



**As the Chosen – Rejoice with Hearts Full of Thanks
Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

**December 26, 2021 – Feast of the Holy Family
Sirach 3:2-14 & Luke 2:41-52 with Colossians 3:12-17**

The blueprint for happiness comes to us as more than a Christmas present. It is the peace of Christ that controls hearts! It is the message of the bond that grows when the father and the mother are in harmony. The children become the messengers!

Church, many of us feel the effects of the challenges to family life today. The model of husband and wife give birth to children. Children honor and obey their parents. And when they are in old age, they care for their parents with reverence.

The ideal has come on hard times. But it is the ideal none the less. So what does the Word of Life lift up for us to consider? I suggest Jesus taught us by learning the way Himself from his mother and father. He returned to Nazareth and advanced in wisdom.

St. Paul would break it down for the chosen to whom he was sent. The six values of family would bring joy back to life. Maybe not by the “natural model” that fallen human nature often weakens if not destroys. But by the “supernatural model” – Jesus’ family!

Begin with compassion and kindness. Jesus was excited to go public at twelve. And when His mother shared their worry, compassion became part of Jesus’ reflection. The kindness the parents showed as they raised the value of authority attracted Him.

Continuing with the spirit the twin values of humility and gentleness unfolded. They were humiliated as they asked people where their lost child was. But they would be gentle in asking others to help them find the child.

The twin values of patience and forgiving would have come through in their tone of voice. This is why peace controlled their hearts. This is why being thankful would be second nature to them. All they wanted was for love to be the center of their way to live.

To embrace the six values is to grow into virtues that heal vices. Compassion and kindness can heal the cruel. Humility and gentleness invites healing for the proud. Patience and forgiving soothes the cynical. All flow in harmony with each other as we come to know how to love one another as Mary and Joseph raised Jesus gracefully.

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

We have now reached 75% 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.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

On January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. For 2022, this will not be a Holy Day of Obligation, since it falls on a Saturday. However, we will celebrate Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Please join us as we celebrate the Blessed Mother, and the New Year.

Remembering Herbert Martin

Our long-time parishioner and friend, Herb Martin, past away on December 8. For many years, Herb and his brother, Addison, provided their talent and jazz contacts to our annual Jazz on the Grass event. Herb’s funeral service will be held at James Cole Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 29, at 3:00 p.m. Viewing will be on Tuesday, December 28, at Cole’s from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m.

Please keep Herb, Addison, and the entire family in your prayers.

There will be no Lectio Divina this Wednesday, December 29. Lectio Divina will resume on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will close during the month of January so that Carol and Roy Harris will have a well-earned rest. The Pantry will re-open on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

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.

5th Annual Harvest Talent Fest

Leaders In Motion and Leaders On Mission presented the 5th 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.

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

Save Those Pennies

Bring in your loose coins. Tanda Flounory will collect them for donation to the parish. This month, 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

January 1, 2022

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

Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell

Lector: Patricia Woods

January 2, 2022

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

Minister of Service: Alan Flounory

Lector: Arianna Caderao

Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom
2:00 pm Knights of Peter Claver
Saturday 10:00 am Mass in Church and via Zoom
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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



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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.
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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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