

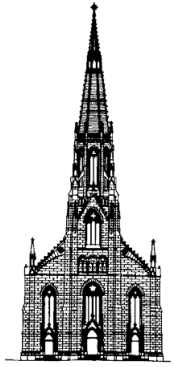


# Saint Joseph

Detroit, Michigan • Established 1855

## Parish Bulletin

February 28, 2010 2nd Sunday of Lent  
The Month of the Passion of Our Lord

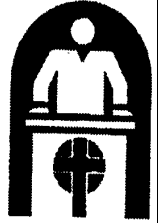


**History Corner** : Immacul'ee was terrified on the bus trip home for Easter break. Death squads were roaming the country, killing and raping any Tutsis they could find. When she reached home, there were 10,000 Tutsi refugees surrounding her parents home on the shores of Lake Kivu. They were hoping for some means of escape across the lake but all boats had left. They survived one attack of a death squad but knew more were coming with machine guns. Immacul'ee

asked her father to wear her scapular and he gave her his Rosary made of red & white beads. He told her and her younger brother to run to the Presbyterian minister's house and ask for help. Pastor Murinzi was on the porch of his large brick home with some of his 10 children when Immacul'ee and her brother asked to be taken in. Pastor Murinzi kept them overnight, then told Immacul'ee's brother that he could not hide him but he would hide Immacul'ee. He put her in a 3 by 4 foot bathroom adjoining his bedroom. Within days 7 more women joined Immacul'ee. They were told not to talk. "Do not flush the toilet unless you hear the other upstairs toilet flush." Pastor Murinzi brought them table scraps. He was terrified to tell any of his family about the refugees in the bathroom lest any of the house servants would find out. Murinzi was a Hutu. For 3 months these women lived in the bathroom, sitting on top of each other. Pastor Murinzi dragged a heavy wardrobe closed across the bathroom door to hide it. Death squads searched the house on a regular basis because he was suspected of helping Tutsis. Immacul'ee prayed the Rosary constantly and prayed for her enemies. In the span of 100 days over 1 million Tutsis were killed. France finally intervened and sent in troops to quell the massacre. Pastor Murinzi learned that one of his servants had betrayed him and that a death squad was on its way to kill the 8 Tutsi women in his bathroom. He called his family together and opened the bathroom. Immacul'ee had weighed 115 pounds when she came into the bathroom Now she emerged at 65 pounds. The Pastor told them that French troops were 5 miles away, and their only hope was to go to them. The women could hardly walk but they made it to the French. Immacul'ee learned that her family, except for one brother, had all been killed. She felt that she was left to tell her story



### IMPORTANT



Our beloved Pastor/Administrator, Fr. Mark Borkowski is on a Sabbatical leave and retreat. Fr. Tim Babcock will be managing the affairs of our three parishes while Fr. Mark is gone. Please remember Fr. Mark and Fr. Tim in your daily prayers. In today's church, managing three aging inner city parishes is certainly no easy task for anyone and the stress level is sometimes unbelievable.



After Mass today to stuff envelopes in the Social Hall for our Easter and St. Joseph's Day mailing. A delicious lunch will be provided to the volunteers.



The candles for our Sanctuary lamp are donated every month by Vivian Hurmoz . Vivian has asked for prayers for her husband, Fred, who is in the Army and stationed in Iraq. She also asks for prayers for her family and her children.



Next Sunday is our monthly Bake Sale. We need all the bakers and buyers we can get. Remember that our Bake Sales help to pay our utilities. Our latest gas bill for the church was \$1,400 and the electricity was \$350. This does not include the rest of the buildings in our complex or the water bills.



There is a tradition in the church that has produced miracles for many people. With the pastor's permission, people write a request on paper and attach it to the statue of a saint whose intercession they are seeking for help. This tradition has existed at St. Joseph's for as long as anyone can remember.

We have petition slips at the right end of the Communion rail in front of St. Joseph's altar. There is a basket behind the rail in which to deposit your petition. Many answers to prayer have been recorded over the years by people who have petitioned St. Joseph for his help.



My name is Mario. As I was growing up, I had originally thought God was calling me to become a priest. Following the suggestion of a deacon, I left the idea in abeyance and attended a secular college after completing 12 years of a Catholic school education.

Then I realized perhaps God was calling me to the married vocation. In college, I became a member of the Newman Club in the hopes that I would meet a young Catholic lady, whom, if it were God's will, I might eventually marry. I wasn't having too much in the way of luck on my own. Anyone in whom I was possibly interested saw me as a friend. I decided I needed some heavenly assistance and guidance. I found a rosary novena booklet. The novena would be prayed in the following manner; 27 days of petition followed by 27 days of thanksgiving. I prayed the novena as specified and Mary led me to meet a young lady.

An interesting sideline is that at the first meeting neither one of us saw the other person as a good dating partner, let alone a possible future spouse. She viewed me as entirely too serious and I viewed her as entirely too much of a joker. As the heavenly plan went, we eventually saw beyond the surface personalities and began to know the true person. We found we shared similar religious convictions, we started dating and soon we knew we had met our future spouses.

Then and only then did we discover that both of us, unknown to the other, had been praying the same exact rosary novena. In thanksgiving to Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary, we celebrated our 26th anniversary December 2002. The final interesting point is my wife's name; everyone knows her as Ro; her real name is Roseria in honor of Our lady of the Rosary.

Mario A. Lipari Ocala Florida

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

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| Dolores Audretsch<br>Kloey & Karolynn<br>Bishop<br>Resa Cali<br>Gerald Cracchiolo<br>Joseph & Mary Lou<br>DeFauw<br>Mary Claire Fellrath<br>Jackson Fenchak<br>Janice Fitzjerald<br>Gerald Hand<br>Tonette Houseman<br>Christine Hubbard<br>David Klemmer<br>Donna Marie Johnston<br>Charlotte, Madison &<br>Nicole Kaiden | Christine, Savanah<br>Evelyn & Cathleen<br>(Kromer)<br>Nino Kortez<br>Nick Kroon<br>Theresa Lampinen<br>Marilyn Lewandowski<br>Camille Ludwig<br>John Marchin<br>Sarah Marron<br>Heather McGraw<br>Peter & Erna Moskaluk<br>Gertrude Preis<br>Doug Robinson<br>Elizabeth Roth<br>Joseph Sansone<br>Al Schaller | Sonja Scott<br>Marion Shannon<br>Sister Judie Ann<br>Brenda Smith<br>Chas. Spratt<br>Gini Sturm<br>Julie Summers<br>Larrain Thomas<br>Mary Ann Vanover<br>Pauline Wallace<br>William Walter<br>John Wasilewski<br>Volker Wenig<br>Julie Wojtkowiak &<br>Logan<br>Don Ziegler |
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**Mass intentions:**

**Sunday, February 28**

**10:30 am** GERMAN David Klemmer (Christine Gray)  
Celebrant: MarianHill Father  
**12:00 noon** LATIN +Pelagia Montemayor and +Judy  
Maravilla Pieklo (Tonette Balbontin)  
Celebrant: To be announced

**Wednesday March 3**

**12:10 pm** Members of St. Joseph Confraternity  
Celebrant: Fr. Borkowski

**Sunday, March 7**

**10:30 am** Msgr. John Schweder (Christine Gray)  
Celebrant: Fr. Robt Marchewski  
**12:00 noon** +Charles Shermetaro (Suzanne Sher-  
metaro)  
Celebrant: Fr. Robtr. Marchewski

**Stewardship at St. Joseph's  
February 21, 2010**

Offertory.....\$1,357.00  
Repair and Restoration.....\$ 210.00  
Total.....\$1,567.00



**Attendance:**

10:30...55 Noon...61 Total 116

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.