

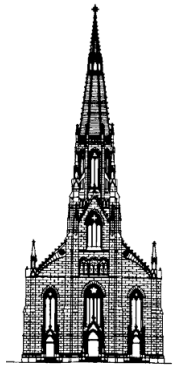


Saint Joseph

Detroit, Michigan • Established 1855

Parish Bulletin

April 18, 2010 3rd Sunday of Easter
The Month of the Holy Eucharist



History Corner : Timothy Vakoc became a Knight of Columbus at age 18, the earliest that a young man can become a Knight. A few years after college and working in the world he decided to enter the seminary. He was ordained in 1992 at the age of 32. He served at local parishes until he realized the great need for military chaplains. He joined the Army in 1996, the same year he became a Fourth Degree Knight, the patriotic degree

of the Order. After serving in Bosnia and Germany, he was sent to Iraq in 2003. Often he would wait outside the mess hall and tell soldiers that he was available for confession or simply to talk. In May 2004, an inquiry was sent to chaplains about the importance of their military service. Father Tim wrote, "The chaplains, Catholic and others, hold the light of Christ in a dark place. There is a spiritual battle going on here, not between religions, but between the light of Christ and darkness...As one of my soldiers who recently died said, "Every day counts!" Days later on the eve of his 12th anniversary as a priest, Fr. Tim was injured by a roadside bomb that exploded near his Humvee. He was returning from celebrating Mass on a makeshift altar for troops in the field. He was gravely wounded, lost an eye and incurred severe brain damage. Before being transported he managed to say, "Take care of my boys." He was moved to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and lay paralyzed and unable to speak for 30 months. Hospital personnel said there was an awareness of something special about him when they entered his room and that God was with him. They would often go into his room on their breaks and just sit there. Five years after his injury, Father Tim began to make a remarkable recovery. He regained limited use of his hands and could nod his head. He had a tracheotomy that limited his ability to speak. He was transferred to a nursing home in New Hope, MO. On June 20, 2009, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and one day after Pope Benedict XVI had begun a year for priests, Fr. Tim died unexpectedly. He is the only chaplain to have died from injuries sustained in the Iraq War.



Announcements from Archbishop Vigneron

Rev. Paul S. Czarnota, appointed pastor, Sweetest Heart of Mary, St. Josaphat, and St. Joseph parishes, Detroit, effective July 1. Father Czarnata has been serving as pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Emmett; Sacred Heart, Yale; and Sacred Heart Mission, Brown City.

The Marines may need a few good men, but the Knights of Columbus need much more than just a few. The Bishop Joseph C. Plagens Council that serves the three churches in our cluster was founded by Fr. Mark Borkowski. Besides serving with manpower and financial help in our cluster, the Bishop Plagens council fulfills all of the universal goals of the Knights of Columbus. Our Council gives financial support to two seminarians at Sacred Heart Seminary. Financial support is also given to children who are mentally handicapped, to Right to Life, to the Sisters of Christian Love (Sister Judie Ann) and their service to the poor and children with terminal cancer. These are a few among the many good works that our Knights undertake. These good works are not possible without the support of the cluster family. The Knights are having their annual fund raising raffle again this year with trips to New York, Naples Florida or Puerta Vallarta, Mexico. Raffle tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. The Knights are also looking for new members. Only requirements are that a man be 18 yrs. of age and a practicing Catholic. Anyone interested in joining our Knights, please contact Justin Karr, Patrick Degens, Matthew McGuire, George Gregorich, Bill or Nick Potrykos or any of the Knights at Sweetest Heart of Mary and St. Josaphat.



Banns of Marriage



III Salvador Rodriguez & Carol Arndt



FROM THE DESK OF

Dave Armstrong, our in house Catholic author, has donated his latest book as a fundraiser for St. Joseph Church. It is entitled "Common Ground. What Protestant and Catholics Can Learn From Each Other." It contains an interview between Pastor Steve Andrews and Father John Riccardo. The interview was seen on television around the world and was produced by Kensington Community Church, Troy, MI. to foster Christian unity between Roman Catholics and Evangelical Protestants. This is a very unique book. It is available in our vestibule cabinet for \$10.



Update: Last week's Rosary column was written by Katie L. Youngmark of Camarillo, California.

This name, Star of the Sea, is applied to the Holy Virgin. As a star in giving forth its light does not lessen its brightness, so Mary brought forth her Son without losing the splendor of her virginity.
Saint Bernard

Plus25 is using parish registry information to conduct a person-to-person **Furtherance Telethon** to people affiliated with St. Joseph's, but not known to attend here in the recent past. This will be an effort to gain feedback useful in retaining & regaining participation from those familiar with our parish.

As with all our Plus25 activities, this effort will help us to be able to increase attendance at all the St. Joseph's Masses over time. Mass attendance is the fundamental activity that will sustain and grow our worship community and the other worthwhile things derived from it.

Telethon Director - Mike Semaan 248-250-6005
 Plus25 Coordinator - Jack Day 248-808-1801



TEAMWORK

Bake Sale update. Our Bake Sale last Sunday made a profit of \$585. One parishioner baked 37 items last week. This is hardly fair. We always need more bakers to take the burden off the few who bake. Our goal is to have as many as possible bake one item instead of a few people baking 10 to 20 items apiece. We need more players on our team.

Thanks to all of our bakers and our patrons. Our Bake Sales help to pay our ever rising utility bills.

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

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Mass intentions:

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

Wednesday April 21

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

Sunday, April 25

10:30 M/M Steve Pellican & family (Robert Wenderski)
 Celebrant: Fr. Robert Marczewski
12:00 noon +Charles Van Ooteghem (Christine Gray)
 Celebrant: Fr. Robert Marczewski

Stewardship at St. Joseph's

April 4, 2010, Easter Sunday

Offertory.....\$ 2,759.00
 Repair and Restoration.....\$ 165.00
 Total.....\$ 2,924.00



Attendance:

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