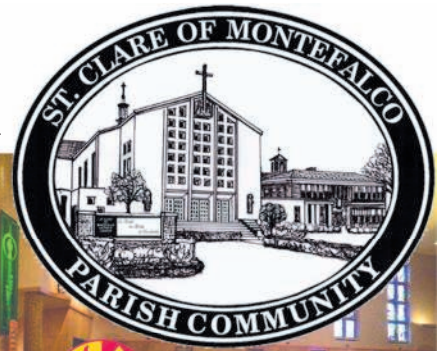


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A Catholic Community in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

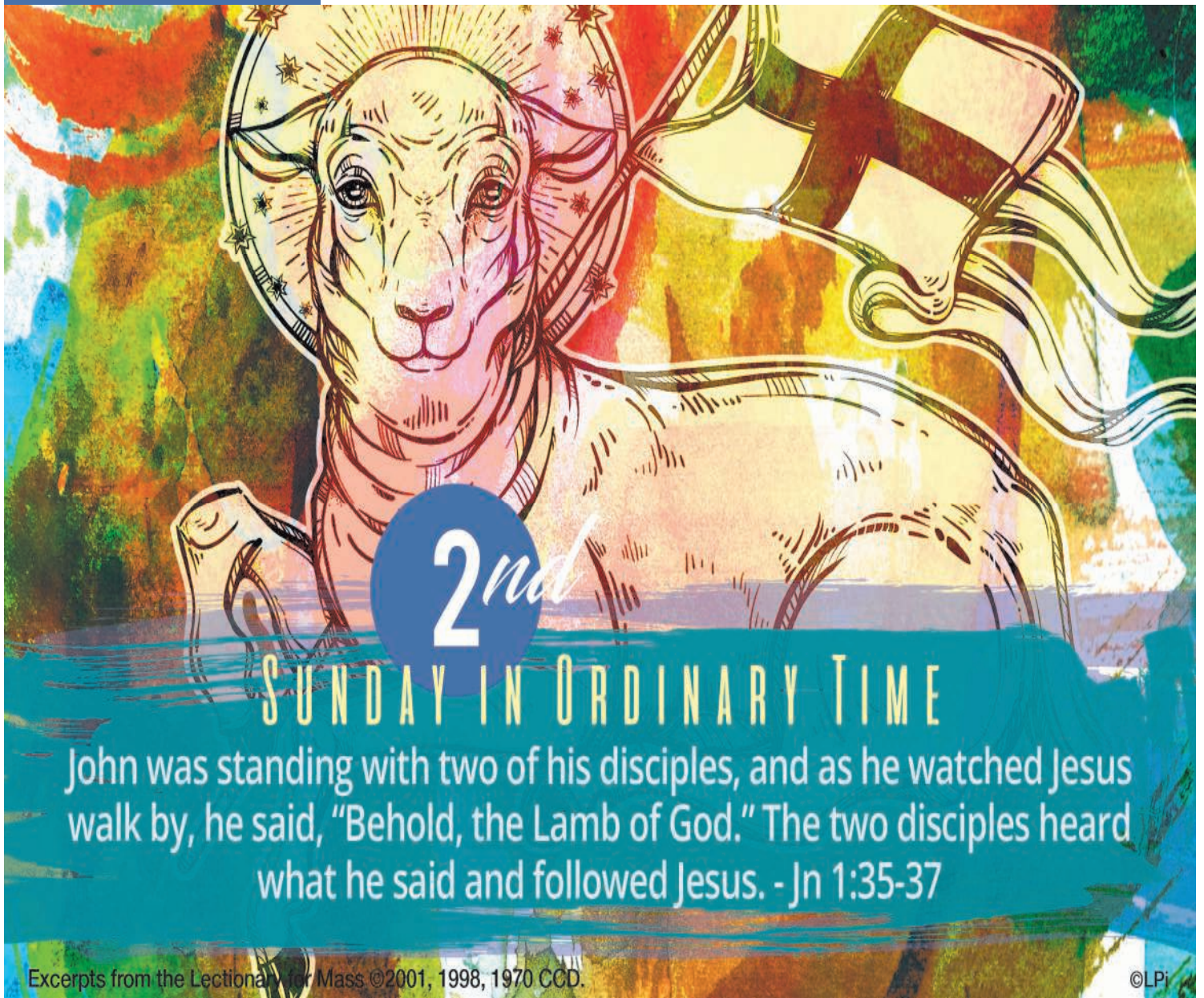


Michaelite Fathers

The Spirit

January 14, 2018
2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

We bring together and welcome into our Catholic Community a richly diverse people to pray, to serve, and to learn in the name and presence of Jesus Christ.



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

From the Desk of our Pastor



I hope you had a blessed week full of Epiphanies.

What a relief to feel the "cold vortex" leaving us (hopefully for a while). Once again thank you to all who made our Christmas and New Year's celebrations vibrant, colorful and faith filled. This weekend our Confirmation candidates join us at 11 am Mass where they will participate in the Rite of Enrollment, leading up to the reception of the sacrament. We welcome their parents and sponsors and thank them for their support. Please take a card from the Baptismal font with the names of one of our confirmation candidates printed on it and pray for them. We have also included cards with the names of our RCIA candidates and catechumens as they need your prayers as well. This simple act demonstrates our commitment to actively keep our parish blessed and growing. **Be Bold, Be Holy. Be Catholic.**

Two invitations

Everyone is invited to join us this Tuesday morning, Jan. 16th at 10:30 for a unique performance of classical music sure to delight all. This performance, brought to us free of charge by "Tuesday Musicales," is open to the public. Any donations collected will go toward the Piano Restoration Fund. Come, join us, and treat

CONCERT

TUESDAY MUSICALES OF DETROIT

JOIN US TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 16, AT 10:30 A.M., for an eclectic array of chamber music by Bach, Beethoven, Donizetti, Dvorak, Desenclos, and Piazzolla. Nadine Deleury, cellist with the Michigan Opera Orchestra and Christopher Sacco, outstanding young Saxophonist will open the program with music by Beethoven and Donizetti.

Matthew Younglove, Professor of Saxophone at Wayne State University and Jeffrey Heisler, Professor of Saxophone at Oakland University will present two outstanding Saxophone quartets: the CARPE DIEM QUARTET and the VASH QUARTET, In beautiful and exciting selections, which will lift the spirit with rich and diversified sounds of the soprano, alto, tenor and bass saxophones, as you've never heard them before.

This unique performance is free to the public. Donations will be accepted for the Piano Restoration Fund for St. Clare of Montefalco, All are welcome.

We urge you to attend a concert for young and old (please, no babes in arms) at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier (corner of Mack). It's a musical event you will not want to miss!

yourself to a morning of glorious music. All are welcome! The second invitation is from our Faith Formation Team. **Journey through the Acts of the Apostles** with St. Paul the Apostles and the first Christian communities Thursday evenings. Join us for dinner at 6:30pm. The presentation and discussion segment begins at 7:10. All are welcome.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year the week of prayer for Christian Unity begins on Thursday January 18th. The prayer week has a history dating back more than 100 years when Christians around the world take part in an octave of prayer as a visible display of Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper. "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" is the theme for 2018. Let us join this annual celebration and raise our voices, hands and hearts to God seeking the fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus, the Son of God, "that they all may be one."

Have a blessed week,
Fr. Andrew

PARISH CLUSTERING PRAYER

Father in heaven, You are calling us to grow beyond our parish life that has become so familiar and comfortable.

As we form a new faith community, we want to respond to your call with generosity and trust in your loving providence.

Help us to honestly face our sense of loss. Give us courage to work through our differences and open our hearts that we may embrace our new brothers and sisters.

Give us one mind and one heart as we journey together, building your kingdom, through Christ our Lord,

Amen



St. Clare School and Community News

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



I want to take this opportunity to wish all our St. Clare families and parishioners a happy and healthy new year. I hope your holiday was relaxing and filled with memories to cherish with family and friends. Ringing in 2018 brings the excitement of a fresh new year and new occasions to learn for our students. Our students have transitioned back into their academic routines, and believe it or not, the end of the second marking period is quickly approaching. The end of the marking period is January 19 and report cards will go home on January 26.

Spread the word to all your friends that St. Clare of Montefalco School rocks! With St. Clare's focus on a strong academic program, we are an excellent school and a positive choice in your child's education. **With our Open House scheduled for January 28, 2018**, please invite friends and acquaintances to visit our school and seriously consider joining the St. Clare family. If you have any friends or neighbors looking for a new school, be sure to let them know that they can apply to attend St. Clare School.

In closing, I want to thank all our families and parishioners for everything you do in supporting our students and teachers as we look forward to an outstanding second semester here at St. Clare School!

Ann Tonissen, Principal

SAVE THE DATE!!

- Jan. 16: Tuesday Musicale
- Jan. 17: Red Cross Blood Drive
- Jan. 28: School Open House
- Feb. 04: Winter Sports Mass
- Feb. 04: Super Bowl Party
- Feb. 17: Coffee House
- Mar. 10: St. Patrick's Day Party
- Apr. 21: School Auction

Event info. | Registration:
<https://stclarem.org/event-tickets>

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This is the weekend for our annual "Bringing Hope to the Table" food drive done in collaboration with Gleaners and Kroger. Our conference is assigned to the Kroger Store on 9 Mile between Mack and Jefferson. We will have volunteers at the store on Saturday, January 13 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Sunday, January 14 from noon until 6 p.m. They will be distributing shopping lists prepared by Gleaners and requesting that shoppers consider purchasing an extra item or two from the list and donating it on the way out of the store.

We will also have teams of volunteers at St. Clare throughout the weekend to sort and store the donations. So if you are reading this early enough to lend a hand, please contact Diane at 313-231-1108 or Barb at 313-303-1951 and we can let you know if and where we still need help. Thanks in advance to all the friends of SVdP who have already signed up and are helping this weekend!

This has been a fantastic program for our conference in that the last couple of years we have been able to collect between 20 and 40 shopping carts of non-perishable foods and personal care items to stock our emergency food pantry. There are often individuals and families who stop by the parish office requesting food when their paychecks or food stamps don't stretch quite far enough and sharing these resources is just one way we can live the gospel!

Thanks for helping us help others,
Barbara Koster
SVdP St. Clare Conference

MINISTRY OF CARE

The Ministry of Care of St. Clare of Montefalco is recruiting parishioners to make phone calls to the home bound and/or make visits to hospitals and nursing homes.

If you can help, please call Pat Radnick at (313)885-5210 or email me at patradnick@gmail.com



Christian Service and Stewardship

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORNER



Warm Hands, Warm Hearts

The St. Clare Warm Hands, Warm Hearts collection will take place next weekend, **January 20-21**. This annual collection at the doors after



Masses support the warming center programs for **St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services and Pope Francis Center**. We provide hand warmers for their programs and additional gifts of money to support their good works. Thank you to the many organizations who assist the most vulnerable. Look for our Confirmation students and Christian Service member at the doors. **Checks may be made out to St. Clare Church with Warm Hands in the memo line.**



American Red Cross

Please Mark your calendar for one of our regular St. Clare Blood Drives. Thank you, Tamara, for chairing this event. Wednesday

January 17 - 1:00 – 7:00 PM in the Church Social Hall. Go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code **stclare13** to make an appointment. **Give the gift of life!**



Mark your calendar to join us on **February 4 for a Super Bowl Tailgate Party in the Church Social Hall**. The PIC Committee will be your hosts for this fun family event. Watch the game on our jumbo screen. After our successful Tailgate Party during Oktoberfest we are excited to try something different this year. We will provide pizza and hotdogs. We will ask guests to bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. Tickets will be \$10. Sign-up to bring a dish to share, appetizer, salad or dessert/fruit on the parking lot wall.

See you there on February 4, 2018.
Doors open at 5:30 PM

Mike McDevitt | Christian Service Coordinator | 313-647-5025

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

January 7, 2018—Sunday Collections

Parishioner Envelopes*:	\$9,043
Loose Collection:	\$1,386
Total Collection:	\$10,429
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$10,270
Over for the week by:	\$159

*Includes Parish Pay For The Week

Please note: Total does not reflect 5pm Mass donations

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Thank you for supporting the New Evangelization.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Black Catholic Ministry

The Archdiocese of Detroit will honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a Mass at Ste. Anne de Detroit Church this Monday, January 15.

Auxiliary Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate the 10 a.m. Mass, and John Thome will lead the Black Catholic Ministry Gospel Choir.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow our local Church to minister to African-American Catholics and predominantly African-American parishes through the archdiocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministry. The office's mission is to highlight, enhance, and celebrate the contributions of those in the black Catholic community as they share their gifts with the Church and society. The office also focuses on evangelization and the certification of lay ministers, as well as serves as a resource for other archdiocesan offices. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today's Scripture readings from the Book of Samuel and St. John's Gospel share a common theme of accepting our Lord's will by answering His call. Our vocation is His plan for our lives. St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, proclaims we are all members of the Body of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit, *that you are not your own*. Through the Holy Spirit, we obtain special charisms — unique gifts with which we serve the Lord and carry out His divine plan. Prayer, meditation, and contemplation lead to conversion of mind and heart, and help Christian stewards discern their vocational call from the Lord. This call may be to the priesthood or religious life, marriage, or single life. Are we, like Eli, Samuel, John, Peter, and Andrew, open to the Lord's call in our lives? If you believe God is calling you to the priesthood, the Office of Priestly Vocations, (313) 237-5875 or detroitpriest.com, can assist you with discernment. Women interested in religious life may contact the Office of Consecrated Life at (313) 596-7143. Men seeking information about the permanent diaconate should also call that office, but at (313) 596-7142.



St. Clare Faith Formation and Community News

FAITH FORMATION



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION:

Today we welcome our students in grades K,5 and 8, for a special Mass at 9:00. And our 8th graders will enter their final preparations for Confirmation. The names of the Confirmation and RCIA candidates are on cards by the Baptismal font. Please take one and pray for the two people on their journey in faith.

The 8th graders and sponsor or parent will have a meeting after the 9:00 Mass. All confirmation paper work is due February 12. Sunday family will gather at 10:30 in the school after the social. There are no Monday religious ed classes because of Martin Luther King Day.

All parents of religious education students should have received 1) a revised calendar for this 2018. 2) a January calendar and newsletter. 3) Parents of second graders should have received a special letter. If you did not receive these, please contact the religious education office.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: We hope to see you on Thursdays for our series on the Acts of the Apostles and Evangelization. This is a ten week series and it ties into the Archbishop's letter, *Unleash the Gospel*. As I said last week: Reach out and touch someone. Bring someone to the sessions. If you cannot come on Thursdays, please consider following the series on formed.org, under Lectio-Evangelization. If you cannot do that, why not read The Acts of the Apostles in the Bible? It follows the four gospels.

Sr. Kathy | skavery@stclarem.org | 313-647-5110



MONDAY FAITH FORMATION

Beginning January 15, 2018, the Monday morning Faith Formation session will start at 9 AM in the Whittier Room. Presented will be the Acts of the Apostles, the same as the Thursday evening program. So for those who cannot make the evening program, come join us at the Monday sessions starting this Monday.

If any questions contact: Rosemary Campbell at 313-549-0433

YOUTH GROUP

Last week we returned and began our journey into the Holy Spirit through "The Wild Goose" series by Fr. Dave Pivonka. We learned what it means to have God's love poured forth into our hearts. We also had early morning Adoration with bagels and coffee on Monday!



Thank you to all the parents who made it to the meeting on Wednesday night! If you weren't able to make it but would like to talk or ask questions please shoot me an e-mail at scarder@stclarem.org

This week we are attending an event called "Made for More" with keynote speaker Leah Darrow, and having our regular meeting from 6-8 PM. I will also have "office hours" from 3:30 - 5:30 PM **every** Wednesday for anyone who wants to drop in and chat, play ping pong or just spend some time!

See you around!

THANK YOU!

A NOTE OF THANKS

2017	2017	2016
Christmas	Christmas	Christmas
<u>Collection</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Collection</u>
\$162,880	\$128,050	\$156,860

In past years we received large Christmas donations that were not expected but were greatly appreciated. For 2017 we budgeted a more conservative amount keeping in line with the 5 year trend. Your overwhelming generosity far exceeded our expectations! The Finance Council is deliberating how to be good stewards of the gifts you have given. Thanks to you, our parish can continue to build on the foundation we are creating together.

On behalf of the Parish Team, Parish Council and Finance Council - **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO ST. CLARE**

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 p.m. (low gluten host available)
 Sunday – 9:00 p.m., 11:00 a.m. (low gluten host available)

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. (Summer months)

Confessions:

Weekdays - 30 minutes before Mass; Saturday – 2:30 until 3:30 p.m.

Devotions:

In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

- Mondays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

In Honor of St. Michael the Archangel

- Tuesdays after the 6:30 p.m. Mass

In Honor of the Divine Mercy

- Tuesdays 6:10 p.m.
- Fridays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- Every Wednesday from 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.
- First Friday of the Month until noon

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 11am for the following weekend
 Early deadlines will be announced.

Email materials to:
 bulletin@stclarem.org
 Guidelines: https://stclarem.org/bulletin

Weekly Activities

MONDAY (January 15) 8:00 a.m.

No School | No Religious Ed

12:00 PM St. Paul Bible Study - Church Social Hall
 6:00 PM School Commission Meeting – School
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group - Rectory Chapel

TUESDAY (January 16) 6:30 p.m. Mass and St. Michael Devotion.

9:30 AM Legion of Mary Meeting - Whittier Room
 10:30 AM Tuesday Musicales - Church
 4:00 PM Christian Meditation - Rectory Chapel
 7:00 PM K of C Assembly Meeting - Rooms 1 and 2
 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Rooms 1 and 2
 7:00 PM Faith Formation - Rose Rm.

WEDNESDAY (January 17) 8:15 a.m. Mass

1:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive - Church Social Hall
 6:00 PM Exposition and Adoration - Church
 6:30 PM RCIA Wednesdays - Faculty Room
 7:00 PM Legion of Mary Rosary - Church

THURSDAY (January 18) 8:00 a.m. Mass

6:30 PM Faith Formation - Church Social Hall

FRIDAY (January 19) 8:00 a.m. Mass

March for Life - OFF CAMPUS

9:00 AM Faith Formation - Whittier Room

SATURDAY (January 20)

8:00 AM Stephen Ministry Training - School Faculty Lounge
 2:30 PM Saturday Confessions - Church
 4:00 PM Mass - Church (Warm Hands Collection)
 6:00 PM Wedding: Buckley and Todd-Hernandez - Church

SUNDAY (January 21)

9:00 AM Mass - Church (Warm Hands Collection)
 10:15 AM Religious Education Sunday Family - Faculty Rm
 11:00 AM Mass - Church (Warm Hands Collection)
 5:00 PM Mass - Church (Warm Hands Collection)
 6:00 PM Youth Group - CREW Room



SUNDAY SOCIAL TODAY

January 14

After the 9 am and 11 am Masses
 Celebrate with the kindergarteners, 5th & 8th graders
 after the 9 AM Mass

Take some time to relax and share with fellow parishioners.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 13

4:00 pm Loraine Blondell, Irene Jensen & the Jensen Family

Sunday, January 14

9:00 am Delores Ann Arsenault (4th Anniv.), Gabriele & Rosaria

Serraiocco, Lou Fox (2nd Anniversary), Ladislav Machek

11:00 am Patricia McKeever, Wilfredo M. Capulong

5:00 pm St. Clare Parishioners and Parish

Monday, January 15

8:00 am Mary Ellen Canestraight, Diann Lulis, Colleen Spencer

Tuesday, January 16

6:30 pm Josephine Buhagiar, Margaret E. Olis

Wednesday, January 17

8:15 am Frank Couzens Jr.

Thursday, January 18

8:00 am Jim Aretakis

Friday, January 19

8:00 am John J. Olis

Saturday, January 20

4:00 pm Josephine Rietzloff, Charlene Leahy, St. Clare Parishioners and Parish

6:00 pm Wedding: Violet Todd-Hernandez & Michael Buckley

Sunday, January 21

9:00 am Hilda & Angelo Coccia, Sara Dyson & Baby

11:00 am Patricia McKeever, Margaret C. Olis

5:00 pm St. Clare Parishioners and Parish

The Legion of Mary of St. Clare of Montefalco

extends an invitation to any man or woman over the age of 18 years interested in joining the Legion of Mary. The meetings will take place every Tuesday morning starting at 9:30 am in the Whittier Room of the Parish Offices at 1401 Whittier Rd., Grosse Pointe Park. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Jerome Krause at 586-757-0126. You may also visit our website at legionofmary.org. Join us in praying the Rosary every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Church.

JANUARY 20-21, 2018

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM	Sharon Freitas Jacquie Lauth Carol Jacklyn Rachel Perkowski	Sr. Jacquie Wetherholt Perry Calisi	Samira Asabigi Kaiden Barnes Torrance Campbell
9:00 AM	Margaret Platz Art Post Claudia Rowland Sue Buckley Bernadette Cusmano Kathy Vandelinder	David Mietty Bill Harrington	Kerrigan Dunham Michael Hannon Ethan Fox
11:00 AM	Denise Cotter Dennis Cotter Jean Irvin-Stanley Corazon Galinato Louis Di Iorio SUB(S)	Katie Domzalski Don Bersback	Andrew Safadi Julian Townsend Jamison Townsend
5:00 PM	Sub Sub Sub if needed	Adam Post Kathy Fricke	Eve Adams Charlotte Harper

Mass

Hospitality

4:00 PM	Linda Hazlett, Dorothy Ciesluk, Mike & Kirky Stevens, Nancy & Alec Valentini
9:00 AM	Dave & Sue Buckley, Joan & Bill Lusk, Pat McClary, Doug & Steph & Sarah Carder, John O'Brien
11:00 AM	Clayton & Janet Guensche, Becky McCoy, Tim & Allison Muer, Volunteer
5:00 PM	John & Michelle Van Camp, Margaret Leahy, Teo Nowakowski, Volunteer

**SEEK THE LORD
AND HIS STRENGTH;
SEEK HIS PRESENCE
CONTINUALLY!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 14, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michael Anderanin II
Marti Benedetti
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Zenaida Capulong
Marie Ciaramitaro
Sam Ciaramitaro
Kathie DeMumbrum
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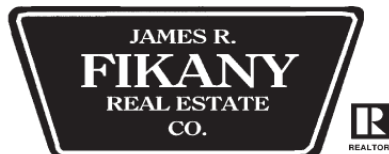


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Manfred Paul Curt Tonndorf
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Please pray for our Priests and Sisters, for our Seminarians, and for all who are discerning vocations in the Catholic Church.





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