



Common Ground Takes Practice – Take Small Steps

23rd Sunday – Ezek.33:7-9 & Mt.18:15-20 with Rm.13:8-10 September 10, 2023

By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum

The common good is the unspoken goal of the Word of Life. This truth is so clearly expressed by Ezekiel and Matthew. It is not just a desire to live together but to encourage all of us to be our best selves. Do you hear the call to go beyond being kind?

There doesn't seem to be a need to be politically correct. What seems to be called for is to want each person to know each other enough to want what's best for all to be our best. In fact, I get a sense Jesus wants us to be part of a movement of love.

In both readings we are called to correct. Who are we called to correct? Who is the wicked person in Ezekiel? In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of your brother and sister who sins against you. For sure Jesus is speaking there of people we know.

Paul shares what we owe our brother or sister is to go beyond the violence of killing, stealing, hording, misusing those close to us. We are to love each other as we love ourselves. And loving calls for correcting at times.

I hear Jesus breaking the message down. He says to start one-on-one, to keep the process close enough that we can be in control over who else could hear about the wrongdoing. Let the one doing wrong push the envelope.

Can you remember a time you corrected? I remember a time I went to the store to buy some food. I came home and gave my dad the change. He asked me, "Did you give me all the money?" I said "Yes." He saw me chewing bubble gum.

He counted the money and there were a few cents missing. I swallowed the gum. His look was the lesson I learned – not to steal and not to lie. He didn't make a big deal out of it. He only said, "John, you can do better than that."

The example is simple. The impact was profound. The lesson learned has encouraged me to call people to better behavior. To want each of us to live our values, share our talents, give good example, and invite others to do the same.

Start with small encouraging corrections. When major issues arise, be ready!

WHEN

Sep 10 11:00AM

LOCATION

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

CELEBRATION OF
**World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly**



CSA

**Catholic Services Appeal
2023 Goal is \$6881.00
Give From Your Heart**

**The first 20 to donate to the CSA will
receive a GIFT.**



**HAPPY
16th
BIRTHDAY**

**ARIANNA
CADERAO**

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 reconnect 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.

Please join us

Community Meal

Sept 14
7pm

Inside Loyola
High School Cafeteria
15325 Pinchurst Detroit, MI 48238

Hustle and Wings
50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes!

Sponsored by St. Peter
Claver Mission Commission

For more info call parish office: 313-342-5292

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Mr./Mrs. Ulysses Banks, Warren Bridges, Donald Carter Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Gallesero, Tequilla Garrett, Ara Grier, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Alther Redd Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Diana Wicker, Leonard & Ona Wilson

Please Pray for Them as They Pray for Us!!

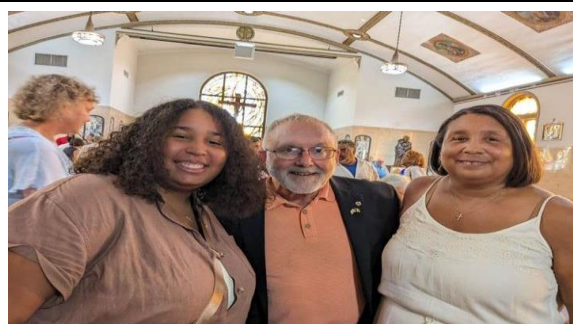
Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Andre Fox, 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, Wayne Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

MEETINGS / EVENTS Sept. 10th to Sept 17th

- Sunday** Sept 10th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. Vincent Nwanze
Minister of Service: Aurelia Smith
Lector: Jay Jones
- Monday** 6:00 pm Deaconate Ministry
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)
- Sunday** Sept 17 th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps (Priest in Solidum)
Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah
Lector: Arianna Caderao

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove



Jazz Heritage Mass last Sunday at Moses The Black Catholic Church (formerly Madonna).
Former pastor, Fr. Ron DeHondt . who was also the pastor at St. Gregory the Great.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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(313) 342-5292

Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chapel
8424 W. McNichols Rd. Detroit, MI 48221

Email parishoffice@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 by Appointment

Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10 am-2 pm
After hours please contact the Administrative Coordinator

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Reverend John Phelps, Priest in Solidum

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Elders Counsel, Larry and Willetta Rhodes