

## What's Happening Around Town



### Second Annual Fundraising Dinner

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018  
MGM GRAND CASINO HOTEL | DETROIT, MICHIGAN

*Honoring Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.R.*

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### Spirit of Manresa Banquet and Super Silent Auction

Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM\*  
Shenandoah Country Club  
5600 Walnut Lake Rd  
West Bloomfield, MI 48323

Keynote Speaker: Christopher Lowney  
Best-Selling Author of *Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads*

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SS. PETER & PAUL  
JESUIT CHURCH

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A Church for the City In the Heart of Downtown

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## Pastor's Pen

Gary Wright, SJ

The Sundays of this Easter season offer us various images for contemplating and understanding the presence of the Risen Christ in our lives. This Sunday presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd who calls us to know him personally and follow him. The following Sunday Jesus calls himself the Vine, and us the Branches who draw our Spirit and Life from our connection with him. Let these images nourish your spiritual imagination these weeks, so that you may be more attuned to His presence in your daily life. This Sunday is also Earth Day; the U.S. Jesuits are offering an online ecological meditation in the style of an Ignatian Examen, based on Pope Francis's *Laudato Si'* on our care for creation (at [ecoexamen.org](http://ecoexamen.org)).



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A parishioner recently asked me a question which, I realized, may be of interest to others. She was wondering about the "extra" offering envelopes that come in the box of Sunday envelopes. You will find 3 special envelopes each quarter: one each for the Pope Francis Center, our music ministry, and our building and maintenance fund. Thus each one of these special needs will present 4 envelopes per year for your much-needed support. In addition, you can always donate online to the Parish at [www.SSPPJesuit.org](http://www.SSPPJesuit.org), or to [www.PopeFrancisCenter.org](http://www.PopeFrancisCenter.org).

May I never seek  
nor choose  
to be other than  
what you intend  
or wish.



### Chosen Instrument

In the first few verses of chapter 9 of the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the story of Saul's (St. Paul's) conversion. Jesus says of Paul: "he is an instrument whom I have chosen" or "This man is a chosen instrument of mine" in other translations. Do you view yourself as an instrument of God?

God uses all of us, not just a special few, to spread love, compassion, and bring glory to him. We don't need a spectacular conversion like St. Paul's to contribute. God uses the simple and ordinary. He uses all parts of us, including our sins and weaknesses.

Paul's past of persecuting Christ's followers is something most would be ashamed of, something we'd want to hide. But God uses it to bring good. Paul's story brings hope and encouragement to those who hear it. Later, when Paul is questioned by Jewish leaders, he points to this past as powerful defense for why they should believe him now. How might God be using your sins or weaknesses to bring about good?

—*Jake Derry is the Campus Ministry Associate at [St. Mary Student Parish](#) at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.*

An excerpt from [jesuitprayer.org](http://jesuitprayer.org)

### Prayer List

Please remember the following  
community members in  
prayer:

- Mary Payette
- Alice Lamont
- Josephine Marino
- Pamela Milbrand
- Jeffery Whitty
- Norman & Jean LeVasseur
- John (Jack) Schmelzer
- Ember Rose Miller
- Norman C
- Frieda Boyd
- Joe V
- Marty
- Virginia K
- Special Intention for the  
Milbrand Family
- Dale Locklear
- Sarraga Family
- Kathy Angell
- Genevieve Skakalski

*Lord Jesus, I come to you  
today and thank you for the  
privilege of praying for others.  
I pray for the lost, the hurting,  
the lonely, the sick, the  
bereaved, and those who are  
imprisoned. Send your  
comfort, your peace, and your  
calming presence to those  
who are on our prayer list.  
Protect them and hold them  
close to your heart. In your  
name I pray. Amen.*

### Ministerial Minute Mary Catherine Costello



**Solidarity on Tap** is a simple gathering at a local pub for socializing and social justice. Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, and Ignatian Solidarity Network along with local partners welcome those connected to the Jesuits and the spirituality of

St. Ignatius of Loyola in Detroit. (21 and over please!).

Email me at [parishlife@ssppjesuit.org](mailto:parishlife@ssppjesuit.org) if you are attending so we can meet up at 5:45pm at the Jolly Pumpkin!

The event begins at 6:30pm on April 23 - Around 7:15 PM we will have reflections on the theme "WALKING TOGETHER TOWARD A JUST, HOSPITABLE WORLD" by Fr. Phil Cooke, S.J. More information on our Facebook page.

You Are Invited to the Jesuit Alumni and Friends of Detroit Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

"Opportunities and Challenges in Future Jesuit - Lay Collaboration"



The future of all Jesuit ministries will depend largely on the way in which Jesuits and their lay colleagues become true companions in the work of the Kingdom. This talk is a brief introduction to one way in which this companionship might offer creative witness and practical service to our Church and to our global community.

11:30 a.m. Doors Open – Check-in and Networking 12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Program begins 1:15 p.m. Program concludes (venue will remain open for socializing and networking)

\$45 per Individual Ticket | \$360 for Sponsored Table of 8 | \$450 for Sponsored Table of 10  
Register online at [www.jesuitsmidwest.org/JAFD-SP18](http://www.jesuitsmidwest.org/JAFD-SP18)

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