# Thank You

# Annual Adult Appreciation Dinner January 29, 2016 6:00 p.m.



If you help out in areas such as the following, you and your spouse are invited: Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Sacristan, Collection Counter, Usher/Greeter, Pastoral Council Member, Finance Council Member, Commission Member, Men's Club Board Member, Choir Member, Cantor, Nursing Home Minister, Religious Education Teacher, Church Decorations & Flowers, Outside Gardeners, Franciscan Outreach Program Volunteer, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, etc., etc., etc., (I'm sure I have forgotten something, such as Bulletin Stuffer, etc.)

Be sure to sign-up in the Gathering Room or call Paula @ 248-356-9261 no later than Monday, January 25th by noon. This is a catered event and a count needs to be called in. Sign-up sheets can be found on a board in the Gathering Room.

# Thank You

Annual Youth Appreciation Dinner January 23, 2016 5:30 p.m.



If you help out in areas such as being an Altar Server, Usher, Sunday Morning Breakfast Helpers, etc., etc., etc.

At least one parent should plan to attend with their child. Parents should call Paula @ 248-356-9261 or e-mail Transfigpaula@att.net no later than Thursday, January 21.

Pizza, Salad, & a Mystery Dessert are on the menu. Please join us

# Over 70-and-a half? What you need to know about the IRA charitable gift rollover

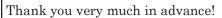
Today Congress extended the favorable IRA charitable rollover tax provisions for 2015 and made them permanent for future years. The President has said he will sign the legislation. What should a donor over age 70½ do in order to get the benefit that IRA distributions will not be included in taxable income? Donors should follow the same general procedures for IRA charitable distributions as in the past — • Only direct distributions to charity up to \$100,000 qualify as tax-free. Distributions in exchange for a charitable gift annuity or to a charitable remainder trust would not qualify.

- It is especially important that the IRA distribution be made payable to the charity, not to you as the IRA owner and beneficiary. Otherwise, the distribution would not qualify for the favorable tax treatment.
- Only distributions from traditional or certain Roth IRAs would be tax-free; the law does not apply to other qualified retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans. However, you should consider consulting with your financial or tax advisor about the possibility of transferring funds from one of these other qualified plans to establish an IRA, with distribution to charity coming from the newly established IRA.
- Consult with your IRA administrator on the proper procedures for making a direct distribution to your parish, the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundation, the Catholic Services Appeal, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan or another archdiocesan institution.

The Franciscan Outreach Program will be partnering with KROGER and Gleaners in a program called *Bringing Hope to the Table*. The event will be the weekend of January 23 & 24, 2016.

Members of the Franciscan Program along with the Knights from Duns Scotus Council, will be at the Kroger store at Middlebelt and 11 Mile road both days to accept any donations.

We will have a list of items, and anything that you would like to purchase and drop into our shopping carts, will go directly to the Franciscan Program @ Transfiguration Church to help feed the needy in our area. And don't forget to use your Kroger Card, since Kroger donates a percentage of what you spend back to the Franciscan Program. If you don't have a Kroger card, they are available free from the Kroger desk, and we can help you link the card to our program.



John Grden





Failure can awaken us to life in a much more dramatic way than success ever could. ~from Spiritual Resilience

### **Youth Ministry**

The Archdiocese of Detroit is inviting youth to the 2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, to take place at Detroit's Sacred Heart Parish next Saturday, January 16.

The service day will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 2:45 p.m. with the play, "A Change of Time A Change of Mind." Participants will receive lunch and a T-shirt.

Your gifts to the CSA make possible events like this, which keep our youth engaged and active in their faith. Youth ministry is coordinated through the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools, along with young adult and campus ministry.

For more information about CSA-funded programs, services, and ministries, go to www.AOD.org.

# Pro-LIFE News - January 2016 submitted by Marilyn Schepansky

# TOY STORY CO-WRITER, JOSS WHEDON LEADS DONATION CAMPAIGN FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD ABORTION BIZ ~ www.lifenews.com/2015/12/28

The Hollywood writer and producer who co-wrote the popular children's movie Toy Story is headlining an end-of-the-year donation campaign to benefit the Planned Parenthood abortion business. The donation campaign is tragically ironic given that Toy Story and its sequels are movies that celebrate children and the role toys play in providing their enjoyment – where as Planned Parenthood is an abortion company that makes a living killing children.

### ABORTION HAD A ROUGH 2015 ~ from Right to Life of Michigan ~ www.RTL.org ~ info@rtl.org

"It's been a terrible year for abortion rights-but here is opportunity to be found amid the setbacks."

That's the sober assessment of Michelle Goldberg, writing in the Slate, about how 2015 went for abortion supporters.

Her article focuses on several things, including the continued trend of prolife legislation passing in states. Michigan is no different. As we reach the end of 2015, two major initiatives include the coercive Abortion Prevention Act (CAPA) and the Dismemberment Abortion Ban are being considered by our Legislature.

CAPA would add protections to women who are coerced into having abortions. Dismemberment abortions, like partial-birth abortions, are violent late-term techniques to end human life.

The opportunity that Goldberg mentions could be more of an opportunity for prolifers. Abortion supporters hope that by talking about abortion more openly, even celebrating it, they can change the conversation.

In the past, organizations like Planned Parenthood and pro-abortion politicians have done everything they could to avoid mentioning abortion. Abortion thrives when it's not talked about and people don't understand the violence it entails.

In 2016, we must continue to speak the truth about what abortion is. We must continue to teach people about the value of life and the development of the child in the womb. We will celebrate – not lament – the fact that abortions are at their lowest since 1973.

### **BABY SAFE HAVEN**

Too often we hear of newborn babies being left abandoned in dumpsters, alleys or parks. Michigan, like all the other states, has a Safe Haven Law whereby a mother can leave her newborn (up to 3 days old) at a hospital, fire station, police station or church without the legal entanglements of abandonment or abuse. If the woman/girl feels that she simply cannot assume the responsibilities of motherhood, leaving her baby at one of the facilities assures that her baby will be well cared for, loved and freed for adoption. From: LIFESPAN January 2016 Bulletin Notes



The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, January 24. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

# Women's Christmas Dinner Recipes

Numerous ladies, who attended the Transfiguration Women's Christmas dinner asked if the recipes could be published. This is certainly something we are happy to do. Enjoy.........

### **Hot Chicken Salad**

- 2 cups cooked chicken breast, shredded (we used Costco packaged rotisserie chicken white and dark meat)
- 1 cup diced celery
- 3/4 cup slivered almonds, lightly toasted
- 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup Hellman's Light mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1 to 1 1/2 cups shredded parmesan cheese
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 small can fried onions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, and spray a  $9 \times 11$  baking dish with cooking spray. Combine all ingredients together. Transfer to baking dish and cook for 20 - 30 minutes.

### **Broccoli Salad**

# from Trudy Barone's recipe in "What's Cooking at St Michael"

- 2 bunches of broccoli, cut into bite size pieces
- 1 cup raisins (I prefer golden raisins)
- 1 cup finely chopped red onions
- 1 lb bacon, cooked crisply and crumbled
- 1 cup sunflower seeds

### Dressing:

- 1 cup mayo or Miracle Whip salad dressing
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 Tbs vinegar

Combine all ingredients. Mix dressing in a separate bowl and mix well with other ingredients. Chill before serving, if possible.

# **Apple/Berry Fruit Salad**

- 2 bunches romaine lettuce, chopped
- 2 banana sliced
- 2 honey crisp apples cored and diced (leave pealing on)
- 1 pint blackberries

## Dressing:

- 1 cup Mayonnaise
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 Tbs vinegar

(Yes, it's the same dressing as used in the broccoli salad, but it ends up with a different taste due to the different ingredients used in the two salads.)

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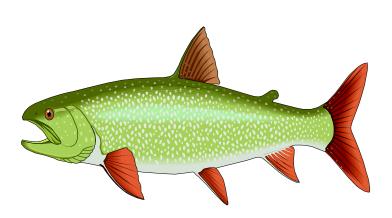
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# TRANSFIGURATION LENTEN FISH DINNERS

EVERY FRIDAY 5:00 - 7:30 P.M. February 12 THROUGH March 18, 2016

# Volunteers are needed!

Food Prep Cooks Serving Line Cleanup



You MUST have attended the Basic Food Handlers Class at Transfiguration. If you would like/need to, Please contact us. Another class will be scheduled before the dinners begin.

If you can help out, please look for the Signup Sheets in the Gathering Room after Mass.

Or Call John Grden 248-355-3953

# SUNDAY to SUNDAY

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

# **HILARY OF POITIERS**

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Feast—January 13



This bishop and theologian, a highly cultivated pagan who became a Christian, was elected bishop of his native Poitiers, in France, at age thirty-five, while his wife was still living. For his unwavering opposition to Arianism, the heresy that Jesus Christ was in some way subordinate to God, he was banished to Asia Minor in 356 by an Arian emperor. But he continued to study Greek theology

and oppose Arianism and was sent back to France for being a "mischief-maker." He left extensive writings and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free

baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. "He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our

sake . . . to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water"

(St. Gregory Nazianzen, Liturgy of the Hours, I, 634). Jesus' immer-

sion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized

from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father. By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God.

# CATECHETICAL CORNER

# DYING AND RISING WITH CHRIST

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

-Rom 6:3-4

Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism.

—CCC, no. 1277

In his dialogue with Nicodemus, Jesus taught that Baptism was necessary for salvation. "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (Jn 3:5). After his Resurrection, Jesus met with the eleven Apostles and gave them the commission to preach the Gospel and baptize, telling them, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mk 16:16). The word baptism in its origins is Greek and means "immersion" and "bath." Immersion in water is a sign of death, and emersion out of the water means new life. To bathe in water is also to undergo cleansing. St. Paul sums up this truth when he says, "You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead" (Col 2:12).

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the

# JANUARY 2016

When we think about pilgrimages, we probably think about medieval people walking great distances to awe-inspiring churches. Yet, Pope Francis describes what is at the heart of pilgrimage and encourages us to each make one during this Jubilee of Mercy. He writes that "life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a viator, a pilgrim traveling along the road, making his way to the desired destination" (MV, no. 14). Pope Francis encourages each of us to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door in our diocese some time during this Jubilee of Mercy. Being committed to the journey of pilgrimage helps us focus our attention on our spiritual journey and walk closer with God. Similarly, our daily journey to live out the mercy of God "is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice" (MV, no. 14).

- 1. With your family or a parish group, plan a pilgrimage to the Holy Door within your diocese for some time during this year.
- 2. Each day, give yourself one small goal of mercy, compassion, and love to journey toward—for example, being kind to a difficult coworker—so that, by those actions, you are able to walk closer to God on the pilgrimage of Christian life.

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Our Lady of Albanians, Southfield

Our Lady of La Salette, Berklev

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Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Beverly Hills

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### JANUARY 2016

Rev. Mark S. Brauer, Vicar

# COME, ENCOUNTER **Christ!**

# Come! Encounter the living Christ!

Share you deepest concerns and hear Jesus speak to your heart!

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Eucharistic Presence of Jesus and how to build a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Feel the power of praise and worship music, Eucharistic adoration, and opportunities for private confession!

Hospitality and refreshments will be available at the conclusion of each evening.

No need to register. Just come and experience the joy of the living Christ!

Sunday, January 10 through Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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# **OREMUS** PRAYER STUDY PROGRAM

\*\*When was the last time you had a real conversation with God?

\*\*Would you like to deepen your spiritual life through prayer?

\*\*Can you make time to talk to God this lent? He's waiting...

Oremus is a DVD Catholic prayer study program with small group discussion that will teach us the essentials of a fruitful prayer life. Father Toups will start out by teaching us what prayer is and what we should be doing before we pray. Additional topics covered will be simple yet profound steps in prayer, Lectio Divina, Relational Prayer. Imaginative Prayer, Discernment and how to deal with Frustrations. Distractions and Dryness in prayer. As part of this study we will utilize our journals to document our personal prayer time and become aware of God's voice in Holy Scripture, in our hearts, and in ordinary moments.



The sessions will be held in the Lower Level of the Church Hall North

Thursday evenings beginning January 21st through March 17th 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm

To Register please follow the instructions found at http://olsorrows.com/content/ oremus-prayer-study-program

# The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL

NEW! Catholic's DIVORCE HEALING Program. St. Mary, Royal Oak, is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, new DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce: The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide. The 12-week program begins February 4, 2016 through April 28, 2016 at 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

The program features 30-minute DVD shows each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone.

A cost of \$30 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Space is limited, register early. Sorry, no child care available.

Call Christine Wagberg, Pastoral Associate, at 248-547-1818 or go to www.st-mary.org for complete registration information.

Please join us! The Church is here to help!

Manresa Jesuit Speaker Series. celebrate its 90th year of service in 2016, Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills, invites you to a five-part speaker series by Jesuit ministerial staff. Leading the series on January 26 is Director Fr. Fran Daly, SJ with "St. Ignatius of Loyola: a Man and a Spirituality for Our Times." Other topics will be presented in February, March and May, concluding with "What Is So 'Jesuit' About Pope Francis?" by Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ on May 31. All dates are Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Wernert lounge. There is no charge to attend. For further information, visit www.manresa-sj.org or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 10.

# Knights of Columbus Clawson Presents Fish Fry Fridays

What: Fish Fry Dinners

Where: 870 N. Main Street, @Ellwood Clawson, MI (248) 588-3547

When: 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm Dates: January 8, February 12, 19 and 26, March 4,11, 18 and 25

All you can eat buffet featuring: Baked Tilapia, Fried Cod, Crab cakes, Baked Potato, fries, homemade mac'n cheese, 'cole slaw, vegetables, roll, dessert, coffee and pop.

\$9 Adults, \$8 Seniors \$4.50 Children
All our profits to Autism Society

# FOR WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN

Grief Recovery – Week Series Sunday, February 7, 2016 to March 13, 2016 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm St. Edith Church 15089 Newburgh Road Livonia, MI

If you have lost a spouse and are struggling with grief, this series will help you understand the phases of grief. It deals with topics such as loneliness, anger and depression. Meet with others who are experiencing similar struggles. Offered by Widowed Friends a peer support group in the Archdioceses of Detroit. Total fee of \$5.00 will be payable at the first meeting. Registration is required. Contact Priscilla at 734-591-7879.

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm Mass/Refreshments & Friendship Come and Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit, for mass and light lunch at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Rd. in Plymouth on Sunday January 17th at 2:30 and meet new friends. Please arrive by 2:15. If you can assist with liturgy call Pat at 734-895-6246 or with lunch call Liz at

# A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for the New Year

Gracious and Loving God,

The old year has passed and a new year begun.

We thank you for Your active presence in our busy lives, for the opportunities given, and for blessings received.

As we embrace a new year,
breathe freely through us
and renew our spirits
with fresh resolve and purpose.
Give us the grace to be good stewards
of all that You have entrusted to us
and to serve You with
generous, compassionate
and loving hearts.

Bless our days ahead.
Give us the courage to be faithful.
And show us how to
proclaim the Good News
of Your Son, Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God
forever and ever.

# Amen.

Vicariate Stewardship Commission



Preschool – Elementary – Academy

Open House

Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 1:00-3:00P.M.

- \* Teaching staff will be on hand to answer questions
  - \* Take a personal tour with our students
  - \* Enjoy interacting with current families Join us....680 Harmon, Birmingham, MI 48009

Call to be a Hurricane for a day! 248-644-2722

## Lent/Spring Scripture Study - The Gospel of Matthew

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide of the Gospel of Matthew.

Location: St. Gerald's Church hall 21300 Farmington Road Farmington, MI 48336

Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30pm Dates: March 2 – May 4, 2016

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. No need to register.

Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com), Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.

## IHM Sisters Retirement Fund - Breakfast and Bake Sale

Sponsored & Served by Boy Scout Troop 1037



Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 & 10:00 am masses on January 31st, 2016 All Donations go directly to the IHM Retirement Fund Super Breakfast!

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Cheesy Hash Browns, Sausage, Fresh Fruit Toppings, Fresh Whipped Cream Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice

Super Bake Sale!

All parishioners are welcome to bake and donate their special treats. Please drop them off at the Parish Hall before joining the mass.

If you are unable to enjoy breakfast with us, please stop and make a donation to the IHM Sisters, or detach the form below and mail your contribution.

Join Scout Troop 1037 - Visit the Troop Display at the Breakfast

I am unable to attend, but would like to make a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the IHM Retirement Fund

Detach and Mail to: St. Hugo School 380 East Hickory Grove Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Attn: Sister Margaret



# St. Gerald Education Commission

PRESENTS:

Sr. Barbara Beesley, IHM
"Vocations and the Call to Social Justice"
Sunday January 31, 2016
St. Gerald Parish Social Hall
4:00 PM

Sister Barb will discuss vocations and social justice with our youth group. All are welcome. Sr. Barb is a campus minister, service learning coordinator and adjunct professor of Social Justice at Marygrove College in Detroit.

## **South Oakland Vicariate Parishes**

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	Our Lady of Albanians,
	Southfield(248) 353-3410
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	Berkley(248) 541-3762
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	Farmington(248) 474-5720
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