



**Order Our Steps In Your Way, O Lord!
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

**November 7, 2021 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:10-16 & Mark 12:38-44 with Hebrews 9:24-28**

The Word of Life today centers on “observing” what is happening. I find the call to observe to be very timely. We as a faith community may have a little but we have the capacity to do a lot. Let me share with you why I say this and how we can show it!

We have Marygrove, the Parish House and Loyola. All three of these locations have given us the opportunity to celebrate, organize and meet. We can surely hear ourselves sounding like the widow talking to Elijah. Jesus can observe us with a little.

This is why I say we can do a lot. We worship together through all the setbacks. We have a place to do the daily tasks we need to do. We have the high school opening their arms in hospitality to us. Like the widow, we keep on living. We keep on thriving.

How can we show we believe? Do what the widow did. She shared from her substance. Those who had a lot of money, they shared from their surplus. Did you hear what Jesus observed? He saw her heart, her sacrifice, her doing her best.

November is the month to say “Thank You” for all we have received. We are being asked to express our thankfulness by giving what we have, sharing what we received and encouraging each other by what we do.

Our treasury – to give what is possible to support our mission together as an active Catholic Eucharistic Community. It is a personal decision that becomes our communal commitment when we add it up. Now’s the time to make a substantial gift.

Our talents – to share what we received can be expressed by our being willing to serve on the teams and on the commissions. It may not seem to be much but in Jesus’ hands, the little does a lot. Now’s the time to invite others to join our journey of joy!

Our time – to encourage each other is the position of the Parish Pastoral Council. To be invited to “Reflect and Recommend” radiates a spirit of hope for us. Nominate those you see as hopeful people whose confidence comes from the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus that is the One who saves, the One who sends, the One we eagerly await!

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

Our 2021 CSA campaign continues, with a target of **\$7,637**. To date, pledges remain at **\$2,540 (33% of total)**. In addition, we have commitments of **\$1,385**, which will put us at **51%** of total; however, **we remind those who made commitments that they must still submit a pledge card, or complete their pledge online**. We thank all those who have made their pledges and commitments to the AOD and its many ministries, and to St. Peter Claver, and **we ask all others to make a pledge as soon as possible**. 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.**

National Vocation Awareness Week: Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

10th Anniversary Concert

The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir will celebrate its 10th anniversary this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church (1000 Eliot St). Admission is \$10. A face mask is required. For tickets or information, contact Mary Caroline Jonah or Aurelia Smith, or call Marilyn Webb at (313) 596-7140.

5th Annual Harvest Talent Fest

Our Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission will present the 5th 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. Sign up at spcccdetroit.org, or send an email to leadersinmotion@spcccdetroit.org. **In order to be included in the final production, all performances must be electronically submitted to Christopher Kendall (cmkendall@spcccdetroit.org) by November 20!** If you have any questions, or require assistance, contact Chris. Please pass this information to friends, children, grandchildren, schools, neighbors, etc.

Note: Stewardship Commission meets Monday at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Ministry Commission meets Friday at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

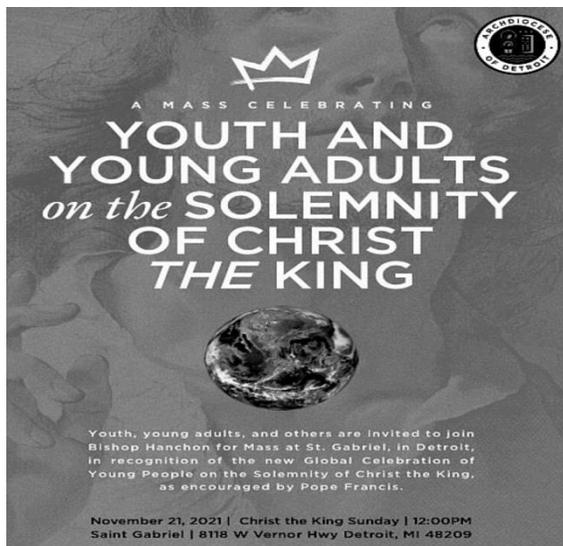
Our Mission Statement

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Elections

Under the Family of Parishes structure, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is no longer required; the Family will have a Pastoral Council with representatives from each parish in the Family. However, our PPC has voted to continue to exist in order to set and monitor the direction of the parish in partnership with the pastor. The restructured PPC will meet twice a year and will be comprised of 5 elected members plus 2 members-at-large appointed by the pastor. The 5 elected members will represent the Mission Commission, the Ministry Commission, the Stewardship Commission, the Administration/Formation Teams, and the Evangelization/Pastoral Teams.

Please prayerfully consider people who would best represent these functions in planning and evaluating the future direction of the parish. This week and next, slips of paper will be available for submission of nominees here in church or by mail to the parish office, and online submission is available through the parish website. The final results will be announced by Father John at the November 21 Mass.



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, 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

November 14, 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
Monday	6:00 pm	Stewardship Commission via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Thursday	6:00 pm	Community Meal at MC
Friday	12:00 pm	Ministry Commission via Zoom
Saturday	9:00 am	Mentor Coaches Meeting at PH
	2:00 pm	Ladies of Peter Claver 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**

Evangelization Update!!

The Mission of the Church, and therefore our parish, is to Evangelize – and it's happening here at St. Peter Claver.

Our Formation Team continues to train Mentor Coaches to walk with our newest confirmed as they prepare to share their faith with others. The next meeting for our Mentor Coaches is this Saturday at 9:00 am in the Parish House.

The next Community Meal will be this Thursday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m. here at Marygrove. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join in as we "Envision an Open World," reflecting on chapter 3 of Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*). For more information, contact Chris Kendall or Patricia Woods.

Our Ministry-Formation Team is presenting *Reconfirming Our Faith*. The next session will be on Saturday, November 20, at 1:00 p.m.

Follow the bulletin or parish website for updates.

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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