

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

"The Antonian" March 29, 2026

*St. Anthony of Padua,  
Our Patron and Intercessor,  
Pray for Us!*



HOLY  
WEEK

Tuesday, March 31

Holy Mass 9:00am

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### Holy Thursday, April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm (NLM)

*Followed by Eucharistic procession to the  
Altar of Repose for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
until Noon on Good Friday.*

*A sign-up sheet is near the Chapel door; there must be  
at least two people for each time; please sign your  
name before Holy Thursday so we can be assured all  
times are covered.*

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### Good Friday, April 3

Stations of the Cross	12:00pm
Scriptural Rosary	1:00pm
Chaplet/Novena of Divine Mercy	1:40pm
Mid-day Prayer	2:00pm
Quiet Meditation	2:15-3:00pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Including Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion	3:00-4:30pm

Tenebrae 8:00pm



### Holy Saturday, April 4

Church decorating for Easter	9:00am
Blessing of Food	12:00pm
Easter Vigil Mass	9:00pm

### Easter Sunday, April 5

*Holy Mass: 9:00am 11:00am (NLM)*

*Parish offices will be closed from Good Friday, April 3 until Monday, April 13.*

***Have a Blessed Easter!***



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† **MASS SCHEDULE** †

**Monday, March 30, 2026**

St. John Climacus (605), Ab. (Hist.)  
St. Quirinus of Neuss (117), M. (Hist.)

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

**9:00am \*The People of St. Anthony**

St. Benjamin (421), Den., M. (Hist.)  
Bl. Jane of Toulouse (1286), F. of Carmelite Third Order (Hist.)

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

St. Hugh (1132), B. of Grenoble (Hist.)

**Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026**

**Maundy Thursday (New, Trad.)**

**7:00pm \*For All Priests (NLM)**

St. Francis of Paola (1507), R., Hermit, F. of the Minim Friars (New, Trad.)

**✠ Good Friday, April 3, 2026**

*Day of Fast & Abstinence (New, Trad.)*

**No Mass**

St. Richard (1253), B. of Chichester (Hist.)  
St. Irene of Thessalonica (304), V., M. (Hist.)

**Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026**

St. Isadore of Seville (636), B., D. (New, Trad.)

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**Easter Vigil (New, Trad.)**

**9:00pm \*Priests & Parishioners of Lumen Christi Family**

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (New, Trad.)**

**9:00am †Jack, Pat & Peter Carey**  
by Dan Carey

**11:00am †Craig Baer & \*Karen Baer**  
(NLM) by Greg & Karen Baer

St. Vincent Ferrer (1419), Pr., R., "Angel of the Apocalypse" (New, Trad.)

**Parish Office Hours**

**Secretary's Office:**

Monday-Thursday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

**Business Office:**

*By Appointment only*

**Online Giving**

If you'd like to contribute on line, you can either scan the QR code →

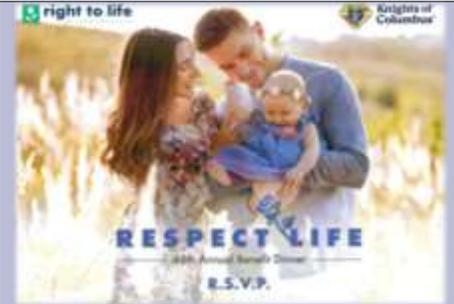


or go to our website and click on the "DONATE" button in the lower left corner....then click on "Give Now".

**Readings for Today**

**Sunday, March 29, 2026:**

Matthew 21:1-11  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66



**Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

Social Hour - 6:00pm; Dinner - 7:00pm  
San Marino Club, Troy Michigan

**Keynote Speaker: Margo Damoose**

**Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like to reserve a seat at our table.**

**Good Friday Fish Fry**

**St. Joseph Church:**  
Dine in or Carry out;  
4:30 - 7:30pm.

**Protecting God's Children  
In Person Workshop**

**Saturday, April 11, 2026  
9:00am - 12:00pm**

**St. Joseph Parish - Erie, MI  
School Cafeteria**

**New employees and all volunteers are required to take a "live" PGC class and can register via [virtus.org](http://virtus.org).**

More details can be found in the bulletin insert for **current employees** who may need to take a (self-paced) recertification training.

**Please take advantage of this training opportunity to gather with all the (new) employees and all volunteers of the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes.**

**This Week's Calendar**

Monday, March 30, 2026

6:00pm - OCIA - School

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

6:00pm - K of C Open House - KH  
*(meeting to follow in school)*

6:30-7:30pm - PH Devotions

7:00-8:30pm - K of C - School

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

No Confessions

7:00pm - **Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper (NLM) Followed by procession to the Altar of Repose; Adoration until Noon on Friday.**

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Fast & Abstinence

†12:00pm - Stations of the Cross

†1:00pm - Scriptural Rosary

†1:40pm - Chaplet/Novena of Divine Mercy

†2:00pm - Mid-day Prayer

†2:15-3:00pm - Quiet Meditation

†3:00-4:30pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion; *Includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.*

†8:00pm - Tenebrae

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

9:00am - Church Decorating

†12:00pm - Blessing of Food

1:00-6:00pm - Padua Hall rental

9:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

9:00am - Holy Mass

11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

10:00am - 6:00pm Kenna Hall Rental

*Please consider a **Spiritual Bouquet** for Fr. Slaton as referenced on today's bulletin insert.*

**Archdiocesan Restructuring  
Planning Process**

**Parish Listening Sessions**

The listening Sessions at St. Anthony's will be held :

**April 14 & 16 at 7:00pm in the Church.**

Please refer to the insert in today's bulletin for more information and to register.

**You must pre-register to attend the sessions; please go to**

**[restructuring@aod.org](mailto:restructuring@aod.org)**

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**Eric Hite** 419-266-0571

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)**

All Religious Ed. Classes for the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

For more information: 734-848-6125 ext. 6, faith\_formation@stjosepherie.com

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**Sacrament of Penance**

**Thursday: 5:00 - 6:00pm**

**First Saturday: Following 9:00am Mass until 11:00am**

**Prayer Blankets**

Sandy Maenle: 734-847-7813

**Prayer Chain**

Miriam Dressel: 734-888-1192

**Seven Sisters Apostolate**

Cheryl Scott: 319-296-5864



**Donations for Easter Food Baskets; Resurrection Tree**

St. Anthony will be accepting donations for the **Easter Food baskets** until **Monday, March 30**. We will be packing the baskets and handing them out on **Tuesday, March 31**.

Donations for the **Resurrection Tree** will be accepted no later than Easter Sunday.

**....Let us Pray for....**

Norb Abel  
Easton Aitson  
David Amer  
Baby Girl  
Paul Bazydlo  
Jackie Biler  
Gary Brink  
Charley Bussey  
Caleb  
Gerald Carto  
Linda Chaney  
Elizabeth Corey  
Carl Cornprobst  
Lowell Cousino  
Marcus Demorest  
Caleb Dershem  
Ken & Miriam Dressel  
Elaine Esper  
Joe Evener  
Barbara Francis  
Sheila Greisinger

Pete Grundy  
Jeff Grycza  
Theresa Grycza  
Gloria Hartman  
Nicole Hartman  
Diane Heidelberg  
Phyllis Heyse  
Sonya Hill  
Phyllis Hinkelman  
John  
M. Johnson  
Devin Kacher  
Bill Kniss  
Joanne Kolinski  
Jonah Kornberg  
RoseMarie Komorowski  
Earl Kramer  
David Lamer  
Patrick Lyndsay  
Sandy Maenle  
Peg Mallin  
Bridget Marie

Gary Martin  
Kevin Martin  
Elizabeth McChesney  
Diane Michley  
Jodi Miller  
Mike Miller  
Kelly Reese Morgan  
Adelaide Munk  
Steve Murzynski  
Nusbaum Family  
Ken Nusbaum  
Fran O'Connor  
Tyler Oehlers  
Austin Oehlers  
Armando Ortiz  
Karen & Tom Penney  
Dianne Petrilla  
Veronica Rakebrand  
Fr. Patrick Rohen  
John & Marge Scott  
Aaron Shreffler  
Patty Smith

Cheryl Stanford  
Cherryl Stout  
Delores Thorn  
Jackie Tomaszewski  
Katie Tomaszewski  
Mark Tomaszewski  
Flossie Townsend  
Alicia Trejo  
Lily Tussey  
Conor Vermett  
Murl Waidelich  
Christopher Warner  
Diane Webber  
Kristine Wells  
John & Helen Williams  
Mary Beth Wise  
Rick Wolneiwick  
Jim Woronec  
Dawn Wyse  
Charlie Yacuone  
Amy Yates  
Rita Zeller



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Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women, especially:

- ☆ Wes Brown, Army Reserve
- ☆ Kay Clark Thompson, USAF
- ☆ Kodie Burtscher, USAF
- ☆ SSGT Alexa Long, USAF
- ☆ Jed Clark, USMC
- ☆ AJ Ondrus, USN
- ☆ Eric Hite, Jr. USAF
- ☆ Alexander Strang USAF
- ☆ SMSgt. Joseph Korotko, USAF
- ☆ Victoria Urben, USN

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*Liturgical Assignments for Holy Thursday and Good Friday*

Day, Time	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm (NLM)</b>	Fr. Slaton	--	MC: M. Bisson J. Jemaa Liedel Family (3)	Ushers needed
<b>Good Friday, 12:00pm Stations</b>	Fr. Slaton	--	Bowser Family (3)	Ushers needed
<b>Good Friday, 3-4:30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b>	Fr. Slaton	1. D. Strzelewicz 2. R. Dressel	MC: M. Bisson Bowser Family (3)	Ushers needed

*Liturgical Assignments for Easter, April 4 & 5, 2026*

	Priest	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday, Easter Vigil 9:00pm Mass</b>	Fr. Slaton	1. M. Lindsey 2. M. Lindsey 3. M. Lindsey 4. K. Shade 5. K. Shade 6. R. Oehlers 7. R. Oehlers EPISTLE	MC: M. Bisson Liedel Family (3)	Ushers needed
<b>Easter Sunday, 9:00am Mass</b>	Fr. Slaton	P. Cousino	J.P. Bylicki; J. & J. Ritenour	G. Ingersoll, B. Kapela L. Komorowski, M. Miller
<b>11:00am Mass (NLM)</b>	Fr. Slaton	--	TBD	--

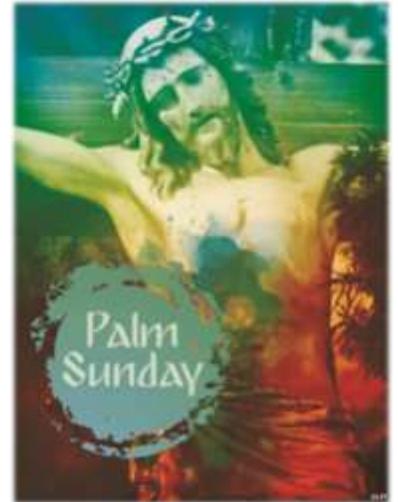
# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Matthew 26:14-27:66



Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: **"A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head"** (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **"She has done a good thing for me"** (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

**Lenten Challenge:** Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir

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## Blessing for Holy Week

*Be with us this week, Lord,  
journeying closer and closer to  
Your pierced and Sacred Heart.*

*Immerse us in Your intense  
and undying love.*

*Help us to encounter  
Your passion in new ways  
that inform, surprise,  
and inspire us.*

Amen. LPI



## PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON- PRACTICING CATHOLICS

Good Shepherd, You never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded.

I ask you to bring the people I hold in my heart back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of Your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints, and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may You pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home.

For You, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered Yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen.



**Back by popular demand**

**The Retired Men's  
Light Lunch  
& Cards Day**

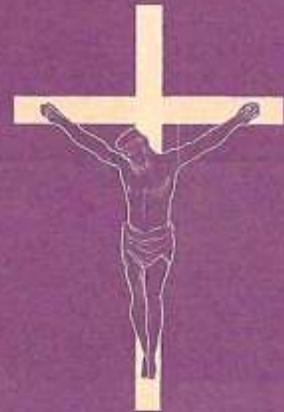
**Wednesday, April 22**

**11:30am - 2:00pm**

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
Room 3**

RSVP by calling or texting  
Dennis or Vicki Oberski  
937-554-0525





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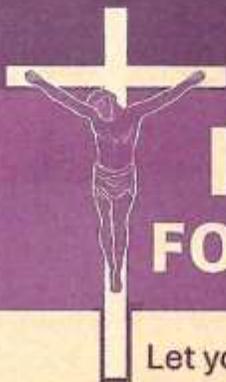
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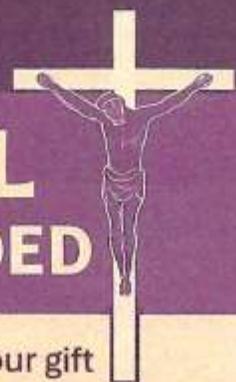
# OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, APR. 1ST

6:00 PM



IN KENNA HALL  
FOOD & DRINK PROVIDED



Let your Knights of Columbus Membership be your gift  
to God during your Lenten journey in celebration of his  
resurrection.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

## Archdiocesan Restructuring



The Archdiocese of Detroit began a season of intentional renewal in November 2025 through a two-year journey of discernment and planning. This March, we enter **Phase 2: Listening and Refinement**. More than 400 Listening Sessions will take place across the Archdiocese of Detroit offering parishioners the chance to review draft models, share feedback, and help shape the future of their parish and Planning Area. Your voice and prayerful input are essential to this process. Beginning in July 2027, different groups of parishes will form pastorates led by a single pastor and his team. While some communities may merge or buildings may change in purpose, no decisions have been made in advance; outcomes will be shaped by the collective wisdom of the faithful. You are invited to participate, listen, and journey with us as we discern a mission-focused future for our Church in Detroit.

### Phase 1: Kickoff and Discernment

AUGUST 2025 TO MARCH 2026

- Parish, curia, and ministry data collected and analyzed
- Consultation and feedback with priests, deacons, and parish leaders
- Restructuring initiative announced to the public (Nov. 17, 2025)
- Criteria developed for pastorate models
- Parishes grouped into "planning areas" to begin discernment
- Priests meet to develop draft pastorate models (January 2026)



**Pastorate Discernment Modeling Sessions (Jan 14-16)**  
170+ priests gathered for three days to pray, discuss, and discern new models for the structure of our parishes.

### Phase 2: Listening and Refinement

APRIL 2026 TO DECEMBER 2026

- Parish workbooks (data & demographics) posted on restructuring website
- **Each parish holds two listening sessions open to public (Spring 2026)**
- Curia holds listening session
- Priest assignment process discernment begins
- Pastorate models refined and presented for Archbishop Weisenburger's consideration

### What's NEXT?

#### LISTENING SESSIONS THIS SPRING

After Easter, you will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft models at your local parish listening sessions. There will be more than 400 across the archdiocese. **Dates and instructions for registration can be found at [RESTRUCTURING.AOD.ORG](https://restructuring.aod.org) beginning in mid-March.**

### Phase 3: Preparation for Implementation

JANUARY 2027 TO JUNE 2027

- Archbishop Weisenburger announces pastorate decisions
- Priest assignments announced
- Curia realignment announced

### Phase 4: Implementation

JULY 2027 TO JULY 2028

- New pastorates and priest assignments begin

## How Can I Get Involved?

First and foremost, join us in prayer. You can view the Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring on our website. You can also sign up to receive specific prayer intentions each month, so you can include them in your personal prayer, or as part of your parish's intercessory prayer team. During spring of 2026, all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit will have the opportunity to share their feedback on various drafts models. Each model proposes a different option for grouping parishes together into pastorates. Each Parish will host two listening sessions at which you can learn more about the plans and share your feedback. Within a few weeks of your Listening Session, every parishioner will be provided and opportunity to share additional feedback in an online survey. Every piece of feedback will be discerned and considered as valuable contribution to this process.

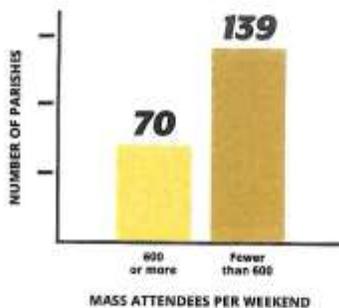
## When Are My Local Parish Listening Sessions?

Every Parish will host two listening sessions, beginning in mid-April, through the month of June 2026. In total, more than 400 listening sessions will be hosted across the archdiocese. You can find information about your Parish listening Session and RSVP at [restructuring.aod.org](http://restructuring.aod.org) beginning in mid-March.

## Why Does the Archdiocese of Detroit Need to Restructure?

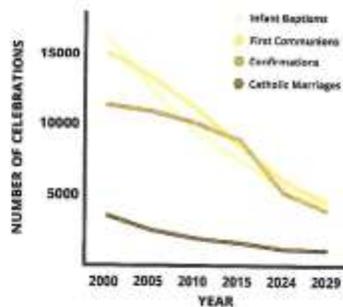
**THIS INITIATIVE IS ROOTED IN OUR MISSION TO BRING CHRIST MORE FULLY INTO THE LIVES OF THE FAITHFUL AND TO STRENGTHEN SPIRITUAL AND COMMUNAL BONDS ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE.**

Over recent decades, we've seen significant shifts: fewer Catholics attending Mass, declining participation in the sacraments, and an ever-shrinking number of priests due to aging and retirement. Once serving 1.5 million Catholics, we now minister to approximately 900,000 — with fewer than half attending Mass regularly. At the same time, we've struggled to maintain buildings, structures, and ministries designed for a much larger Church, and that's left us stretched thin — making it harder to fully serve where people need us most.



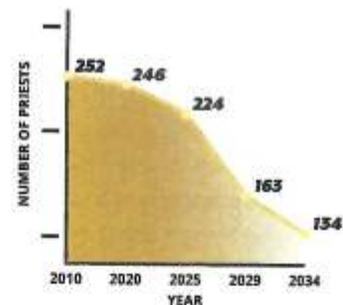
### Mass Attendance

Today, 67% of parishes have fewer than 600 weekly Mass attendees. In the next five years, more than three-quarters of parishes are projected to shrink.



### Sacraments

In the past 25 years, we've seen a dramatic decline in Baptisms, First Communion and Confirmations, and a steady decline in marriages.



### Fewer Priests

Most active priests are 50 and older, and the total number of priests is projected to decline by 40% in the next 10 years.

Dear Staff and Volunteers of the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes:

It has been brought to my attention that there has been some tension and conflict regarding the safety requirements the Archdiocese has in place for volunteers. It is my hope to be able to navigate this issue in a fair manner and provide a path forward for our parishes and volunteers alike.

I would begin by acknowledging and thanking our volunteers. Your generosity is far more than a gesture to be appreciated. Our parishes have become reliant upon the efforts you provide in a substantial manner. We would be hard pressed to provide the ministerial and educational services across the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes without your generous support and assistance. May God reward you for your generosity of heart.

That being said, we all know the scandal and heartbreak caused by the child-abuse crisis. When we discovered that God's precious little ones were being abused and harmed by those we trusted and looked to for spiritual leadership (many of whom were priests) we felt betrayed and deceived. We demanded (and rightly so) accountability from our leadership. The question was asked (and fairly asked): "Why wasn't something done to stop this? What are we going to do to prevent these horrible situations in the future?" In response to this crisis, our bishops have established safety criteria for the protection of our children and our parishes.

I am aware that these requirements might seem invasive or even offensive. I will state that I do not believe that any of our volunteers are in any way a threat to the safety of our children. Nevertheless, I am mindful of the painful truth that child abuse remains a serious problem in our society and the majority of this harm is caused by perpetrators that were trusted and deemed safe by those with the responsibility to protect these innocent little ones.

Furthermore, with the additional focus and scrutiny that all the parishes and schools in the Archdiocese are undergoing in the "restructuring" process, a failure to follow such procedures could easily endanger our parishes, our school, our staff, and even our priests on a serious professional level.

Therefore, I am suggesting that we all work together to bring our volunteers and staff into compliance with the standards. We will be providing the means and avenues to assist all of you to make this happen in a manner that is respectful and causes the least inconvenience. Assistance will be offered through the parish offices for those of you who have difficulty registering for the Virtus training, and evenings will be provided for the viewing of the training sessions in St. Joseph school building. We will even provide refreshments. While more details will be forthcoming in the near future, I want to thank you all again for your generosity and for your willingness to work with us to protect our parishes and our children.

In Christ,

Fr. Slaton



ARCHDIOCESE  
of DETROIT

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office of Safe Environments adheres to the USCCB – Dallas Charter and its requirements by providing programs to assist parents and children - and all those who work and volunteer in Archdiocesan parishes, schools, agencies, and Curia offices- with training and screening in preventing harm to young people and vulnerable adults.

These requirements apply to any volunteer at a parish or school-coordinated ministry or event, whether that happens on or off school property. Whether or not a volunteer or employee interacts directly with children or vulnerable adults, all volunteers play a role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our parish and school communities.

**Please read the following information –**

- NEW employees and volunteers are required to take a “live” PGC class and can register through [VIRTUS® Online](#).
  - There are in-person and Zoom options for the “live” class.
  - The training for new employees/volunteers takes around three hours.
- A Background Check is required every two years for our volunteers and every year for employees.
- Individuals who completed the *Protecting God's Children* training BEFORE (Today's Date) 2023 are required to take our recertification course.
  - The recertification class is self-paced. You can pause, save, and resume the class as needed, based on your schedule.
  - The recertification training should take approximately 30 minutes.
  - Recertification training will then be required every three years and is automatically assigned to your account 15 days prior to current training expiring.
- Once a Background Check has been processed, a Code of Conduct has been signed, and the *Protecting God's Children* training has been completed then you will be authorized to volunteer/be employed at your school or parish. Please note that all three of these components are required prior to employment or active volunteering status.

**Not our compliance, but our calling.**

Often when we hear about the efforts of the Church regarding sexual abuse, we hear about the importance of compliance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. From a faith environment perspective, the importance is not in our compliance, but in our calling. As Catholics, we are called to respect the life and dignity of every human person from conception to natural death. The Charter guides us in action to our calling. Our calling furthers the Gospel message of Christ. Thank you for your cooperation in protecting all of God's children.