



**Competition Is Cured Through The Cross That Reconciles**  
**Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**  
**July 18, 2021 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Jeremiah 23:1-6 & Mark 6:30-34 with Ephesians 2:13-18**

Competition defines the athletic way of life as well as the educational path most people walk. Among countries from managing the Pandemic to having successful production, winning and losing seems to be the order of the day.

How different the Creator wants to be remembered and followed! He comes to heal the division by removing the dividing wall. Two “people” – one close and one far off – he creates into one new person. He reconciles in one body through the cross.

With this approach to fallen human nature, obviously Jeremiah would describe the shepherds who mislead and scatter are those in competition with other shepherds. It is no surprise Jesus would be training his apostles to shepherd as He does – to heal.

To have a shepherd’s attitude is to develop an intuition of complement. It is to see the “either-or” way of approaching right and wrong with a desire to find a common ground, to look for the “both-and.” To be a good shepherd is to want opposites to join.

When I was ordained a priest in 1968, I penned the following vision as I looked forward to my mission. “To gather not to scatter – To lighten not to burden – To cherish not to squander – To search not to cease.”

This desire has led me to want to see education as both Public and Private. It has encouraged me to see the abled and disabled as winning together. We developed our work as “Peers inspiring peers through forgiving.”

Harmony is the hallmark of salvation history. Jesus himself explains a shepherd as having two sets of sheep. Those up close to Him and those far off as St. Paul would explain. Any other way of shepherding continues misleading as Jeremiah explained.

I am seeking to form our leadership teams to serve the four audiences with the attitude of complement. I ask us to pray that we active Catholics who love the Eucharist will seek to serve those of other faith communities to heal the divisions – now we may know them as racial – so that peace will come through the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

**Youth and Young Adult Retreat**

Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission will host a retreat on August 6-8 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center (23333 Schoolcraft) for young people ages 13-25. The theme is “*Finding the Message in the Mess: Prayer.*” The retreat is open to all youth, regardless of faith affiliation. If you, or someone you know, are interested, please contact Stephanie Flounory.

***This retreat is funded, in part, by a grant from:***



**Praise Dancers**

Our young Apprentices-In-Motion Praise Dancers will help us celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother on Sunday, August 15, at our 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you have a child or grandchild who might enjoy joining in this fun activity that enhances our worship experience, contact Stephanie Flounory.

**2021 Catholic Services Appeal!**

Our 2021 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) campaign has begun. Contributions to the CSA enables the Archdiocese of Detroit to continue its work to Unleash the Gospel through supporting programs that Fuel the Mission. Your commitment supports more than 100 ministries, services, and programs that share Christ throughout Southeast Michigan.

**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.

If you did not yet receive a solicitation from the AOD, or if you have misplaced it, they are available in the rear of the church, or by contacting the Parish Office. You can return your pledge directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided, or drop it in our weekly collection bowl. Even easier, you can donate online through the parish website.

We have designated Sunday, September 26, as “**Commitment Sunday,**” when parishioners will be asked to finalize their pledge to CSA. However, we suggest you make your commitment earlier, if possible. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to CSA.

***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.



**Communities Coming Together**

**Blood Drive**

**St. Scholastica Catholic Church**  
8201 W. Outer Drive  
Detroit

**Sunday, August 1, 2021  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, please log onto [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: stscholastica) or call Mary Anne Strella at 248-979-5917.

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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, 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,

***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**

**July 25, 2021**

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

**Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell**

**Lector: Arianna Caderao**

**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	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Friday	4:30 pm	Praise Dance Rehearsal in Church
Saturday	11:00 am	Knights of Peter Claver
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
	2:00 pm	Knights of Peter Claver

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)**

**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.

**Thank You for Your Financial Support!**

**You can drop your weekly donation in the collection basket, or send it to the Parish Office, or sign up for online giving. It's convenient, secure, and totally in your control!**

**Give Online at [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org)**

***St. Peter Claver Catholic Community***

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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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