



# St. John

## THE BAPTIST PARISH

**OCTOBER 31, 2021**

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

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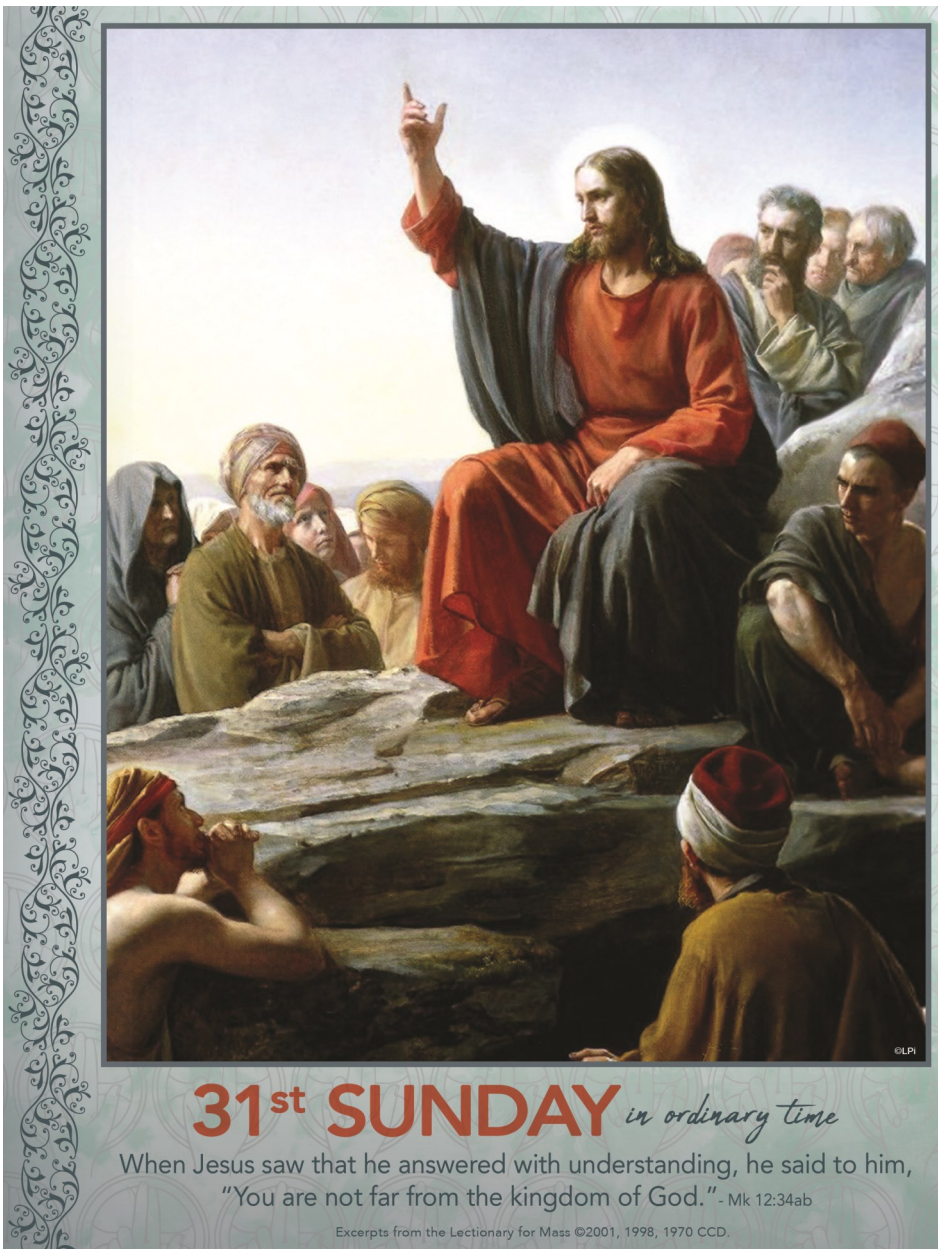
### Parish Office Hours

Monday | 9:00am-4:00pm  
(Closed for Lunch 12:00-1:00pm)  
Tuesday | 9:00am-3:00pm  
Thursday | 9:00am-3:00pm  
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday  
& Sunday | Closed

### MISSION STATEMENT

"St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Community is a growing and welcoming parish family. We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ by embracing the Word, Sacraments, and commitment to service."

- ✕ Rev. Fr. David Burgard, Pastor
- ✕ Rev. Fr. Giancarlo Ghezzi PIME, Associate Pastor
- ✕ Rev. Mr. Mike Stewart, Deacon



**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,  
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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## A NOTE FROM FATHER DAVID

As we enter the month of November, we in our Catholic tradition remember our beloved deceased brothers and sisters. Praying for the dead is one of the spiritual works of mercy. We continue to have a mysterious connection with those who have died. After all, we have been made to live forever. At physical death, "life is changed, not ended". We believe that our prayers can help the deceased to be purified by God's mercy and enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Many traditions are associated with the memory of our deceased. Among them is visiting their final resting places in the cemetery, mausoleum, or columbarium.

Here at St. John the Baptist, we display the photos of all who have died from our parish in the last year. Please pray for them. If you know any family members of the deceased, you are encouraged to reach out to them and offer your prayers and support.

The book of remembrance will be in church all month. You are invited to enter the names of deceased family and friends in the book.

This Tuesday is All Souls Day. All are invited to join us for the 8:15 am mass with the school students as we pray for all of our beloved deceased and thank God for their lives.

### All Saints Day

All Saints Day-November 1st, is on Monday, but it is not a holy day of obligation this year. We will have masses at St. John the Baptist at 5:30 pm and at St. Mary at 7:00 pm.

### First Saturday Mass

I offer a reminder that mass is offered on the first Saturday of the month at St. Mary at 8:30 am, with a special focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are invited. Also, the priest offering mass makes himself available for confessions until all are heard. You are welcome to come to confession even if you do not attend the mass.



*Father in Heaven, renew your wonders in our time, as though by a New Pentecost.*

*Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to move boldly into Families of Parishes with confidence. Deepen our desire for every person to encounter Jesus anew, grow daily as his disciples and give witness to his love and mercy. This is our mission! And we embrace it anew.*

*Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit, praying perseveringly and insistently with one mind, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and Bl. Solanus Casey, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen*



## LAY LEANINGS... By Deacon Mike Stewart

"Come on, tell me!" the woman pleaded with her companion, as they stared at a store display of several different styles of chairs. "Just tell me what you think I would like. You know I really, really care what you think." The first woman was clearly frustrated by her inability to choose. Nevertheless, I wondered whether, in fact, she really, really cared as much about what she, herself thought, as she did about the opinions of others.

It's basic human nature to seek out the opinions of others; to varying degrees, we all do it. Consider the number of people who repeatedly post selfies on social media, and then define themselves by the number of 'likes' they receive. Not only does this sort of behavior help us to affirm our own thinking, but it also serves as a sort of failure avoidance. However, the line between seeking the opinions of others versus habitually seeking the approval of others can be thinner than we even imagine. In fact, if we're constantly seeking others to affirm us and our decisions, then what does that say about us, about the mirror we have on ourselves, and especially about the person God made us to be? If we're constantly looking outside ourselves for affirmation, then how can we ever hope to understand who we really are?

Aristotle said that, 'knowing ourselves is the beginning of all wisdom'. Why do you suppose he

would have said that? Perhaps because we tend to fear most that which we don't fully know or understand. It's hard and sometimes very emotional work to look into our own hearts and souls, afraid of what we might encounter there. We all have a past, and we all carry within us something no one else knows about. Why then would we want to look in there? And so we look to others to help us reflect a positive image, one that is relatively free of the risk of exposing who we really are on the inside .. vulnerable, broken, hurting, frightened people.

It's interesting to me that we work so hard at keeping hidden those aspects of ourselves that we don't want others to see, and yet care so intensely what others think about that part of ourselves that others can see. Perhaps we forget that we are all made by and in the image of the same Creator; a God from whom nothing is hidden, and who knows every hair on our head. Imagine what the world would be like if we cared as much about what our God sees as what others see. Let's pray about that.

**He numbers the stars,  
and gives to all of them  
their names.**

**Great is our Lord, vast in  
power, with wisdom be-  
yond measure.**

**Ps 147:4-5**



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**GERALYN HARRIS**  
**October 24, 2021**

## SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office or Fr. David with inquiries about the Sacraments at: 734-241-8910 or parishoffice@stjohnmonroe.com.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturday, 4:00-5:00pm.

Reconciliation room is in the room at the left side of the altar. In addition to regular confession times, arrangements can be made by calling the parish office.

### Marriage

At least one individual must be a member of St. John Church. A minimum of six months previous notice is required before the wedding date. Please phone the parish office for more information.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Call the parish office to make an arrangement and baptism dates at least one month in advance.

### Rite of Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Anyone interested in inquiring about our faith, or anyone interested in becoming a Roman Catholic Christian please contact the parish office. Meetings on Mondays, from 6:30-8:00pm.

### Sacrament of Marriage

By arrangement with the pastor at least six months prior to planned wedding date.

### Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament is available upon request for persons who are seriously ill, scheduled for a medical procedure, or with a chronic condition. A person can be anointed as often as their condition warrants.

## St. John Prayer List

Jim Adams	David Graves	Pat Orr
Anita Askam	Emily Haynes	Dave Padot
Scott Assenmacher	Kate Herr-Maletich	Zandra Perry
Thomas Barron	Zenda Howell	Zayden Perry
Pamela Barron	Evelyn Ibershoff	Sister Maria Pia
Dale Beauch	Michael LaRoy	Tony Pollzzie
Angelo Benvenuto	Tom Lindsey	Cathy Rogers
Loretta Brossia	Lisa Lliteras	Robert Rogers
Jack Burns	Beth Lovett	Lillian Sasfy
Fr. David Carrucci	Jerry Messerschmidt	Mary Slavik
Denise Darin-Clark	Herbert Meyer	Daniel Sordini
Tom Clark	Cathy Miller	Maxwell Stotz
Thomas Cousino	Sierra Miller	Kay Thoma
Dan DePuydt	Frank Nagy	Oscar Vandeveld
Darlene Diekman	Jeanne Niles	Angela Venier
Barb DuVall	Art Oblinger	Hal Weakly
Don Fox	William O'Connell	

St. John's Prayer List exists for the purpose of remembering in our prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

We are hopeful that many on the list have received help and healing through the prayers lifted up by our parishioners. If you are still in need of prayers and would like to remain on, or be added to the list, contact the parish office. Names on the list will remain for a duration of six weeks.

We can only publish the names of people who have consented to be added to the list, please check with the individual before contacting us to protect their privacy.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Brandon Anderson, USAF	PFC Anthony Marquette, USCG
SPC Derek Barron, USA	AB Dakota Mills, USAF
Cpl Michael J. Carrabino, Jr., USMC	Sgt Tyler Morrison, USMC
2d Lt Alexander L. Compean, USAF	EM1 Tad Murphy, USCG
Cpt Andrew J. Compean, USA	A1C Dalton J. Neff, USAF
CMCR Kyle Cook	SSgt Natalie A. Neff, USAF
Cpt Jonathan A. Dieckman	TSgt Eric D. Paul, USAF
PFC Andrew Herrick, USA	PFC Donald Puruleski, USA
SrA Stacy Krzyston, USAF	AB Jeffrey Stead, USAF
SSgt Andrea L. Lake, USAF	MSgt Nicole Stibbe, USAF
Cpl Mitchell Layhew, USMC	Pvt Dawson Wohlgamuth
MSgt Christopher Lindsey, USAF	

USA - Army | USAF - Air Force | USCG - Coast Guard  
USN - Navy | USMC - Marine Corps

Almighty and eternal God, protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



## DAILY READINGS & OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, October 31

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Priesthood Sunday;  
All Hallow's Eve  
Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/  
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-3

### Monday, November 1

All Saints Day  
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12

### Tuesday, November 2

All Souls Day  
Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

### Wednesday, November 3

St. Martin de Porres, Religious  
Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/  
Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop  
Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcd, 4, 13-14  
[13]/Lk 15:1-10

### Friday, November 5

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
[cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8 1

### Saturday, November 6

Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-1

### Next Sunday, November 7

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10  
[1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or  
12:41-44



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading

Therefore, you shall love the LORD,  
your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength. (Dt 6:5)

### Psalms

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

### Second Reading

But Jesus, because he remains  
forever, has a priesthood that does

not pass away. Therefore, he is  
always able to save those who  
approach God through him.  
(Heb 7:24-25)

### Gospel

And when Jesus saw that he  
answered with understanding,  
he said to him, "You are not far  
from the kingdom of God."  
(Mk 12:34)

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## ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY IS AVAILABLE

Forget your envelope on the counter?  
Forget to stop at the ATM? Ran out of  
checks before Mass?

Make weekly contributions worry free  
with electronic funds transfer for  
offertory. Contributions are deducted  
from either a checking or savings  
account on the 15th of each month.  
Special collection envelopes can still  
be used in the basket on Sundays.

Please consider this easy option for  
making your offertory contribution to  
St. John Church. If interested, please  
fill out the form below with a voided  
check included. Place it in an envelope  
and put in the offertory basket, bring it  
to the parish office or put in the mail.

I authorize St. John the Baptist to  
initiate electronic debit entries to my:

☐ Checking ☐ Savings in the  
amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be  
withdrawn each month, beginning in  
the month of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing # \_\_\_\_\_  
Account # \_\_\_\_\_

*I acknowledge that the origination of ACH  
transactions to my account must comply  
with the provisions of US law. This  
authority will remain in effect until I have  
canceled in writing.*

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## LIVE THE LITURGY: Inspiration for the Week

"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This ancient prayer has been found on the lips of many of God's devoted servants throughout history. In its simplicity it reminds us of a timeless truth we often forget. We often worship other gods rather than the One true God and find all of our relationships distorted as a result. This One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is important that we remind ourselves often of God's primary place in our lives, lest we get distracted and sidetracked. But there is one more important piece that Jesus insists belongs with this. We must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. God's presence within each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This is at the heart of God's kingdom.



## FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday

8:15am | St. Michael Church  
8:30am | St. Charles Church

### Tuesday

8:15am | St. John Church  
9:00am | St. Anne Church  
6:00pm | St. Mary Church

### Wednesday

8:15am | St. Mary Church  
8:30am | St. Charles Church

### Thursday

8:15am | St. John Church  
12:15pm | St. Mary Church

### Friday

8:15am | St. Michael Church  
9:00am | St. Anne Church  
(except 1st Friday)

### First Friday

8:30am | St. Charles Church

### First Saturday

8:00am | St. Charles Church  
8:30am | St. Mary Church

### Saturday

4:30pm | St. Mary Church  
4:30pm | St. Anne Church  
5:00pm | St. Michael Church  
5:30pm | St. John Church

### Sunday

7:30am | St. Mary Church  
8:00am | St. Charles Church  
8:30am | St. Michael Church  
9:00am | St. John Church  
10:00am | St. Mary Church  
10:00am | St. Charles Church  
10:30am | St. Michael Church  
11:30am | St. John Church  
Noon | St. Charles Church  
2:00pm | St. Mary Church (Spanish)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, October 30

5:30pm | Fr. David Burgard  
† Joseph Costello, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Eby  
Thomas Kempis Keegan by the Family

### Sunday, October 31

9:00am | Fr. Alan Zobler  
† Joseph Costello, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. L. Perna  
† Russell Gelso by Bill Terrasi  
† Sis locoangeli by Catherine Arnold

11:30am | No Mass

### Monday, November 1

5:30pm | † All Saints Mass

### Tuesday, November 2

8:15am | † Aurelio Taormina by Anna Periva & Family  
† James & Rita Beck by Sam & Becky Gutierrez

### Thursday, November 4

8:15am | † For the Poor Souls in Purgatory by Moore Family

### Saturday, November 6

5:30pm | Fr. Giancarlo Ghezzi  
† William McIntyre, Jr.  
† Jacqueline Larner by Brian McLaughlin

### Sunday, November 7

9:00am | Fr. David Burgard  
† Julius & Muriel LaRoy by the LaRoy Family  
† Ben & Josie Pollzzie by the Family  
† Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Emerick  
† Stephen Sasfy by Lillian Sassfy  
† Rita Beck by Steven & Rachel Lombard

11:30am | Fr. David Burgard  
† People of St. John Parish

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

### November 6 / 7

5:30pm  
Angela Viger

9:00am  
John Morris

11:30am  
Rebecca Brooks

*\* 2021-2022 Workbooks for  
Lectors are available in the  
St. Anne Sacristy*

## OFFERTORY REPORT

### September 2021

Budget .....\$28,000

Actual ..... \$28,205

Variance ..... \$205

Heritage ..... \$49

Cabrini ..... \$221

If you attend another church in the Monroe Vicariate, please use St. John's collection envelope. It will be forwarded to St. John's.

## FOOD PANTRY

Your help is needed! The following items will be collected in the coming months. We also gladly accept monetary donations made out to: St. John Food Pantry.

### November: Cereal, Squeeze Bottle Jelly

Non-perishable food is accepted at any time. Please be sure items are not out of date. There are baskets for drop-off in the church vestibule or bring to the parish office. Thank you for your support!

For further information about Christian Service or Food Pantry, contact Lillian Williamson at [lillianwilliamson@att.net](mailto:lillianwilliamson@att.net) or 734-770-7046.



We are looking for the help of our parishioners to assist with live streaming with our new camera system. This would require a minimal training session and then you will be part of a team that will be on a rotating schedule. You would need to be present for the scheduled live stream Mass and show up before Mass at least 15

minutes early to get the software and camera ready. Please contact Deacon Mike for more questions and to sign up, [dcnmike@stmarymonroe.org](mailto:dcnmike@stmarymonroe.org).

## MUSIC NOTES FROM A LOFT

Please welcome our two newest cantors: Ella Setzler and Carson Peters. They are MCES 5th Graders. They will be joining us periodically, as they LOVE to sing, and do a wonderful job cantoring!



*Pictured above: Carson Peters (left), Ella Setzler (right)*

## SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST MONTHLY MEMORIAL

Ackerman & Ruman Families  
Bacarella & Venier Families  
Beck & Wehner Families  
Robert & Joan Brennan  
Fred R. Brossia Family  
John & Patricia Burroughs  
Christy Bates Carducci  
Christy & Mary Carducci Family  
Joseph J. Carrabino  
Teresa (Carrabino) Hansen  
Dominic Cicero, Jr.  
Chester & Mildred Clark  
Ann Clark  
Theodore Colucci Family  
Saverio & Mary Costello Family  
Mary Jane Darrow  
Rev. Albert Robert "Bob"  
DeSloover  
Robert A. Dobberstein  
Pat & Vera Drummonds Family

Robert J. Duffey Family  
Kenneth & Wilma Dusseau Family  
DuVall, Morrin & Cousino Families  
Tom Gerweck  
Marion Hatcher  
Rosemarie Hess-Schindler  
Anna Hess  
Lowell B. & Helen R. Hudson  
Hudson & Gessner Families  
Lauer & Bicking Families  
Gus & Helen Janssens Family  
Jonathon M. Keck  
Thomas K. & Marie C. Keegan  
Julian & David LaRoy  
Jennifer (Martin) Layhew  
Jerry E. Loughridge  
Diane Mack  
Dorian Mantei  
William McIntyre  
Barbara Metz

Armand & Lena Michelin Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Miller & Family  
Connie S. Niemi  
Vincent J. Palazzolo  
Pancone & Donofrio Family  
Sebastian & Vincenzina Patania  
Pollzzie & Bacarella Family  
Edward J. Roecker  
John A. Scheich  
Joseph Scheich  
Sordini Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Steffes & Family  
Strauss & Grodi Families  
Gregory Neil Thoma  
Jeffery William Thoma  
Joseph & Evelyn Thoma  
Ron Thomas  
William & Madeline Trawinski  
Harold & Arlene Weaver  
Gerald Windels



Helpers are need at the food pantry please contact Lillian Williamson @ 734-770-7046 or email lillianwilliamson@att.net or contact the Parish Office.

## REMINDER

### Christian Service Meeting

Saturday, November 6  
@ 10:30 am

In the Parish Office meeting room.  
We welcome anyone interested in becoming a member.

## ST. ANNE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

### Journey Through Grief

The "Journey Through Grief" Prayer and Support Group Meetings have resumed. Join us the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at St. Anne. If you have lost a loved one, please come join us for prayer, support, refreshments and sharing.

## FAMILIES OF PARISHES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are "Mission Direct" ministries and how will they be structured?

Mission Direct ministries primarily work directly with the faithful in achieving the mission, and are designed to firmly root parish pastoral ministry in Synod 16 and the Unleash the Gospel pastoral letter. To accomplish this goal, we have identified five ministry areas that reflect a vibrant and evangelizing parish. These are:

1. **Discipleship Formation**, overseeing all aspects of disciple formation in the Family, with emphasis on encounter, grow, and witness. The Director of Discipleship Formation identifies, recruits, and forms catechists; assists the school faculty in the preparation of creative, spirit-filled liturgies and sacramental experiences; and other related tasks.
2. **Engagement**, assisting parish-

ioners by equipping them for the service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Director of Engagement supervises those working in ministry placement, evangelization, communications, RCIA, hospitality, and ecumenical ministries.

3. **Evangelical Charity**, ensuring a full response to Catholic social teaching through charity in areas of human need, both within the parish and beyond. The Director of Evangelical Charity supervises those working in human services; community outreach; visitation of the sick and homebound; Stephen Ministry; and funeral luncheon ministries.

4. **Family Ministries**, assisting families living as domestic churches in their homes. The Director of Family Ministry supervises those working with infant baptism; marriage preparation, and family support group ministries.

5. **Worship**, facilitating the worship life of the community by coordinating and providing quality prayer and liturgical experiences. The Director of Worship supervises those working in liturgy; parish music; prayer groups; and wake service ministries.

## We're Hiring!



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Occasional Saturdays  
**St. Joseph Cemetery,  
Monroe**

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Please Submit Your Resume To  
bhojnacki@cfcsmission.org  
No Phone Calls Please



## COME HOLY SPIRIT!

Please join in praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary on Thursday mornings beginning at 11:40am followed by Mass at 12:15pm in St. Mary Church.

Our prayer intention is for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin to work as a Family of Parishes. We pray also for Fr. David, the moderator as well as Fr. Giancarlo, Fr. Kishore and Fr. Henri and the parish staffs who serve in the Monroe Family of Parishes (St. Anne, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary and St. Michael parishes).



## focus on life

2021 Annual Benefit Dinner

November 11, 2021

LaRoy's Hall  
LaSalle, MI



November 11, 2021

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner & Program at 7:00 p.m.

LaRoy's Hall

12375 S Telegraph Rd  
La Salle, MI 48145

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2628 S Custer Rd  
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### Leonardo Defilippis

special guest speaker

After years as a Shakespearean actor, Leonardo embarked on a spiritual journey that led him to found a Catholic theater company, Saint Luke Productions, in 1980. Millions throughout the US, Canada, and Europe have seen his work as an actor, producer, and film director. His work has inspired vocations to the religious life, and he has won numerous awards over the decades. One of his most ambitious projects was the direction, production, and distribution of the feature film *Thérèse*. This was the first motion picture distributed solely by an independent Catholic film company. Leonardo is married to his beloved wife, Patti, and they have been blessed with seven children and reside in Washington State.

### Please Reserve My Place

Please return the completed form with payment by November 1, 2021.

#### Reservations

\_\_\_\_\_ \$65 Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ \$400 Table (seats 8)

#### Donation

I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

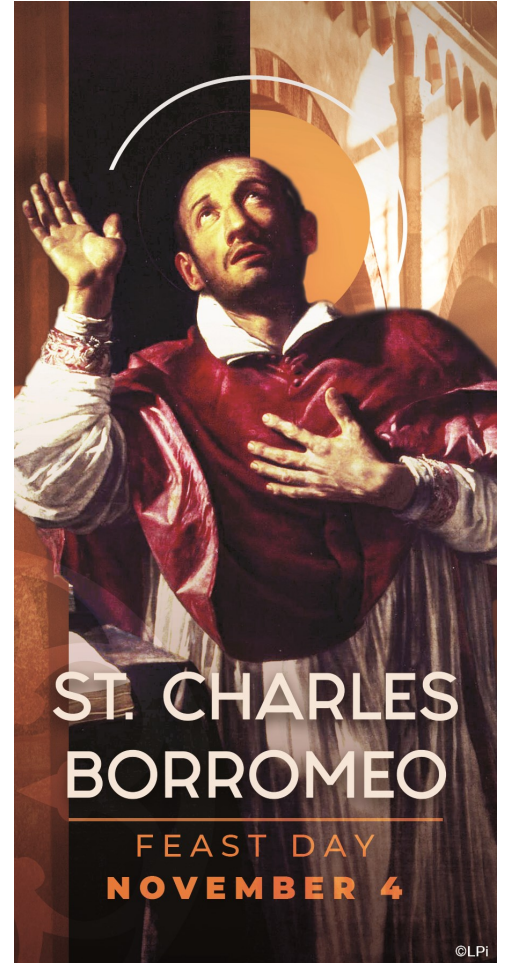
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Table Captain (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

All checks payable to Monroe County Right to Life (not tax-deductible).

Monroe County  
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## ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

FEAST DAY  
NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterwards, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46.

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## PRAYER

**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**

Lord, help me to authentically love You with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength. Help me to have such an honest love for You that it also overflows into my love for others. May Your precious gift of holiness permeate my life and enable me to love You and others in a total way. Jesus, I trust in You.



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734-241-6335  
Visit [mcesmonroe.com](http://mcesmonroe.com)!

## ST. MICHAEL CAMPUS RENOVATIONS ARE COMPLETE

We are grateful to the Luella Amolsch Trust for supporting the needs of our students at the St. Michael Campus building! These renovations help ensure we offer the best environment for our students to learn and grow!



The gym (above left) has been transformed into a gathering space with new vinyl wood floor, a sound & video-projection system, sound-managing baffles, and new LED lighting (thank you Stael-graeve Turner Electric for the new lights!). The old gym bathrooms (above right) were filled in to create a new storage area.

## GOSPEL

Love God above all things. You have choices. You choose whether to let your younger sister play a game with you. You can give four quarters to the poor or you can buy a candy bar. You can eat the whole candy bar, or share it with a friend. In church you can pitch a fit, or you can say, "OK, Lord. I am sitting quietly because I love you."

## PRAYER

Dear God, help me love you better than toys, movies, candy, and games.



An area of the kitchen was converted to our Early Childhood Education Office (above left) and the kitchen was expanded and updated with all components replaced.

The area that once housed the stage and former Early Childhood Education office has been converted into a state-licensed preschool classroom, large enough to hold 23 four-year-olds. The room has



new windows on the front of the school building, LED lighting, a sink, and plenty of space for our students to learn. We are eagerly awaiting the final State approval to utilize the room this year!



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