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. Emptying Ourselves Opens Us to Being Exalted
April 2, 2023 – Is.50:4-7 & Mt.26:14-27:66 with Ph.2:6-11 – Palm Sunday
By Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. – Priest in Solidum

“Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God...” St. Paul is about to share a truth that will give an insight into the cycle of human life for centuries. The response to why things happen as they do through Paul’s pen has an amazing awareness.

I offer to you a teaching that has freed me to reimagine so much of what is my way to facing into the pattern of life, death, life. It has led me to listen a second time to the meaning of L.I.F.E. “Live Intensely Following Events.” What happens when all ends?

Paul never knew Jesus while Jesus lived. Paul learned about Jesus from others who knew him in person. Listen to this insight that Paul gained from others, especially Jesus’ mother. I invite you to see the drama of death through the eye of God.

The desire to have is human. The hunger for more is natural. The thirst for adventure is normal. Yet, when God becomes human, notice. His life ends not doing His will. His food is not natural. And His thirst is never satisfied.

Jesus freely empties Himself “taking the form of a slave.” “He humbled Himself becoming obedient.” Jesus freely let others define his life as a failure. This story of L.I.F.E. ended on the Cross. Jesus lived intensely following event after event.

How amazing grace is for those who want to see and hear. See death in the hand of L.I.F.E. and feel the end breathing a new beginning. Turn the Cross into a shepherd’s staff and teach others to want to “Love Including Forgiving Everyone”.

Jesus came to show us how to live forever. Forgive whatever happens in space and time and we will know eternity now. We will have a message to share that will come from what we discovered through letting go and letting God.

We remember the Week called Holy that begins in triumph becomes a tragedy that turns into healed nail marks. Is our God an amazing God? He can re-imagine in ways we can only marvel over. Now do we know what happens when it’s all over? God is the joy that enjoys, the laugh that opens graves and the miracle coming out of mess.



Christ the King Catholic School, located in Detroit, Michigan, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic, and visionary leader for the position of Principal beginning July 1, 2023.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a cover letter that outlines your vision for the position of principal and outlook on Catholic education, resume and references.

Materials should be sent electronically to: Fr. John McKenzie jmckenzie@christthekingschooldetroit.org and Kimberly Vigneron at vigneron.kimberly@aod.org.

An initial review of applicants and first interviews will take place in early April.



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.



NFWF Announces \$1.7 Million in Conservation Grants to Improve Community and Habitat Resilience in Southeast Michigan

Public-private partnership funds six projects to improve water quality, enhance habitat and increase accessibility to public green space.

<https://www.nfwf.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/nfwf-se-michigan-20230301-gs.pdf>

Don't Forget!
Stephanie Flounory and Tanda are collecting candy and donations for Easter for the church.

***Eucharistic Heart of Jesus
 Intercessory Prayer Team***

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald Carter Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, David Galletero, Tequilla Garrett, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Dorrell Moore, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Alther Redd Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Diana Wicker, Leonard & Ona Wilson

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, Wayne Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

MEETINGS / EVENTS April 2nd to April 9th

- Sunday** April 2nd 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum
 Minister of Service: Alan Flounory
 Lector: Arianna Caderao
- Monday** 6:00 pm MOS Training at PH on Grove St.
- Tuesday** 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
 14400 Puritan St. Detroit 48227
- Wednesday** 11:00 am Lectio Divina via Zoom
- Thursday** 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Service at MC
- Friday** 12:00 pm Good Friday Service MC
- Saturday** 8 pm Easter Vigil MC
- Sunday** April 9th 10:00 am Mass at MC and via Zoom
 Celebrant: Fr. John Phelps Priest in Solidum
 Minister of Service: Bill Tidwell
 Lector: Kathryn Crutcher
 Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College
 Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove

DATE	MINISTER OF SETVICE	LECTOR	
April 2	Alan Flounory	Arianna Caderao	Palm Sunday
April 6, 7pm	Pearl Crutcher Bill Tidwell	Kathryn Crutcher	Holy Thursday, 7pm
April 7, 12 pm	Alan Flounory	Mary Caroline Jonah	Good Friday, 12 pm
April 8, 8 pm	Mary Caroline Jonah Pearl Crutcher	Arianna Caderao Jeff Flounory Gwen Cook Jay Jones	Easter Vigil, 8 pm
April 9, 10 am	Bill Tidwell	Kathryn Crutcher	Easter



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 8424 W. McNichols Rd. Detroit, MI 48221
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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 by Appointment
 Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10 am-2 pm
 After hours please contact the Administrative Coordinator
 Patricia Woods at (313) 342-5292
Reverend John Phelps, Priest in Solidum
Chris Kendall, Engagement Coordinator / Music Director
Patricia Woods, Administrative Coordinator
Team Captains:
 Evangelization: Ed Shea
 Formation, Mary Radford
 Administration, Jeff Flounory
 Commission Chairs:
 Mission Commission, Tanda Flounory
 Ministry Commission, Pearl Crutcher {Interim}
 Stewardship, Clarence Watts
 Elders Counsel, Larry and Willetta Rhodes