



Saint Joseph

Detroit, Michigan • Established 1855

Parish Bulletin

April 11, 2010 2nd Sunday of Easter
The Month of the Holy Eucharist



History Corner : Gratiot Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri is named after Charles Gratiot, Sr., (1752-1817) an early French merchant in that city. He contributed \$8,000 towards the success of our Revolutionary War and in 1803-1804 assisted Meriwether Lewis in the Lewis and Clark expedition. In gratitude for his patriotism, President Thomas Jefferson gave his son, Charles Gratiot, Jr., an appointment at the new U.S. Military Academy at WestPoint, New York. Charles, Jr., graduated in the class of 1806, the 4th graduating class of the Academy. He was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers.



A Fort dedicated to St. Joseph had been located at the headwaters of the St. Clair River in 1685 at the command of Louis XIV. Henri de Tonti who later founded Detroit with Antoine Cadillac was one of those constructing the Fort. It was abandoned only a few years later and the men moved to St. Ignace. During the War of 1812, Colonel Charles Gratiot, Jr., supervised the rebuilding of old Fort St. Joseph and called it "Fort Gratiot." In 1825 he supervised the building of the Fort Gratiot lighthouse, the first lighthouse in Michigan. He also made arrangements to build a military road from Detroit to Fort Gratiot which he named the Gratiot Road. Daniel Corby, the Irish born farmer / civil engineer whose generous financial help saved our parish from insolvency in its early days, was indentured by Colonel Gratiot to construct the Gratiot Road from Detroit to Mount Clemens. Later in the 1800s, Gratiot became a planked toll road. A great aunt and uncle of your bulletin editor's wife, Will & Jo Ditchburn, told of bicycling on the plank road from their home in Mt. Clemens to Detroit in the Fall of the year (1890s) to attend the opera. Aunt Jo would pack sandwiches in her basket to give to nefarious characters who blocked their way and wanted their own toll payment. Following the opera, they would lodge for the night. They could attend Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's, dinner with friends at the Half Way Hotel, and return home after dark. They had a kerosene bicycle lamp to light the way. It will be on display next Sunday during our fellowship in the Hall.



Please continue to remember Fr. Borkowski in your daily prayers. One of our St. Joseph Novena clients who regularly attends the Wednesday Mass has begun to storm heaven on behalf of Fr. Borkowski through the intercession of St. Padre Pio. She sees similarities in St. Pio's life and in Fr. Mark's. Our beloved Pastor/Administrator will benefit greatly by our prayers. Our choir has scheduled 6 Masses for him as have several parishioners. The Parish Council has asked that a 2nd intention be added to all Masses for his well being. This column has suggested that all of us begin the daily Rosary on his behalf.

Plus25 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 Parish. With your support, each of these efforts will make an important contribution to the growth of St. Joseph's Parish. Contact the following with questions or recommendations:

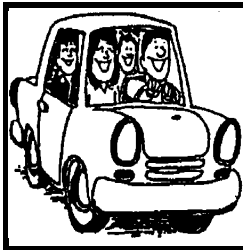
Plus25 Coordinator - Jack Day 248-808-1801

Banns of Marriage

- III Christopher Zoller & Vickie Dubrawski
- II Salvador Rodriguez & Carol Arndt



Bake Sale today in the Social Hall after both Masses. Free coffee and juice is being served.



**GOOD NEWS !
MORE GUARDED PARKING.**
Our Custodian, Tom Cracchiolo, will be guarding the parking lot on Wednesdays for those attending the 12:10 noonday Mass and Novena.



In the past few years, I was admitted twice to the intensive care unit of the hospital for extended periods of time due to congestive heart failure. My employer of more than 20 years, a lawyer, had personal and financial problems, and ended up shutting down his practice. Because of my medical condition, I could not work outside my home. I am a certified paralegal and needed to support myself, so I started my own business doing overflow work for attorneys.

For nearly a year I had only a couple of clients, and was struggling to make ends meet. My health continued to deteriorate, to the point where I was pretty much homebound. I began praying and, most importantly, believing that my prayers would be answered. Mark 11:24 "Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours."

I work on the computer a great deal, and during this difficult time there were often periods when I had nothing to do. I found a website where one can pray the rosary, and I began praying it at least once a day.

Within a few months of praying the rosary, I got a new client who began giving me increasingly more assignments. That client referred another client to me, and three other current clients started giving me more work. In the interim, a client who had planned to discontinue my services due to budget constraints decided to keep me on.

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Fr. Lawrence Fares is here today hearing confessions. He served here for 8 years helping Monsignor Schweder and Fr. Borkowski with our Mass and confession schedule. Fr. Fares celebrates the Sunday Mass at Holy Family Church, and daily Mass at the Carmelite Sisters' Convent in Clinton Township. He has authored books on Our Blessed Mother in the Arabic language for people in the middle East. He gives retreats in the Spanish language in El Paso, Texas. He has celebrated and preached our German Mass. His priestly ministry keeps him very busy. On April 25, he will celebrate his 60th anniversary in the priesthood. He would surely appreciate cards from his friends at St. Joseph's. His address is 31980 Mark A. Lange, Warren, MI 48093

**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 Fitzgerald
Gerald Hand
Christine Hubbard
David Klemmer
Donna Marie Johnston
Charlotte, Madison & | Nicole Kaiden
Christine, Savannah
Evelyn & Cathleen
(Kromer)
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, Divine Mercy April 11

12:00 noon Erika Klemmer (Christine Gray)

Celebrant: Marianhill Father.

3:15 pm Fr. Mark Borkowski (St. Joseph Cappella)

Celebrant: Wolfgang Seitz

Wednesday April 14

12:10 pm Members of St. Joseph Confraternity

Celebrant: Fr. Babcock

Sunday, April 18

10:30 Maggie Matthewson (Mark & Colleen Matthewson)

Celebrant: Fr. Robert Marczewski

12:00 noon Fr. Edward Mitchell (Christine Gray)

Celebrant: Fr. Robert Marczewski

Stewardship at St. Joseph's

April 4, 2010, Easter Sunday

Offertory.....\$ 3,051.64

Repair and Restoration.....\$ 1,026.14

Total.....\$ 4,077.78



Attendance:

10:30...101 Noon...152 Total...253

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 or Holy Week 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