

OUR FAMILY NEWS

OCTOBER 6 | 2025



THE GOAL

To renew our parishes so they become places where individuals and families encounter Jesus and grow as missionary disciples

THE PLAN

To respond in faith to the challenges we face and to take the necessary steps to better equip our parish communities for mission.

OUR RESOLVE

To advance with unshakable conviction of the truth of the Gospel and a love that compels us to share the good news with those around us

Volunteer with Down syndrome inspires parish with reverence, faith, warm smile

Gabriella Patti • Sept 17, 2025

NOVI — Around the Novi area, many are already familiar with Robby Heil.

With his contagious smile and warm personality, people might recognize 26-year-old Robby from his famous touchdown for the Novi Wildcats during a 2016 football game. Or, maybe they know Robby from his appearance in Keith Famie's PBS documentary, "Chromosomally Enhanced: What's Your Superpower?" Soon, others will recognize Robby's Rudy-like story in a fictional film that is in production, inspired by his life.

However, where Robby, who has Down Syndrome, is perhaps most known and has the biggest impact is at St. James Parish, where he serves as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion three times a week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

"I'm working on Robby becoming a saint," said Charles Heil, Robby's dad and "Uber driver." "I am pretty sure there are people who come to Wednesday night Mass and want to receive Communion from Robby. They meet him, and he's in the news a lot, so many people know him. If you're around Robby, you become a happy person."

Heil stays busy as Robby's designated chauffeur — where Robby goes, Heil goes, and Robby's schedule is packed. In addition to serving as a Eucharistic minister and carrying the cross in procession before and after Mass, Robby recently joined a video team at the parish and fills his time with baseball, basketball and power lifting.

Robby and Heil also make time for trips to Disney World — Robby's favorite character is Mickey Mouse — and recently returned from Rome, where they walked through all of the Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

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MEET OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES ALL ARE WELCOME

Holy Family
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(248) 349-8847
www.holyfamilynovi.org

St. Joseph
830 S Lafayette St.
South Lyon, MI 48178
(248) 446-8700
www.stjcc.org

St. James
46325 Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48374
(248) 347-7778
www.stjamesnovi.org

St. William
531 Common St.
Walled Lake, MI 48390
(248) 624-1421
www.stwilliam.com



WHAT IS A FAMILY OF PARISHES?

A Family of Parishes is a group of three or more parishes that collaborate in deeper and more intentional ways than parishes have ever done before. Each parish in a Family will retain its own unique identity, similar to how each sibling has his or her own unique roll in the family.

**If you have an Catholic event
that you would to submit for publication,
send it to Ron Hartmus (St. James Church - Novi)**
bulletin@stjamesnovi.org

**'If you're around Robby, you become a happy person,'
says Charles Heil, father of
St. James' most well-loved parish volunteer**



Robby Heil, 26, a liturgical minister at St. James Parish in Novi, distributes Communion during a 9 a.m. weekday Mass on Sept. 8. Robby, who has Down syndrome, is a regular volunteer during parish Masses and is a well-known fixture at St. James, said Fr. Ed Zaorski, Robby's friend and mentor. Although Robby's story has been told in several local news outlets, his biggest impact is at his parish, said his father, Charles Heil. (Photos by Gabriella Patti | Detroit Catholic)

**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Holy Family
24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
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Monday	12:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	12:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	9:00 am

St. James
46325 Ten Mile Rd.
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Monday	9:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Thursday	None
Friday	None

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Thursday	None
Friday	9:00 am

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Tuesday	8:00 am
Wednesday	8:00 am
Thursday	8:00 am
Friday	None

**OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

Saturday 9:00 am
or by appointment

Wednesday 6:00 pm
Saturday 2:30 pm

Tuesday 6:00 pm
*First Tuesday
of the Month Only*
Saturday 3:30 pm

Announced Weekly



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Weekend Mass Times

Saturdays
4:30 pm
6:30 pm **Spanish**

Sundays
8:30 am
10:30 am
12:30 pm

Fr. Bob LaCroix
frbob@hfnovi.com

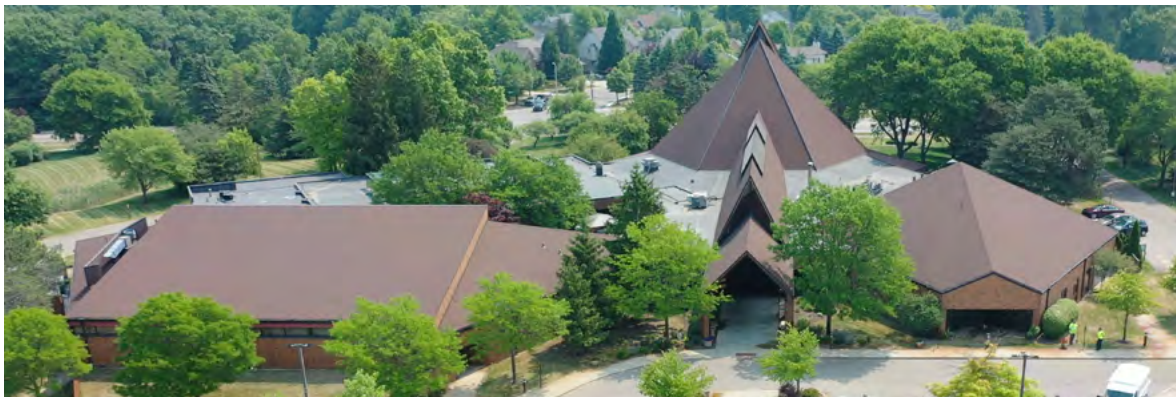
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TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

A collection benefiting the Cooke School, Special Olympics and Visions.



YOUR DONATION CAN MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES!



RETREAT

"LISTENING A PERSON INTO LIFE"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 9 AM - 1 PM
HOLY FAMILY - FAMILY CENTER

If you feel called to walk with a mom who needs a spiritual friend, please join us on October 18th. The retreat is free, but we kindly request that you register.





Eucharistic Adoration
for Vocations

SUPER SOCIAL Donut Sunday



IN MEMORIAM



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

WEEKEND, OCTOBER 11 & 12, AFTER ALL MASSES

Knights of Columbus will hold their traditional Tootsie Roll Drive in order to help Visions Unlimited continue its great program.

For more information, please contact Rick Lombardi at mrtour@twmi.rr.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

All women interested in WWMIN, please join our morning retreat. Following the Sister of Life "Into Life Series".

We reflect on the:

The Art of Being Present, How to Listen Well, Reflective Listening

We will demonstrate and practice all three.

For more information, contact Roxanne, roxanne@hfnovi.com

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 6:00 PM

Join us for a special time of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations. Let's gather before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for holy priests, deacons, and religious, and for all those discerning God's call.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, AFTER 8:30 AND 10:30 MASSES

Let's share stories, sprinkle kindness, and sip happiness together. We can't wait to see you!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 7:00 PM

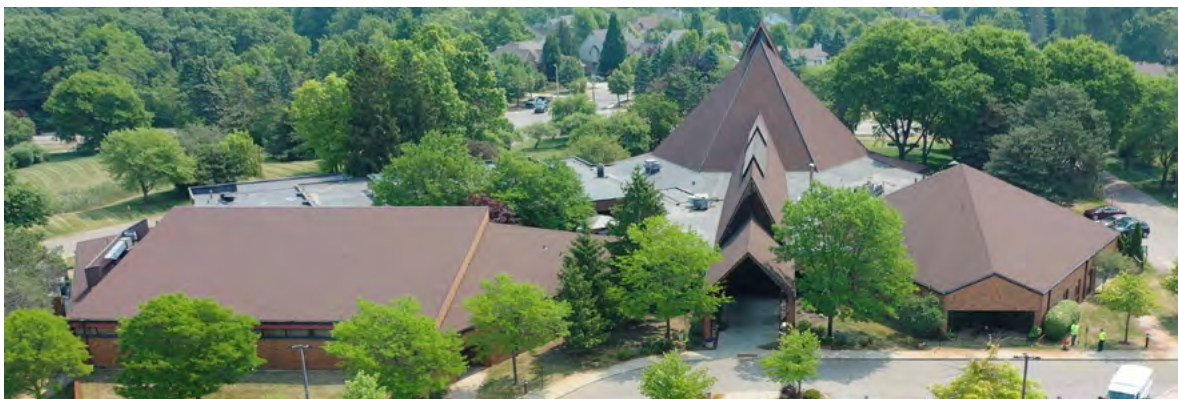
Holy Family Church will host a special Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 3, at 7 PM, to honor and pray for all parishioners and loved ones who passed away between **November 2024 and October 2025**.

Please take a moment to write the name of your loved one on the sheets located on the table beneath the library window.



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Mass Times

Monday	12:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	12:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
Friday	9:00 am

NO LONGER AN INTERN...
NEWLY-ORDAINED DEACON JOHN RYBSKI
HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO HOLY FAMILY!



We are most pleased to announce that John Rybski, who has been an intern with us since last December, was ordained by Archbishop Edward Weisenberger as a Permanent Deacon on Saturday, September 27th. At the end of the Ordination Mass, the Archbishop announced that Deacon John has been assigned to serve right here, at Holy Family! This is the first new assignment of a deacon to our parish in 17 years. It is our delight to welcome Deacon John and his gracious wife, Judy, into the vibrant work of God at Holy Family.

Throughout the ten months of his internship with us, John has shown his deep love for Christ and his heart for service. He has assisted and preached at Baptisms; he has prayed over people at Transformed evenings, Unbound Prayer sessions, and when needy families came to us before Christmas. He experienced our great celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and learned many of our bi-lingual songs. He assisted at every different kind of liturgical event, including the mountain-top Easter Vigil. Deacon John taught in the Becoming Catholic program and served with his wife as Table Hosts in the Winter Alpha course, this year. They joined with the Lay Formation community on its weekend Retreat and, generally, sought out every experience of spiritual renewal that typifies Holy Family. They have loved being here and have already become friends with many of us.

It is amazing to see that the Archbishop has given this brand-new-Deacon just what he asked for—John asked to be sent here! Many of us have been praying for exactly that.

JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE OUR NEW

Dea John Rybski

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, AFTER THE 12:30 PM MASS

-ACTIVITY CENTER -





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8:00 am
9:30 am
11:30 pm

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PrimeTimers

Are you an adult 50+ looking for fun and to socialize? Please consider joining the PrimeTimers, a group of family of parishes members, singles or couples. Our goal is to meet the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community. Meetings are held once a month in the St James Parish Hall.



October 13th at 1:00 pm

Chaplain Williams - Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker, Chaplain Williams from Providence Hospital, will help us find ways to be kind to each other and answer the question "who can I be kind to?" each and every day



**Any questions - call Pat Woody
at 847-217-0515**



November 6th at 5:00 pm

Italian American Club

Join us for a wonderful Italian meal and music at the Italian American Club, 39200 5 Mile Road, Livonia. The cost is \$30.00 per person for non-members and \$22.00 for members. Please send your check payable to 50+ to: Marge Jonesku, 234 Winslow Circle, Commerce Township, 48390. You may also pay at the October meeting.

November 10th at 1:00 pm

November Meeting

Please come for a blast from the past! We will have several examples of items from our younger days and ask you to try to recall what they are. Lots of fun for all and great prizes too.

Dues for 2025 - 2026

The PrimeTimers dues for 2025 - 2026 are \$10.00 per person. You may send your check payable to 50+ to: Marge Jonesku, 234 Winslow Circle, Commerce Township, 48390. You may also pay at the October meeting.



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Wednesday	7:00 pm
Thursday	None
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ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Marriage Enrichment

Together in Holiness Conference



All married and engaged couples are invited to the fourth annual *Together in Holiness* conference on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Novi. Bishop Jeffrey Monforton will begin the day by celebrating Mass. This year's conference will feature dynamic presentations from national and local experts focused on St. John Paul II's teaching on the family as a school of love.

Register





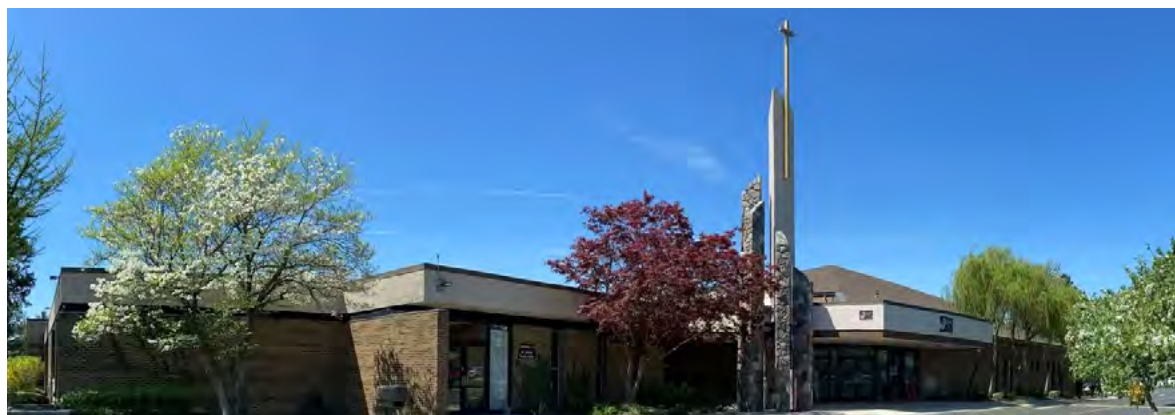
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Thursday	None
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Embracing THE Holy Trinity



All Women Are Welcome!

Sign up at tinyurl.com/WoMOctober25

October 8th

6:30 - 8:30 PM, MPR

Speaker ~ Barb Heininger



Chaplet of St. Monica



October 7th

Join us in praying the St. Monica Chaplet for intentions such as lapsed Catholics, loved ones' conversion, and healing in families.

We meet in the chapel after the 7 PM Mass on the first Tuesday of each month.

Knights of Columbus Family Hayride



October 11th

Join the Knights of Columbus at Three Cedars Farm for a Family Hayride following 5:00 Mass.

\$5 per person to enter includes hayride, cider and donuts. All are welcome!



Sacred Heart Seminary Halloween Candy Collection



Now thru Oct. 19th

Sacred Heart Major Seminary will host over 2,000 children for a safe, fun Halloween and needs candy donations to make it a success.

Please drop off bags of candy at the parish office or in the bin inside Entrance B.



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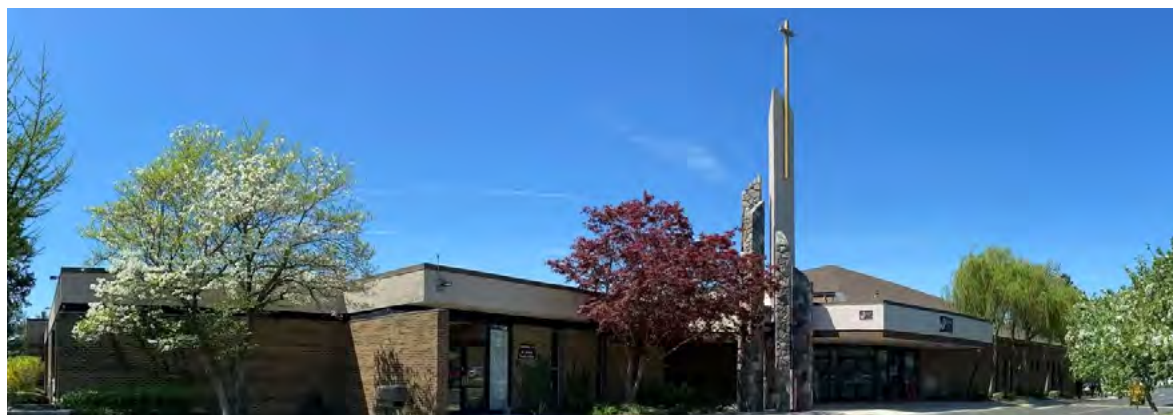
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5:00 pm

Sundays
8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm

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Healing the *Whole Person* THE 8-PART GROUP SERIES

BEGIN HEALING HERE

This teaching, presented by Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sr. Miriam James Heidland, is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator.

If you're looking for a deeper understanding of God's love and the healing of your own story, you'll fit right in.



JOHN PAUL II Healing Center
Transformation in the Heart of the Church

We welcome all adults 18 and up to join us from 7-9 PM on Monday evenings beginning October 13th

SERIES DETAILS

The weekly meetings will include: 1-hour video teachings, small groups, and journaling, as well as opportunities for confession, adoration, and prayer ministry

LOCATION DETAILS

St. Joseph Parish
830 S. Lafayette
South Lyon, MI 48178

SCAN HERE



To sign up, fill out the registration form at stjcc.org/htwp or scan the QR code. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Collection for Jail & Outreach Ministry



Oct. 11th - Nov. 2nd

This year, we're inviting you to share the gift of Meijer gift cards for Jail & Outreach Ministry in place of food donations.

You may bring them to the parish office or place them in the offertory in an envelope marked "JOM."



Sponsored by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen



October 12th

On the Rise Bakery, a program of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, will be at St. Joseph after all Sunday Masses in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Kolbe Coffee from the Detroit café will also be available—come enjoy something delicious!

St. Vincent de Paul Top Hat Collection ~ and ~ Coffee & Donuts

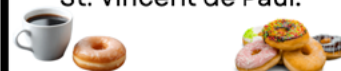


October 18th & 19th

Top Hat Collection after all weekend Masses to support neighbors in need.

Sunday, October 19th

Join us in the Gym for coffee and donuts after the 8 AM or 10 AM Mass. Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul.



May 2025

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Sundays
10:00 am
12:30 pm

Fr. Michael Savickas



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A Great Retiree Opportunity That Comes With Eternal Rewards

A good friend and wonderful addition to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is Mr. Fred Postma. Although he is a member of Orchard Grove Community Church (our neighbor across the street), he is an invaluable member of our St. Vincent group. Oftentimes a St. Vincent Home Visit reveals a staggering lack of even the bare essentials of a home. No dining room table, no living room couch, no bed frames and sometimes even no bed is a common occurrence. In many cases this was due to a prior eviction where our neighbor in need has literally lost everything. Under these circumstances, we turn to Fred. He operates a non-profit furniture and appliance ministry that does amazing work!

Our limited funds prevent us from purchasing new items, but Fred always finds a way to take care of a need with his inventory of used items. If you ever wondered what is happening with our former convent, Fred is utilizing it as one of his warehouses. However, after many years of assisting countless neighbors, age and physical limitations are requiring that he find a replacement to carry on the torch.

This would be a wonderful opportunity for a person wanting to give back to the community for all the many blessings that he or she has received from our Lord! The amount of work involved in this ministry should not be understated but when you take into account that our Lord has promised us that even a cup of water to one of his little ones will not go unrewarded, just try to imagine the eternal benefits. Fred probably spends an average of 20 hours per week in this ministry so there is a lot of opportunity for the receipt of many graces! He charges just enough to get by with the upkeep of his SUV and trailer which contributes greatly to the benefit of our St. Vincent neighbors as we can assist many of them with very little funds from our treasury.

If this piques any interest from one or more of our Parishioners, please take it to the Lord in prayer as our St. Vincent group would lose a critical component in our mission to serve the underprivileged if this ministry is not perpetuated! Please contact the rectory with any **"no obligation"** questions and someone will get back to you. God Bless!V

Family Eucharistic Adoration

First & Third
Sundays
of the month
2-4 p.m.



2-2:30 p.m.: Small, restless & fidgety children welcome!

The first 1/2 hour is designed for parents with small children.

Borrow a "busy hands" coloring and activity bag to help little ones focus.

2:30-4 p.m.: Adult adoration.

Silent adoration time and group prayers. Worship aids available.



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Tuesday	8:00 am
Wednesday	8:00 am
Thursday	8:00 am
Friday	None



ST. WILLIAM BIBLE STUDIES 2025-2026

Catholic Parish & School

The following Bible Studies are available starting in September

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation
 Study leaders: Juli Simpson (AM) and Ted Monfette (PM)
 Beginning: September 11th
 Monday mornings from 9:30am to 12:00pm in the Disciples room
 Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Disciples room

CREDO Foundations of Faith
 Beginning: September 7th - Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm to 3:30pm, Disciples room
 This series is divided into the following four parts; you may join any of the parts, it's not mandatory to attend all:
 Part I Faith & Doctrine – Five sessions beginning September 7th
 Part II Sacramental Life & Practice – Four sessions beginning October 12th
 Part III Christian Moral Life – Eight sessions beginning November 9th
 Part IV Mystagogy - Pillars of Catholic Living – Four Sessions beginning January 11th

Symbolon through Formed (Small Faith Group)
 Study leaders: Greg and Leslie Carnacchi
 Beginning: September 11th on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:00PM to 9:00PM virtually

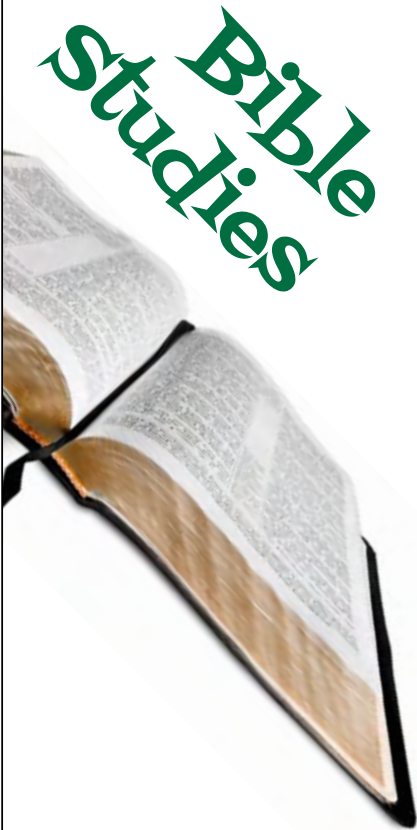
THE CHOSEN: Season Five
 Study leaders: Greg and Leslie Carnacchi
 Beginning: September 11th - Thursday mornings 9:30am to 12:00pm, Disciples room

LUKE: The STORY OF SALVATION FULFILLED
 Study leaders: Greg and Leslie Carnacchi
 Beginning: October 16th - Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 12:00pm, Disciples room

Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church
 Study leaders: Greg and Leslie Carnacchi
 Beginning: December 18th - Thursday mornings 9:30am to 12:00pm, Disciples room

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come
 Study leaders: Joanne and Dan Jones
 Beginning: September 17th - Wednesday evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Disciples room

THE CHOSEN: Season Five
 Study leader: Sue Kozora
 Beginning: September 25th - Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Disciples room



Getting' ready....for the PICNIC!!!

Because we want to have a good time.
 In case you have what we need.
 New or used BINGO equipment
 Give Juli a call (248-766-4501)
 Open to everyone who wants to play

We hope to offer BINGO at the Parish Picnic on August 10th. If you have access to BINGO game equipment and would be willing to loan it to us please give me a call. Juli Simpson 248-766-4501.

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Fruits & Veggies - More Matters!

The USDA recommends eating 5 – 9 servings of fruits and veggies per day. That might sound like a lot, but it's easy if you follow MyPlate's tips:

- Eat the rainbow! Make sure at least half of your plate is full of fruits and veggies.
- Choose fruits and veggies as quick snacks.
- Try something new. You can find fresh choices at a farm stand or farmers market.
- Vary your veggies. Fresh or frozen? Cooked or raw? Red, orange, or green? Picking different options will keep meals interesting!
- You can cook frozen or fresh vegetables in the microwave for a quick side dish.
- Opt for whole fruits more than fruit juice. Fresh, frozen, canned, dried, and pureed all count!
- Add fruit to your cereal or yogurt at breakfast.

Why are fruits and veggies important to eat?

- Low in calories—naturally!
- May reduce disease risk, including heart disease, high blood pressure, and some cancers.

- Rich in vitamins and minerals that help you feel healthy and energized.

Click on each nutrient to see a list of fruits & veggies that are "high" and "good" sources. Remember—beans and peas count as a vegetable, too!

- Calcium: Calcium is essential for healthy bones and teeth. It is also needed for normal functioning of muscles, nerves, and some glands.
- Fiber: Diets rich in dietary fiber have been shown to have a number of beneficial effects, including decreased risk of coronary heart disease.
- Folate: Healthful diets with adequate folate may reduce a woman's risk of having a child with a brain or spinal cord defect.
- Iron: Needed for healthy blood and normal functioning of all cells.
- Magnesium: Magnesium is necessary for healthy bones and is involved with more than 300 enzymes in your body! Low levels may result in muscle cramps and high blood pressure.
- Potassium: Diets rich in potassium may help to maintain a healthy blood pressure.
- Vitamin A: Keeps eyes and skin healthy and helps protect

against infections.

- Vitamin C: Helps heal cuts and wounds and keeps teeth and gums healthy.

What fruits and veggies are in season right now?

Choosing fruits and vegetables in season is a great way to stretch your food dollars. Learn more about seasonal fruits and vegetables:

- USDA Seasonal Produce Guide

Unsure how to cut up or use that fruit and vegetable you just bought?

Go to CookSmarts and watch videos that show you how to cut up and prepare most fruits and vegetables!

And remember 2 things...

- 1.) Fill half your plate with fruits & veggies at every meal and be sure to include healthy snacks when you get the munchies. For a fun way to teach kids (and coworkers) about healthy snacks—check out the Munch Code!
- 2.) All forms—fresh, frozen, canned, dried and 100% juice—count toward your daily intake.

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Hospice

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+ home health

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Companionship Volunteers Needed

Residential Hospice is looking for volunteers to visit patients at home or in a long-term care facility. Companionship may include reading and talking to a patient, writing letters, reading a patient's personal story or giving respite to caregivers.

Benefits for Patients:

- Knowing that they are not alone.
- The chance to see a new face and tell their stories.
- Their caregivers are able to take brief breaks and be fresh when they return.
- Having something to look forward to.

Benefits For Volunteers:

- The satisfaction of bringing comfort to someone approaching the end of life.
- The chance to witness the beauty of families coming together for someone they love.
- The knowledge that you are a valued member of the hospice team.



Scan QR to apply

p: (248) 530-6236 | volunteer@residentialhospice.com

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October 3 & 4

SS. Peter and Paul Altar Society
hosts

HALINA'S POLISH TAKE OUT DINNERS

****PREPAID ORDERS ONLY!****



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*CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "SS. Peter and Paul" – Subject Line: "ALTAR SOCIETY"

*MAIL ORDERS WITH PAYMENTS TO: SS. Peter and Paul Parish,
7685 Grandville Ave., Detroit, 48228 by September 26, 2020.

*PICK-UP ORDERS at SS. Peter and Paul ACTIVITIES BUILDING AFTER these MASSES:
SAT., Oct. 3rd: 4:30 pm; SUN., Oct. 4th: 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm

PLEASE SELECT YOUR DINNER OPTIONS:

#1— (3) City Chicken and Green Beans, Redskin Potatoes, Roll & Butter

#2— (3) Stuffed Cabbage and Green Beans, Redskin Potatoes, Roll & Butter

#3— (2) City Chicken and (2) Stuffed Cabbage and Green Beans, Redskin Potatoes, Roll & Butter

*Dinner containers pre-packaged by HALINA **CDC/COVID19** guidelines followed.



And, back by popular demand.....

Please visit

Fall/Christmas Boutique

Get ready for Christmas with great gifts!

\$10 Donation per item—First come/First choice!



Polish Dinners and Fall/Christmas Boutique hosted by SSPP Altar Society (established 1944)

Please contact Susan Franco at 248-797-8189 or sfranco@vtcins.com for more information. Order forms can be found at ssppdetroit.net under "News and Media" "Bulletins" or Facebook Page: SS. Peter and Paul Church — West side Detroit

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October 11

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL *Mothers' Club*

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Our Largest Community
Outreaching Event
of the Year



DONATION DAY DROP OFF: Friday, October 10th 7:30 am–5:00 pm

ANYTHING THAT WILL FIT IN YOUR CAR: Art, Books, Clothes, Electronics, Hardware, Home Decor, Jewelry, Kitchen Items, Linens, Office Supplies, Seasonal Items, Shoes, Small Appliances, Small Furniture Items, Sporting Goods, Toys, and More!

Please sort donations by like items and mark accordingly.

All donations are tax deductible.

**Saturday
OCTOBER
11TH
8 am - 1 pm**

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October 14

3rd Annual St. Vincent de Paul - St. William Conference

BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Where: All Star Lanes
When: Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025
Time: 6:30-9:30pm
Cost: \$40/person (bowler)
\$30/person (non-bowl)

Includes:

- Bowling for 2 hours/shoes
- Appetizers
- Drinks can be purchased
- Adult event - must be at least 21



TO BUY TICKETS OR SPONSOR THIS EVENT - USE ABOVE QR CODE

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The poster is a vertical rectangle with a green background on the left and a photograph of a school building and parking lot on the right. The text is white and centered on the green background. At the top, 'Fall Open House' is written in a large, elegant script font. Below it, 'THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025' is in a bold, sans-serif font. Underneath that, '6:00 - 8:00 pm' is in a smaller sans-serif font. Then, 'Pre-register at fgrhs.org/events/' is in a small sans-serif font. At the bottom, the 'FGR' logo is in a large, bold, serif font, with 'FATHER GABRIEL RICHARD' in a smaller serif font below it. At the very bottom, 'HIGH SCHOOL • ANN ARBOR • EST. 1868' is in a small sans-serif font. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the green area.

*Fall
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House*

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 16, 2025**

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Pre-register at fgrhs.org/events/

FGR
FATHER GABRIEL RICHARD
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Father Gabriel Richard High School (FGR) warmly invites all middle school students and their families to our Fall Open House. Learn about our distinctive academics, athletics, visual and performing arts, and, most importantly, spiritual and faith enrichment opportunities. Meet our teachers, coaches, and students, and learn how you can grow to be the person God created you to be here at FGR. Join us on **Thursday, October 16 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm**. We can't wait to meet you! Visit: fgrhs.org/events/ to register. Call 734.929.6988, or email admissions@fgrhs.org for more information.

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October 17

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL NIGHT

Free admission, a coupon for
concessions, and gifts for all
middle school students!

Friday, October 17
3:30 - 5:30 pm

All middle school students are invited to experience student life at FGR at Middle School Football Night. **3:30-5:30pm Friday October 17, 2025.** Come enjoy free admission to cheer on the Irish, plus treats and other giveaways.

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A Story of Life and Hope

2025 Fall Banquet
Thursday, October 23, 2025 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Italian American Banquet Center
39200 Five Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48154
awpcfriends.org/events



Featuring Keynote Speaker
Rebekah Hagan

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October 25

St. James

Oktoberfest

To support the Sisters Home Visitors of Mary Nigeria

October 25, 2025

5:00 – 8:00 pm

St. James Gymnasium

Purchase tickets at St. James Church
or buy tickets and sponsorships online at:

sistershvm-events.org



\$45 individuals | \$80 couples

Includes a Bavarian buffet dinner, beer, wine, coffee and tea
Music and dancing with The Good Times Orchestra



All proceeds will go to supporting the schools of
Sisters Home Visitors of Mary in Nigeria

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October 25



Call to Holiness Conference Saturday, October 25, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at

Laurel Manor 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia



Gerhard Ludwig Cardinal Müller

Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
The son of an automobile-industry worker, Cardinal Gerhard Müller was born in Mainz, Germany, and brought up in a devout Catholic family. He began his studies in Mainz and continued studies in philosophy and theology in Munich and Freiburg im Breisgau. Intelligent and honest, he is a decisive and down-to-earth leader who will act courageously when necessary. Respected as a theologian, he has not always been as conservative as he might seem, and he himself dislikes the label, preferring to consider himself as simply "Catholic."



Fr. Chad Ripperger

Fr. Chad Ripperger, Ph.D. is a theologian, psychologist, Thomistic philosopher, and author of a number of traditional Catholic books. Father Ripperger was ordained in 1997. He is the founder of the Doloran Fathers, also known as the Society of the Most Sorrowful Mother, which is located in the archdiocese of Denver. He has a Ph.D. in philosophy and a master's degree in theology from Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut.



The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition faithfully recounts many well-documented miraculous occurrences for us. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Conference Timeline

9:00 a.m.

Registration, Vendors and Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit developed by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Continental Breakfast.

10:00 a.m.

Featured Speakers

12:30 p.m.

Plated lunch with time to visit vendors and view the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

2:00 p.m.

Q & A until 3:00 p.m.

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Phone: 313-451-4659 Email: calltoholinessdetroit@gmail.com Web: calltoholiness.com



Registration includes continental breakfast and plated lunch with speakers. Register online or print and mail your registration with a check. The early bird discount expires September 8 or when we are sold out. Seating is limited to 1200. No charge for priests, seminarians and religious.

Name: _____	Individual Ticket	Early Bird \$110	Regular Price \$120
Email: _____	Pair of Tickets	\$200	\$220
Phone: _____	Table of 10	\$975	\$1100
Parish: _____	Table of 12	\$1150	\$1300
I would like to: ☐ Volunteer with Publicity ☐ Volunteer at Event	Total Ticket Registrations	= \$ _____	
Registrations are non-refundable. No tickets will be mailed. Confirmation will be emailed or to receive by mail please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.	Table of 10 Registration	= \$ _____	
Make checks payable to Call to Holiness.	Table of 12 Registration	= \$ _____	
	Donations to Call to Holiness	= \$ _____	
	Total Enclosed	= \$ _____	
	Vegetarian Option? ☐ Food Allergies? _____		

Or Register Online at calltoholiness2025.eventbrite.com

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November 1



The poster is set against a light blue background with a repeating damask pattern. A large, ornate gold frame with a scalloped top and a dashed border contains the main text. At the top of the frame is a small illustration of a tiara. The title 'Tea at Tiffany's' is written in a large, elegant cursive font. Below it is the Shrine of Jesus The Divine Mercy logo, which is a circular emblem with a cross and rays. The event details are listed in a clean, sans-serif font: 'Tenth Annual Tea', 'SAT | 1 | NOV', '10:00 A.M.', 'MIRAGE BANQUET HALL', '16980 18 Mile Rd', and 'Clinton Twp, MI 48038'. To the left of the date, a diagonal banner reads 'Special raffle prize for anyone wearing a fancy hat!'. To the right, a QR code is shown with the text 'Scan to Register' below it. At the bottom of the frame, there are two columns of bullet points listing the event's features. Below the frame, on the right side, is a black and white illustration of a woman in a classic 1920s style, wearing a dark dress with a high collar and a large hat, sitting at a table with a teapot and cups.

Tea at Tiffany's

SHRINE OF JESUS
THE DIVINE MERCY

Tenth Annual Tea

SAT | 1 | NOV
10:00 A.M.

MIRAGE BANQUET HALL
16980 18 Mile Rd
Clinton Twp, MI 48038

Special raffle
prize for
anyone wearing
a fancy hat!

Scan to Register

\$45 PER PERSON

- Includes Brunch Buffet, Tea, Coffee, and Dessert
- Cash Raffle
- Raffle Baskets

- Exclusive Jewelry Raffle
- Shrine Gift Shop
- Talk by Catherine M. Lanni
- Hostess Spots Available
- Tables Can be Any Theme (Except Halloween)

For more information call 586-777-8591
info@sjdivinemercury.org
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November 2



Catholic Engaged Encounter of Mid-Michigan will host a weekend retreat for engaged couples 1 – 2 Nov 2025 at the Maryville Retreat Center in Holly, MI. The retreat offers couples the opportunity to share in the real-life experiences of married presenting couples and to share with each other in private their thoughts and feelings about the topics presented. The retreat will start at 9:00 am Saturday and end mid-afternoon Sunday. Accommodations and meals are provided. More information is available at midmichigan.engagedencounter.com or contact Paul Antrim at mid-michigan@engagedencounter.com or 734-775-1768.

November 13

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Member and United Baby Care

Fall for Life

2025 Banquet

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
SAINT JOHN'S RESORT, PLYMOUTH
5 - Cocktail Hour | 6 - Dinner & Program

Guest Speaker: Fr. John Riccardo

Tickets: \$100 | (248) 559-7576 or www.maubc.org

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RSVP by Oct. 27

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November 6

**RIDE the BUS from Detroit or
Downriver**

\$30 Adult \$20 FREE Youth



Thursday, NOVEMBER 6th

10:00 AM - Pre-Rally Concert

11:00 AM RALLY

12:00 PM MARCH

At the State Capitol in Lansing

Ride the Bus and avoid parking hassles!



rtl.org/event/michigan-march-for-life/
marchforlife.org

Charter Buses Departing from:

- ◇ St. Mary Catholic Church, Rockwood
- ◇ First Presbyterian, 2799 West Rd, Trenton
- ◇ Our Lady of the Scapular, 2609 Tenth St., Wyandotte
- ◇ Holy Redeemer, 1721 Junction Ave., Detroit
- ◇ New Hope Assembly Church, 14000 Racho, Taylor
- ◇ Levagood Park, west lot, across from Divine Child, Dearborn

Buses will depart by 8:30 a.m. and return about 4 p.m.

Join us on the third anniversary of the passage of Proposal 3 that made abortion a constitutional right in Michigan. This Rally and March will show our legisla-

tors that the people of Michigan still support the protection of innocent human life. It is critical that we have a huge turnout. We want to fill each bus to capacity! Make your reservation now.

To REGISTER: call 734-282-6100
DownrivertoMIMFL.eventbrite.com
email WyandotteRLM@gmail.com
Debbie, 734-934-2599 or Joe, 734-735-8001

Buses sponsored by:

- Southern Downriver Right to Life
- Upper Downriver Right to Life
- Central Wayne County Right to Life
- Dearborn Area Right to Life



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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Cell phone _____ emergency # _____
Email _____

☐ Adult (over 21) ☐ Young Adult (21 and under) ☐ Senior (65+)
In consideration of participation in this event, I hereby agree to release Right to Life of Michigan, and its affiliates, officers and employees, including any volunteers from any and all claims arising from participation in this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Select bus departure location:

- ☐ St. Mary, Rockwood
☐ First Presbyterian, Trenton
☐ Our Lady of the Scapular, Wyandotte
☐ Holy Redeemer, Detroit
☐ New Hope Assembly, Taylor
☐ near Divine Child, Dearborn

- ☐ \$30 - Adult (over 21)
☐ FREE - Young Adult (21 and under)

\$ _____ Amount enclosed

Mail to: Upper Downriver RTL,
2010 Eureka, Wyandotte, MI 48192

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November 7



CROSSING THRESHOLDS WITH THE PILGRIMS OF HOPE: LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS AND THE JUBILEE YEAR

Presented by Msgr. James Shea



Friday, November 7, 12pm-3pm | Cost: \$10

Sacred Heart Major Seminary | 2701 Chicago Blvd. Detroit, MI 48206

As the Catholic Church celebrates the Jubilee Year of Hope, lay ecclesial ministers not only proclaim the good news of hope in their ministries, but they are called to live that hope in the midst of the challenges of ministry. Is it not challenging enough to grow in hope just for oneself when there is so much darkness and despair in the culture? So how might those in ministry bear witness to the completeness of their joy? The Jubilee of Hope provides a perfect occasion to gather nourishment amidst discouragement and revitalize the virtue of hope so that lay ecclesial ministers can become beacons of hope. Msgr. James Shea will explore the significance of hope as a theological virtue while also inviting lay ecclesial ministers to rediscover the beauty of their vocation to ministry in the light of Christ, the conqueror of sin and death, by whom we are "saved in hope."

Please Register at:

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November 15

THANKING GOD AHEAD OF TIME: A HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN DETROIT

Self-paced, online course presented by
Fr. Bryan Shackett and Sacred Heart Major Seminary

SUNDAY, OCT. 12 TO

SATURDAY, NOV. 15



Come and journey through the inspiring story of how the Catholic faith has taken root and flourished in Detroit. From the first French missionaries of the 1600s to the bustling parishes of today, we'll explore the people and events that shaped our local church through times of joy and challenge. Together we'll discover how the Holy Spirit has guided Detroit Catholics in every generation and how Christ continues to lead us now. This course is perfect for anyone who loves our city, our faith, and the rich traditions that bring them together. Join us and be inspired to carry the mission forward in your own life!

\$10

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Almost every day, the pair visit the gravesite where Robby's mom, Debbie, is buried, followed by a trip to Starbucks.



Robby Heil carries the cross in procession during weekday Mass at St. James Parish in Novi, as Fr. Ed Zaorski celebrates.

Heil attributes all of Robby's experiences and involvement with the church to his late wife, who passed away nearly five years ago after a battle with breast cancer, but not before she saw Robby score that famous touchdown.

"We are here because my wife talked to our pastor, Fr. Ed Zaorski, and she's why Robby scored the touchdown — she spoke with the coach," Heil told Detroit Catholic.

Debbie was also instrumental in ensuring Robby received his first Communion 20 years ago, when, Heil explained, it was a challenge for churches to accommodate children with Down syndrome.



Robby's father, Charles Heil, said his son's infectious smile brightens the lives of parishioners at St. James Parish, who enjoy Robby's dedication and warm personality.

In recent years, the Church has become better at accommodating people with special needs, Fr. Zaorski said.



Robby Heil prepares to assist Fr. Zaorski with distribution of Communion at St. James Parish in Novi.

Before he was a priest, Fr. Zaorski said he worked as the director of the Archdiocese of Detroit's office ministering to those with disabilities, and he's seen the changes over the years.

"This was way back when folks were still institutionalized. People didn't fully understand persons with challenges, and we knew we had to do more," Fr. Zaorski said. "I think if anything, (Robby) is a real example not only for people with Down syndrome, but for all young people. If Robby could do it, everyone should do it."



Robby Heil poses with his father, Charles Heil, and Fr. Ed Zaorski in front of a mural at St. James Parish in Novi. Fr. Zaorski said the Church has made strides in accommodating and welcoming those with disabilities.

Robby and Fr. Zaorski have developed a friendship and mutual respect over the years.

"I love him; he's doing well every day," Robby said.

Robby once dressed up as Fr. Zaorski for Halloween — complete with a bald cap.

"Robby spars with me on occasion, but it's with love," Fr. Zaorski laughed. "Most people in the parish know Robby probably more than they know me," he added, jokingly.

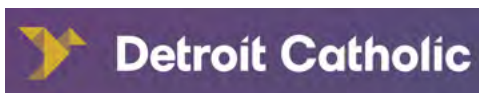
Fr. Zaorski admires Robby's reverence for the Eucharist and says it sets an example for the rest of his parishioners at St. James.

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Robby receives a warm embrace from his father, Charles Heil, who said his mission is to "make Robby a saint," he said.

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"Every time he receives or distributes the Eucharist, there's such reverence — it is a wonderful sign and symbol of how we should all truly appreciate the Eucharist," Fr. Zaorski said. "When Robby's giving out Communion, people really approach with reverence. You can tell with his reverence and the way he distributes, he knows what the Eucharist is, and I think that's a testimony to his mom and even his dad really forming him in the faith."

"He's been an inspiration for people with Down Syndrome and all the young folks," Fr. Zaorski added.



Robby Heil distributes Holy Communion during Mass on Sept. 8 at St. James.



Robby loves volunteering at St. James and takes his role as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion very seriously, his father said.



"Every time he receives or distributes the Eucharist, there's such reverence — it is a wonderful sign and symbol of how we should all truly appreciate the Eucharist," Fr. Zaorski said.



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