihil obstat," the declaration that the Church has no objection to the faithful reverencing the site. The faithful are not required to believe in the messages or the visionaries as saints. The messages are considered personal revelations and not part of the Doctrine of Faith or the official teachings, the Magisterium of the Church.

Fruits of Medjugorje

I was asked to become a group leader for pilgrimages to Medjugorje and have had many amazing experiences along the way. One time, I sat next to a man who had his headphones on almost the whole flight, bouncing up and down in his seat, keeping time to the music. Finally, as the airplane was descending, he took off his headphones. I had a booklet of Our Lady's messages on my lap and I said to Jesus silently that if this man looks at them, I will talk to him about Medjugorje and offer him the booklet. I saw him glance at the booklet twice. Then I asked him if he had ever heard of Medjugorje. He said, "Yes, I have heard of it." Then he explained that he currently worked for the L.A. Lakers Basketball Team. He said that one of the players was always talking about Medjugorje in the locker room. He gladly took the booklet I had on my lap. Then unexpectedly he asked me, "Do you mind if I make copies of this Medjugorje message booklet and distribute them to all the L.A. Lakers Basketball Team?" I was overjoyed and said "Yes, please make as many copies as you want!" What a grace this was! Praise God!!

Shortly after my entry into the Catholic Church, I attended Mass at Sacred Heart parish in Dearborn. As I was exiting the church, I saw a flyer about an ecumenical gathering of religious leaders who were meeting with members of their parishes and congregations at one of the local parks that very day to pray for peace in our world. I felt prompted to go back into the church and pray before the tabernacle about this event. As I was praying, I heard in my heart Jesus say that He wanted me to put up a table in the park with the booklets of Our Lady's Medjugorje messages. I grabbed my card table from home and went to the park. There were hundreds of people there and I was blessed to distribute many booklets to people of many different faiths. A Michigan Catholic newspaper reporter came by the table and interviewed me about Our Lady's messages spreading her messages even further. Praise God!!

The Mary Our Mother (MOM) Foundation began placing display stands with CDs that the ministry produced in parishes, schools, and retreat centers. I would go to these sites to replenish the CDs. One day, I was at St. Martha's in Dearborn when an elderly gentleman came in and said he was trying to get to his medical appointment, but was lost. I walked out with him to point him in the right direction. As I was walking, I heard Jesus say in my heart to give him one of the Medjugorje message booklets. I told him to wait a moment as I had something in my car to give to him. As I explained about the messages and gave him the booklet, he started to cry. He said he would definitely read it as he had just been diagnosed with a serious illness and these messages were the hope he needed! Mary Queen of Peace, Pray for us!!

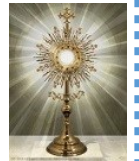
Catholic Treasures

Faith stories shared by Divine Child Parishioners

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."
~Mt 6:21

Friends, these articles will highlight our many Catholic Treasures in our parish. We will do this through sharing accounts of our personal faith experiences. Father Bob encourages us to share our "elevator stories," or "God-incidence stories." This will be done anonymously to highlight the Catholic treasure, such as the True Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

If you would like to submit your Catholic Treasure Story, please email it to catholictreasuresDC@divinechild.org. We will not post your name, only your story.



FIBER ARTS MINISTRY

All fiber art enthusiasts are welcome to join us on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month.

**Next Session: Thursday, February 20
7:00 PM in the High School APR**

Members will be able to work on their own projects, create items for charity or seek assistance from other crafters. Bring a project you are working on: knitting, crocheting, embroidery, weaving, quilting, etc.
No fiber will be turned away! Bring a friend, too!

Good conversation and laughter are guaranteed.
For questions, please contact Mary Goode at mlgoode57@gmail.com, Lynne Kropik at lynnekropik@gmail.com, or Carilyn Wolski at cwsewczec@att.net



DIVINE CHILD HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER FAIR

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 | 10:15AM - 12PM

Help the next generation of Divine Child students explore their career interests!

Attention DC Alums & Community Members!

The High School Counseling Department, in partnership with the Divine Child Alumni Association, is updating our Career Network Database. This database connects students with professionals like YOU who can provide guidance, mentorship, and insights into various career paths.

We're also excited to invite you to our Career Fair on Thursday, March 13, where you'll have the opportunity to meet with students and share your expertise.

Thank you for your continued support of Divine Child students. Together, we can help them explore and achieve their future careers!

How You Can Help

1. Update your contact information in our Career Network Database.
2. Share your career insights and expertise at our Career Fair on Thursday, March 13.



Visit bit.ly/DC-Career-Fair or scan the QR code to update your contact information and/or to sign up to participate in our Career Fair.

Complete form by February 14 to participate!



March For Life



Photos courtesy of Fr. Bob

School News



Faith. Excellence. Service.

During Catholic Schools Week, we celebrated the opportunity to bring the Gospel values alive in our schools. As one of the few campuses that provides education and faith formation to children from five to eighteen, the school's mission is more important than ever. Thank you for the tremendous parish support that has enabled our work. This week, we celebrated our schools, uniting our Falcon Family from both schools in

praise and worship, prayer, community service, shared meals, and social time.



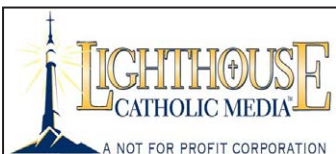
DCES Spotlight: Service Squad

*The greatest among you must be your servant.
Matthew 23:11*

Servant leadership is alive at Divine Child Elementary School! The call to service that Jesus presents in the Gospel of Matthew is manifest in many school organizations, most notably through the Service Squad, which engages over 100 students in grades 5-8 in support of the daily needs of the school. These students lead school-wide prayer, greet cars in the morning drop-off line, serve as math and reading buddies, welcome new students, deliver mail, mentor their peers, and serve as classroom aides.



The impact of Service Squad on students and school culture is tremendous. A reluctant student has a much easier start to the day when their car door is opened by a smiling peer welcoming them to school. Similarly, a struggling student is far more motivated to keep pushing through difficult material when a peer aide is helping them along. Student leaders grow the bonds of our Falcon Family and display what it truly means to build a community on earth as it is in heaven.



Please visit the Lighthouse Catholic Media Stand located in the Gathering Space.

Here's how it works:

The stand with the CDs and books is in the Gathering Space of the church. The cost is \$3 each audio CD and \$5 each book ~ depositing this fee in the stand helps keep this program going.

Many Religious CDs and books are available to choose from and for a minimal fee.

Check it out!



Foley's Forum
Bishop Foley Council 2660
Serving Dearborn since 1927



It's All about Presence



The Eucharist invites us to partake in the very presence of God and allow that presence to transform us into God's presence for others. Come, as the men of Divine Child explore together the depth and breadth of God's presence - within and among us. How do we let the seed of God's presence germinate in our hearts and transform us into the body of Christ to continue His mission in the world today, compelling us to share the harvest with all.

Join with men from DC on a retreat that will enhance your life this Lent at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center starting the evening of **Friday, March 28** to the morning of **Sunday, March 30**. To learn more, call Jim Bologna, Gery Vink or Steve Butkowski at 313-622-2434, 313-410-8388 or 734-624-2702 respectively. You can also call the retreat center at 313-535-9563 or sign up at <http://www.stpaulretreat.org> – weekend #24



Knights Spiritual Reflection



Calling all men!

You are invited to join us at 8:30am Mass, Saturday, February 22nd, and then have breakfast with a spiritual talk for men by

Michael Chamberland

on

Searching for and Maintaining Peace

Divine Child Gathering Space

Breakfast is gratis

Call Mike Collins with questions, 313.690.4142

Dear Fr. Bob and Parishioners of Divine Child,

Thank you so much for donating to the 2024 *LIFESPAN* Christmas cards offering!

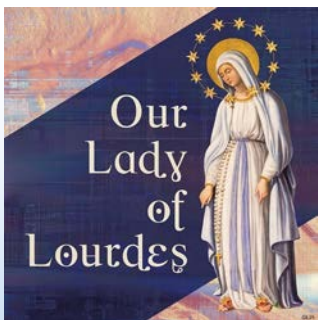
Your generosity will be put to work in Southeast Michigan to help the local community walk with parents in need and spread the Gospel of Life in our current Culture of Death.



Right to Life—*LIFESPAN* advocates civil rights for innocent human life, emphasizing protection for those who would be victims of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. We educate by distributing credible Pro-life information.

Yours for LIFE from conception until natural death,

Right to Life—*LIFESPAN* Wayne County Chapter



ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, March 8, at 12:00pm

Divine Child Marian Shrine (outside in front of the high school)

Upcoming Dates: April 12, May 10, June 14

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.

Archdiocese of Detroit



15th Annual Dinner for Life



AN EVENING OF WORSHIP AND STORIES OF HOPE AS WE CELEBRATE THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025
AT SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

MASS AT 6:00PM | DINNER & PROGRAM TO FOLLOW



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GIVE THE GIFT OF TIME TOGETHER

THIS Valentine's DAY

UPCOMING WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCES:

FEB. 28-MARCH 2 SAGINAW
APRIL 4-6 DEWITT
JUNE 16-18 SAGINAW
AUG. 1-3 PETOSKEY

APPLY TODAY AT WWME.ORG OR 517-667-0433

Ash Wednesday Evening of Reflection for Couples

St. Paul of the Cross
Passionist Retreat Center
March 5, 6:30-9:00pm
\$65/couple
includes candlelit dinner, Mass & distribution of ashes, and time to "refill the well" and be together as a couple

to register, visit www.stpaulretreat.org or contact Christine at (313) 286-2802

May couples generously live out their vocation with openness to the gift of new life.

The month of February has traditionally been dedicated to the Holy Family who provide for us a model of marriage and family life. Mary and Joseph perfectly witness to the gift of new life, welcoming the infant Jesus amidst difficult and challenging circumstances. God designed the love of husband and wife to be so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with Himself and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being whom they will love and care for together. Part of God's gift to husband and wife is cooperation with His creative power. In participating in this "great mystery" of love that is total, faithful, and fruitful, married couples become a sign of the love between Christ and His Church (Eph 5:32). Couples who cannot bear children still share in this cooperation. As St. John Paul II affirmed to such couples, "You are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others."

While a couple does not need to seek to have a child in every act of intercourse, they should never act to reject the life-giving power granted by God through the use of contraception. In deliberately acting to suppress their fertility, couples harm their unity. For serious reasons, couples may choose to avoid pregnancy for a time or indefinitely. Natural Family Planning (NFP) can help married couples identify and utilize the naturally infertile times in a woman's cycle, all while cooperating with God's design.

In today's culture, living out God's plan for married love and opening our hearts to the gift of children can be difficult. It can often require great generosity and trust in the Lord. But as Christ repeatedly exhorted, "Be not afraid!" The Church's teaching on married love is an invitation to let God transform our hearts, knowing God's plan is far richer than anything the world can offer us.

Excerpt from Pope John Paul II, Homily at the Mass for the Families on February 13, 1982 © 1982, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB.org

Community News

Michigan Memorial Cemetery Graves for Sale:

Four connecting graves are for sale in the "Calvary Gardens" (Catholic Section). \$2,800 each or \$10,000 for all four. These are the last four connecting graves available in this section. Section 229, block 24. Please call for details: 313.682.6555.



Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group hosting Monday, February 17, 1:00-4:00 P.M. "Sequence Tournament" located at 21300 Archwood Circle in Farmington Hills. \$3.00 for prizes and room rental. Come play and learn if you've never played before. Please call Event Host Marsha at 313-363-9443 by February 10.

Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group hosting Wednesday, February 19 5:00-9:00pm. Dinner and Card night at Stefan's Banquets at St. Michael Cultural Center, 26355 W. Chicago in Redford. \$22 (please bring correct change). Call host Laura 313-274-2950 by February 13. As always please support our Veterans with toiletries and gently used clothing.

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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!



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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.

Please pray for these men who are discerning God's call to the priesthood.

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

Deacon Patrick Bruen, a DC Parishioner studying at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts.



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- Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
- Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sun: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26



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4:30pm E. Dluzynski, M. O'Brien, W. Grysko

Readers: Y. Ponce de Leon

Sunday, February 16

8:00am: D. Gruska, M. Wiggins, B. Kidd

Readers: J. Vihtelic, M. Wayne

10:00am M. Tomilo, M. Boyle, G. Delgado, J. Ciarelli, J. Jackett

Readers: K. Kennedy, V. Cassar

12:30pm M. Garcia, F. Guido

Readers: M. Stawarz, E. Gordon

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Saturday, February 15

4:30pm B. Dombrowski, E. Ziaja, S. Dluzynski, A. McGovern, M. Tocco, J. Gigliotti, D. DeVoe
Livestream: G. Brooks

Sunday, February 16

8:00am M. Siepinski, D. Horgea, D. Awad, J. Peruski, G. Krajewski, E. Kaliszczak, J. Eddy

10:00am S. Wygonik, D. Barrett, M. Sadler, M. Lopez, M. Moranty, A. Peters, C. Patrick

12:30pm T. Schramek, R. Miller, A. Garcia, C. Wagner, F. Gatto, R. Lewis-Bedz, C. Schultz

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Saturday, February 15

4:30pm S. Succurro, E. Succurro, D. Reifenberg, M. Reifenberg

Sunday, February 16

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10:00am J. Adamkiewicz, N. Jones, C. Moore, L. Moore

12:30pm C. Miller, N. Beaudoin, E. Nagy, M. Nagy

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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.

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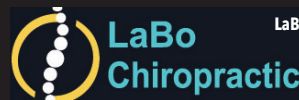
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