



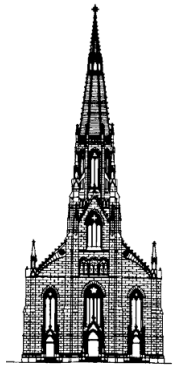
Saint Joseph

Detroit, Michigan • Established 1855

Parish Bulletin

March 21, 2010 5th Sunday of Lent

The Month of Saint Joseph



History Corner : The first Polish Parish to be established in the United States was in Panna Maria, Texas in 1854. It was the beginning of an enormous immigration from Poland. In the 19th century, the majority of parishes were ethnic in make-up. There was a great lack of Polish speaking priests to handle the amount of Polish immigrants. Fr. Jozef Dabrowski saw the need of a seminary to train Polish speaking priests. He purchased 2 acres on the corner of St. Aubin and Forest and in 1885 founded what would later become the Orchard Lake Schools. He said, "I have in view the education of the Polish candidates for the priesthood and the education of others, so that they may be on par with other young men in this country. We Poles have the right to enjoy complete liberty in this country, but liberty cannot be enjoyed fully by uneducated people. The better a people is educated, the better they enjoy liberty and the better citizens they become of America." His dream was so successful, that by 1909 the facility was moved to the old Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake because it had totally outgrown the seminary on St. Aubin. Our beloved Pastor/Administrator, Fr. Mark Borkowski was trained for the Priesthood at the Orchard Lake Seminary, and Frs. Greg Tokarski, Robert Marczewski, Miroslaw Krol and Darius Strzalkowski were all associates of Fr. Mark who come here on a regular basis to help the three churches in our cluster. It is easy to see how the Holy Spirit guides the Church when you witness His work here. Who would have believed that the labors of Fr. Jozef Dabrowski in the second half of the 19th century would have such an impact on all of our lives today.

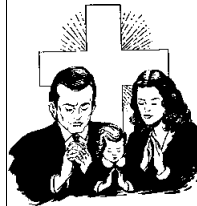


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"Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above Ye heavenly Host, Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost."

Pope John Paul II had this to say: "If the Orchard Lake Schools did not exist, it would be necessary to establish them."



Cluster Faith Formation Class

Tomorrow night at 7:30 at Sweetest Heart of Mary parish hall. In 1986, Catherine M. Lanni was approaching death after giving birth to her youngest daughter. She was miraculously healed by the Blessed Virgin Mary. In return, she made a promise that she would do something "good" for God. In 1992, Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Catherine and asked for "a total healing of every strata of the Church." She has since founded the Divine Mercy Center which opened its doors in March 2006 in Eastpointe. Special guests Bill and Carol Brewis from the Divine Mercy Center will be speaking tomorrow about the Servants of Jesus of the Divine Mercy. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear them.



Stations of the Cross continue every Friday for our cluster at 6:30 pm at Sweetest Heart of Mary along with distribution of Holy Communion. Remember the delicious Friday Fish Fry from 3-8 pm.

In one of the legends concerning St. Thomas, Gondoforus, the King of India, gave Thomas a small fortune to build a palace for himself. Thomas spent the money on the poor, thus building a palace for himself in heaven. This is why he is called the Patron of architects and masons, and his symbol is the builders square.



Please continue to remember Fr. Borkowski in your daily prayers. Daily prayers for all the priests who serve the faithful should be a habit that we develop throughout our lifetimes.

Plus 25 is a strategic initiative to increase attendance at every St. Joseph's Mass by 25 people. The plan embodies multiple efforts, each of which focuses on a specific aspect of our collective parish life. In the coming weeks, this column will highlight growth efforts being made by our German Community, Music Programs, Neighborhood Outreach, Legion of Mary, St. Joseph confraternity, Historical Preservation, and the many other works that draw us all to St. Joseph's.

With the support of all our parishioners, these efforts will make an important contribution to the growth of St. Joseph's Parish. Contact the following person with questions or recommendations that you may have.

Plus 25 Coordinator _ Jack Day (248) 808-1801



I am Lutheran, and due to my job as a Hospice and Hospital Chaplain, I come in frequent contact with Catholic patients and family members. I am still going to school for my degree, and have been trying to learn all about the different saints, as well as learn how to pray the rosary. For the past couple of months I had praying the rosary, although it often felt more like I was butchering it, because I kept mixing up what to say, and when to say it. I knew I was a sad case for attempting this Catholic devotion, so I apologized to Mary for this. During those months, I had been purchasing different types of rosaries, and one in particular was made of rose petals. Nuns in a convent in Spain crush the petals and turn them into beads. I thought I would hang this in my car as an air freshener, and use it to pray with. Soon I discovered that the smell of this rosary was overwhelming to me. Also, when my son borrowed the car, he complained about how strong the rose smell was. After a month of hoping the scent of roses would die down, I decided to leave it in a little Catholic church, knowing someone would use the rosary and maybe like the smell more than I did. I purchased another rosary, one made out of cocoa beans, and bought a rosary case for it. This rosary was my favorite and I wanted to keep it in my purse. Just yesterday I was surprised when I pulled this special rosary from its case and immediately smelled roses. This rosary case was brand new and neither the case nor the rosary had ever been in contact with any rose petal items. I feel that Mary, in her wonderful and loving way, has shown me that my attempt at the rosary was still acceptable. Today I am blessed to have the heavenly scent on my cocoa bean rosary and in my rosary case. The odor was not at all like the smell of the rosary that had been made by the Spanish nuns. It was delightfully from heaven. I thank the Blessed Mother for this gift to me.

Sara J Smeenge Mc Henry, Illinois.

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

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| FR. Mark Borkowski-
Dolores Audretsch
Kloey & Karolynn
Bishop
Resa Cali
Gerald Cracchiolo
Joseph & Mary Lou
DeFauw
Rosemary Dorr
Mary Claire Fellrath
Jackson Fenchak
Janice Fitzjerald
Gerald Hand
Christine Hubbard
David Klemmer
Donna Marie Johnston
Charlotte, Madison & | Nicole Kaiden
Christine, Savannah
Evelyn & Cathleen
(Kromer)
Nino Kortez
Nick Kroon
Theresa Lampinen
Marilyn Lewandowski
John Marchin
Sarah Marron
Heather McGraw
Peter & Erna Moskaluk
Gertrude Preis
Doug Robinson
Larry Roller
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, March 21

10:30 am Christina Grace Pellican (Robt. Wenderski)

Celebrant: Fr. Robt Marczewski

12:00 noon Fr. Mark Borkowski (P&D Degens)

Celebrant: Fr. Robtr. Marczewski

Wednesday March 24

12:10 pm Members of St. Joseph Confraternity

Celebrant: Fr. Babcock

Sunday, March 28

10:30 am (open)

Celebrant: Fr. Robt Marczewski

12:00 noon (open)

Celebrant: Fr. Robtr. Marczewski

Stewardship at St. Joseph's

March 14, 2010

Offertory.....\$2,070.00

Repair and Restoration.....\$ 0

Total.....\$2,070.00



Attendance:

10:30...41 Noon...37 Total 78

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. Babcock is available