

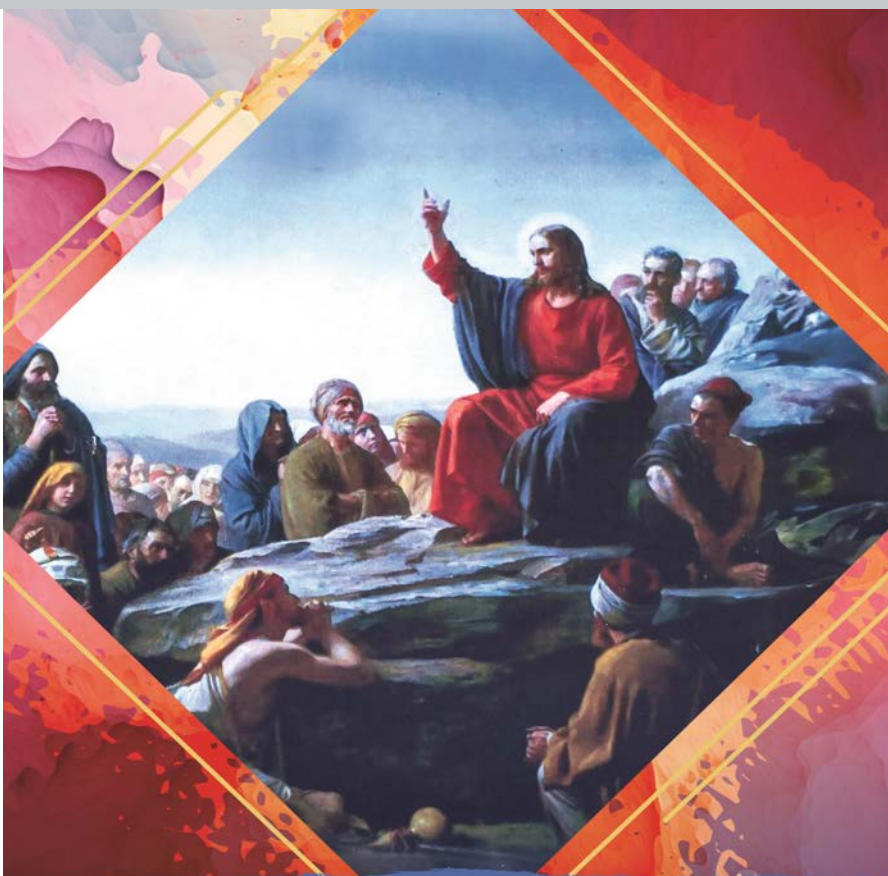
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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you.” - Lk 6:21

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February 16, 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 16, 2025 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Leslaw Piwonski, by Donna Piwonski

10:00am People of the Divine Child Parish

12:30pm Wanda Hinojosa, by Raymond & Amber Everly & Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025 - Presidents' Day

6:30am Dorothy Ewing, by May Hamway

8:30am Yvette Head, by The Marusak Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

6:30am Mike Salter, by Suzanne & Tim Diez

8:30am Linda Reppke, by Sister, Gloria

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

6:30am Robert Babcock, by Joe Caruana

8:30am Sister of Roberta Marek, by Suzanne & Tim Diez

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

6:30am David Sarnacki, by Reba Sarnacki

8:30am Dominic Cosenza, by Family

7:00pm Confirmation Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025 - St. Peter Damian

6:30am Peter Abrash, by Family

8:30am Erin Stupakis, by Kathy Stupakis and Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 - The Chair of St. Peter

8:30am Ethel Manser, by The Raona Family

4:30pm Maria Mastroianni, by Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES TO THE MISSIONS

Feb 16: Carol Campau, by The Hermann Family

Feb 19: (Spec. Int.) Msgr. Todd Lajiness, by Parishioners for Priests

Feb 21: (Spec. Int.) Rebecca Bridgnanan, by Mindy

Feb 22: (Spec. Int.) Fr. Paul Graney, by Parishioners for Priests

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.
- **ANOIDING 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.



Please Pray for Our Sick

Owen Gibbons

Grandson of Dan and Jane Faletti

Father of John Manchell

Roylene Hermann

Rest in Peace

Yvonne Harvey

Father of Brenda Marcyan

Brother of Sister Marie Gayda



Baptisms - February 9, 2025

Roman Michael Flis

Son of Matthew & Caitlin (Manga) Flis



Bennett August Walinsky

Son of Daniel & Leah (Cassar) Walinsky

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.

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• 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



Journeying with Fr. John

Jeremiah 17:5-8

“Thus says the LORD:

Cursed is the one 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.

Blessed is the one 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.”

Jeremiah 17:5-8 presents a striking contrast between those who rely on human strength and those who trust in God. Using vivid imagery, the passage depicts the **cursed** as a barren shrub in the desert and the **blessed** as a flourishing tree planted by water. This contrast invites us to reflect on where we place our trust and what it means to be truly secure. To fully grasp its significance, we must consider its historical and theological context.

Historical Context

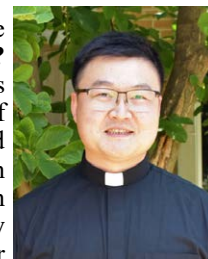
Jeremiah prophesied during the late 7th and early 6th centuries B.C., in the final years of the Kingdom of Judah. This was a time of political instability, as Judah faced the looming threat of the Babylonian Empire. Instead of turning to God, Judah’s leaders sought security in military alliances—especially with Egypt—believing that human power could save them. Alongside this political reliance, idolatry and covenant unfaithfulness were rampant. The people placed their trust in false gods, military strength, and human rulers, rather than in the Lord. Ultimately, this misplaced trust led to their downfall when Babylon conquered Jerusalem.

Theological reflection

This passage is part of a broader section in the book of Jeremiah where the prophet calls the people of Judah to repentance and warns them of the consequences of their unfaithfulness. The imagery of a barren bush in the desert versus a tree by the water reflects two opposing spiritual realities. 1. **The Barren Shrub (Cursed Life)** – Those who trust in human strength, whether in political alliances, wealth, or personal ability, become spiritually lifeless, isolated, and vulnerable, much like a dry shrub struggling to survive in a barren wasteland. 2. **The Flourishing Tree (Blessed Life)** – In contrast, the one who trusts in the Lord is firmly rooted, constantly nourished, and able to withstand hardships, much like a tree that stretches its roots toward sustaining waters.

This contrast mirrors Psalm 1, which describes the righteous as a tree by streams of water and the wicked as chaff blown away by the wind. Both Jeremiah and the psalmist present a fundamental choice: **trust in human power, which leads to ruin, or trust in God, which leads to life and fruitfulness.**

At the heart of this passage is the question: **Where do we place our trust?** Judah’s leaders relied on foreign powers and false gods for security instead of seeking refuge in the Lord. This misplaced trust ultimately led to their downfall when Babylon conquered Jerusalem. In our own lives, we are often tempted to seek security in human achievements, relationships, or material possessions. Yet, Scripture reminds us that only trust in God provides lasting stability.



This passage challenges us to examine our own hearts. It is easy to trust in God when things are going well, but true faith is revealed when trials come. Like the **tree planted by water, the one who trusts in the Lord does not fear drought** but continues to flourish, bearing fruit even in hardship. Each of us is called to be that tree, deeply rooted in God’s Word, nourished by prayer, and strengthened by trust in His divine providence. When we surrender our fears and uncertainties to Him, we experience the peace that comes from knowing that no matter what happens, we are firmly planted in His love.

As Proverbs declares:

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways, acknowledge Him,
and He will make straight your paths.”*

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There will be **NO Confessions** on
Tuesday, February 18.



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



WEEK AT A GLANCE February 16 - 22, 2025

2/16 Sunday

Sign-ups for DC Men's Retreat at St. Paul

2/17 Monday

Presidents' Day

No Religious Ed Classes



2/18 Tuesday

No Confessions

11:15 AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
6:30 PM OCIA - HS Bernardine Learning Center
7:00 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions - Church
7:30 PM Exodus 90 Meeting - Gathering Space

2/19 Wednesday

6:30 PM Women of Worth Holy Hour - Church
6:30 PM Parishioners for Priests Holy Hour - Chapel

2/20 Thursday

7:00 PM Confirmation Mass - Church
7:00 PM Fiber Arts - HS APR



2/21 Friday

St. Peter Damian

3:00 PM Holy Hour to the Sacred Heart - Chapel



2/22 Saturday

The Chair of St. Peter

8:30 AM Men's Spiritual Reflection Mass & Breakfast - Church
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.

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 (cwsewczecz@att.net)



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**Let your "Yes" mean "Yes," and your "No" mean "No."
Anything more is from the evil one. -Mt 5:37**



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!



DC Flashback

August 9, 1950 - Land Swap

Dearborn City Council approves land swap with the Archdiocese of Detroit. Twenty acres of underdeveloped land west of Levagood Park for forty-two developed lots (approx. 6 acres), north of Hollander Street on Silvery Lane and Robindale Streets. Mayor Orville Hubbard signed the deed on **September 27, 1950**, for the exchange of property of the City of Dearborn and Archdiocese of Detroit. These properties are directly across the street from one another and was an even exchange.

Friday, December 13, 1950 - Construction Begins on the temporary Church

Detroit Architectural firm Herman & Simons, was chosen to design the new church. Aloys Frank Herman, cofounder of the firm, was a member of the parish. Groundbreaking for the original church occurred in December of 1950. The building was intended to serve as a temporary church, eventually to be converted into a gymnasium after the permanent church was built. No ceremonies due to the war scare and restrictions about to be imposed by the President of the U.S., since he will declare a war emergency on Friday, December 17, 1950.

If you have any old photos that you would like to share with us, please email or call Marilyn O'Brien at marilyn@divinechild.org, 313-277-3110.





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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS

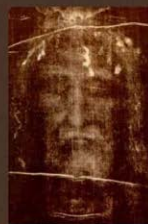




SHROUD ENCOUNTER

In Cooperation with
Bp. Foley Council 2660

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

- **RUSS BREAUPT** has been lecturing on **The Shroud of Turin** for over 30 years
- He has participated in over 12 international conferences and 3 exhibitions in Turin, Italy
- He has appeared on the following, to name a few:

\$10.00 Adult General Admission
(Children 10 and under free, but still need to register)

Access the QR Code for Electronic Registrations


Friday April 11, 2025

Divine Child High School Theater
 1001 Silvery Lane
 Dearborn, MI 48124

Doors Open: 7:00 pm
 Program: 8:00 pm

Questions or difficulty registering
 call: (248) 613 - 6591 or (734) 231 - 3040

The Sabbath Supper Club are small groups coordinated through Divine Child parish that connect faith and friendship over a meal in each other's homes.



Did you Know.....The Ushers Club is the oldest organization ever established at Divine Child?

The first meeting was held on August 16, 1950. Thirty-four men reported for duty. Officers were: President - John Johns, Vice President - Stanley Saskowsky, Secretary - Harry Kowalski, Treasurer - Thomas McCarthy. The Ushers Club is now called the Blessed Solanus Casey Ministry which now incorporates ushers and greeters.

The second organization that was established at Divine Child was the Altar Society. The first meeting was held on October 4, 1950. Officers were: President - Mrs. Marguerite Murphy, Vice President - Mrs. Kay Mier, 2nd Vice President - Mrs. Alice Hocking, Recording Secretary - Mrs. Elizabeth Johns, Treasurer - Mrs. Irene Briggs.

First meeting of the new Church committee was held on February 19, 1951 at the 1st Rectory, located at 520 N. Silvery Lane. Committee consisted of five members: John Johns, Stanley Saskowski, Ken Schuesler, Edward Esper and John Hiltz.

Photo right: First Rectory photo with Fr. Weier, August 1950. Located at 520 N. Silvery Lane in Dearborn.



Lenten Retreat
For those serving in a
Divine Child Ministry

Saturday, March 8, 2025
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Divine Child Church

Talks by our wonderful DC Priests,
 Silent Prayer, Lunch, and
 the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 will be available!

RSVP to Marilyn O'Brien by Monday, March 3.
 Email: marilyn@divinechild.org or call 313-277-3110.




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.

CONFESSION TIP 2

Write down what you want to confess and any prayers you don't have memorized so you don't forget in the moment.



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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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Divine Child / Sacred Heart Conference

With grateful hearts, your St. Vincent de Paul conference thanks all who so generously supported our recent Top Hat collection and Chili Cha Cha fundraiser.

The Chili Cha Cha on January 25th was a joyful opportunity for parishioners from both our parishes to mingle and enjoy a great meal and wonderful music together. The proceeds from the event, as well as the Top Hat collection the weekend before, were shared equally between our SVdP conference and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. We are blessed to partner with CSK for these efforts which benefit both of our organizations in their missions to serve our less fortunate neighbors.

Your support of our fundraisers inspires us to be good stewards of the money you donate. We strive to be worthy of your trust. Please be assured that the money you contribute goes directly to those in need.

Please continue to support us with your prayers and weekly donations to the poor boxes in church.

God Bless you.



Divine Child Parish
WOMEN OF WORTH
HOLY HOUR

**JESUS
WILL BE
THERE!**

Wednesday, February 19th
 6:30-8:30pm
 Church of the Divine Child

We will begin in the church with adoration: a time of prayer and praise before Jesus in the Eucharist. Following adoration, we will have snacks and fellowship in the Gathering Space. All women are welcome!

Sign up to receive email/text updates from Women of Worth at <https://dearborndivinechild.flocknote.com/DCWomenofWorth>

All Downriver Desert Meal
 to support the 2025 Seminarians of Sacred Heart Major Seminary on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land.



Come and meet 20 future priests of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Detroit!

When: Sunday, March 2, 2025

Where: Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate, MI

Time: 3:00 PM

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Includes: Full Meal and Dessert with Cash Bar

Sponsored by all the Knights of Columbus Councils Downriver. Get your tickets from your K of C Council Member. Hope to see you there!



Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Explained

Our Lady of Perpetual Help refers both to a title conferred upon the Blessed Mother as well as to a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages.

Painted on wood, the original icon has a Byzantine style and depicts the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. She is flanked by St. Michael and St. Gabriel, who hold the instruments of Christ's Passion, including a spear, nails and the Crown of Thorns. In the image, Christ seemingly leans into His mother's embrace for comfort and strength as He contemplates these objects.

The icon is thought to have originated in Crete, but for 300 years was venerated in the Church of San Matteo in Merulana in Rome. Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Order of Redemptorists, who moved it to the Church of St. Alphonsus. He later established the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 27.
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Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the church for our oldest and most beautiful devotion! Let us join together in prayer asking the Blessed Virgin Mary for her intercessional aid.



JOIN US

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DIVINE CHILD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' 34TH ANNUAL AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025 | DOORS AT 6PM

FORD COMMUNITY & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
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DIVINE CHILD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION **DIVINE CHILD HIGH SCHOOL**

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!



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



On Thursday, February 6, there was no school due to the icy conditions, but the Canadian Geese sure showed up! Photo courtesy of Christine Berryman.



School News

Reading Buddies! Spreading the Joy of Reading



Reading Buddies is a partner reading program where Divine Child High School and Divine Child Elementary School students in grades K-3 come together to share in the joy of reading.

The program takes place every Friday from 1-2:30 pm in the Bernardine Franciscan Learning Center at the high school.

The program is coordinated by DCHS English Department Leader and Teacher, Mrs. Karah Cheek, and DCES K-3 teachers. Each grade level alternates week to week and students participate in a 40-minute, one-on-one paired reading session. Teachers from DCHS and DCES also jump in from time to time to read a story to the group.

Reading Buddies animate the high school mission by helping to develop students into leaders and mentors promoting literacy and the joy of reading. It also allows them to put their faith in action with our youngest Falcons!





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



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

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Searching for and Maintaining Peace

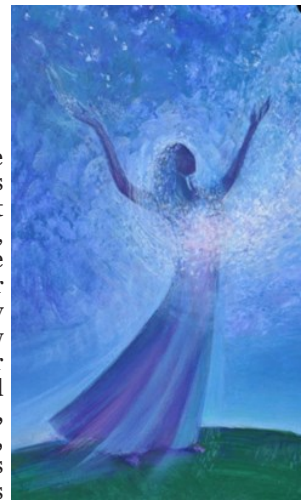
Divine Child Gathering Space

Breakfast is gratis

Call Mike Collins with questions, 313.690.4142

Ladies – Do you want a Relaxing, No Stress Weekend?

Would you like to relax for an entire weekend? Then send your husbands to the St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center. For over 40 years, the men from Divine Child have gone to St. Paul's to recharge their batteries, to step out of their daily lives to reflect and redirect, to renew their faith and even become better husbands. The men of Divine Child are going on **Friday evening, March 28** to **Sunday morning, March 30**. The retreat theme is *"It's All about Presence"* and centers on how our presence with God and others affects us!



If you would like to send your husband, please call Jim Bologna, Gery Vink or Steve Butkowski at 313-622-2434, 313-410-8388 or 734-624-2702 respectively. Or you can call the retreat center at 313-535-9563 or go to <http://www.stpaulretreat.org>.

- **Women can go on retreat too** – to sign up for a Women's Retreat Weekend, just go to <http://www.stpaulretreat.org>.

COME, AND YOU WILL SEE

Images and Invitations in the Gospel of John
March 2, 2025–April 12, 2025
Free online EQUIP course



John's gospel is full of imagery and insights that tell us who Jesus is and what it means to follow him who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Come and see how each of these images also serves as an invitation to know Jesus better and to make him known to others.

About the Instructor: Fr. Brian Meldrum, STL, STD, teaches scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, where he also serves as the director of graduate pastoral formation and director of liturgy.

SIGN UP TODAY!
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"Do not let your weakness make you impatient...let words of thanks break from your lips."

— St. Peter Damian

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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

Register in advance at: <https://development.aod.org/register/dinner2024>. \$50 per person.

Jubilee Indulgence

Visit [Our Lady of Fatima Shrine](#) during the Holy Year for special graces granted by the Church.

You may have heard that the **Jubilee Year of Hope**, now underway, offers the faithful the opportunity to obtain a special plenary indulgence, a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin.

One way to receive this indulgence in the Archdiocese of Detroit is to make a pilgrimage to a sacred site designated by Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron. Our Lady of Fatima Shrine has been named a holy pilgrimage site by the archbishop for the duration of the Jubilee Year.

To obtain the Jubilee plenary indulgence at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, the usual conditions apply: detachment from all sin, sacramental Confession and Holy Communion (within 20 days of your visit), and reciting prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be) or prayers of your choice.

Visit www.fatimashrinedetroit.org to learn more about Our Lady of Fatima Shrine's First Friday and First Saturday Masses and confession times. In addition to Masses, the Shrine is open for prayer along with the St. Joseph Bookstore on Wednesdays and Saturday's 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine,
18637 Ray Street, Riverview, MI 48193
Phone: 313 320-7887

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

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SPIRITUALITY FOR MISSION

An Inner Journey: A Three-Part Series
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Community News

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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.



Right to Life – LIFESPAN Michigan Ends Abortion Reporting

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services released its final reporting of abortion statistics in Michigan for 2023. Due to the Reproductive Health Act championed by Gov. Whitmer and passed in 2023, Michigan law now prohibits state agencies from collecting or compiling any abortion statistics. Previously, Michigan tracked statistics such as where abortions were performed, the type of abortion procedure, complications, and the mother's marital status, age, and previous history of abortion. Ending the collection of complications and the facilities with high rates of complications will have a negative impact on women's health. This also means the CDC will no longer be able to include Michigan in its national abortion statistics. Michigan becomes 1 of only 6 states to fail to report on abortions joining California, Maryland, and New Jersey. Call 734-422-6230 or email wcdcr@rtl-lifespans.org to fight against the abortion lobby as a LIFESPAN member.



Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

- Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38



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Ministry Schedules - February 22 & 23

EMHC/Reader Schedule

Saturday, February 22

4:30pm A. McGovern, R. Day,

V. Micallef

Readers: C. Bergeron, S. Sterbenz

Sunday, February 23

8:00am: D. Gruska, M. Redmon,

K. Escamilla

Readers: Y. Ponce de Leon

10:00am M. Garcia, K. Blaha,

C. Basala, C. Buchanan, M. Jomaa

Readers: B. Sadler, M. Wayne

12:30pm L. Sourbeck, J. Jackett

Readers: T. Schramek,

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Saturday, February 22

4:30pm B. Dombrowski, E. Ziaja,

M. Haas, L. Haas, M. Bergeron,

R. Miller, C. Salmonson, E. Attard

Livestream: B. Kidd

Sunday, February 23

8:00am S. Gibb, T. Ciarelli,

D. Horgea, B. Mical, K. Miazgowiec,

M. Siewierski, E. Wilson

10:00am G. Delgado, A. Garcia,

E. Simkins, T. Gorski, F. Gatto,

A. Peters, J. & O. Bondoc,

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12:30pm S. Lentz, C. Guido,

M. Manchell, C. Hancock, J. Bedz,

D. DeVoe

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 22

4:30pm S. Fisher, W. Fisher, J. Smith, S. Smith

Sunday, February 23

8:00am L. Taylor, E. Vicary, C. Roupe, J. Kujansuu

10:00am L. Celani, P. Celani, A. Celani, J. Celani

12:30pm A. Wilkerson, J. Wilkerson, C. Wiekowski, M. Stanton

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Baptisms

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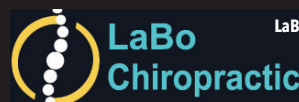
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