



Show Up And Show Out!

Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

January 2, 2022 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12 with Ephesians 3:2-6

Have you ever had an “epiphany” moment? You’re going along with everything pretty much on automatic and predictable. All of a sudden, something clicks. You’re stunned seeing and hearing life in a whole new way.

It happened to me as I was readying myself to celebrate Christmas and New Year. I realized that God didn’t have to reveal Himself as a helpless infant, but He did. The first impression He wanted to give was to be in the form of an adorable tiny child.

The last thing any of us can do as we hold an infant is to ask him for anything. In fact, it’s quite the opposite. He needs us to hold him, feed him, keep him clean, keep our eyes on him. We basically want to meet his needs and make him happy.

I believe all of us are to relate to God as the wise men from the East. We are to bring our gifts and talents to him. Remember how the King of Kings will judge at the end of the day? When I was hungry and thirsty, naked, sick or in prison, we responded.

I invite you into an Epiphany moment! We are co-partners with Jesus through the Gospel. This is to effect all we plan and do. We are servants of God’s grace, given to us, for others’ benefit, not our own.

This year we are moving toward being one of five parishes to become a Family. We are to radiate what we have to share of our gifts and talents. We prayed to be stars during Advent. And that we are. Let’s give what we have as good stewards for others.

As we make our New Year’s resolutions, I invite us to look forward to letting go and letting God be in control of our hope. Yes, we will do our best as if all depends on us. But we will pray knowing it all depends on our Tremendous Love who chose us.

2022 will be full of surprises and encouragement. The Child appeared needing us and He still does. He will wait for those on whom He can depend. Then it will happen for those who show up wanting to give as people of hope sent to do our best. As the Eucharist depends on us, like Mary and Joseph, let’s look forward to what shows out!

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

We have received pledges of \$5,830, or 76% of our CSA Target of \$7,637! If you have made your pledge, thank you! If not, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. Remember – amounts pledged over target will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry, directly benefitting those in need in our parish neighborhoods.

Solicitation packets are available here in church, or by contacting the Parish Office. **Choose how 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 or mail it to the Parish Office, or 3. Pledge online through the parish website.**

ROCC Returns!

Our Bible Study program, *ROCC: Reconfirming Our Faith*, presented by our Formation Team, will continue on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. You can participate in person at the Parish House or via Zoom.

You can view the first 2 sessions of *Reconfirming Our Faith* by going to our parish website.

Support the States Tea

Our Second Annual Virtual States Tea began in December and runs through February. **To date, \$1,367 has been received!** We thank all those who have contributed. If you did not receive a mailing, or cannot find your mailing, contact Ed Shea, or just go to the parish website at spcccdetroit.org. You can even make your payment on the parish website.

Upcoming Meetings

As we begin a new year, we resume our Team and Commission meetings. These meetings take on additional importance and urgency as we prepare to join our Family of Parishes on July 1. This week’s meetings include:

- January 3 at 7:00 p.m. – Formation Team via Zoom
- January 6 at 9:30 a.m. – Pastoral Team at Parish House or via Zoom
- January 6 at 6:00 p.m. – Administration Team via Zoom

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will close during the month of January so that Carol and Roy Harris will have a well-earned rest.

The Pantry will re-open on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Lectio Divina will resume via Zoom this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

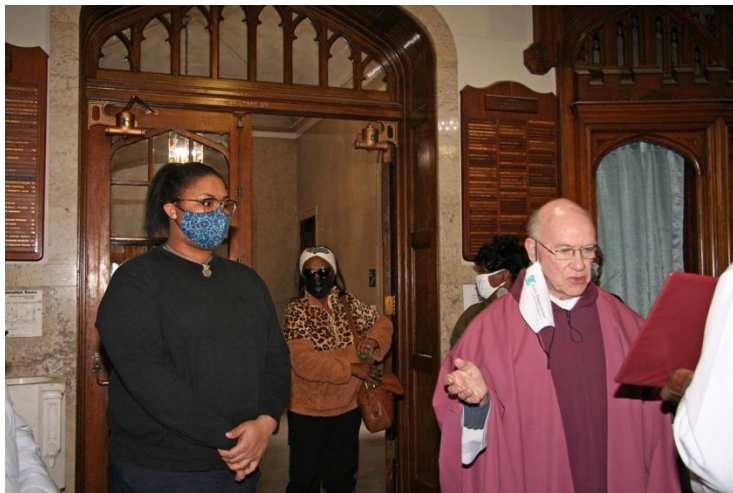
All are invited to join in via the parish website.

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.

Welcome, Taylier

On Sunday, December 19, our Community accepted Taylier Lewis into the Order of the Catechumens, a first step in her journey to full communion with the Catholic Church, which will occur at this year's Easter Vigil. Shown below with Taylier are our pastor, Fr. John, and Taylier's sponsor, Gwen Cook. Please pray for Taylier and Gwen as they journey together in discernment and preparation.



5th Annual Harvest Talent Fest

Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission presented the 5th Annual Harvest Talent Festival via YouTube. We thank all those who watched, and especially all those who shared their talents. If you weren't able to tune in, you can still do so at spcccdetroit.org.

Save Those Pennies

Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. Last month, we received \$37 in donations. Thank you to those who donated, and to Tanda.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercersory 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, David Gallesero, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, 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, Diana Wicker, 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, 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, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

January 9, 2022

Celebrant: TBD

Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher

Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	7:00 pm	Formation Team Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday	9:30 am	Pastoral Team Meeting via Zoom
	6:00 pm	Administration Team Meeting via Zoom
Saturday	2:00 pm	Ladies 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



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Blood Drive

St. Scholastica Catholic Church

8201 W. Outer Drive
Detroit

Monday, January 17, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Your blood can help save lives!
Come to give at this drive and get a Sickle Cell Fighter t-shirt while supplies last, and a \$20 Gift Card by email thanks to Amazon.
To schedule an appointment, please log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stscholastica) or call Mary Anne Stella at 248-979-5917.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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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 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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