



**Thanks Remember Hope Is Where Wisdom Lies**

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

**December 19, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Advent**

**Micah 5:1-4 & Luke 1:39-45 with Hebrews 10:5-10**

“**Thirsting For Prayer**” is the theme of the Youth and Young Adult Retreat we are completing. The retreat was to lift up the ways of life of Mary and Elizabeth, John the Baptist and Zachariah, Joseph and Anna – just to name a few.

Paul speaks into the genius of God who knows what is most important in the journey to rejoice – to find the pearl of great price – to go below sizzle to substance – to remove the wrappings and see the Real Present.

Prepare the Body to share – “Behold I come to do your will.” It is not about what we think. It is not so much about how we feel. It is all about what we want to do. It is all about developing a discipline, to practice our ability to respond to His Voice.

The first reading focused on the smallest of the cities from which would come the ruler, the shepherd. The gospel centers on Elizabeth who “heard” and “felt” the Spirit of God when Mary spoke. Blessed ... Blessed... Blessed with praise!

We are moving toward the yearly remembering of the source of our Hope. We are about to be invited to pray to be more aware of where wisdom lies. The noise surrounds us. The “messiness of living” invades us. What a gift to be silent and hear.

**H.E.A.R.** – the discipline for prayer that leads to action that offers what Jesus came to give – “Peace on earth to people of good will.” “**H**” is for Hope. “**E**” for Expects. “**A**” is for Accompany. “**R**” is for Re-creating. Hope Expects Accompanying Re-creating.

This is the fruit of reflecting in prayer. To want to connect with our creator is to want to praise the power of re-creating. To share what comes from connecting with the creator is to have eternity now. It is go cut to the chase and learn the path to wisdom.

When we move into the silence of our soul, we open our hearts to hear why we are chosen to be here in this place at this moment. God does not make accidents. We do. Then God who makes a way out of no way invites us to be the clay to be fashioned, not to be Elizabeth or Mary, Joseph or Joachim – to be sent the way we are prayerfully.

**2021 Catholic Services Appeal**

**We have now reached 68% of our CSA Target of \$7,637!** If you have made your pledge, thank you! If not, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. 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.**

**Save the Date**

Our Bible Study program, *ROCC: Reconfirming Our Faith*, presented by our Formation Team, will continue on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. You can participate in person at the Parish House or via Zoom.

You can view the first 2 sessions of *Reconfirming Our Faith* by going to our parish website.

**Holiday Mass Schedule**

The Christmas Vigil Mass will be celebrated this Friday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a Christmas Concert at 6:00 p.m. The Christmas Day Mass on Saturday will be at 10:00 a.m.

Also, we will celebrate Eucharist on Saturday, New Year’s Day, at 10:00 a.m.

**Youth and Young Adult Retreat**

Today we welcome and celebrate our youth and young adults who completed a weekend retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. The retreat theme was “**Thirsting for Prayer.**” We thank those who attended the retreat, and those who worked with them in discovering the power of prayer

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

If you have not yet made your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious, it’s not too late. This collection is in recognition of the sacrifices made by members of the various religious orders who work in hospitals, schools, retreat centers and parishes.

Our parish has been particularly blessed by members of religious orders. Fr John is a member of the Redemptorists. Fr. Alex Steinmiller is a Passionist; Fr. David Preuss is a Franciscan Capuchin; Sr. Rosalie is a Dominican.

Flyers and envelopes are in the rear of the church. You can also give online through the parish website. Please be generous.

**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.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Talent Fest

Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission presented the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Talent Festival via YouTube. We thank all those who watched, and especially all those who shared their talents. If you weren't able to tune in, you can still do so at [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org).

# Wise Women Also Came



## WOMEN'S EPIPHANY TIME OF REFLECTION

Sunday, January 2, 2022

6:00 pm–7:30 pm

Presenter: **JONI SCOTT**

Director of Religious Education at  
Nativity of our Lord Parish/St Charles Borromeo Parish

ZOOM LINK: <https://bit.ly/3p2QEpu>

Bring the following to the zoom:

- A creative crown or head scarf that you have already at home
    - A Bible
    - An empty favorite cup with a beverage to fill it.
  - Chalk to bless your door with the inscription (*ask your priest to Bless the chalk*)
- Any Questions email: [Jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:Jlscott820@gmail.com)



### Save Those Pennies

*Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. Last week, we received \$37 in donations. Thank you to those who donated, and to Tanda.*

### 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, David Gallesero, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, 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, Diana Wicker, 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, Andre Fox, 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

December 24, 2021

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

**Minister of Service: Pearl Crutcher**

**Lector: Kathryn Crutcher**

December 25, 2021

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

**Minister of Service: Sandra Horn**

**Lector: Arianna Caderao**

December 26, 2021

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

**Minister of Service: Mary Caroline Jonah**

**Lector: Jay Jones**

### Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	9:00 pm	Staff Day at St. Paul of the Cross
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divina via Zoom
Friday	6:00 pm	Christmas Concert in Church and Via Zoom
	6:30 pm	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Saturday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and 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)



American Red Cross

Community of Giving

## Blood Drive

### St. Scholastica Catholic Church

8201 W. Outer Drive  
Detroit

Monday, January 17, 2022  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Your blood can help save lives!  
Come to give at this drive and get a Sickle Cell Fighter t-shirt while supplies last, and a \$20 Gift Card by email thanks to Amazon.  
To schedule an appointment, please log onto [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: stscholastica) or call Mary Anne Stella at 248-979-5917.

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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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