



### **Grace Is The Reason For The Rising Stars of Wisdom**

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

**November 14, 2021 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Daniel 12:1-3 & Mark 13:24-32 with Hebrews 10:11-18**

We're not there yet. No one knows the day or hour when each of us personally, let alone all of us as a people, will be perfect. But it is coming. And to live with such knowledge is the wisdom described by Daniel and shared by Jesus.

Jesus invited His disciples to grow in Daniel's wisdom. His invitation was the changing of the season as seen in the fig tree. I suggest we can use "Falling from Daylight savings time" as an opportunity to grow in the wisdom – to be a S.T.A.R.

"**S**" is to Stand up with the help of our Savior. We are surrounded by lots of joys and struggles. Our joys come from family and friends to work and entertainment. Our struggles often come from the same. The difference is how we see and respond.

"**T**" is to be a Thankful Person – to accept what I cannot change about myself and others. I know I am not yet perfect. I pray for the grace to listen with an ear of compassion and encouragement as I listen to myself speaking as such.

"**A**" is to Accompany others to change what we can. Grace will last forever. Jesus is good on His word. His Word will last forever. Everything else will pass away. We want to give our time and talents to people who believe God will make a way out of no way.

"**R**" is to Remember where wisdom lies. To quote Daniel "those who lead the many to justice." We will make a difference one person at a time by breathing forgiving to encourage healing hurts among family and friends, where we work or recreate.

Stars look brighter in the dark. It's not that the star changes. It's when everything around us is getting darker that we are to be seen – grace-filled to Stand up Thankful to Accompany others Remembering forgiving invites people to heal and bond together.

We are followers of Jesus, chosen to be sent as Stars showing the way to wisdom that dares to be different. We are given the grace of the Body and Blood of Jesus on purpose. Our purpose is to bring grace where there is disgrace. We want to be the first responders. All we need do is remember who helped us up when we fell!

### **2021 Catholic Services Appeal**

CSA campaign pledges currently total **\$3,790 (50% of total)**. In addition, we have commitments of **\$1,285**, which will put us at **67%** 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, 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.

### **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 reflect on and recommend 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.

**Today is the last day to submit nominations.** Nomination forms are available in the rear of the church and on the parish website. Or you can email your nominations (up to 5 names) to [parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org](mailto:parishoffice@spcccdetroit.org). (Note that staff members are not eligible for PPC.) The final results will be announced by Father John at next week's Mass.

### **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.

## **Evangelization Update!!**

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

**Our Ministry-Formation Team is presenting ROCC 1.0: Reconfirming Our Faith.** The next session will be this Saturday, November 20, at 1:00 p.m. You can choose to join in person at the Parish House or via Zoom using the parish website.

Our Formation Team met again yesterday to train Mentor Coaches to walk with our newest confirmed as they prepare to share their faith with others.

We had a wonderful Community Meal on Thursday. The December Community Meal will return to Loyola on Thursday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. **All are invited.** For more information, contact Chris Kendall or Patricia Woods.

Follow the bulletin or parish website for updates.

## **Celebrate Black Catholics and their Artists**

In the Fall of 2020, Professor Larry Lunsford, Assistant Director of Education and Outreach, Community Arts Partnerships of the College for Creative Studies (CCS), and 11 of his student artists took on the challenge to create a display of original art depicting 22 Black Catholics both past and present.

On November 21 at 2:30 p.m., in the heart of Black Catholic History Month, St. Suzanne Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish (19321 W. Chicago) will hold a reception for those student artists, their families and the teachers from CCS, to honor their accomplishments and shine the light on the lived virtues of the Black Catholic personages who are depicted in this show. All are invited to celebrate the art and the artists!

Lights refreshments will be served. Secured Parking is provided. COVID protocols will be observed.

***Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. Every little bit supports the parish mission!***

## **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 Schultdt, 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 21, 2021**

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

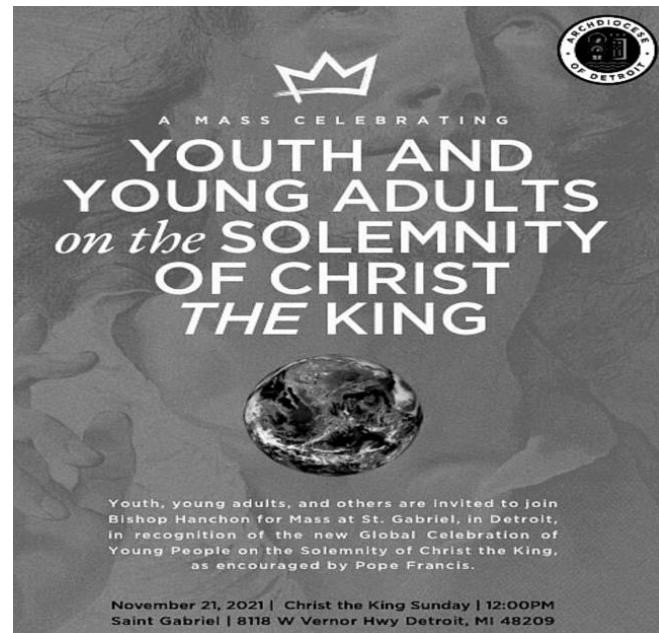
**Minister of Service: Sandra Horn**

**Lector: Jay Jones**

## **Meetings/Events This Week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Mass in Church and via Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	Lectio Divina via Zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Staff Meeting at PH
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Community Peace Circle via Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	ROCC 1.0 at PH and via Zoom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	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**



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

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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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