



Show Up And Show Out – We're To Go Public
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.
January 3, 2021 - Epiphany of Our Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12 with Ephesians 3:2-6

The first teaching to the Confirmed as St. Paul's writes, is "We are stewards of God's grace." He immediately teaches us "grace is given to us for other's benefit." Keep this insight given to us in mind when we hear the message from the Word of God today.

Both Isaiah and Matthew center on the Star. They both share it rises in the West attracting foreign leaders (kings as they name them). Two gifts both agree were brought were gold and frankincense. In Matthew is added myrrh ... used for anointing.

Obviously the birth of the new-born King was important beyond the Jewish community. It was recognized by other world religions, as represented in the Magi. For the Magi they were overjoyed, just the opposite of those ruling over the Jewish people.

We all know of the slaughter of the "Holy Innocents", male children under the age of two. It is mentioned the Kings did not report as they were told, as they were inspired to go home by another route.

How does this event speak to us as we begin the year 2021? What a powerful challenge we are given. Knowing what we know of the Redemptive Love of Jesus, we are asked by Paul to do what he did – the promise to be coheirs and partners is open!

The momentum of "Unleash the Gospel" is inviting us to share in the context of the situation in which we find ourselves. We are coming out of the Pandemic. We are hoping to share the "vaccine" with as many people as possible and as soon as possible.

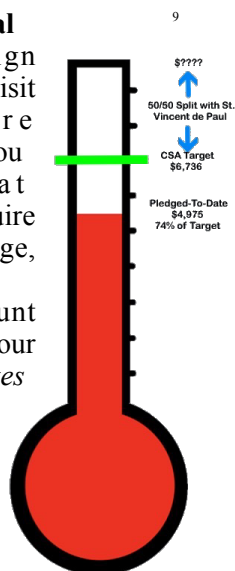
We are chosen to bring with us the call to give our talents and time to doing the work of the Gospel. We are given the grace to spread the message of caring and healing meant to bring people together to encourage each other to hope.

Works of mercy are practical ways to share our interest in being part of the solution. Many are fearful because of the uncertainty of work and funds, school and housing. Let's talk together among friends and neighbors. We may surprise ourselves as to what we might discover.

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

The 2020 CSA Campaign continues. All are invited to visit www.AOD.org for more information about the CSA, or you can make a donation at www.givecsa.org. If you require assistance in making a pledge, please contact Ed Shea.

To date, our total amount pledged is \$4,975, or 74% of our target. *(There were no updates during Christmas holiday.)* Remember, any amounts received over the target are returned to the parish, and will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.



"Discovering Your Gifts" Workshop

Beginning on Monday, January 25, and for the 4 consecutive Mondays afterwards, we will host the "Discovering Your Gifts" Workshop via Zoom. This is an opportunity for each of us, and for the parish, to identify the gifts and talents that we have to give to others as we advance the mission of St. Peter Claver. Each week's session will run for 90 minutes, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost, including the workbook, is only \$20. As we celebrate 15 years as a parish, let's prepare for the future by identifying our true treasury - the time and talent of those chosen to be sent to others.

For more information, or to sign up for the workshop, go to the parish website, or contact the parish office.

Reminder: The Mission Commission will meet on Thursday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom


HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED 2021!!

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.


Stay-At-Home States Tea

You should have received a mailing for St. Peter Claver's first "Stay-At-Home States Tea." (see the Flyer below) This is a "virtual" States Tea that will run through February 2021. Please consider supporting this fundraising initiative as we seek new ways to support the ongoing mission of the parish during the pandemic. You can mail in your donation, or donate online at spcccdetroit.org.




St. Peter Claver Catholic Community
 "Stay-At-Home States Tea" Fund Raiser
 February 2021





Have a cup of tea and become a sponsor.
 There is no need to get dressed or leave the comfort of your home.

State Sponsor: \$100 City Sponsor: \$50 County Sponsor: \$25 Patron: \$ _____



All funds raised will support the mission of the youth and young adults in the St. Peter Claver Catholic Community.

Please return your donation by February 28, 2021 to:
St. Peter Claver Catholic Community
 "Stay-At-Home States Tea" Fund Raiser
 13305 Grove Street—Detroit, MI 48235

Online donations also accepted: <http://www.spcccdetroit.org>
 All donations to St. Peter Claver Catholic Community are tax deductible.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren & Marcella Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ron Galletero, 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, Grady & 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, Vickie Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

Ministers Schedule

January 10, 2021

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

Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher

Lector: Kathryn Crutcher

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom
 Tuesday 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
 Wednesday 1:00 pm Lectio Divina via Zoom
 Thursday 6:30 pm Mission Commission via Zoom
 Saturday 2:00 pm Ladies of Peter Claver via Conference Call

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

Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

Collection Results

We continue to rely on your support. Please send your weekly donation to the Parish Office. Or you may want to consider online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!

Give Online at spcccdetroit.org

St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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 (313) 342-5292

Church: Marygrove College - Sacred Heart Chapel
 8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221

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website: 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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