

Christ the King THE BROADCAST



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20800 Grand River Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48219

PARISH MISSION

We are Christ the King Parish, a richly diverse Christian Community in Northwest Detroit. We are on a journey of Discipleship with Jesus, seeking conversion, reconciliation and renewal. We reach out in welcome to all the people within our neighborhood, proclaiming the good News of Christ the King, building community, celebrating together, serving one another's needs and the needs of all our neighbors.

From the Mind and Heart of
Deacon Chris.....

A Tent is Not a Home.....

I recall a St Vincent DePaul client we recently served – A female senior, probably in her sixties, kind of a grandmotherly type, chatty, but somewhat disorientated. Let's call her Mary; not her real name. She was homeless, and needed a place to stay. I knew Mary previously; for a couple of months last year when she slept in tent on one of the lawns in Brightmoor. I stopped by a couple of times to check on her. She seemed OK. It was warm. It was summer. This time it's March and it was cold. It was near the end of the month; Mary was to get her Social Security check on Friday. She said she needed a place to stay for four or five nights. OK, I said. 'We'll work something out'. Occasionally, at SVdP and at our churches, we encounter the homeless. It is never an easy situation. My first response is: 'Can you find a place to stay with one of your friends or relatives? We'll load you up with food. If you can sleep on a couch, it's a lot better than a shelter.'

The New York Times recently had their Sunday Opinion page devoted to the issue of homelessness. They interviewed the homeless, below are a couple of the questions and the homeless person's answer:

Q. How has your life changed since you became homeless?

A. I stopped reading books.

Q. What is the biggest stress you deal with day to day?

A. Coming up with a way to make money to find a warm and dry place to sleep for the night.

Q. What would you do to stop homelessness?

A. I would take people with me and have them experience what it is like

being homeless. Interesting Responses. Some of you may have seen the bronze sculptor of 'Homeless Jesus'. It is in downtown Detroit in front of St Peter and Paul Jesuit Church facing Jefferson Ave. It was created by Timothy Schmaltz, a Canadian sculptor. Cast in bronze, a homeless person is laying on a bench with the nail wounds in his hands and feet exposed. (You may also have seen, 'When I was in Prison' also by Timothy Schmaltz inside Christ the King Church. It is a jail scene with the crucified hands of Jesus resting on the cell bars.) From St Matthew's Gospel, 'I was imprisoned and you visited me.'

Even though the US is one of the richest nations in the world, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 650,000 were homeless in 2023. And from my witness from St Christine's; we also have people who do not have enough to eat. According to the US Census Bureau in October, 2023, 28 million adults live in home where there is not enough to eat. That's referred to as 'food insecurity'.

There have been many changes in our society and these changes have adversely affected the poor. I recall hearing a priest who had been involved with soup kitchens and outreach for a number of years talk about the changes he has observed. He was saying thirty or forty years ago those coming to soup kitchens were primarily men, and alcohol was their major vice. Today, you see many women and children stuck in poverty.

For several years, I've volunteered with the Society of St Vincent DePaul, which is located in the Yellow House on the St Christine

Christian Services Campus. And yes, we arrange for temporary shelter for women and children and provide them food. For the homeless, we have them register with an organization like CAM (Coordinated Assessment Model); but the reality is a lot of the shelters are full. We continued to follow up and assist Mary when we were able.

Detroit Police Commissioner White and our Neighborhood Police Officer Wesley both have said one of the major issues in the city is mental health; which certainly contributes to the whole homeless issue. Services for the mentally ill is also woefully inadequate with roughly 28 million Americans with a diagnosed mental condition unable to access treatment. (Research and Action Institute 12/23).

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus foretells at the Final Judgment how all of us will be judged, one being 'For I was hungry and you gave me food' (Matt 25:35). So what can we do?

One is to be aware of the issue. Also as Jesus said, 'The poor you will always be with you' (Matt 26:11). We can't ignore the poor. Our parishes, St Christine's Christian Services, St Vincent DePaul, and other outreaches help those in need. Your support with prayer and donations is always appreciated.

Have a Blessed Week.....



"The Homeless Jesus" by Timothy Schmaltz

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Carole Ann Beaman.....Worship
Ron Hildebrandt.....Finance Council
Jahmal Ross.....Parish Director
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Joshua Webb.....Engagement
St. Vincent dePaul.....313-535-7272

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday.....10:45am
Tuesdays: beginning Sept. 5
5:30pm-6:30pm Adoration & Confessions
6:30pm Mass
7:30pm alternating weeks between Bible
Study and Faith Formation Talks
Wednesdays: 8:40am Mass during the school year

Becoming Catholic

Adults, Children, Youth: If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith or learning more about the Catholic Church, the Adult Catechumenate will prepare you for this decision. Please call the Parish Office if you would like more information.

Infants: At the celebration of Baptism, parents publicly affirm their decision to raised their child in the faith of the church. To make arrangements for your infant to be baptized, please contact the Parish Office. Pre-Baptismal classes for parents and godparents are necessary, held as arranged with families.

Holy Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation

Call the Parish Office.....313-532-1211

Anointing of the sick.....313-532-1211

Marriage Call the parish office; 6 months preparation

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday April 28, 2024

10:45am Stephen Fenbert

By Sheila Fenbert

Monday & Tuesday ~ No Mass

Wednesday CHRIST THE KING

8:40am Maureen Northrup

By Friends of Christ The King

Thursday 9am at SS/OLGH

Friday & Saturday ~ No Mass

Sunday

10:45am Edith Pacheo

By Friends of Rudy

Coffee Anyone?

Please join us for coffee hour directly after Sunday Mass.



Also, please consider signing up to host/sponsor one Sunday.

THE WISDOM OF MOTHER TERESA



“If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”

“Peace begins with a smile.”

“We fear the future because we are wasting today.”

“Not all of us can do great things. ...

“Yesterday is gone. ...

“Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.”

Please let an usher know if you would like to receive Communion at your pew.

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8

Mon Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26, 1Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 11: 25-30

Tues Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14: 27-31

Wed Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8, Gn 1:26-2:3, Ps 90:2-16, Mt 13:54-58

Thurs Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11, Jn 5:1-5, Mt 10:22-25

Fri Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14

Sat Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:48, 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For NEXT Sunday,

Lectors: Leon Tupper and Aisha Harris-Sims

Serving at the Table of the Lord:

Jean Krystyniak

Ministers of Service:

Johnny Swift

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 4/28 Mass 10:45am

Coffee hour

Wed 5/1 Mass 840am

Thurs 5/2 9:00am Mass SS/OLGH

Fri-Sat Office Closed

Sun 5/5 Mass 10:45am

Coffee hour

Garage Sale info on pg 3

Don't forget to bring in your paper bags for St. Christine! Remember, the St. Christine workers pack about 200 bags of food to give away EVERY WEEK. Your donations of bags (as well as non-perishable food items) is very much appreciated.

(We can use some plastic bags as well!)



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Social Teaching: exploring anew By Sr. Elizabeth Walters, IHM

The life and mission of Jesus are at the heart of Catholic social teaching. Jesus prayed and taught us to pray, "May your kingdom come on Earth as it is in heaven." He brought good news to the poor, liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were refugees and most likely fled to Egypt through the territory now known as Gaza. In his life and work, Jesus demonstrated his solidarity with the most vulnerable, the poor, the hungry, the sick, thirsty, the abandoned and the refugee. His respect for women and society's down-and-outs is remarkable. His determination to challenge unjust structures is instructive.

Inspired by the gospel, the Church has prepared a cohesive body of thought entitled Catholic social teaching. Here, the Church teaches that every person is created in the image of God, human life is sacred and each person has abounding dignity, infinite worth and intrinsic human rights. Human rights range from the most fundamental—the right to life—to those rights essential for living, such as the right to food, water, education, work, health, liberty, and more. Because each person is created in the image of God, human dignity and human rights are inherent, regardless of nationality, sex, ethnic origin, race, religion, language or any other status. Here, the Church also invites individuals, families, communities, and nations to work cooperatively for the common good, which is the social context of human dignity and the social support of human rights. For the common good to be viable, we must recognize ourselves as members of society and together embrace solidarity.

Modern Catholic social teaching began with Pope Leo XIII's encyclical defending the rights of workers and their families, who were suffering and deprived by the great social dislocation of the Industrial Revolution:

The everyday work environment changed drastically from agriculture to industry. The new factory working class suffered from substandard wages and appalling working conditions. Their neighborhoods were bleak, crowded, dirty and polluted. Pope Leo's encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, was published May 15, 1891. It was followed by Pope Pius XI's encyclical *Quadragesima Anno*, on the necessity of social reform, the social responsibility of ownership, and the right of workers to employment, just wages, and labor organizations. This was written during the Great Depression and published May 15, 1931.

Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has become particularly concerned with promoting Catholic social teaching. The Vatican Council contributed mightily, and every succeeding Pope utilized his office to address pressing social concerns. The key themes:

- Human life and the dignity of the human person
- Call to family, community and participation
- Rights and responsibilities
- The preferential option for the poor and the vulnerable
- The dignity of work and the rights of workers
- Solidarity
- The care of God's creation

Because the teaching church is also a learning church, Catholic social teaching is a dynamic and evolving tradition. Reflecting on the gospel, reading the signs of the times, drawing on sources of wisdom renewed by the experience of place, culture and people, and responding to injustice and violence means the church's social teaching continues to unfold and develop. Dorothy Day often noted that faith and spirituality do not cut us off from the world but immerse us in it.

I was introduced to Catholic social teachings promoting worker's rights as a child. On certain Sundays, our beloved Redemptorist priest talked about the rights and duties of workers during what I later learned was a homily. Often, they spoke on behalf of workers. They said that workers had rights and must be respected. They did not want workers to be beaten up or injured. They wanted worker-parishioners to let them know if they were poorly treated at work. My Church, Holy Redeemer in Southwest Detroit, is located near the Ford Rouge plant and at that time, there were many tool and die shops and other industrial sights in our working class neighborhood. At our dinner table, our laborer father often talked about the work, the workers, the boss and the union. Solidarity was essential to our family. At that time, I knew nothing about a document called *Rerum Novarum*. However, I knew that my dad and the priests were discussing the same thing. I was proud of my dad and happy the priests were watching out for him and others.

Looking back, I sincerely appreciate *Rerum Novarum* and the four other encyclicals on workers rights and other social documents. I realize how important it is to families when the Church looks out for them, whether their experience as a family is poverty, racism, immigration, LGBTQ/Trans discrimination, gun violence, failure in the mental health system, or the inability to breathe because of pollution. I appreciate the inestimable good accomplished by modern Catholic social teaching since 1891.

Church Announcements

1. Dinner after Mass today in honor of Laura Grutza
2. Volunteers are needed to help with the garage sale. Please see Ben Washburn if you are available to help.

School Announcements

1. Student Council will give their annual SKATING PARTY on May 2nd from 6pm-9pm. \$10 per ticket plus \$2 for Skate rental
2. Space is limited so we encourage you to register your student as soon as possible

Garage Sale Gear Up

Donations: accepted started 4/13
Weekdays 2pm-7pm
Saturdays 10am-4pm
Sundays noon to 2

Pre Sale: will be June 7th

Sale: will be Saturday June 8th
until Saturday July 27th
Weekdays 11am-5pm
Saturdays 10am-4pm
Sundays noon-2pm

Volunteers needed! Please see Ben Washburn



THANKS! Please join us for a **BURGER NITE FUNDRAISER**

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:
ST. CHRISTINE'S FOOD PANTRY, SOUP KITCHEN & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MAY 9, 2024

AOH HALL
25300 FIVE MILE ROAD REDFORD, MI
5 PM - FOODS OPEN - 6 PM - FOOD

PRESENTED BY: KNIGHTS OF EQUITY & DAUGHTERS OF ERIN

\$20 PER TICKET
BURGER, BAKED BEANS, COLESLOW, POTATO SALAD

DROP RAFFLE ENTERTAINMENT \$0/\$0 RAFFLE

DRAWINGS OF ALL RAFFLES ACCEPTED
PRIZES AVAILABLE BY DRAWING 6:00PM-7:00PM
HOW TO GET TICKETS: A. ONLINE ON 4/15/24
B. PHONE: 313-487-0000
C. IN PERSON: 4/15-4/18/24
D. AT THE DOOR: 4/19-4/22/24