

St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Detroit, Michigan

DECEMBER 16, 2018

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REFLECTIONS WITH FATHER MICHAEL: GOD'S PRESENCE BANISHES FEAR



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



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as, '**Gaudete Sunday**,' -- **Rejoice Sunday**. It is the Sunday we usually light the pink candle in addition to the normal purple candles for Advent. On this Sunday the Church invites all her children to rejoice because of what we have and what we are waiting to have. Therefore, there is a great sense of joy permeating through this Sunday's celebration, a joy we all should make every effort to make our own, no matter the challenges that may confront us daily as individuals and as a faith-community. Our God loves and cares for us, no matter life's set-backs.

The joy the Church is inviting us to have today is not a superficial or cosmetic joy based on good fortune or pleasant circumstances. It is not, for instance, the joy of someone who is about to win a lottery. The joy to which we are being invited this "Gaudete Sunday" comes from the happy fact that the mighty God of Jacob, who is so powerful and so awesome that John the Baptist, the greatest of all the prophets, is not worthy even to untie his sandals, is our salvation. We are indeed blessed! We are truly blessed to be able to receive the Savior in our lives and families this season and beyond.

It is not enough, however, to merely receive the Savior, instead we must also strive to share Him and be His emissaries wherever we find ourselves. Every day, even amid difficulties and problems, we are to endeavor to radiate and share the joy of the Gospel of Christ Jesus. We must never lose sight of the life's daily blessings such as, families, friends, divine protection, health, and life itself etc.

As our Advent journey gradually draws to a close, we must never forget to thank God for the priceless gift of the Eucharist, "the bread of the angels." Each time we receive this precious gift, let us lift up our hearts to the Lord in joyful thanksgiving. Also, let us resolve to do what Luke's gospel advises us to do today, namely, become sharers of our gifts and blessings.

My fellow reflectors and friends, we are reminded this Sunday that one of the surest ways to allow the joy of the Lord's presence to dwell in us is to be open to sharing. We must learn to share our God-given gifts and blessings. This is because when we share with faith and love, we open ourselves to divine presence and more blessings. Therefore, rather than wait until we have fat bank accounts before we learn to share our blessings, we should endeavor through words and deeds to be gifts and blessing to others, including those we do not like.

Believe it or not, God's presence banishes fear, opens avenues, and empowers us to be sharers. My prayer today is, may we form the worthy habit of sharing during this Advent season and into the future, for the honor and glory of God. Amen!

Have a peaceful and joyful week! And, remain blessed!

FR. MICHAEL CHIDI NKACHUKWU

Our parish tradition continues at St. Raymond–Our Lady of Good Counsel with the Giving Tree in the gathering space of the Church. Again this year we are focusing on the New Born. Tags on the tree have a *suggested gift needed at the Crisis Pregnancy Center* or you can make a donation to

Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center located at 4151 Seminole in Detroit and place in the offertory basket.

Please take a moment and remove a tag from the tree. Return your unwrapped gift with the tag attached. Each gift will provide a needed baby item to a mother who

St. Vincent de Paul Society Remembering
Darryl Anthony Fletcher
June 10, 1952—August 10, 2018

Darryl was a devout Catholic. Growing up Darryl was an altar boy as well, and completed all the Sacraments of the Church. Darryl loved God and would attend Mass religiously until he was placed in a nursing home. However, that did not hinder his faith and love for God. Throughout his time in the home, he would continue to spread his love for God in many ways, in fact when Father Bob would come to visit him, Darryl would ask Fr. Bob to visit others in the nursing home. For Darryl receiving Holy Communion was that intimacy and reunification with God.

On August 10, 2018, the Fletcher Family and the St. Raymond – Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish family would grieve the loss of Darryl as he made his transition home. The family would like to remember and honor Darryl with a donation to St. Vincent de Paul. This donation is special as it will allow the Society of St. Vincent De Paul to meet their quota for the *2018 Walk for the Poor*. Through the generosity of Darryl in spirit, the goal has been met.

The family, especially, Beryl would like to thank Fr. Tyrone and Fr. Michael for their support during their difficult time. Fr. Michael, the Pastor and Fr. Tyrone, Associate Pastor and the staff of Our Lady Queen of Heaven- Good Shepherd was very helpful.

May God Bless you all!

The Advent Symbols

Two of the best-known symbols of the Advent season are use of the liturgical colors (blueish/purple and pink) and the Advent Wreath. The primary liturgical color of Advent is a blueish/purple, the color of royalty. This symbolizes both the coming of the King of Israel at Christmas and the anticipated triumphant Second Coming of Christ. (Usage of blueish/violet has emerged recently to help avoid confusion with Lenten colors.) **Pink, however, is used on the third Sunday of Advent, traditionally called Gaudete Sunday (from the Latin for rejoice).** This rejoicing stems from passing the halfway point in Advent and from the readings of that week.



Flowers for Christmas

Please consider making a donation towards our Christmas flowers. Thank you in advance for

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, December 16, 2018
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1. We thank the members of the PPC and FC of both parishes who gathered to enjoy the company of one another as we conclude the business of this year of 2018. The Christmas party was truly enjoyable, thanks to the delicious chicken nice and wine, among other goodies! By God grace, we shall do it again next year.
Bless your hearts!

2. It is necessary to draw our attention again to the need to give to this year's "Happy Christmas to my church." Have you given yours? If you have, thank you so much, but if you are yet to give, please follow others to give your parish a special gift this season of gift-giving. As you are busy buying gifts to your loved ones, please, remember, your church deserves your special gift also, and more importantly, bear in mind that the Most High deserves our best, because God is a generous Giver! Think about it, and act without further delay. Thank you!

3. Let us remember that our joint **Christmas Confessions** will take place on **Wednesday, December 19, at 6pm**, as we conclude our Advent Series. There will be enough priests to attend to our confessions. All are encouraged to attend and participate in the conclusion of this year's Advent Series. This event will take place at **Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd church**. May you be blessed as you avail yourselves of this special opportunity to get fully ready for the celebration of Christmas.

4. A reminder that our Christmas schedule is as follows:

Mon. DEC. 24 @ 4pm === St Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel: Fr. Tyrone;

Tue. DEC. 25 @ 10:30 am === SR-OLGC: Fr. Tyrone

Mon. DEC. 24 @ 6pm === Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd: Fr. Michael

Tue. DEC. 25 @ 10:00 am ===== OLQH-GS: Fr. Michael

Please, consult your Mass schedule for other details, including the New Year Masses etc.

5. We thank all who donated last week to the annual collection in aid of the retired religious. May you be richly blessed by the Lord for supporting this worthy cause. Please, those who forget to contribute to the annual collection, kindly do so today, because you still have time to help those angels of love and care----- the retired religious. Thanks for heeding this appeal.

6. Let us remember that parish offices will be closed as follows: Offices opened from 9am to 1pm on December 24. Offices will be closed Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Friday; Dec 25-28. Offices will be open for half day on Monday December 31, from 9am to 1pm at both offices. Parish offices will be closed Tues. and Wed; Jan 1 & 2. Offices will reopen on Thursday January 3, 2019 at 9am. However, the parish staff will be checking emergency messages to respond to as quickly as humanly possible. Also, there won't be morning Mass at both parishes from Dec 26, 2018 till Thursday January 3, 2019. Daily morning Mass resumes on Thursday January 3, at the usual time of 8.30am at both parishes. In the meantime, we wish a merry Christmas to all our parishioners, alumni, and friends! May you be richly blessed by the Lord! *This announcement will be repeated next week.

7. We regret that the scheduled meeting of African priests and religious last week could not hold due to unavoidable factors. A future date will be chosen for another meeting. And, when this happens, everyone will be notified. Thank you!



REPORT OF YOUR GENEROSITY FOR

For the Week of

December 9, 2018

Budgeted (Weekly Contributions)\$1440.00

@ Mass35

Loose cash.....\$89.00

Total Contributed.....\$1336.00

Over/(Under) **(\$104.00)**

**Thank you for your continued support
and cooperation!**

Bless Your hearts!

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

**St. Raymond -
Our Lady of
Good Counsel**



**Millennium
Winners!
December 12, 2018**

*Congratulations to the
December 12 2018 winners.*

\$250 Winner

St. Ray-OLGC #1696

\$50 Winners

Jim Carter #2368

Diane Obrien #0030

\$25 Winners

C. Brackett #1949

Martin Skalski #0202

Martin Gleason #2296

Madeline Jozwiak #0813

Congratulations to all of the winners this month.

Good Luck!

Your 2019 tickets have been mailed!

1st drawing for 2019 is January 9, 2019!

Call the parish Office for additional tickets!



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Sr. Pat Altermatt, CSJ, RN

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE.

(At STR-OLGC) 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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Tues. 9:30-11:00 am - Thurs. 4:30-5:30 pm
in the Community Center.

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Lynne Tighe Member at Large

Henry Lazarecki Member at Large

My Xiong Hmong Com. Rep.

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gelization, 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

Mon./Tues. 9a-2p Wed 9a-4p Thur. 10a-Noon

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.



December 15 and 16, 2018
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm: Mary Ann Baluch
10:30am: Mary Ann Baluch (1 Yr. Anniv.—Parish)
 Sam Serra & Steve Serra (req. by Barbara Otto)
 Jennie Mahoney (req. by Dolores McHale)

**MORNING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT
STR-OLGC @ 8:30 AM**

Monday December 17 – Monday, 2nd Week of Advent
Time: 8:30 am Mass at STR-OLGC Church: *For those listed in the Memorial Section of the Bulletin*

Tuesday, December 18- Tuesday, 3rd Week of Advent
Time: 8:30 am Mass at STR-OLGC Church: *For John R. & Margaret, Kociembe (req. by Family)*

Wednesday, December 19– Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Advent
Time: No Mass

Thursday, December 20- Thursday of the 3rd Week of Advent
Time: 8:30am Mass at STR-OLGC Church: *For Alice Nakic (req. by Bob & Jane Selwa)*

Friday, December 21–Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent
Time: 8:30am Mass at STR-OLGC:

Saturday, December 22 –4th Sunday of Advent
Time: 4pm - STR-OLGC (*see intentions below*)

Readings for Next Weekend

Sunday, December 23, 2018 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4A
 PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45



*For the week of
December 16, 2018*

Monday
 Gn 49:2, 8-10
 PS 72
 MT 1:1-17

Tuesday:
 JER 23:5-8
 PS 72

Wednesday:
 JGS 13:2-7, 24-25
 PS 71
 LK 1:5-25

Thursday:
 IS 7:10-14
 PS 24
 Luke 1:26-38

Friday:
 SG 2:8-14 *or*
 Zep 3:14-18A
 PS 33

Saturday:
 Micah 5:1-4A
 PS 80
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45



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




FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5:1-4A
 PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 Hebrews 10:5-10



December 22—23, 2018

DAY & TIME		Celebrant	Proclaim the Word	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
Saturday, December 22 4:00 pm	Deceased Tyll Family Memmbers (req. by Tyll Family) Janice M. Ungewitter (req. by Gerald Legge) James and Cordelia Dubey (Req. by Gerald Legge)	Fr. Tyrone	1. Henry Laza-recki 2. Henry Laza-recki		
Sunday, December 23 10:30 am	Evelyn P Hildenbrandt (1yr.—Parish) Cathy McCloskey (6 mo.—Parish) Fred G. & Eleanor C. Legge (req. by Gerald & Kathleen Legge)	Fr. Tyrone	1. Joann Davenport 2. Bob Selwa		



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

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
Edward Benninger
02.23.1921-05.16.1999
Helen Benninger
03.25.1920-02.05.2012
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
Agnes Clinchoc
Stanley P. Clinchoc
Stanley R. Clinchoc
Frank Constante
Lottie Constante
Olana Constante
James L. Connor
05.20.1978
Susanne Connor
06.13.1944-12.30.1956
Arvil DePetro
03.28.23-07.05.2010
Irene DePetro
10.27.22-06.02.2016
Daniel J. D'Orazio
01.07.1954-07.13.1999
Amada Dizon
08.09.1950-12.06.2012
Mary Fante
05.26.1913-02.12.2007
Raymond Fante
02.23.1911-02.10.1979
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
Bill Klucens
03.08.1927-07.22.2011
Edna Klucens
06.17.1921-12.04.2010
John Kociemba
05.28.1927-03.11.2014
Margaret Kociemba
12.17.1928-11.04.2016
Jeromia Komendera
8.10.1921-7.22.2018
Charles Koskos
1915-1961
Eugena (Peggy) Koskos Randazzo
1924-2016
Jack Kranik
Jenny Kranik
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
Catherine McCloskey
03.25.1927-06.25.2018
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
Joseph Siewcki
Mary Siewcki
Virginia Siewcki
Kenneth Skowronek
05.16.1958-11.30.2014
Lucy Skowronek
01.17.1932-09.09.2008
Edmund Slowinski
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
Cecelia Szulczewski
12.29.1920-11.22.1998
Deborah Szulczewski
01.25.1955-11.27.2004

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
Irene Wojcik
05.27.1919-04.02.1986
Martin Wojcik
10.19.1917-05.05.1992
Barbara Zaharek
John Zaharek
Johnnie Zaharek
Steve Zaharek
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