



God's Plan Is Set – It Includes Everyone Who Responds
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
January 10, 2021 - The Baptism of Our Lord
Isaiah 42:1-7 & Mark 1:7-11 with Acts 10:34-38

God's not partial to the Jews or the Gentiles. In the Master's Plan everyone who responds to His Plan is acceptable, beginning with John's preaching and baptizing. God anoints Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power to do good, to heal and free!

It's not a matter of our deciding as much as our discerning the Plan of God. Isaiah and Mark focus on one value – Justice to all the nations. The Spirit comes in the form of a dove – the same form He took to “create the world” in Genesis!

The book of Isaiah, which is Mary's playbook as I listen to Christian Scriptures, is today the first of four Suffering Servant Songs. The four are written as the Jewish people are in slavery in Persia. It's God's way of letting His people know the meaning.

The Apostles give us a way to understand the meaning of Jesus' baptism and why they are preaching beyond the Jewish community that rejected them. Put simply, the reason for Christ is for the benefit of others. Christ came to renew everyone!

Now it's up to us to respond. Sure we have a lot of “stuff” to deal with. We have our jobs and homes, our schools and cities, and all the other “stuff” that makes up our way of living. But at the end of the day, we'll be called to be accountable to Him.

The questions that come to my mind. Were we true to His covenant, His promise with us? Were we lights of truth piercing the darkness of the lie? Did we open the eyes of others, after ours were opened? Did we accompany people to freedom as we were?

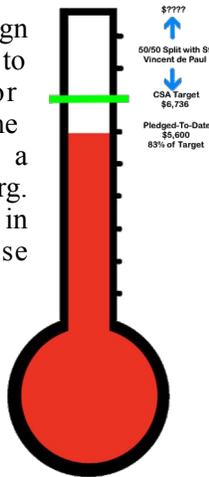
I look to the five Mondays beginning January 25th at 6:30 p.m. by Zoom to discern the talents and gifts God has given us as active Catholics. We continue to discern God's call to reach out to our community. I invite us all to discover and know what we have?

His cousin's work prepared the way for Jesus. He did his work, he decreased. Jesus increased through death and resurrection. Our work is to prepare the way for Jesus. Once our work is done, we'll decrease and Jesus will increase. We thought we are baptized to go to heaven. Are we open to letting God come to earth through us?

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

The 2020 CSA Campaign continues. All are invited to visit www.AOD.org for more information about the CSA, or you can make a donation at www.givecsa.org. If you require assistance in making a pledge, please contact Ed Shea.

To date, our total amount pledged is \$5,600, or 83% of our target. Remember, any amounts received over the target are returned to the parish, and will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.



“Discovering Your Gifts” Workshop

Beginning on Monday, January 25, and for the 4 consecutive Mondays afterwards, we will host the “Discovering Your Gifts” Workshop via Zoom. This is an opportunity for each of us, and for the parish, to identify the gifts and talents that we have to give to others as we advance the mission of St. Peter Claver. Each week's session will run for 90 minutes, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost, including the workbook, is only \$20.

As we celebrate 15 years as a parish and especially as we prepare to join our new “Family of Parishes,” let's prepare for the future by identifying our true treasury - the time and talent of those chosen to be sent to others.

For more information, or to sign up for the workshop, go to the parish website, or contact the parish office.

Meeting Reminders

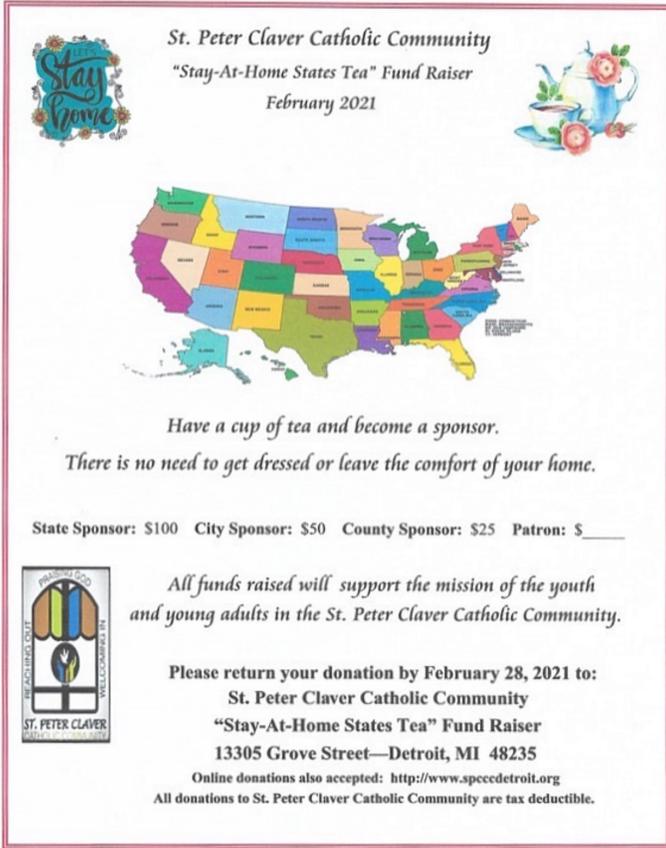
- **The Stewardship Commission will meet on Monday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.**
- **The Ministry Commission will meet on Thursday, January 14, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

Our Mission Statement

Having reflected on the "four faces of our parish," **St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**, chosen by the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and under the guidance of Mary, resolves that: 1) we will provide more opportunities for deepening prayer life and faith life for youth, young adults, and adults; 2) we will initiate efforts to reach out and re-connect with those individuals and families who have disconnected from the Church; 3) we will collaborate with other faith communities and organizations within our parish to offer ecumenical events/activities (e.g., neighborhood clean-ups, prayer meetings, health fairs); and, 4) we will utilize resources within our parish community to advocate for education and to promote social justice issues.

Community Virtual Meal via Zoom

Prior to the pandemic, our Mission Commission hosted a monthly community “potluck” meal, providing an opportunity for parishioners and members of the community to discuss issues of concern in our neighborhoods. Last month, we re-instituted the meal as a virtual event via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. This month’s Community Virtual Meal is this Thursday. All are welcome to join in; just go to the parish website at 6:00 p.m.



**Eucharistic Heart of Jesus
Intercessory Prayer Team**

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren & Marcella Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ron Galletero, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Grady & Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!

Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Terrence Tidwell, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

January 17, 2021

Celebrant: Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah

Lector: Pearl Crutcher

Meetings/Events This Week

- Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom
- Monday 7:00 pm Stewardship Commission via Zoom
- Tuesday 9:00 am Staff Meeting via Zoom
- 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
- Wednesday 1:00 pm Lectio Divina via Zoom
- Thursday 2:00 pm Ministry Commission via Zoom
- 6:00 pm Community Virtual Meal via Zoom
- Saturday 9:30 am Mentor Coaching Formation via Zoom
- Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College
For the “live” Parish Calendar, go to spcccdetroit.org

Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. Please send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It’s convenient, secure, and totally in your control!

Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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website: www.spcccdetroit.org

Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church
(Check the bulletin for holy days and special services)

Reconciliation: Before Mass or By Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Parish Staff is currently working from home. Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.

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