



A Catholic Community in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, MI

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The Spirit

May 10, 2020

From the Desk of Father Andrew



Blessed Easter Season!

This is already the Fifth Sunday of Easter and eighth since the "stay home stay safe" order by our Governor. We have experienced a lot and learned a lot (at least about ourselves or our family members). Our hair grew longer, our cooking skills

improved, and perhaps we have gained a pound or two. However, we look back on these 8 weeks - we are blessed to have each other, blessed to have ways in which we can study, communicate, see and share the news, concerns, as well as pray for each other. This is not a coincidence that we live in this time. The wheels of history rolled into our lives, places of work, worship and leisure. We have the opportunity now, to be those vessels through which God's grace and blessings, healing and mercy flow, after all we are His people, people of the Risen Lord, chosen, royal, holy, and set apart. Assured today not to be afraid - let's be Bold, Holy and Catholic in response to it.

Mother's Day

It is fitting that during this month of May - month of Mary, the mother of Jesus - that we celebrate our earthly mothers. With physical distancing it will be difficult to celebrate this day the "old fashioned way". Perhaps, you can join our Facebook evening Rosary? How about as a family help me lead the prayer with others during one of the days of our novena? On this special day we remember our mothers. We thank them, we pray for them, we admire them, and we love them. Here is a wonderful poem in their honor:

A Mother's Love - Your arms were always open when I needed a hug. Your Heart understood when I needed a friend. Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson. Your strength and love has guided me and given me wings to fly. Thank you, Mom.

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day Novena

It is been our tradition at St. Clare to pray for 9 days following Mother's Day with Masses offered as Spiritual Bouquet for our mothers living and deceased. If you would like to offer this spiritual gift to your mother, please send me an email with her name and the day you would like the Mass to be said between May 10 and May 18. Your donation can be dropped into our mailbox or sent via snail mail.

Graduations

With all this time at home I can take advantage of writing more in our bulletin. As I said at Mass this weekend, many milestones are being reached but the celebrations are not happening; birthdays, anniversaries and graduations. Let's share the good news of our community on our Facebook page, in our bulletin and during the announcements at Mass. For our young scholars, please send me an email, photo and where they are graduating from and future plans. We will compile and recognize these accomplishments. Same thing for birthdays and anniversaries, let me know and I am happy to announce on Sundays! We may be physical distancing, but we can keep our community close and in touch with each other this way. In the same way if someone in your family is in need of prayer due to illness, please let me know. Prayer is what brings us together, the glue of our faith. Your intentions can be private or public but let us lift each other together. **St. Michael pray for us.**

School Year

Slowly the school year with on-line learning is coming to its end. The last day at St. Clare is May 22. Our school Masses for the next two weeks will shift to Friday at 9:00 am. Join us via St. Clare School FB page.

Speaking about our school, Saturday, May 16 was scheduled to be the St. Clare Alumni Day with Mass and activities. Currently this is not possible. In lieu of this I invite St. Clare Graduates to share their stories, perhaps some pictures of St. Clare school, teachers, sisters etc., either on the parish or school Facebook pages or via the bulletin. Let "I am St. Clare

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resound!" See articles from Ann and Sam in the school section.

Saints of the week



Wednesday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima, this is the title given to Mary based on her appearance to three children in Portugal in 1917. Our Lady asked children to pray rosary for peace, end of the war, and offer their sacrifices for others.

Thursday, May 14 – St. Matthias, Apostle – chosen by lots to join the ranks of the Apostles. The only Apostle not chosen by Jesus himself.

Friday, May 15 – St. Isidor, (c.11 century) known as "the farmer" was a Spanish farmworker known for his piety toward the poor and animals

Calming the Storm

The Archdiocese of Detroit is announcing a new campaign to assist people in need during the coronavirus pandemic: To help people get the physical, mental, and spiritual support they need to get through this pandemic, the team of missionaries has launched a new spiritual outreach and support initiative. Please help us spread the word! Anyone who needs assistance can call 313-237-4646, text 'SOS' to 313-315-5758, or visit <http://calmingthestorm.org/>

2020 Census

The Catholic Church and other service providers rely on an accurate census to more effectively serve those in need. The US Bishops have called for all to be counted as society "cannot risk missing this opportunity to give children and parents the tools they need to succeed." Unfortunately, the census has too often undercounted households with young children; with higher rates of poverty, unemployment, or low education attainment; with racial minorities and with English as a second language, which leads to underfunding critical programs and services. Make sure you are counted by responding before July 2020. More information is available at www.micatholic.org/2020Census

Wishing you blessed week

Fr. Andrew

BONANZA 2020

Drawings are Off and Running!

Congratulations to the Bonanza winners who were drawn last Sunday, May 3. All Bonanza drawings take place online from the Church Social Hall on Sundays after Mass. Join us LIVE from Facebook for the fun!

[Facebook.com/stclarem](https://www.facebook.com/stclarem)

May 3 - Drawing 2

Amount	Number	Winner	Seller
\$1,000	395 B	Dechy Family	Dave Grout
\$500	182 C	Jim Palmer	Jim Palmer
\$250	177 C	Bill Ventimiglia	Bill Ventimiglia

May 3 - Drawing 3

Amount	Number	Winner	Seller
\$1,000	195 D	Pat Radnick	Sue Buckley
\$500	097 C	Mike Moore	Sylvia Herrington Robert L. Mabarak
\$250	219 C	Charles R. Rutherford	Charles R. Rutherford

Next Drawing

Sunday, May 17 at 10:15 AM
LIVE from the parish Facebook page
<http://facebook.com/stclarem>

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<https://stclarem.org/make-a-prayer-request>
or call the Intercessory Prayer Line
and leave a message:
313-647-5000 #9

Sunday Collection Report

May 3, 2020

Parishioner Envelopes and Online Giving	\$12,212
Loose Collection	\$1,965
Total Collection:	\$14,177
Budgeted Collection:	\$10,331
Over for the week by:	\$3,846

Be Bold. Be Holy. Be Catholic.

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