

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Antonian" † October 18, 2026

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



ST. ANTHONY'S DIRECTORY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday:
10:00am - 3:30pm
(Lunch is taken between 12:30 & 1:30pm)
Friday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

OFFICE STAFF

Parish Office: 734-854-1143
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ADORATION

St. Anthony Chapel 24/7
Contact the parish office for entry code.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Monday & Wednesday | 10:00am - 4:00pm
St. Joseph
Daily Exposition | See parish website

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Prayer Blankets
Sandy Maenle: 734-847-7813
Prayer Chain
Miriam Dressel: 734-888-1192

ST. ANTHONY

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday | 9:00am, 11:00am *(NLM)*

Weekday Masses

Tuesday | 9:00am
Thursday | 7:00pm *(NLM)*
First Friday | 7:00pm *(NLM)*
First Saturday | 9:00am *(NLM)*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday | 5:00 - 6:00pm
First Saturday: 10:00 - 11:00am

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

8330 Lewis Ave.
Temperance, MI 48182

Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday | 9:00am, 7:00pm
Monday | 9:00am
Wednesday | 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday | 10:00 - 11:00am
Saturday | 1:00 - 2:00pm

ST. JOSEPH

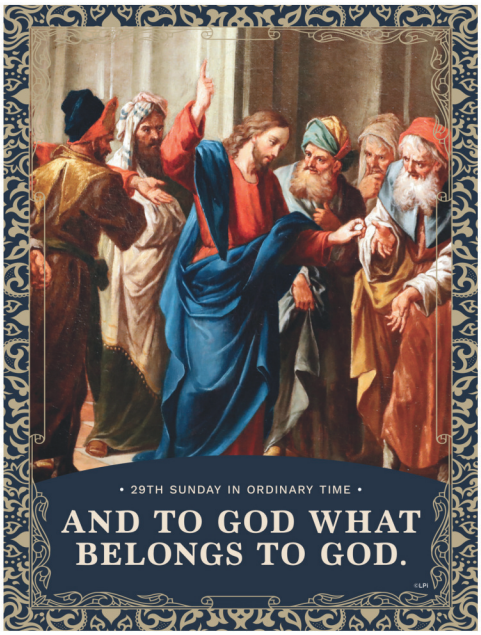
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Erie, MI 48133

Mass Schedule

Saturday | 4:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday | 7:30am, 10:30am, 4:30pm
Tuesday | 6:00pm
Friday | 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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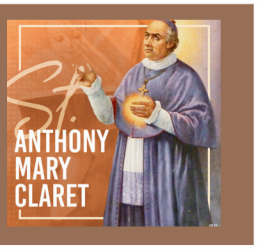
St. Anthony Winter & Holiday Sale

Friday, October 23rd - 9am - 6pm
Saturday, October 24th - 10am - 3pm
Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Valentines and St. Patrick Day decorations, Furniture, Toys, Winter Wear, Coats, Boots, Gift Items and many other items











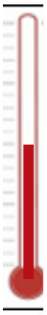
READINGS FOR TODAY

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6
Thessalonians 1: 1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

CSA
CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our CSA goal for 2026



is $42,535.00 as of Tuesday, October 13th, we have received 55 pledges totaling $22,260.00 (52%) Please help us reach our goal.

Any excess of our goal comes back to the Parish for our use. Any shortage of our goal the Parish will have to pay.

God Bless you all for your generosity!!!

OFFERTORY STORY
FOR OCTOBER 11, 2026

# Env. Used/Assigned:	55/322
Envelope Total:	$3,628.00
Loose:	$1,021.00
Total:	**$4,649.00**
Weekly Budget Amt:	**$5,900.00**
Over/Under:	-$1,251.00
Budget YTD:	**+5,922.00**
Other:	
Candles:	$108.00
CD Rack:	$1.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care:	$670.00
CSA:	$600.00
Mission Appeal:	$5.00
Right to Life Table:	$475.00
Total for Other:	**$1,859.00**

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 19
Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Prs., & Comps. (1642, 1646, 1648, 1649), "The North American Martyrs," Secondary Pts. of Canada *(New)*

St. Peter of Alcantara (1592), Pr., R. *(Trad.)*

Tuesday, October 20
9:00am †*Bonnie, Paul & Brandon Spillane*
by Shaun Spillane
Luke & Michelle Trabbic
by Theresa Holup
Living & Deceased Members of the George & Carrie Komorowski Family
by Family Reunion

St. Paul of the Cross (1775), Pr., F. of the Passionists *(New)*

Wednesday, October 21

St. Ursula & her 11,000 Comps. (4th C.), Vs., Ms. (Trad.)

Thursday, October 22
7:00pm †*Kenneth & Patricia Gorney*
(NLM) ***& Patricia, Tommy & Donald***
by Kaye Shephard
Andrea Korotko by Barb Korotko
Jon Schnur by Elisa Schnur

St. John Paul II (2005), P. *(New)*

Friday, October 23
St. John of Capistrano (1456), Pr., Pt. of jurists (New)

Saturday, October 24
Sunday Vigil
4:00pm †Cliff & Rachel Renn
by Rummage Sale Girls

St. Anthony Mary Claret (1870), B. of Cuba, F. of the Claretians *(New)*

Sunday, October 25
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time *(New)*
22nd Sunday after Pentecost *(Trad.)*
9:00am †Laurie Fuhrmeister by Ruth Miller
11:00am The People of St. Anthony
(NLM)

Feast of Christ the King (Trad.; Last Sunday in October)
The 40 Martyrs of England & Wales (16th C.), Ms. *(New/some places)*

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, October 19
No Mass

Tuesday, October 20
9:00am - Holy Mass

Wednesday, October 21
No Mass
6:30 - 7:30pm PH Devotions

Thursday, October 22
5:00 - 6:00pm - Confessions
7:00pm - Holy Mass *(NLM)*

Friday, October 23
9:00am - 6:00pm Winter & Holiday Sale - Kenna Hall

Saturday, October 24
10:00am - 3:00pm Winter & Holiday Sale - Kenna Hall
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Winter & Holiday Sale Clean Up

Help is needed to clean up the hall after the Winter & Holiday Sale on Sunday, October 25th from 1 pm until finished. *Please help, many hands make the workload light!* Thank you in advance for any time you can give.



BLESSING OF ITEMS

1st Thursday of each month

Fr. Slaton blesses items the 1st Thursday of each month. Our next scheduled day will be Thursday, November 5th, 2026. Please bring any items to be blessed before Thursday; be sure to include your name and number on the items. Theresa will contact you when your item is ready to be picked up during office hours.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale Dates

The Knights will be selling Christmas Cards at the November 8th and December 13th Knights of Columbus breakfasts from 8:30-11:30am in Kenna Hall and on December 5th & 6th and December 19th & 20th after the 4:00pm, 9:00am & 11:00am Masses in the church Narthex.



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

Wes Brown, Army Reserve
Kodie Burtscher, USAF
Jed Clark, USMC
Kay Clark Thompson, USAF
Eric Hite, Jr. USAF
SSGT Alexa Long, USAF
A.J. Ondrus, USN
Alexander Strang USAF
Victoria Urben - USN



LET US PRAY FOR

Norb Abel
David Amer
Paul Bazydlo
Helen Biedenharn
Jackie Biler
Gary Brink
Charley Bussey
Caleb
Gerald Carto
Linda Chaney
Elizabeth Corey
Carl Cornprobst
Elizabeth Cousino
Lowell Cousino
Marcus Demorest
Caleb Dershem
Ken & Miriam Dressel
Elaine Esper
Joe Evener
Barbara Francis
Sheila Greisinger
Jeff Grycza
Raad Hamama
Angelica Hamama
Gloria Hartman
Nicole Hartman
Diane Heidelberg
Phyllis Heyse
Sonya Hill
Phyllis Hinkelman
John
M. Johnson
Carolyn Jones
Devin Kacher
Pete Kessler
Joanne Kolinski
RoseMarie Komorowski
Jonah Kornberg
Barbara Korotko
Joseph Korotko
Earl Kramer
David Larner
Bill & Dawn Larsen
Patrick Lyndsay
Sandy Maenle
Peg Mallin
Bridget Marie
Kevin Martin
Lois Martin
Elizabeth McChesney
Bob Mcnear
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
Homero Ortiz
Karen & Tom Penney
Dianne Petrilla
Veronica Rakebrand
Fr. Patrick Rohen
John & Marge Scott
Aaron Shreffler
Michelle Shuman
Patty Smith
Cheryl Stanford
Cherryl Stout
Delores Thorn
Jackie Tomaszewski
Katie Tomaszewski
Mark Tomaszewski
Flossie Townsend
Alicia Trejo
Manuel Valdez
Conor Vermett
Murl Waidelich
Bishop Jeffrey Walsh
Christopher Warner
Diane Webber
Kristine Wells
John & Helen Williams
Mary Beth Wise
Jim Woronec
Dawn Wyse
Charlie Yacuone
Amy Yates
Rita Zeller



OUR SACRAMENTAL POLICY

Six-month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Baptism

Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requires that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic, and the Godparents must be active, practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If two Godparents: must be 1 male & 1 female; if one Godparent: may be male or female.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Please call the Parish Office. Officiate at the ceremony must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Funerals

Officiate must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Please note: The services of the Parish Organist are used for all sacramental liturgies.

New Envelope Numbers are coming!

The Archdiocese is updating parish systems and improving the way we manage parish records. As part of these changes, envelope numbers will be changing. We understand that many parishioners and families have had the same envelope number for many years, and that these numbers may feel familiar or meaningful. Please be assured that this change does not affect your parish membership, giving history, or our gratitude for your faithful support. Please continue using the envelopes you receive from the parish. When you receive your January batch of envelopes, your number will likely be different. *No action is needed from you at this time.* Please be patient with us during this process.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER 24 & 25

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
4PM	J. Holup	T. & W. Strang	D. Thoma, J. Thoma, & J. Komorowski
9AM	G. Ingersoll	R. Cousino, J.P. Bylicki	G. Ingersoll, B. Kapela, L. Komorowski, & J. Briskey
11AM (*NLM*)	--	TBD	K. Jorrey, J. Ondrus

October 2026

ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Since July of 1701, when Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac first stepped onto the shoreline of what would become the City of Detroit, the story of the Catholic Church here has been written through the lives of God's holy people: religious men and women who served in our parishes, schools, hospitals and retreat centers; priests who dedicated their lives to ministering to God's people; and generations of faithful Catholics who have lived their faith through Word, Sacrament, charity and service.

What a story it has been.

Today, we stand at the threshold of a new chapter in our long and remarkable history. As you know, the Archdiocese of Detroit is in the second half of a two-year process of restructuring. This past spring, we shared draft pastorate models and opened the doors to your feedback. More than 40,000 parishioners attended 412 listening sessions, and 17,000 provided additional feedback through our online survey over the summer.

I would like to share with you where we are and what comes next.

First, and among our greatest treasures, our priests.

As part of the restructuring, all parish priests will receive new assignments, with only a very few exceptions —primarily the four newly ordained priests and five pastors who were newly assigned and moved in 2026. Our priests have been informed of the broad reassignment process that will take place next summer and have been asked to begin planning for a smooth transition.

I cannot overstate my gratitude for their faithful leadership. Their spirit of sacrifice, unity, and service is a powerful witness, not only to our local Church today but also to the generations of priests who will follow them. I know, too, that while we have great faith in the Lord's never-failing help, facing the reality of these priest transfers can be challenging.

Our priests forge deep bonds with those they serve, and those relationships are a treasured part of parish life.

But this movement of priests is important and intentional. As we form new pastorates, we need to look at the needs of newly formed pastorates as a whole and match the gifts, experience, and abilities of our priests with the communities they will serve. This gives both our priests and our parish communities an opportunity for a fresh start together, laying a foundation on which ministries and relationships from prior communities can be successfully blended into one.

This approach of a true fresh beginning for all has proven absolutely essential in dioceses where restructuring has known great success. And while it asks much of our priests, it is a sacrifice they are making as brothers of one, unified presbyterate, for you, the faithful whom they are committed to serve with great fidelity. I ask that you give them your full support as they take their leave from their current assignments and, as these new pastorates are formed in July 2027, that you welcome new priests to your communities with full and loving support.

Second, a word about the pastorate models.

As you may recall, we began this process in the spring by releasing three to four draft models for each planning area of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Those models were a starting point for discussion and discernment.

We then gathered your feedback through more than 400 parish listening sessions, an online survey, and thousands of additional comments, emails, and conversations we have received over the last few months.

We have incorporated your feedback into a second round of draft models, now with two models for each planning area. Some models may be revised, some may be entirely new, and others may remain unchanged from Round 1. In late October, you can view these Round 2 models by visiting restructuring.aod.org.

Once again, these are still draft models. The pastorate groupings are not final. Rather, these models are an opportunity to see how your feedback is helping to shape this important process. I pray you will see in this next round of draft models that we truly listened, took your feedback to heart, and did our best to let it shape where we are today.

One example of your feedback was that the phrase "no weekend Masses" in the Round 1 models raised questions about what that would actually mean for the future of these communities.

As we move into the next stage of refining the models, we are now able to provide greater clarity. In the refined models, you will continue to see some locations identified as having "no weekend Masses." For those locations, this means they would be combined with another parish, or with other parishes in the pastorate, to form a single, unified parish community.

This is not a change in the overall direction of the restructuring process. Rather, it is a further clarification that is appropriate at this stage of our planning. It also aligns with much of the feedback we have heard from you as we continue working together to refine these models.

What happens next?

In October, these second-round draft models will be shared with our priests and key parish leaders for another round of feedback. From there, the material will go to the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission for its review and feedback. The proposal will then come to me for my own prayerful discernment before a final plan is announced in April 2027.

I recognize that behind every model, every recommendation, and every decision are parish communities that people deeply love and call home. Our parishes have rich histories, and they often feel very much like members of our own families. I honor those feelings because they reflect the love you have for your faith and for the communities that have nurtured it. That love is something we carry with us as we look to the future.

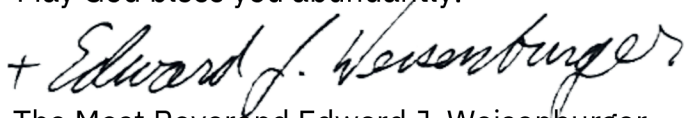
For more than 300 years, Catholics in Detroit have responded to the needs of their time with faith, courage, and trust in God. Through every season, generation after generation has found new ways to live the Gospel, worship together, serve others and pass on the faith. We are part of that same story today.

This moment gives us an opportunity to ask not simply how we preserve what has been, but how we best prepare the Church of the Detroit Archdiocese for what God is calling us to become. Our hope is to build on the faith, sacrifice, and generosity of those who came before us so that generations still to come will encounter vibrant Catholic communities where they can know Christ, grow as disciples, and experience the life of the Church.

We may not see every detail of the path ahead, but we know the One who leads us. Let us move forward with faith and confidence in Christ, trusting in the Holy Spirit who has guided the Church of this Archdiocese for more than three centuries.

And let us embrace this moment together as children of God the Father, disciples of Christ the Son, and recipients of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, united in our shared vision for the future: vibrant faith communities, flourishing priests, and sustainable, mission-ready parishes.

May God bless you abundantly.



The Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Archdiocese of Detroit

GOSPEL MEDITATION - DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
OCTOBER 18, 2026 | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | MATTHEW 22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

A Message from the Sisters of the Visitation

Live + Jesus!
During the month of November
we pray for our loved ones who have
gone to their eternal rest.

As our gift to you, we invite you to send the names of your departed loved ones, which will be placed in a basket at the feet of our Blessed Mother near the Tabernacle to be remembered in prayer by the Sisters.
Email to toledovhm@gmail.com
or mail to: Monastery of the Visitation, 1745 Parkside Blvd., Toledo, OH 43607-1599

Save the Date: Turkey Bingo
Saturday, November 14th, 7pm
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Hall

Please Note:
First Holy Communion Dates for Lumen Christi Parishes have been set at the following Holy Masses:
St. Anthony, May 2, 2027 @ 9:00am
St. Joseph, May 9, 2027 @10:30am
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, May 16, 2027 @ 9:00am



Thank you!
A special thank you to Design Memorial Stone for volunteering their services to move the Memorial for the Unborn headstone as we make updates to the garden. (OhioMonuments.com)

Catholic Services Appeal
2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit embark upon the CSA (Catholic Services Appeal) Drive. The CSA is a required collection taken up for the general operational expenses of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It helps to subsidize Catholic institutions that may not necessarily be connected to or funded by a particular parish. Among these special services are Campus Ministry, Telecommunications, Hospital and Prison Chaplaincies, Central Service Offices, which provide direct assistance to individual parishes, the Marriage Tribunal, and the like. Since the CSA provides for 62% of the operating budget of the Archdiocese, we are assessed or taxed a specific amount we are asked to meet. Our assessment is based upon many factors, including parish registration, Sunday collections, and financial status of the area within our parish boundaries. The detail of how our assessment is calculated, as well as how the money is used may be found on the insert included with today's bulletin.

The amount assessed to St. Anthony Parish this year is **$42,535**. In order to reach our goal, the recommended pledge amount will be **$300** from each family.

For your convenience, pledge forms can be found at the bottom of this page. Please complete the form and designate the amount of your pledge and the payment plan you prefer and return to the Parish Office. Pledges may also be made by calling the Parish Office 734-854-1143; sending your pledge via email (stanthony@bex.net) or by stopping by the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Your pledge can be made in several ways: paid in full and returned with your pledge form; a down payment returned with your pledge form, with the balance divided into quarterly payments, or divided evenly among 9 monthly payments. Credit card and automatic withdrawal payments and electronic funds transfers (EFT) will also be accepted. If you wish to contribute this way, please go to: give.aodcsa.org. Please select "St. Anthony, Temperance" on the online form where indicated. Donors may also call (888) 331-8695 to make an online or EFT request.

Please note: If you sign up to make payments on your pledge, the payment schedule will not begin until July 2026.

Please remember that we are required to make an accounting of all CSA cards for our Parish, so even if you are unable to pledge, we ask that you indicate that to the Parish Office as well.

I am grateful for your continued stewardship and prayers.

God Love you!

Father Robert J. Slaton
St. Anthony Parish

CSA - 2026

Name_____

Address_____ Phone #_____

Amount of total Pledge $_____ Amount paid today $_____

Balance due $_____. Please bill me quarterly_____ or monthly (9 monthly payments)_____

____I will pay by credit card (or) by automatic withdrawal payments per the information above.

Please make checks Payable to: St. Anthony - CSA

focus on life

2026 Annual Benefit Dinner

October 27, 2026

The Monroe Golf and Country Club

Monroe, MI



October 27, 2026

Doors Open at 5:45 p.m.
Dinner & Program at 7:00 p.m.

The Monroe Golf and Country Club

611 Cole Rd
Monroe, MI 48162

Mailing Address

Monroe County Right to Life
323 E Front St
Adrian, MI 49221-2812

More Information

Robert Burke
(517) 215-8041
robert.mcrtl@gmail.com



Joe Toly

special guest speaker

Joe Toly is the Director of Communications for Right to Life of Michigan. In his role, he helps oversee implementation of the organization's integrated communications strategy. He is responsible for writing press releases and statements for the President of the organization, identifying opportunities to secure positive press coverage for the organization and its entities, pitching stories to news media, setting up press interviews, and more. He brings a variety of experience, having spent time both in Michigan's 2nd Congressional District and in DC with Congressman John Moolenaar's campaign and Congressional office. Joe is a recent graduate of Calvin University where he received a degree in Political Science. He is motivated in his work by a fierce commitment to protect the most vulnerable among us, and by his faith.

Call the Parish Office to reserve your seat. We have 2 tables.



SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

Halloween Candy Fundraiser

Please drop off bags of candy at the parish to help seminarians provide a safe trick-or-treating experience for kids! A collection basket will be in the narthex.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Support St. Joseph Catholic School

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4. Questions? Email school@stjosepherie.com or call (734) 848 - 6985.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Archdiocesan Restructuring

Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to the lay faithful across the Archdiocese of Detroit for your generous participation during this important phase of the restructuring process. More than 40,000 parishioners attended 412 parish listening sessions, and over 17,000 individuals shared their feedback through the survey. Thank you for the time you have invested, the insights and experiences you have shared, and the spirit of faith with which you have engaged this process. Your continued prayers, participation, and commitment to the Church are helping us discern together how best to strengthen our parishes and advance the mission of Christ throughout southeast Michigan.

What Happens Next? Parish Modeling Refinement

Throughout August and September, all of the feedback and data received was reviewed, organized, and analyzed. The restructuring team, consultative bodies, and the Catholic Leadership Institute are now working together to evaluate that input and prepare for the next phase of the process: the refinement of the parish models.

Round 1: Faithful
APRIL-JULY 2026



Priests, faithful, volunteer facilitators, KPLs, PPOC, Curia, Parish Renewal & CLI

Round one draft models were developed during the Priests' Discernment Workshop in January and subsequently shared with the faithful through parish listening sessions and the restructuring website. Feedback was collected through the listening sessions, an online survey, and various consultative bodies, ensuring that the perspectives of clergy, parish leaders, and the lay faithful were incorporated into the refinement process.

Round 2: Parishes
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2026



Priests, KPLs, deacons, Parish Renewal & CLI

Round one draft models will be refined with input from consultative bodies, priests, deacons, lay ministers, and the lay faithful. The refined Round two draft models will be released in October 2026 at **RESTRUCTURING.AOD.ORG**. Pastors and Key Parish Leaders will then be invited to give additional feedback. After further refinement, the final recommended models will be presented to the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission and then to Archbishop Weisenburger for his discernment as he considers the future configuration of parishes across the Archdiocese.

Final Announcement
APRIL 17-18, 2027

Archbishop Weisenburger

Archbishop Weisenburger will enter a time of prayerful discernment, carefully considering the proposed parish models and the feedback received from clergy, parish leaders, and the lay faithful. After completing this discernment, he will announce the final restructuring models and priest assignments during the weekend of April 17-18, 2027.

Model Refinement FAQs

WHAT HAPPENS IN REFINEMENT?

Once all of the feedback has been read, the Modeling Team, together with a select group of priests and lay leaders from each planning area, will gather to review the feedback for their planning area and refine the models. The work done in the refinement workshops will result in a set of Round two draft models for each planning area. In some cases, one or both models may remain the same as the Round one draft models that were shared at parish listening sessions. In other cases, one or both models may be new or revised in some way.

At that time, Key Parish Leaders (KPLs) and priests at each parish will gather to review the models and share their feedback. The Round two draft models will also be published to the restructuring website at this time. We anticipate that Round two draft models will be published in October 2026.

WHO IS PARTICIPATING?

We want to be transparent about how participants were selected and the perspectives represented, while also protecting the integrity of the working sessions. For that reason, we are not publishing individual participant names.

This allows participants to engage candidly in the refinement process without being viewed as representatives of a particular parish or constituency or being contacted or lobbied outside the workshops. We believe this strikes the right balance between transparency about the process and creating an environment where participants can thoughtfully consider the parish feedback and make the difficult decisions needed to develop the Round draft 2 models.

HOW WERE PARTICIPANTS FOR MODEL REFINEMENT SELECTED?

Participants were selected based on their involvement in and exposure to the restructuring process to date. Most are members of the Modeling Team, restructuring commission, and/or project workstreams. The group includes priests, deacons, parish staff, and lay leaders who collectively bring a range of perspectives and familiarity with the pastoral and practical realities of the planning areas.

During the workshops, participants will review the feedback gathered through the parish listening sessions, evaluate the Round one draft models, and make decisions about how those models should be refined into the Round two draft models. The Round two draft models will then move forward as the next step in the broader discernment and restructuring process.

WHY DOES MY PRIEST HAVE TO BE REASSIGNED EVEN IF MY PARISH IS HEALTHY?

The rationale behind what we anticipate will be a significant movement of priests has been discussed extensively with our clergy. We have also consulted with several dioceses that have undergone similar restructuring efforts, as well as priests currently serving in those dioceses. Consistently, their recommendation has been that all priests move as part of the transition.

There are several reasons for this approach. First, it allows us to look at the needs of the Archdiocese as a whole and match the gifts, talents, and experiences of our priests with the needs of the pastorates they will serve. Second, it provides both priests and parish communities with an opportunity for a fresh start as these new pastorates are formed.

Most pastorates will consist of multiple parish communities led by one pastor, with other priests serving as parochial vicars (commonly known as associate pastors). If priests were to remain in their current assignments and one of those priests was named pastor of the newly formed pastorate, it could create challenges for both clergy and parishioners. Parishioners might naturally continue to look to their longtime priest for leadership, and the pastor could be perceived as favoring the community from which he originally came. These dynamics can make it more difficult to build trust across the pastorate and to lead the newly formed community effectively.

We recognize that this aspect of the restructuring may be difficult to understand and accept, particularly given the strong bonds that often develop between priests and parish communities. Our goal is to position both our priests and our pastorates for long-term success as we seek to continue serving the People of God throughout southeast Michigan.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MODELING TEAM

The Modeling Team includes priests, deacons, parish staff, and lay leaders who collectively bring a range of perspectives and familiarity with the pastoral and practical realities of the planning areas. This team acts as a consultative body that reviews feedback and refines the pastorate models in collaboration with additional participants from each planning area.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESTRUCTURING COMMISSION

Members of the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission are priests, deacons, religious and laity from across the Archdiocese of Detroit who advise and consult on the restructuring process.

CURIA

The administrative “headquarters” of the Archdiocese of Detroit, which consists of departments, ministry leaders and officials who assist the Archbishop in his ministry as the chief shepherd and pastor of the local Church.

DEPARTMENT OF PARISH RENEWAL

A new department of the archdiocesan curia set up for the purpose of facilitating, administering and overseeing the archdiocesan restructuring process, as well as advising Archbishop Weisenburger. Fr. Mario Amore is the executive director of the Department of Parish Renewal.

PASTORATE

A grouping of one or more parishes entrusted to the pastoral care of a single pastor and often sharing resources, ministries, and staff. A pastorate may include one pastor overseeing a single parish, or one pastor overseeing multiple parishes.

PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT (PPOC)

A parish staff member appointed by his or her priest to help navigate the archdiocesan restructuring process and communicate with the larger parish community. PPOCs have three responsibilities: to receive, share, and submit information on behalf of their parish during the restructuring process.

KEY PARISH LEADERS (KPLS)

Individual members of each parish designated by their priest to serve as collaborators in the restructuring effort. Key Parish Leaders must be registered parishioners and may serve as members of the parish/finance council, key ministry leaders, or representatives of a key parish demographic group. Key Parish Leaders will help share, inform, participate and lead the discernment process at their parish.

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