



Saint Joseph

Detroit, Michigan • Established 1855

Parish Bulletin

February 21, 2010 First Sunday of Lent
The Month of the Passion of Our Lord



History Corner : “Hutus, stand up!” Half a dozen chairs scraped backward across the floor as six kids in my fourth-grade class jumped to their feet. I didn’t have a clue what was happening, since I’d always attended my neighborhood schoolhouse. Now that I was ten years old, it was my first day at the school for older kids, and I was confused by the commotion. I’d never seen a teacher take ethnic roll call before. “All Tutsis

stand up now!” Buhoro, our teacher, yelled. He was checking off names from a list with a big pencil, then stopped and stared directly at me. “Immacul’ee Ilibagiza, you didn’t stand up when I said Hutu, you didn’t stand up when I said Twa and you didn’t stand up now that I’ve said Tutsi. Why is that?” “I don’t know, Teacher.” “What tribe do you belong to?” “I don’t know, Teacher.” “Get out! Get out of this class and don’t come back until you know what you are!” Immacul’ee gathered her books and went outside. She hid in some bushes until school was over and her older brother came out. She had cried all day until her blue uniform was soaked with her tears. Her parents had never told her about the prejudice in Rwanda against the Tutsi minority. She remembered when their house was burned down when she was 3 years old, but her parents never told her that neighbors had done it. This was the beginning of Immacul’ee’s real education.

She excelled in grade school becoming 3rd in her class but was not allowed to progress to high school because she was Tutsi. Her parents found a Catholic high school some distance away with mud floors that was willing to take her as a tuition student. She progressed so well in high school that she passed the examinations for University and was accepted along with 5 other Tutsi girls. While at University, the President of Rwanda began a nationwide propaganda program aimed at Tutsis and violence broke out all over the country. The President’s daily radio broadcasts encouraged people to kill Tutsis and he ordered death squads to begin total annihilation. The Easter break was approaching at University. More next week!



February is **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**.
At St. Joseph’s it is **Black Catholic History Month**.

OUR SICK

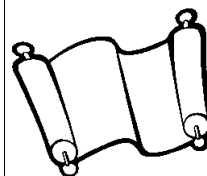
David Klemmer, father of Kenneth Klemmer has been diagnosed with a serious form of Cancer. He is added to our sick list today. Please remember him and all of our sick in your daily prayers.

Please remember the poor who come to our food pantry. Some come on foot, some by bicycle, one wheels himself here in a wheel chair. When you see people in this condition, it is apparent that they are among the very poor. A young man who lives in the neighborhood who only has one eye and wears an eye patch, came by here one day just to tell us what a blessing our food pantry is to the poor. He wasn’t looking for a handout. He lives in a high rise on Antietam. As the old saying goes: “Its nice to know you’re appreciated.”



We will prepare our Spring mailing next Sunday, February 28 after both Masses. The mailing will include a Schedule for the March 19th Feast of St. Joseph, a schedule of Easter Masses and a letter from Fr. Borkowski. This is a great time of fellowship working together for our parish. Please mark you calendar. Many hands make light work! Good Lenten activity.

CLUSTER ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Today, February 21 at 1:00 pm in Sweetest Heart of Mary Social Hall. Returning guest speaker, Jeannette Barbacane on Prayer.



Throughout the history of our parish, St. Joseph, Patron of the Workingman, has supplied jobs for people who sought his aid after making a nine day novena of prayer in his honor. The Perpetual Novena to St. Joseph is prayed every Wednesday at the end of the noonday Mass. Novena prayers are available at the far right on the communion rail in front of the St. Joseph altar for those wishing to pray this Novena for 9 consecutive days. We encourage all those who are seeking employment to "go to Joseph" as the Church has recommended for centuries.



During the terrible winter of 1777 at Valley Forge, the Continental Army was struggling to keep alive. Lacking food and clothing, the men were dying of exposure and starvation. Many political leaders thought General Washington's cause was hopeless, but the men who served under Washington thought differently. His ability to inspire through his character is illustrated by a famous story told by a Quaker farmer who happened upon General Washington kneeling in prayer in the snow at Valley Forge, pleading for God's help while tears streamed down his face. This scene has been depicted in paintings. The Quaker farmer who witnessed this act, related that at that moment, he sensed America would prevail under Washington's leadership.



ROSES FOR OUR LADY

As a child, my mother used to implement daily prayers into our lives. She tried to make prayer time fun for my sister and me. My mother, Peggy (may she rest in peace), came up with this idea to use when we got together to pray the rosary. Before each Hail Mary, we would pretend

that each bead was a different colored rose and dedicate it to our Lady. We would also offer it up for an intention of our choice. This made the rosary more enjoyable for us. For example we would say: I offer up this diamond-colored rose with golden leaves to our Lady for all the rich people that they would share their wealth with the less fortunate. After a while, and because we were so used to it, we started running our of intentions to choose from because we had covered almost every intention in the world. We also had run out of every color and sometimes even made up our own colors. My mother said that it was okay to pray for the same thing twice because the world needed plenty of prayers. In the beginning it was a novelty, and, like all children, we tried to outdo each other by offering up the most beautiful color you could think of and for the saddest intention. As the years went by and we grew up, we came to realize the seriousness and importance of saying the rosary and for the intentions we offered.

Georgia Alexiou Johannesburg, South Africa

**In the Charity of your Prayers
Please remember the Sick:**

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| Dolores Audretsch
Kloey & Karolynn
Bishop
Resa Cali
Gerald Cracchiolo
Joseph & Mary Lou
DeFauw
Mary Claire Fellrath
Jackson Fenchak
Janice Fitzgerald
Gerald Hand
Tonette Houseman
Christine Hubbard
David Klemmer
Donna Marie Johnston
Charlotte, Madison &
Nicole Kaiden | Christine, Savanah
Evelyn & Cathleen
(Kromer)
Nino Kortez
Nick Kroon
Theresa Lampinen
Marilyn Lewandowski
Camille Ludwig
John Marchin
Sarah Marron
Heather McGraw
Peter & Erna Moskaluk
Gertrude Preis
Doug Robinson
Elizabeth Roth
Joseph Sansone
Al Schaller | Sonja Scott
Marion Shannon
Sister Judie Ann
Brenda Smith
Chas. Spratt
Gini Sturm
Julie Summers
Larrain Thomas
Mary Ann Vanover
Pauline Wallace
William Walter
John Wasilewski
Volker Wenig
Julie Wojtkowiak &
Logan
Don Ziegler |
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Mass intentions:

Sunday, February 21

10:30 am +Gerard Gray (Christine Gray)
Celebrant: Fr. Robert Marczewski
12:00 noon +Josephine Isaacs (M/M Patrick Degens)
Celebrant: Fr. Robert Marczewski

Wednesday February 24

12:10 pm Members of St. Joseph Confraternity
Celebrant: Fr. Borkowski

Sunday, February 28

10:30 am GERMAN David Klemmer (Christine Gray)
Celebrant: MarianHill Father
12:00 noon LATIN +Pelagia Montemayor and +Judy
Maravilla Pieklo (Tonette Houseman)
Celebrant: Fr. Mark Borkowski

**Stewardship at St. Joseph's
February 14, 2010**

Offertory.....\$1,071.73
Repair and Restoration.....\$ 130.00
Total.....\$1,201.73

Attendance:

10:30...53 Noon...38 Total 91



St. Bonaventure Monastery, at 1740 Mt. Elliot, schedules Confessions every day, Monday through Saturday at 10, 11, noon, 2, 3 and 4 o'clock. Schedules can change during Holydays, but otherwise the schedule remains the same throughout the year. For Holy Day schedule change, call the monastery at 313 579-2100.

Confessions for our cluster are held at Sweetest Heart of Mary on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m., at St. Josaphat on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. or by request whenever Fr. Borkowski is available.