



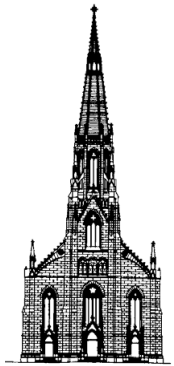
Saint Joseph

Detroit, Michigan • Established 1855

Parish Bulletin

March 7, 2010 3rd Sunday of Lent

The Month of Saint Joseph



History Corner : He was born April 24, 1581 in southwest France. His parents were poor peasants and at a young age he was put in charge of the family's flock of sheep. Because of his youth, he had to walk on stilts to watch the flock and protect them from attacks of wild animals. A nearby house of Franciscans offered to teach him and at the amazing age of 20 he was ordained a priest. Six years later, while on a voyage between provinces on the Mediterranean coast off

France he was captured by Moslem pirates and sold into slavery in North Africa. His captivity lasted almost 3 years. In that time he converted his master to the Catholic Faith and both of them escaped to France. His ministry was always to the poor. He began organizations to help the poor, nurse the sick and find jobs for the unemployed. He founded the

Congregation of the Daughters of Charity who began a ministry to the sick at the Hotel Dieu hospital in Paris. He founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission who worked in giving retreats and missionary work in Africa. Prisoners in France were assigned as galley slaves to serve their term and at one point in his life he took the place of one of these young prisoners so that the young man could be released early and return to his widowed mother. His order of priests was centered at the monastery of St. Lazare and the priests were often referred to as Lazarists. Although very humble, he became a figure of national importance. He exerted an influence that was felt in France, Poland, Italy, the Hebrides and far-away Madagascar where his missionaries were at work. Anne of Austria entrusted him with the appointments of bishops in her country. He collected large sums of money to relieve the refugees in war-torn Lorraine, and to redeem slaves in North Africa. He died in his chair in St. Lazare at the age of 80. He was St. Vincent de Paul. His statue is in the rear of our church keeping watch over the poor box. The artist who created this statue was certainly inspired by our Lord to create a statue that seems to have taken on the very soul of St. Vincent. The emotion shown in the eyes of this statue are spellbinding. Vincent is shown giving bread to a starving little girl and the expression in her eyes are just as captivating as the expression in Vincent's. Please visit this statue and experience Vincent's love for yourself and; remember the poor!



Join us today for free coffee and juice in the Social Hall and sample our baked goods. We sell many items by the slice. A great time of fellowship for our parishioners and visitors. Our Bake Sales help to pay our utilities. Our last gas bill for the church alone was \$1400 and \$350 for electricity. This does not include the rest of our buildings nor does it include the water bills.

OUR SICK

Rosemary Dorr was involved in an accident while riding her horse and has severely broken her leg. After the initial swelling subsides, serious surgery will be involved in order to put her on the road to recovery . She is being transported back and forth from Henry Ford Hospital in Clinton Twp. and the Shelby Nursing center. For anyone wishing to send a card the address is: 38110 John P., Clinton Township, MI 48036. Those wishing to visit may call Germaine at home to find out Rosemary's current location. 586 468-3573

BOOK REVIEW

Immaculee Ilibagiza, who's ordeal was featured in our history corner for February's Black Catholic History Month, has written two books. Her first book will be on display during our Bake Sale and again on March 14th for our regular Donut Sunday. There are many photos of Immaculee and her family in her book.



Please remember Fr. Borkowski in prayer while he is away from us on a sabbatical retreat. Also remember Fr. Tim Babcock who is serving the cluster in Fr. Mark's absence. Pope Benedict has declared this year as the Year of the Priest. We should remember our priests in our daily prayers every day of our lives. Who is there among us who would trade places with our beloved Pastor/Administrator? His, is so often a thankless job.



Spread the word about our celebration on March 19th for the Feast of St. Joseph. Anyone wishing to partake of the luncheon on that day will need advance tickets. Call (734) 355-7195 for advance lunch tickets or see Molly Murphy after Mass. Adults \$5. Children under 8 are \$2.

Repair & Restoration Fund

Our monthly collection on the first Sunday of every month for our repair and restoration fund has been able to finance many improvements at our parish. Two years ago we replaced the storm windows on the church and restored the "Death of St. Joseph" window. This project was made possible by a bequest by Leonard Gabriel of \$79,000, an anonymous gift of \$32,000 and \$50,000 that had built up in our repair and restoration fund over a period of many years. Recently this fund has paid for the rebuilding of a buttress on the Orleans Street side of the church, the installation of a new downspout and related repairs that caused the destruction of the buttress to begin with. It is nice to know that this monthly 2nd collection is worth its weight in gold.



Growing up, I remember on Friday night after dinner, my family would say the rosary around the dinner table. Everyone had a part. I would say the "Our Father" being very small it was the one prayer I knew very well. As the family grew older and moved apart, the tradition stopped when I was the only one home. I am the

youngest of 7. I soon forgot how important the rosary was to the family until I was in my late 30s. My 2nd oldest sister was ill with lung cancer for a number of years. She lived with half my siblings in California. I could only afford to see her once a year. My 2 sisters in Chicago got a great deal on tickets in July at the last minute. I knew I couldn't leave work without notice, nor could I leave my 2 children. My sister was living with her son at the time and had suddenly taken a turn for the worse. The whole family that was in California went to see her that Monday night. My oldest sister said, "Lets say the rosary like we used to at home." So everyone said the rosary around her bed that night, and 2 days later she died. At first I was upset that I was the only one not there, until I got the details. As it turned out, I was there. On Monday night, I had my Secular Franciscan meeting, and we said the rosary as the closing prayer, which we did only once a year. It was the same time my family was saying the rosary in California. The rosary united us again and helped me deal better with her death. The rosary now always reminds me of how close my family is in God's loving care.

Anne T. Modrow Winston-Salem, North Carolina

In the Charity of your Prayers Please remember the Sick:

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, Savanah 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 7

10:30 am Msgr. John Schweder (Christine Gray)

Celebrant: Fr. Robt Marczewski

12:00 noon +Charles Shermetaro (Suzanne Shermetaro)

Celebrant: Fr. Robtr. Marzhewski

Wednesday March 10

12:10 pm Members of St. Joseph Confraternity

Celebrant: Fr. Babcock

Sunday, March 14

10:30 am +Gerard Gray (Christine Gray)

Celebrant: Fr. Robt Marczewski

12:00 noon Michael & Diane Reece (Ginny Pulcer)

Celebrant: Fr. Robtr. Marczewski

Stewardship at St. Joseph's

February 28, 2010

Offertory.....\$1,450.00

Repair and Restoration.....\$ 60.00

Total.....\$1,510.00

Attendance:

10:30...39 Noon...112 Total 151



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