



### **The Word of God Cuts to The Chase**

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

**October 10, 2021 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Wisdom 7:7-11 & Mark 10:17-27 with Hebrew 4:12-13**

I believe the Word of God is living and effective. I hope the Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword. I love that the Word of God discerns the reflections and the thoughts of the heart. Why? Because Jesus chose me to follow Him all the way!

There is a message from the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Scriptures. The message is so clear so many people have been seeking to confuse its meaning. Why? Because it is not the way the world, the flesh and the devil work!

The right way to act is to know wisdom is not found in what we own, in our health we have right now, in the light of truth that we possess. The right way is the way Jesus offered to the man wanting to know what to do to inherit eternal life – follow Jesus!

I've worked in public schools for 48 years. You'd think I'd graduate by now! I'm there to have an in-depth understanding of what is taught as wisdom. To get a job, make money, have the "good life" and be happy.

What do we have to say? What are we to do? "Go, sell what you have and give it to the poor and follow Me." For real? You would think by now with COVID, the loss of jobs and health, that more people would be asking, "What's deeper than having?"

To be chosen to know the Word of God is a call to profound humility out of which comes a prudent way of acting. The Word of God does change when people who have walk away. The Word of God is joy-filled and looking to give God the Glory!

His home town rejected Him. He kept on going. He had nowhere to lay His Head. He kept on going. He was not popular among the leaders. He kept on going. He was not esteemed. He kept on going. He didn't do what He wanted. He keeps on going!

Church, we are chosen to be sent to bring the Joy of the Gospel to people wounded by those who have the prestige and power. We are chosen to go to those not here given the energy of the Eucharist. Let's join together to discern how to follow the Wounded Healer. We do our best and Jesus will do the rest – He knows the Way!

#### **2021 Catholic Services Appeal**

Our 2021 CSA campaign is well underway. We will begin providing weekly updates next week. We thank all those who have made their pledge to support the AOD and the many ministries funded through CSA, and to St. Peter Claver. Remember – amounts pledged 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.

If you have not completed your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. 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!**

#### **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 6:00 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 friends, children, grandchildren, schools, neighbors, etc.

#### **Community Meal**

Our next Community Meal will be this Thursday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. at Loyola High School. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to share a meal and discuss issues of concern in our neighborhoods. For information, contact Stephanie Flounory or Patricia Woods.

#### **Welcome, Christopher!!**

Chris Kendall, our music minister, is joining our staff as the Engagement Coordinator, a new position developed for the Family of Parishes. Chris will lead initiatives to expand parish outreach to the "40,000," with a focus on youth and young adults. In addition, he will continue in his role as the music minister. Please join us in welcoming Chris to our staff.

#### **Thank You, Stephanie!!**

Stephanie Flounory will be transitioning from her contractor position supporting Youth and Young Adults to a self-supported member of our Evangelization Team. We thank Stephanie for all her work and for her continued commitment to our parish.

#### ***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.

## Calling All Confirmed Catholics

When someone questions your Catholic Faith, do you struggle giving an explanation?

When you were "confirmed" did you think that simply meant you have chosen "To Be Catholic?"

Was your Catholic Faith formed pre-Vatican II? post-Vatican II? Ever wondered about Vatican II? If you answered yes to any question above, come.

If you have other questions and are looking for understanding, **join us for:**  
**"Reconfirming Our Faith."**

Saturday, October 30, 2021, at 1:00 pm  
In Person at the Parish Office: 13305 Grove Street  
or Virtual via Zoom: [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 AOD 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.

## Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Aalls, 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 17, 2021

Celebrant: TBD

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
	7:00 pm	Formation Team via Zoom
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday	6:00 pm	Community Meal at Loyola
Friday	9:00 am	Pastoral Team via Zoom
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)

OCTOBER 16TH  
11AM-3PM

# CLOTHING DRIVE



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL TRUCKS WILL BE IN THE PARKING LOT OF  
ST. SCHOLASTICA CHURCH

ITEMS ACCEPTABLE TO DONATE:  
CLOTHING, SHOES, MISCELLANEOUS SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT BRING: FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, PILLOWS, CUSHIONS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, CRIBS, CAR SEATS, STROLLERS.  
NOT ACCEPTING CLOTHES HANGERS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO MAN A TABLE FOR AN HOUR OR TWO,  
PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL SANDERS, ST. SCHOLASTICA'S EVANGELICAL CHARITY COORDINATOR (313) 212-8929.

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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, Engagement Coordinator/Music Minister*

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