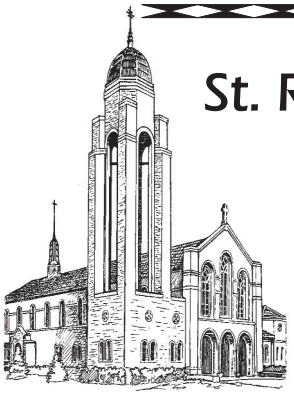

St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Detroit, Michigan

February 4, 2018

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are the Catholic Community multicultural family of St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel parish of Detroit. We share the love of Jesus by welcoming and serving friends and strangers, young and old, rich and poor. We are called to be the light of Christ in our neighborhood, strengthened by prayer and worship, especially the Eucharist.

We see ourselves as a rock in our community. We are dedicated to grow in unity with God and one another. We invite all to join with their time, talents and treasures in the journey toward building God's kingdom. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to keep a Catholic presence in our neighborhood.

St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

Adopted: June 26, 2011

REFLECTIONS WITH FATHER MICHAEL: THE MYSTERY AND LESSON OF SUFFERING

My people in Africa have an expression that goes like this, "He who has not experienced suffering and pain has not become human." I agree. Suffering and pain are part and parcel of our lives as human beings. None of us can escape the grip of suffering on life's journey as long as we wear the badge of mortality.

One of the perplexing things about suffering is that it takes many shapes and forms, and can plague an infant as well as an adult. Also, it has no boundaries, because it can visit the affluent as well as the poor. Similarly, it is the guest of the holy and the sinners. Without a doubt, suffering is no respecter of class or status. It defies explanation. It is indeed is a mystery.

As we have noticed in our first reading this Sunday in the Book of Job, some sufferings in life seem totally undeserved and perplexing. We cannot explain them with a straight face or clear conscience. For instance, one has only to look at the meaningless suffering of innocent babies brutally tortured and killed by heartless rapists or other deviants to appreciate the mystery, or what some prefer to call, "the absurdity" of suffering. Witnessing such horrible sufferings can be heart-breaking. But, that's life.

Job, like Christ Jesus, reminds us that suffering is part of life, and can come our way unexpectedly and undeservedly. But when this happens, what do we do? In other words, what should be our Christian reaction in the face of suffering, deserved or undeserved?

My fellow reflectors and friends, we cannot avoid suffering and pain as long as we are human, and we cannot explain away this ubiquitous phenomenon. But our faith can help us to sail through suffering without throwing the towel. In other words, it can enable us to learn from our Lord, Christ Jesus himself how to handle sufferings and set-backs. Throughout his earthly ministry the Lord showed us how to grow through suffering. He never tried to explain or sugar-coat the mystery of suffering, but instead advocated making a difference through our sufferings and disappointments. For him it boils down this this simple philosophy that, "he who loses his life shall find it." Hence Christ Jesus lived a life of sacrifice and service for others, thereby leaving us an example that nothing endured for the sake of God and the Gospel can be in vain. What a lesson!

Therefore, although we neither understand the dynamics of suffering, nor the mind of God, yet we have learned from the Lord Jesus-- the God-man himself that there is no disgrace or shame in suffering, especially unavoidable suffering, because it provides a tremendous opportunity for spiritual growth.

Think about it, and have a peaceful week!

FR. MICHAEL CHIDI NKACHUKWU

Thrift Store

Snuggle up in some warm comforters, blankets or quilts from the Thrift Store ($5.00 each). Or try on a warm sweater, scarf or gloves ($1.00 - $5.00). We also have furnace filters($1.00 each), or a humidifier to make your house feel warm ($5.00). Drink your favorite warm drink in a new mug from the Thrift Store ($.25), while you watch a DVD or listen to a CD ($1.00 each), or play a game or work a puzzle ($2.00 - $5.00).

Come visit and remember you'll SAVE money and HELP the church at the same time!
Open Saturdays from 10am - 1pm in the Community Center.
Donations welcome!

God has blessed us with the gift of life.

So we know where to turn in all our needs.

Announcements for the Week of Sunday, February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. We welcome with joy our brother-priest, Fr. Paolo Tanzini, a member of the Missio Ad Gentes religious congregation. Together with his Seminarian colleague, he will reside at our rectory at St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel till sometime in late summer this year. They have already joined our resident senior priest, Fr. Bob Kotlarz, to enjoy the warm hospitality of our rectory. We wish them a happy stay. Again, welcome Fr. Tanzini and his Seminarian!

2. We are pleased to announce that a new secretary will now be in place at our church at St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel, in the person of Alton M. James, who many of you know very well. Not only is he a person with wide ranging experience, but also in a position to help continue to move the parish forward in the right direction. Please, make out time to go to the parish office to welcome him, and more importantly, let us recommit ourselves to co-operate to help in every way we can to move our faith-community forward into a viable future. The good news is the new part-time secretary will cost us far less than any other part-time secretary in the Archdiocese, because his mission is primarily to help re-position our parish to a future of progress and viability, before he will advocate for a bigger pay. It is hoped all will appreciate the sacrifice and give him full support for the mutual benefit of us all. In the meantime, he will continue to work closely with Angela and Carol every Wednesday till further notice for a smooth and hitch-free transition. Again, many thanks to Angela Vann and Carol Bissa, for continuing to help out every Wednesday at the parish office. They are among the reasons why our faith-community has continued to move forward. May God's smile rest upon them!

3. As announced last week, the new Mass schedule has been released. Endeavor to get your own copy without further delay so that you may be able to follow in every function and ministry from now till the end of June. Thank you.

4. In the light of our current financial struggle at our two parishes, especially at St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel, it is important to reiterate again that every effort has to be made to save money wherever possible and feasible for the well-being of our two churches. We cannot afford to spend the little money anyhow. For instance, whatever we can do without, we should not try to purchase it. Simply put, we must be very creative in the use of our meager parish resources if we want to have a viable future. To this end, no one is to order anything for the church without first clearing with the Pastor, to see whether or not the item is truly needed at this point in time, and whether the item in question will advance our mission and vision. Anybody presuming to order without going through this simple process will be responsible for the payment of what was purchased. This announcement is very important and will be repeated for a number of times to insure that everyone gets the message. As we are aware, responsible stewardship remains our common goal and call as followers of the Lord. Therefore, let us endeavor to embrace fiscal responsibility as a faith-community, and we will not regret it. Thanks for your cooperation.

5. Another reminder that a date has now been set for the annual Good Times Festival for Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd. It is Sunday June 10, 2018, starting with the special 10am concelebrated Mass. Watch out for more details in the coming weeks, and get ready to sell or purchase raffle tickets which are among the money-makers for the annual event. Thanks in advance for your cooperation In the meantime, a follow-up Town Hall meeting may be taking place at St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel on the second Sunday in March, following Mass that day. Let's watch out for more details.

We are in need of: SOUP, FLAVORED RICE, CAN FRUIT & PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS. Please, when you are shopping, think of those who can't and pick up one more item and bring it with you to Church.

REPORT OF YOUR GENEROSITY FOR For the week of January 28, 2018

Budget (weekly contributions:) **1,440.00**
@ Mass … (35envelopes) $1224.00
Loose Cash $98.00
Through the Week (0 envelopes) 000
Total Contributed **$1322.00**
Total Envelopes Used (204 distributed) 35

This financial summary only covers 25% of our entire yearly budget ...

Check it out by going to:

www.straymondolgc.org

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At any location Register your Kroger Card on-line or go to the Service Desk. (If you do not have a card, register for one). The Parish receives a percentage of all purchases. Be sure to mention St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and the number: **72608**. REMINDER: You must re-enroll every year in April to stay current.

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Pastor: Fr. Michael Chidi Nkachukwu

Associate Pastor: Fr. Tyrone Robinson

(Residence: Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd)

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(In Residence at St. Ray-OLGC: Fr. Bob Kotlarz)

Catechist (Hmong Community)
Xai Lu Cha
Development. Carol Bissa
Volunteer Parish Nurse
Joann Clinchoc, RN,
Sr. Pat Altermatt, CSJ, RN
Spiritual Director. Beryl Fletcher
Office Manager (Bulletin Editor).
Angela Vann
Minister of Music. John Karski
Bookkeeping. Dave Elsey
Maintenance. Bruce Bazile
Lectors. Pat Connor
WORSHIP SCHEDULE.
(At OLQH-GS) M-Tues-W-Thurs. Fri. @ 8:30 a.m.
Sat 4:00 p.m. **Sun** 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days - 12:30 pm
RECONCILIATION (Confession).
Every 1st Saturday, 3:45 pm also by appointment.
Baptisms, Marriage, Funerals,

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
313-372-0437
Tues. 9:30-11:00 am - Thurs. 4:30-5:30 pm in the Community Center.
THRIFT STORE
Dolores McHale - (586)777-4144

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

Joann Clinchoc	Co-Chair/Evang.
Xai Lu Cha	Hmong Catechist
Patricia Connor	Finance
Dolores McHale	Christian Service
Bob Selwa	Stewardship/Adm.
Lynne Tighe	Member at Large
Henry Lazarecki	Member at Large
My Xiong	Hmong Com. Rep.

COMMISSIONS. Christian Service, Evangelization, Worship, Stewardship, and Religious Education

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL.
Audrey Arrington, Cy Chauvin, Pat Connor
ORGANIZATIONS.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE.
M-Tues-W-Thurs– Fr @ 8:30 a.m. @ St. Ray -OLGC
Sat 4:00 p.m. **Sun** 10:30 a.m. @ St. Ray-OLGC
Holy Days - 12:30 pm
RECONCILIATION (Confession). Every 1st Saturday, 3:45 pm, also by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Tues.11a-2p/ Wed. 9a-4p/ Fri. 12p-3p. *Also by Appointment.*

AREA EMERGENCY FOOD OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

« St. Vincent de Paul Society *"Food Cupboard"*

St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Community Center
20055 Joann Ave. (next to School building)
Tues. 9:30-11 am; Thurs. 4:30-5:30 pm.

February 3/4
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm. Repose of Maynard Blach (Parish)
10:30 am Maryann Baluch (Eilene Caponi)
Evelyn Hildebrandt (Rosemarie Schultz)

MORNING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT STR-OLGC @ 830AM

Monday, February 5 - Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
8:30 am Mass at STR-OLGC Church:
Tuesday, February 6- Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
8:30 am Mass at STR-OLGC Church:
Wednesday, February 7– Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ord. Time*: No Mass*
Thursday, February 8 - Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
8:30am Mass at STR-OLGC Church:
Friday, February 9– Friday of the 5th Week in Ord. Time :
8:30am Mass at STR-OLGC Church:
Saturday, February 10- Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin
4 pm Vigil Mass: (see intentions below)

For the week of January 28, 2018

Monday:
1KGS 8: 1-7,9-13
PS 132
MK 6 53-56
Tuesday:
1KGS 8: 22-23, 27-30
PS 84
MK 7: 1-13
Wednesday:
1 KGS 10: 1-10
PS 37
MK 7: 14-23
Thursday:
1 KGS 11: 4-13
PS 106
MK 7: 24-30
Friday:
1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19
PS 81
MK 7: 31-37
Saturday:
1KGS 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34
PS 106
MK 8: 1-10

Don Allen
Mary Allen
Andrea Allison
Sheila Barrows
Maria Benoit
Joann Brown
Jim Connor
Millie Connor
Marie Czantske
Diane Detloff
Bernie Doebler
Jacqueline Dreary
Dustin Fielder
Darryl Fletcher
Joan Gawron
"Rachel" Beverly Gietzen
Donna Grammatico
Lisa Gray
Marian Haas
Gloria Janicki
Joan Lyczkowski
Sandra McBroom
Carol McCloskey
Cathy McCloskey
Carol Mitchell
Long Moua
Dylan Nichols
Claudia Neubauer
Anna Polak
Roberta Preston
Michelle Rautenberg
Rebecca Rozzell
Loretta Servo
Fred Simpson
Mary Simpson
Martha Semrau
Essie Taylor
Mary Thompson
Mary Tunesi-Kowtun
Juanita Vazquez
George Wardell
Jackson, IV
Minnie Wicks
Marge Wisniewski

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading — Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46
Psalm — Psalm 32
Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11: 1
Gospel — Mark 1: 40-45

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1
Psalm 132
Mark 1: 40-45

February 10 - 11, 2018

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	Celebrant	Proclaim the Word	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
Saturday, February 10 4:00 pm	Kelly Bousson (Friends)	Fr. Michael	1. Henry Lazarecki	1. Deacon Joe	Volunteers
Sunday, February 11 10:30 am	Ernest E. Carlone –2 month Ann. (Parish) Bert Quinn (Cy Chauvin)	Fr. Michael	1. Jacklene Johnson 2. Rosielee Wicks	1. Joann Davenport 2. Wally Jakubowski H: Fr. Michael H: Bob Selwa	Jordan and Aaron Yang, Leo Randolph

MASS WITH THE INTENTION OF THE NAMES OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED LISTED BELOW, WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST. RAYMOND - OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AND THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:30 AM.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Regina Adamek
12.04.21-12.08.13
Edward Adamek
07.13.20-12.31.06
Elizabeth Altermatt
03.17.1914-03.04.2007
Joseph Altermatt
07.21.1911-02.06.2006
Lillian Kaitz Altermatt
05.01.1935-03.05.2015
Tony Altermatt
08.27.1949-04.16.2015
Earl Ball
02.17.1908-12.08.1966
Lillian Ball
10.08.1918-12.08.2005
Gerald "Jerry" Baumgart
09.22.1932-09.29.2012
Harold Behnke
Victoria Behnke
Edward Benninger
02.23.1921-05.16.1999
Helen Benninger
03.25.1920-02.05.2012
Dennis J. Berd
07.18.1949-01.29.2016
John Berd
08.18.1917-09.21.2004
Theresa Berd
06.22.1919-07.15.2002
Edward Bialecki
09.29.1924-08.13.1984
Theresa Bialecki
05.31.1924-05.31.2016
Mario Biordi
05.01.1930-10.29.2005
Adeline Brdak
10.06.1923-10.29.2013
Edward Briske
11.19.1902-12.24.1975
Mary Ann Briske
03.14.1915-01.16.2010
Helen Brockert
02.01.1926-01-09-2017

Lenus Brockert
09.26.1924-01.01.2006
Raymond Brockert
08.17.1948-11.25.2000
Thomas Brockert
09.16.1952-03.31.2014
Frances Cantin
01.12.2010
Robert Cantin
08.11.1991
Claude A. Caponi
03.25.1926-11.27.2010
Ronald Caponi
09.28.1958-05.23.2016
James L. Connor
05.20.1978
Susanne Connor
06.13.1944-12.30.1956
Daniel J. D'Orazio
01.07.1954-07.13.1999
Arvil DePetro
03.28.1923-07-05-2010
Irene DePetro
10.27.1922-06.02.2016
Louise Suwal-Denolf
11.06.1954-07.07.2015
Amada Dizon
08.09.1950-12.06.2012
Mary Fante
05.26.1913-02.12.2007
Raymond Fante
02.23.1911-02.10.1979
Jerome Gasior
09.28.1922-8.27.1994
Edward Groll
10.17.1926-02.06.2009
George Groll, Sr.
03.23.1928-06.12.2005
James Groll
06.19.1929-02.14.2009
Mark Gruca
12.30.1957-06.28.2012
Darlene Guzdziol
04.12.1939-05.26.04

Emily Guzdziol
06.06.1915-04.11.2006
Joseph Guzdziol
01.05.1912-11.13.1980
Judith D. Iskra
04.22.1941-04.17.2005
Henry Jamroz
Lillian Jamroz
Generoso M. Jaramillo
07.03.1919-05.27.2012
Rizalina Jaramillo
12.29.1923-02.25.2017
Clemens (Rocky) Karski
08.23.1917-07.01.2008
Marie Karski
09.30.1923-03.06.2001
Anthony Keller
Elizabeth Keller
Bill Klucens
03.08.1921-07.22.2011
Edna Klucens
06.17.1921-12.04.2010
John Kociemba
05.28.1927-03.11.2014
Margaret Kociemba
12.17.1928-11.04.2016
Charles Koskos
02.08.1915-05.27.1966
Eugenia Peggy Koskos Randazzo
01.24.1924-08.12.2016
Mary J Krause
11-12-1929-08-10-2016
Byron LaMonde
02.28.1913-03.24.1987
Veronica LaMonde
01.27.1915-04.29.2015
Earl J. Lange
10.018.1920-09.10.2011
Florence Lange
10.5.1920-12.02.2001
Ronald McCloskey
12.04.1926-05.04.2016
James E. McHale
12.06.1928-02.04.2015

Larry McHale
09.06.1963-10.11.1984
Barney Olex
06.12.1920-11.20.2011
Gertrude Olex
03.10.1918-11.05.2001
Patricia H. Rautenberg
01.29.1926-03.19.2008
Ralph A. Rautenberg
04.21.1924-02.07.1992
Joseph Reuter
01.18.1898-05.31.1959
Helen Reuter
03.10.1933-07.10.1979
Theresa Reuter
09.13.1904-03.27.2005
Douglas Roback
07.10.1955-05.17.2013
Alvin Simek
04.16.1919-12.09.2012
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12.12.1921-02.23.2016
Kenneth Skowronek
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01.17.1932-09.09.2008
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09.01.1918-09.26.2003
Sonja Slowinski
10.01.1922-02.01.2007
Amelia Stepien
06.29.1922-12.20.2013
Joan Stepien
02.20.1961-04.21.2016
Rudolph J. Stepien
02.21.1918-05.05.1994
Jason Stewart
03.08.1979-04.28.2014
John Stewart
07.17.1960-02.09.2004
Edward Suwal
03.01.1924-01.04.2013
Bill Szulczewski
08.24.1916-12.27.2015

Walter Szymanski
05.05.1918-03.13.1989
Ludmila Szymanski
03.05.1918-05.22.2002
Mary Trocino
11.29.1923-12.21.2011
Robert Tumavitch
08.22.1939-03.16.2010
Arthur Tyll
07.03.1930-11.30.2006
Brian Tyll
09.23.1957-12.28.2015
Cathy Tyll
07.31.1930-03.23.2009
Dave Tyll
08.21.1958-11.1985
Larry Tyll
09.03.1959-06.03.1997
Steve Tyll
06.11.1955-07.24.1980
Archie Tyll
05.22.1966-09.09.2000
Robert Eric Urban
10.23.1966-09-10-2016
Harry Westrick
10.18.1919-10.14.2015
Helen Connor Whalen
06.05.1945-03.19.2017
Josephine Wierzbinski
03.19.1916-01.01.1979
Raymond Wierzbinski
08.06.1914-03.31.2010
Elizabeth Wilhelm
05.28.1910-03.08.1991
Steve Wilhelm
06.07.1908-03.06.1974
Irene Wojcik
05.27.1919-04.02.1986
Martin Wojcik
10.19.1917-05.05.1992

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