



St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

Power of God – Stumbling Block and Foolish – is Wise and Strong
March 3, 2024 - Ex.20:1-17 & Jn.2:13-25 with 1 Cor.1:22-25 – 3rd Sunday of Lent
By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum

The country is politically divided. The world has major conflicts. The struggle between “haves” and “have nots” is rising. This is a way to see our human condition. In the midst of this, March Madness in basketball and the Super Tuesday is to happen.

What is the message from the Word of Life? Respect the Creator. Stop false ways – the idol worshipping that is absorbing our media and our money. Moses and Jesus give the same message – Moses from the mountain top - Jesus in the temple.

Today would be no different than 3,200 years ago as Moses was leading his people out of slavery. Nor was it any different 2,100 years ago as Jesus was turning the world of the Jewish leaders up-side-down.

The power of God is a stumbling block to believers who want it both ways. We know the message is calling us to be signs of contradiction in our community. It is seen as foolish in public life. Given this constant tension, what does Paul encourage?

Do more than keep the commandments that Moses gave. Keep putting God in the center of all we do in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus was seen as weak in His death. Jesus was judged a fool as He was put in the grave.

We are halfway between Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday. Are we taking time to reflect and listen to the Word of Life? Are we finding ourselves practicing the way Jesus sees, speaks, and acts? Continue to go deeper into His way to wake us up.

There is a movie called “Ordinary Angels.” It’s about how a young girl needing a kidney transplant transformed a small country town. What drew the people together was a common mission – do whatever it would take but make sure she lives.

We have a mission. Focus on the children looking to us to show how we will respond to what surrounds us. We are to accept what we cannot change. True. But to change what we can. To speak for peace and act for justice for the weak. It may feel foolish. But it’s the power of God and the wisdom of God. Dare to be different gracefully!

Altar Society/Sacristy Team

Volunteers needed to work in
Sacristy for preparation of the
Mass

and assist our Celebrant.

Please contact the parish office or
Ms Pearl Crutcher after Mass



A BOWLING PARTY \$20.00 per person

Sunday March 17, 2024

Time: 4:00PM to 6:00PM

ARRIVE ½ HOUR EARLY

WHERE: 300 BOWL

100 S. Cass Lk. Rd

WATERFORD, MI. 48328

CONTACT: Bill Tidwell (313) 706-6459

David Craig: (313) 258-6555

Doris Henry: (810) 610-4732

Marie Bermudez: (248) 499-2360

Robin Johnson: (810) 814-7399

2 hours of fun bowling with shoes.

2 slices of pizzas and pop per person

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT TO BOWL

MARCH 10, 2024.

50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.

\$5.00 SPIRIT BASKET RAFFLE DRAWING



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.

The following is the entire schedule for Holy Week 2024:

Thursday, March 28 7pm - Celebrant, Fr. Vincent

Friday, March 29 12Noon - Celebrant, Fr. Vincent

Saturday, March 30 - 8pm - Celebrant, Fr. John

Sunday, March 31st - 10am - Celebrant, Fr. John



**16th Annual Urban Parish Spirit Awards
Recipient: Kathryn Crutcher**

When: Wed, March 6, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Where: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1000 Eliot St,
Detroit, MI 48207, USA ([map](#))

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, 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, 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 Mar. 3rd To Mar. 10th

- Sunday** Mar. 3rd 10:00 am Mass at MC
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Alan Flounory
Lector: Gwen Cook
11:30 am Mentor Coaches for Apostles of Mary
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina (Zoom)
6:00 pm 16th Annual Urban Parish Spirit Award
- Friday** 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Mass
- Sunday** Mar. 10th 10:00 am Mass at MC
Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R Priest in Solidum
Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
Lector: Arianna Caderao

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

Coming to SPCCC

Women Bridging Change

By request, the Healing Journey

Curriculum will be offered again
in a 12 week session

For more information contact:
Pat Shea or Patricia Woods at 313-342-5292

CSA

**Support the 2023
Catholic Service Appeal
CSA Goal is \$6,881.00**

**We are approximately 93.4% into our
Goal, with \$6428.00**

**If you have made your pledge, thank you!
If not, we ask that you prayerfully
consider making a pledge**

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

Parish Office: 13305 Grove St., Detroit, MI 48235
(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
Patricia Woods at (313) 342-5292

Reverend John Phelps, Priest in Solidum

Chris Kendall, Engagement Coordinator / Music Director

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Arianna Caderao, Administrative Intern (313) 342-5292