



CHURCH OF THE DIVINE CHILD

Mary, Mother of Life

Respect Life Month
October 2026

OCTOBER 4, 2026

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR

Rev. Robert J. McCabe

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev. Ryan Asher

Rev. Daniel Whalen

PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Mr. Robert Calleja

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm

Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday | 6:30am & 8:30am

Saturday | 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Saturdays | 2:30pm - 4:00pm & after the
4:30pm Mass

First Friday of the Month | 7:00am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 5:00pm

Closed for Lunch | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

*The
Infant*

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026 - Respect Life Sunday**

8:00am Raymond Dziadzio, by Wife & Family

10:00am Divine Child Parishioners

12:30pm Otto, Florence, Barbara & Gerald, by Janet, Rita, Florence

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 - St. Faustina Kowalska

6:30am Richard & Christine Urban, by Family

8:30am Kevin Blackmore, by Thomas & Marilyn O'Brien

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026 - St. Bruno & Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

6:30am Renee Pallone, by Harry & Mary Jo Lindback

8:30am M. Josette Camilleri, by Cousin, Maureen Hili

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026 - Our Lady of the Rosary

6:30am John Weems, by Daughter

8:30am Camille Tolpolski, by Jennifer

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

6:30am Thomas Lark, by A Friend

8:30am Alex Szmantula, by Aunt

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026 - St. Denis & St. John Leonardi

6:30am Enrique Ubaldo, by Family

8:30am Paul Altesleben, by Wife & Children

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

8:30am John Miller, by The Voglers

4:30pm Gerald Hylenski, by Family

Masses to the Missions:**Oct 05: (Spec. Int.) Kevin & Christie Schultz & Family**, by The Schultz Family**DEVOTIONS AT DIVINE CHILD****Mass for the Homebound:**

Sundays at 8:00am: For those 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. Please visit: ChurchoftheDivineChild.org and click on Live Masses.

Rosary: The Rosary is recited at 7:45am, Monday - Friday and Saturdays after 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

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday Exposition in the Church from 11am to 7pm.

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 online. If you would like to join or are interested, please contact Maria Teresa Garcia at 313-229-1058.

Please pray for our sick:

Sandra Scheel
Mary Szymanski
Christine Miller
Mihai Chivu

**Rest in Peace**

Robert Selwa
Patricia Rodriguez
Ronald Gach
Lucretia Chitic

Baptisms**Leonardo Richard Peruski**

Son of Joseph & Jessica (Litten) Peruski

**Monthly Canned Food Collection**

Please remember that this weekend, October 3 & 4, is set aside for our monthly canned food collection for the truly poor in Detroit's inner city and the food pantry at St. Maria Goretti Parish.

Please leave your donations in the Gathering Space.

Thank you ahead of time!

God bless you for your generosity!

**Your Gift
Changes Lives.**



Every gift helps support our mission to love, serve, and grow together.

The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord.

1 Chronicles 29:9

From the Lion's Den by Fr. Dan

"Life is Worth Living"



As Catholics, we are pro-life. What does it mean to be pro-life? Why are Catholics pro-life? Why does this matter?

To be pro-life means that as Catholics, we uphold the human dignity of each person that is bestowed upon them by God from conception. At conception, God is already forming us. Our soul is united with the first cells of matter in our bodies. At conception, God gives us a unique, unrepeatable life that has a mission to seek, know, love, and serve Him.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them." Man occupies a unique place in creation: (I) he is "in the image of

God;" (II) in his own nature he unites the spiritual and material worlds; (III) he is created "male and female" (IV) God established him in his friendship." (CCC, 355).

From the very early days, Christians have been caring for the poor, the widows, the lepers, the abandoned babies, and the lonely. This very act, to care for our neighbors as Christ loves them, is rooted in our spirituality and morals to perform corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy. Christians care because Christ loves, and He deeply loves.

Each of us has a unique personality that God has given us to share and care for another, that somebody else would not be able to do, because each person has a different way of living life due to circumstances that can't be controlled.

The Catechism says, "Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that "everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as 'another self,' above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity" (CCC, 1931).

My history professor often said, "The Church picks up the pieces that society left behind." Society is asking once again in moral topics "is abortion a right?," "is assisted suicide alright?," or "is the death penalty permissible?"

Is life really that miserable that we should be the judge of who lives and who dies? Are we so afraid of being embarrassed, being in pain, or being responsible for caring for the vulnerable babies, the sad friend, or the fading elderly? If we are, maybe we need a little more Jesus.

Society often forgets to ask, "is my neighbor doing alright and how can I help to make life worth living for God."

Abortion, assisted suicide, and the death penalty are never the answer for us. We must remember to account for who is in the room in all discussions. If we don't, who will respect the elderly, who will respect the baby that is in the womb? We have been that baby relying on the good nature of our mother and father, and we will be that elderly person one day who wants to share one more story.

Life is worth living. It is beautiful, fun, and exciting. Life is exciting with more little ones running around trying to see God's created world for the first time, and life is inspiring when listening to the warriors who have seen many things and prevailed with God.

"If we remember that God loves us, and that we can love others as He loves us, then America can become a sign of peace for the whole world, be a sign of joy. From here, a sign of care for the weakest [of] the weak, the unborn child, must go out to the world. If you become a burning light of justice and peace in the world, then really you will be true to what the founders – founders of this country stood for." -St. Teresa of Calcutta

God Bless, Fr. Dan Whalen



Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, October 3
Following the
4:30pm Mass.

Next Saturday, the first
Saturday of the month,
after the 4:30pm Mass,
Divine Child will be
offering the Sacrament of
Anointing of the Sick.



THIS RESPECT LIFE
SUNDAY, WE HONOR
ALL STAGES OF LIFE
— FROM THE UNBORN
TO THE ELDERLY IN
NEED OF CARE.

"Before I formed you in
the womb I knew you."

JEREMIAH 1:5



WEEK AT A GLANCE October 4 - 10, 2026



10/4 Sunday

Monthly Food Collection

Wee Care Baby Item Collection

2:00 PM Life Chain - Corner of Telegraph & Wilson Roads

10/5 Monday

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

6:15 PM Religious Ed Classes - ES Classrooms & Cafeteria

7:00 PM Christian Service Meeting - Gathering Space



10/6 Tuesday

St. Bruno & Bl. Marie Rose Durocher



6:00 AM Men's Breakfast - BFLC Library

11:15 AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church

6:00 PM Confessions - Church

7:00 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions - Church



10/7 Wednesday

Our Lady of the Rosary

6:30 PM Parishioners for Priests - Adoration Chapel

6:30 PM Catholic Biblical School - Gathering Space



10/8 Thursday

10/9 Friday

St. Denis & Companions and St. John Leonardi

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

4:00 PM Homecoming Tailgate - HS Parking Lot

6:00 PM Homecoming Parade - DC Neighborhood

7:00 PM Homecoming Football Game - Athletic Field



10/10 Saturday

KofC Tootsie Roll Drive

12:00 PM Rosary Prayer Rally - Marian Shrine

2:30 PM Confessions until 4:00pm - Church

5:30 PM Confessions until all are heard - Church



Early Bulletin Deadline

Articles for the October 18 bulletin are due on Wednesday, October 7. Please contact Marilyn O'Brien for questions at marilyn@divinechild.org.



Mass of Thanksgiving



Deacon-in-training, Mr. Jeff Ostrowski, will be ordained a Permanent Deacon on Saturday, October 3 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

On Sunday, October 11, 2026, Deacon Jeff will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Divine Child, at the 10:00 AM Mass. He will be preaching the homily too.

Please join us for this most special occasion!

Abortion
hurts
women

LIFE CHAIN

THIS SUNDAY!

Sunday, October 4, 2026

From 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Divine Child will be participating in Dearborn at Telegraph Road and Wilson Avenue

Choose
Life

All Life Chain participants will be holding uniform preprinted signs such as:
Abortion Kills Children, Abortion Hurts Women, Pray to End Abortion, Adoption is the Loving Option, and Life—The First Inalienable Right.

This peaceful event will provide a visual statement of solidarity by our local community that abortion is grievously wrong and we are opposed to the killing of preborn children. For more information about the National movement, go to www.lifechain.org.

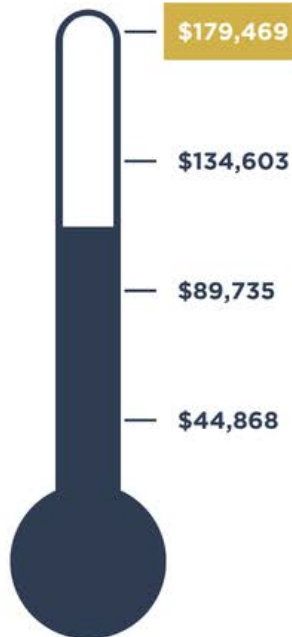


**YOUR FAITH.
YOUR HEART.
HIS MISSION.**

CSA 2026



HELP US MEET OUR 2026 GOAL



RAISED TO-DATE: \$104,458

Ways to Give:

- Online at givecsa.org
- By mailing your enclosed CSA commitment card with a contribution to: *Archdiocese of Detroit, CSA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6047, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6647*
- By check made payable to **"Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA"** delivered to the parish office or placed in the offertory baskets at Mass



SCAN TO GIVE NOW



Divine Child Parish Dearborn

SUGGESTED PLEDGE OF ☐ \$400.00
☐ \$375.00 ☐ \$250.00 ☐ \$125.00
☐ OTHER: _____

PLEDGE GIVERS:

Please mail my statements:

☐ MONTHLY ☐ QUARTERLY

☐ **ONE TIME GIVERS:** FULL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

TODAY'S GIFT AMOUNT

\$ _____

BALANCE DUE (to be paid monthly or quarterly)

\$ _____

Name _____

Apply CSA Gift to Parish (if different from above)

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Postal (zip) Code _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____



Wee Care assists mothers and their babies on an emergency basis by providing baby items and support.

Tags are available in the Gathering Space, and each tag indicates a baby item that is needed.

Parishioners are asked to take a tag from the display, purchase the new baby item, and return the unwrapped item to the Gathering Space this weekend,
October 3 & 4, 2026.

DESPERATELY NEEDED ITEMS:

**ONESIES, BIBS, SOCKS, BABY TOWELS,
CRIB SHEETS, SLEEPERS, GIFT CARDS,
AND LIGHTWEIGHT RECEIVING
BLANKETS**

Please remove price tags and hangers.

This will help our volunteers tremendously!
Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by some very special "Wee Ones."

God bless you for your kindness!



CHURCH OF THE
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Important Update to Your Envelope Number

We are updating our Divine Child Parish systems and improving the way we manage parish records. As part of these changes, **envelope numbers will be changing.**

We understand that many parishioners and families have had the same envelope number for many years, and that these numbers may feel familiar or meaningful. Please be assured that this change does not affect your parish membership, giving history, or our gratitude for your faithful support.

Please continue using the envelopes you receive from the parish. When you receive your next batch of envelopes, your number will likely be different. No action is needed from you at this time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office at 313-277-3110.

respect life month **novena**



October 22-30

The annual Respect Life Month Novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join thousands of Catholics in praying for life!

Sign Up!

Get the daily prayers by email or text message!
Scan the QR code or visit
respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena.



respectlife.org



MONTHLY ROSARY PRAYER RALLY

**Saturday, October 10
at 12:00pm**

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

We all come together and pray the Rosary in public
to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother.
Rain or shine!

Upcoming Dates: November 14, December 12

If you have questions, please contact Virginia May
at 1-734-748-4442 or Linda Wielkopolan
at 1-313-563-2427.



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities | uscbb.org/prolife



DCES Spotlight – 1st Grade

Our DCES first graders have been joyfully discovering the beauty of God's creation! 🌍💚 Through Bible stories, meaningful discussions, creative crafts, journal writing, and a special nature walk, our students have been reflecting on the wonderful gifts God has given us. They shared their favorite parts of creation and explored ways they can help care for and protect our beautiful world. What a beautiful way to celebrate and appreciate God's amazing creation!



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Celebrating 50 years of Christmas Magic



Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission | \$3 per person
*Children under 12 - free

Oh, by gosh, by golly!

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping with over **100 crafters** and artisans selling a mix of fine arts and hobby crafts including home decor, handmade accessories, woodworked toys, paper goods, hand sewn and quilted items and more!



Divine Child Elementary School
25001 Herbert Weier Drive
Dearborn, MI 48128

www.DivineChildElementarySchool.org



DisCipleship Service Day

ST. HEDWIG CEMETERY CLEANUP

Saturday, November 7, 2026
9:00am - 12:00pm



"Many hands make lighter work."

Please join us to help spruce up the grounds of those who have gone before us, and give us an opportunity to work, pray and strengthen our DC Family.

● When and Where:

We'll begin congregating between 8:30-9am for refreshment, assignment coordinating & fellowship, near the St. Hedwig Office, just south of Warren Road entrance. Work will conclude by 12pm with prayer.

● How We Will Serve:

Volunteers will mainly help with cleaning around the grave markers and some basic grounds cleanup.

Dress is for outdoor landscaping: Long Pants, Closed-Toe Boots/Shoes, Gloves, and Protective Eyewear...that you don't mind getting dirty.

Primary tools needed are: gas or electric weed whips and blowers, hand rakes, trowels and grass shears. Please bring lawn bags, too. This is a rain or shine outdoor commitment.

Sign up with the QR code or using this link: <https://bit.ly/4AdEEV6>



CLASS OF 2001

25TH CLASS REUNION WEEKEND
OCTOBER 9-11, 2026

Friday, 10/9 4:00pm

High School Tour

Take a stroll down memory lane and check out all the campus upgrades

Friday, 10/9 5:00pm

Alumni Tailgate

Share a meal with fellow '01 grads under the tent on the front lawn

Friday, 10/9 6:00pm

Parade

Cheer on the Falcons around Levagood and into the on site Athletic Complex

Friday, 10/9 7:00pm

Game Time DC vs. U of D

Root on the defending State Championship football team

Friday, 10/9 8:00pm

After Party

Join us at Kelly's Irish Pub in Dearborn for some adult fun

Sunday, 10/11 10:00am

Dedication Mass

Join us for Sunday Mass and a special reunion blessing

FIBER ARTS MINISTRY

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

Next Session: Thursday, October 15
7:00 PM
Elementary School Library

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 Cheryl Polakowski at thep2s@yahoo.com.

Mary, Mother of Life



When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On

Oh Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”

Evangelium vitae

Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to natural death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”¹

¹ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

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September-October 2026

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Archdiocesan Restructuring



Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to the lay faithful across the Archdiocese of Detroit for your generous participation during this important phase of the restructuring process. More than 40,000 parishioners attended 412 parish listening sessions, and over 17,000 individuals shared their feedback through the survey. Thank you for the time you have invested, the insights and experiences you have shared, and the spirit of faith with which you have engaged this process. Your continued prayers, participation, and commitment to the Church are helping us discern together how best to strengthen our parishes and advance the mission of Christ throughout southeast Michigan.

What Happens Next? Parish Modeling Refinement

Throughout August and September, all of the feedback and data received was reviewed, organized, and analyzed. The restructuring team, consultative bodies, and the Catholic Leadership Institute are now working together to evaluate that input and prepare for the next phase of the process: the refinement of the parish models.

Round 1: Faithful APRIL-JULY 2026



Priests, faithful, volunteer facilitators, KPLs, PPOC, Curia, Parish Renewal & CLI

Round one draft models were developed during the Priests' Discernment Workshop in January and subsequently shared with the faithful through parish listening sessions and the restructuring website. Feedback was collected through the listening sessions, an online survey, and various consultative bodies, ensuring that the perspectives of clergy, parish leaders, and the lay faithful were incorporated into the refinement process.

Round 2: Parishes SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2026



Priests, KPLs, deacons, Parish Renewal & CLI

Round one draft models will be refined with input from consultative bodies, priests, deacons, lay ministers, and the lay faithful. The refined round two draft models will be released in October 2026 at: [RESTRUCTURING.AOD.ORG](https://restructuring.aod.org). Pastors and Key Parish Leaders will then be invited to give additional feedback. After further refinement, the final recommended models will be presented to the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission and then to Archbishop Weisenburger for his discernment as he considers the future configuration of parishes across the Archdiocese.

Final Announcement APRIL 17-18, 2027



Archbishop Weisenburger

Archbishop Weisenburger will enter a time of prayerful discernment, carefully considering the proposed parish models and the feedback received from clergy, parish leaders, and the lay faithful. After completing this discernment, he will announce the final restructuring models and priest assignments during the weekend of April 17-18, 2027.

Model Refinement FAQs

WHAT HAPPENS IN REFINEMENT?

Once all of the feedback has been read, the Modeling Team, together with a select group of priests and lay leaders from each planning area, will gather to review the feedback for their planning area and refine the models. The work done in the refinement workshops will result in a set of Round draft 2 models for each planning area. In some cases, one or both models may remain the same as the Round draft 1 models that were shared at parish listening sessions. In other cases, one or both models may be new or revised in some way.

At that time, Key Parish Leaders (KPLs) and priests at each parish will

gather to review the models and share their feedback. The round draft 2 models will also be published to the restructuring website at this time. We anticipate that round draft 2 models will be published in October 2026.

WHO IS PARTICIPATING?

We want to be transparent about how participants were selected and the perspectives represented, while also protecting the integrity of the working sessions. For that reason, we are not publishing individual participant names.

Detroit Catholic: www.detroitcatholic.com/subscribe

For additional information: restructuring.aod.org

This allows participants to engage candidly in the refinement process without being viewed as representatives of a particular parish or constituency or being contacted or lobbied outside the workshops. We believe this strikes the right balance between transparency about the process and creating an environment where participants can thoughtfully consider the parish feedback and make the difficult decisions needed to develop the Round 2 draft models.

HOW WERE PARTICIPANTS FOR MODEL REFINEMENT SELECTED?

Participants were selected based on their involvement in and exposure to the restructuring process to date. Most are members of the Modeling Team, restructuring commission, and/or project workstreams. The group includes priests, deacons, parish staff, and lay leaders who collectively bring a range of perspectives and familiarity with the pastoral and practical realities of the planning areas.

During the workshops, participants will review the feedback gathered through the parish listening sessions, evaluate the Round 1 draft models, and make decisions about how those models should be refined into the Round 2 draft models. The Round 2 draft models will then move forward as the next step in the broader discernment and restructuring process.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MODELING TEAM

The Modeling Team includes priests, deacons, parish staff, and lay leaders who collectively bring a range of perspectives and familiarity with the pastoral and practical realities of the planning areas. This team acts as a consultative body that reviews feedback and refines the pastorate models in collaboration with additional participants from each planning area.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESTRUCTURING COMMISSION

Members of the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission are priests, deacons, religious and laity from across the Archdiocese of Detroit who advise and consult on the restructuring process.

CURIA

The administrative “headquarters” of the Archdiocese of Detroit, which consists of departments, ministry leaders and officials who assist the Archbishop in his ministry as the chief shepherd and pastor of the local Church.

DEPARTMENT OF PARISH RENEWAL

A new department of the archdiocesan curia set up for the purpose of facilitating, administering and overseeing the archdiocesan restructuring process, as well as advising Archbishop Weisenburger. Fr. Mario Amore is the executive director of the Department of Parish Renewal.

WHY DOES MY PRIEST HAVE TO BE REASSIGNED EVEN IF MY PARISH IS HEALTHY?

The rationale behind what we anticipate will be a significant movement of priests has been discussed extensively with our clergy. We have also consulted with several dioceses that have undergone similar restructuring efforts, as well as priests currently serving in those dioceses. Consistently, their recommendation has been that all priests move as part of the transition.

There are several reasons for this approach. First, it allows us to look at the needs of the Archdiocese as a whole and match the gifts, talents, and experiences of our priests with the needs of the pastorates they will serve. Second, it provides both priests and parish communities with an opportunity for a fresh start as these new pastorates are formed.

Most pastorates will consist of multiple parish communities led by one pastor, with other priests serving as parochial vicars (commonly known as associate pastors). If priests were to remain in their current assignments and one of those priests was named pastor of the newly formed pastorate, it could create challenges for both clergy and parishioners. Parishioners might naturally continue to look to their longtime priest for leadership, and the pastor could be perceived as favoring the community from which he originally came. These dynamics can make it more difficult to build trust across the pastorate and to lead the newly formed community effectively.

We recognize that this aspect of the restructuring may be difficult to understand and accept, particularly given the strong bonds that often develop between priests and parish communities. Our goal is to position both our priests and our pastorates for long-term success as we seek to continue serving the People of God throughout southeast Michigan.

PASTORATE

A grouping of one or more parishes entrusted to the pastoral care of a single pastor and often sharing resources, ministries, and staff. A pastorate may include one pastor overseeing a single parish, or one pastor overseeing multiple parishes.

PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT (PPOC)

A parish staff member appointed by his or her priest to help navigate the archdiocesan restructuring process and communicate with the larger parish community. PPOCs have three responsibilities: to receive, share, and submit information on behalf of their parish during the restructuring process.

KEY PARISH LEADERS (KPLS)

Individual members of each parish designated by their priest to serve as collaborators in the restructuring effort. Key Parish Leaders must be registered parishioners and may serve as members of the parish/finance council, key ministry leaders, or representatives of a key parish demographic group. Key Parish Leaders will help share, inform, participate and lead the discernment process at their parish.



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

Not only does God have a plan for your life, so does Satan. The Devil wants to destroy your family, but he has to come through you to get them. You were made in the image and likeness of God and in a particular way in the image of the Father so you were made for this battle.

You were born for this.



Step into the breach
 and join the Knights.



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

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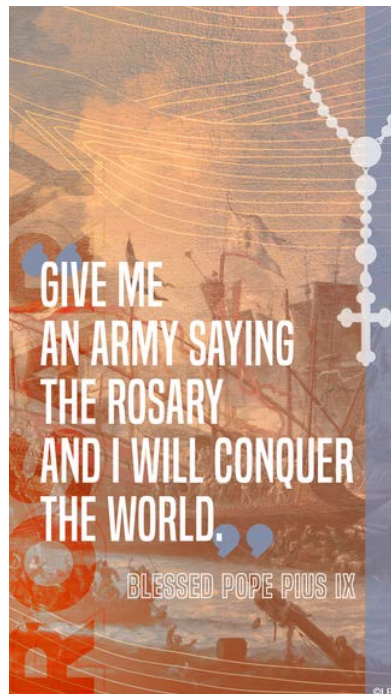
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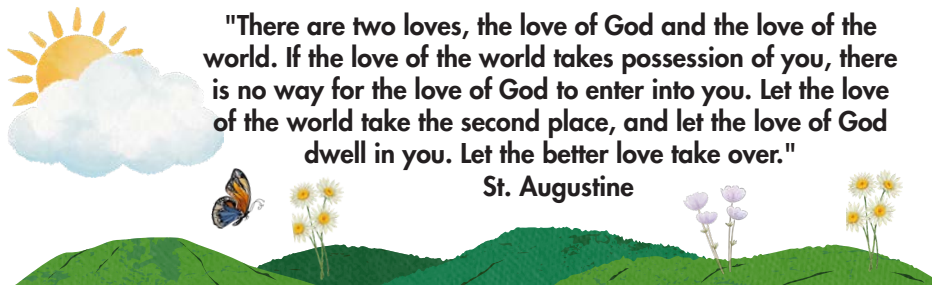
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**Readings for the week of October 4, 2026**

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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Funerals

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Saturday, October 10

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R. Day, M. Wiggins
Readers: S. Sterbenz, J. Wirth

Sunday, October 11

8:00am S. Gibb, K. Escamilla,
D. Gruska
Readers: E. Bridgnanan, C. Stratton

10:00am J. Ciarelli, A. Blaha,
M. Boyle, C. Basala, J. Jackett
Readers: B. Sadler, M. Wayne

12:30pm B. Franchina, M. Manchell
L. Sourbeck
Readers: M. Stawarz, S. Mitchell

Solanus Ushers - Greeters

Saturday, October 10

4:30pm M. O'Brien, E. Attard,
E. Ziaja, D. Czeski, D. Czeski
Livestream: G. Brooks

Sunday, October 11

8:00am M. Siepierski, D. Horgea,
K. Miazgowiec, J. Eddy,
C. Patrick, E. Miazgowiec

10:00am T. Gorski, K. Schreiber,
D. Barrett, B. Mincel

12:30pm M. Senerpida, M. Tocco

Altar Servers

Saturday, October 10

4:30pm C. Miller, T. Jackett, K. Lewis-Pigler, E. Micallef

Sunday, October 11

8:00am E. Bustamante, M. Dye, G. Dockstader, E. Dockstader
10:00am Z. Vitale, L. Vitale, A. Veach, P. Cragg, T. Cragg,
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