



St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

What does Family Mean Today?



December 31, 2023 – Sir.3:2-14&Lk.2:22-40 with Col.12:12-21 Holy Family

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

The value of family has been seen historically as the foundation of society. The development of each one of us is so impacted by our family. Parental authority is still honored by civil law respecting their right and responsibilities.

As our society has been evolving, family life has lost a great deal of its support. Take family meal with the father and mother with their children together. As this becomes infrequent, what is at risk of being weakened or disappearing?

Let's look Joseph and Mary and their Son, Jesus. What natural values supported them? As these values are weakened by various scheduling, by the cell phone and by broken relationships, what can be done?

The Word of Life today speaks to the importance of the father and mother to the child. Reverence for them is seen as very profound by Sirach. Luke sites what was taken for granted, "the child grew and became strong."

There are three values that are foundational to maturity. They are to flow from the bond of mutual love between a husband and a wife. Children are meant to obey them in everyone, so says Paul to the people of Colossae.

Silence to reflect in peace and quiet to listen to the voice of God in the midst of "noise with so many contradictions." With parents to listen to share wisdom and give counsel and to encourage learning, what a gift this would be.

Family life would be the safe space for sharing the values that are held sacred and the problems that secular world will raise. What a wonderful gift of unconditional love and trust that create a climate of hope against hope.

Discipline of work is understood as each family joins with each other's family to be responsible to use our talents for the common good. Labor is learned to have its own dignity, make our economy work and care for each other a reality.

As we celebrate Holy Family, I invite us to reflect upon the quality of our personal and parish family. Silence leads to wise and mature decisions? Family life turns obstacles into opportunities? Work is fulfilling? How are we all doing?



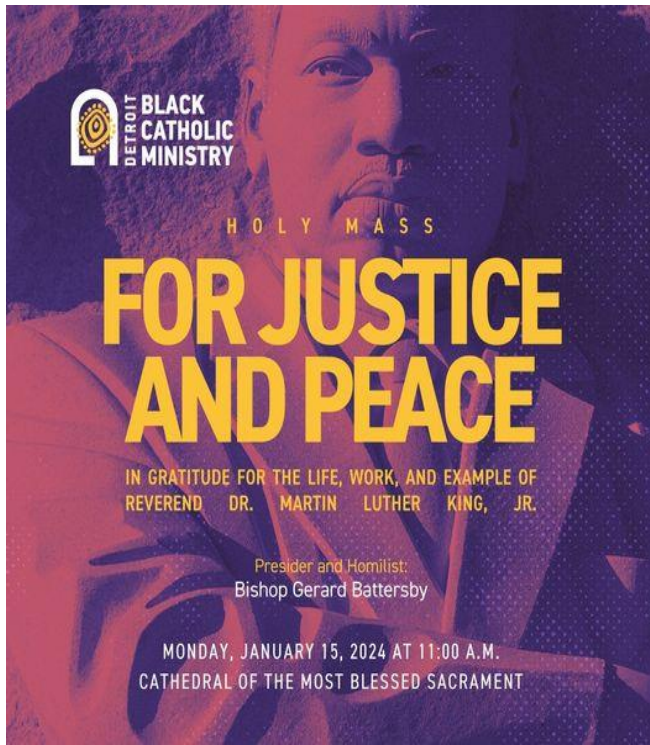
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Ed Shea: "Blessed evening with family including 6 out of 8 of our nieces and nephews. Christmas week is the best!!"

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.



Many Thanks to Chris Kendall, Choir, Commissions, Volunteers and all participants and parishioners for an amazing and joyful Christmas celebration!!

***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 Galletero, 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, Paul Lee, 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 Dec. 31stth to Jan. 7thth

- Sunday** Dec. 31st 10:00 am Mass at MC
Mass of the Holy Family
Celebrant: Fr. Vincent
Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
Lector: Arianna Caderao
- Monday** New Years Day Mass at Christ the King
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)
- Thursday** 10:30 am Staff Meeting at the Parish House
- Sunday** Dec. Jan. 7th 10:00 am Mass at MC
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Alan Flounory
Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

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

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**Support the 2023
Catholic Service Appeal
CSA Goal is \$6,881.00
We are approximately 76%
into our Goal, with \$5258.00
If you have made your
pledge, thank you!
If not, we ask that you
prayerfully consider making
a pledge**

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*Church Location: Marygrove College-Sacred Heart Chapel
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*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
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