



**Born After 1973 – the Baton Is A Work-In-Progress  
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.  
September 26, 2021 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Numbers 11:25-29 & Mark 9:38-49 with James 5:1-6**

I would ask each of you to recall the names of your children. Write them down on a piece of paper. As you write down their names, put down their confirmation name. Now I would ask you to share why you are a Catholic and why you pass on your faith.

Step back and listen to Moses passing on to others his spirit. Moses' challenge is to do so or else he would burn out and be the last leader to stand. Match that with the panic of Jesus' followers. They saw demons driven out by people not sent by Jesus.

The response to the followers of Moses and of Jesus – You have the truth to share, do it. But if God chooses others to share, as long as they're not against us they are for us. Your challenge is to do the same, not to scandalize your children and others.

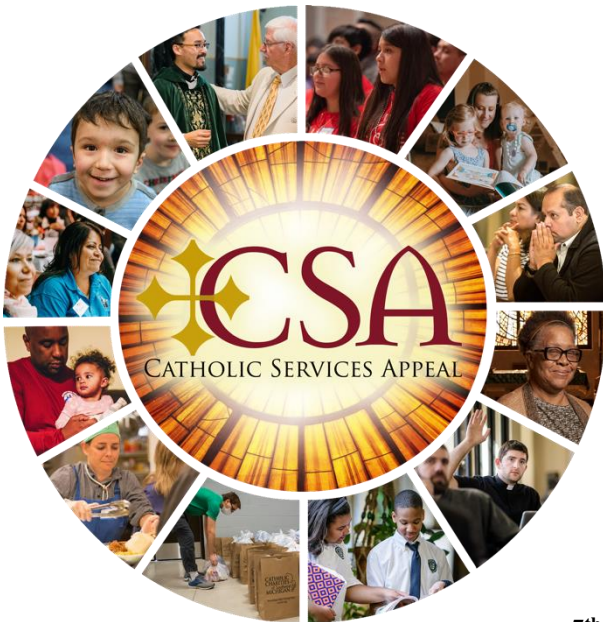
Church, we have a powerful gift. We have the Eucharist that is what comes from death. We have the Bread of Life and the Wine of Freedom – Life out of death and freedom out of slavery. Do we understand how rich we are? How free we are?

Church, we need to step up to the powerful teaching of James – "Rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries..." People are crying for life after death. People are looking for meaning after the money matters not. And are we willing to give?

Would these questions be confusing to your Confirmed children? Would they have any idea that the Eucharist is the "riches" they receive in order for them to give the Life of the Resurrection through forgiving and being forgiven?

In our country that holds "we are free to choose" it is very tempting to forget we are "chosen to be free." The Word of Life today wakes us up to look at our way of life. Have we been a source of scandal to our children by what we do and say?

I want to find a way to discern the spirit you have passed on to your children. As I look to our becoming a "Family of parishes," I want to listen to your children and their children. Do they believe they were given a gift of Resurrection and of Reconciliation? Do they want to support fellow followers of Jesus, chosen to be sent to renew the earth?



**2021 Catholic Services Appeal – Commitment Sunday!**

Welcome to "Commitment Sunday" when all parishioners are asked to finalize their pledge to the 2021 CSA. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to CSA.

**Our target this year is \$7,637.** As is our parish tradition, the amount over target, which the AOD refunds to the parish, will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry, which then goes to assist those in need in our parish neighborhoods.

Solicitation packets are available here in church, or by contacting the Parish Office. **There are three ways to make your pledge: 1. Return your pledge card directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided, 2. Drop your pledge card in our weekly collection bowl, 3. Pledge online through the parish website. Choose whichever way works best for you!**

For those present in church today, Father John will ask you to come forward with your pledge card or, if you are pledging electronically, just write your name on a piece of paper saying "I pledged online."

Your commitment to CSA is a commitment to our parish and to our mission to the 40,000 people who live in our parish!

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Talent Fest**


Our Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission will present the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Talent Festival via YouTube on Saturday, November 27, at 2:00 p.m. Youth and Young Adults are encouraged to showcase their talents, with prizes awarded. Details will be provided in the next few weeks. In the meantime, to sign up, go to our website at [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org), or send an email to [leadersinmotion@spcccdetroit.org](mailto:leadersinmotion@spcccdetroit.org). Please pass this information to your friends, children, grandchildren, schools, neighbors, etc.

**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.

## Adult and Youth Choirs

We have been blessed with our new Music Minister, Christopher Kendall, whose background is in voice and choir. He is seeking to expand our Adult Choir, as well as to start a Youth Choir. If you, or someone you know, has a potential interest in joining this opportunity to praise our Lord in song, please contact Chris at (248) 497-9196.





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### *Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team*

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, 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, 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

October 3, 2021

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

**Minister of Service: Alan Flounory**

**Lector: Alther Redd**

## Meetings/Events This Week

**Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom**  
**2:00 pm Knights of Peter Claver**  
**Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon**  
**7:00 pm Formation Team via Zoom**  
**Wednesday 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom**  
**1:00 pm Staff Meeting at PH**  
**Thursday 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council via Zoom**  
**Saturday 11:00 am Knights of Peter Claver**  
**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](http://spcccdetroit.org)

## Maintaining COVID Precautions

Recent developments in the fight against COVID have necessitated a reevaluation of precautions during celebration of the Eucharist. Accordingly, the Archdiocese has recommended that parishes encourage masking and social distancing, regardless of vaccination status. We request that all attendees, out of Christian love and respect for one another, follow these guidelines and any other posted instructions. Note that the Archdiocese has not changed its guidance on Mass attendance - only those who are sick, homebound, or at serious risk from COVID are dispensed from the obligation to attend.

### *St. Peter Claver Catholic Community*

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*website: [www.spcccdetroit.org](http://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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*Christopher Kendall, Music Minister*

*Tanda Flounory, Parish Pastoral Council Chair*

*LaTanya Mahdi, Finance Council Chair*