



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Antonian” ✝ September 27, 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

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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

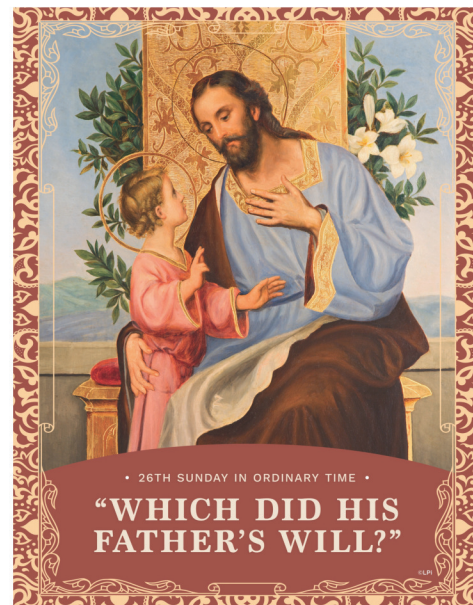
Saturday | 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday | 9:00am, 7:00pm
Monday | 9:00am
Wednesday | 9:00am
Sacrament of Penance
Wednesday | 10:00 - 11:00am
Saturday | 1:00 - 2:00pm

ST. JOSEPH

2214 Manhattan St.
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
Tuesday | 5:00 - 6:00pm
First Friday | 10:00 - 11:00am



Fr. Robert Slaton
celebrates his
14 year Anniversary
of Ordination to the
Holy Priesthood
Tuesday, September 29.



May God continue to bless Fr. Slaton
for his Faithfulness, Dedication, and
Love as he works to further the
Kingdom of God and serve His people.

Please note the Parish Offices will
close at 1 pm on Tuesday,
September 29th.





MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus (929), M., Duke, Pt. of Bohemia and brewers
(New, Trad.)

Tuesday, September 29

9:00am †**Kathy LaPoint** by Joan & Bill Wilkinson
†**Jacob Parrish** by Sharon Stevens
***Fr. Robert Slaton**
(14th Anniversary of Ordination) by GK

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels (New)

Wednesday, September 30

St. Jerome (420), Pr., D., translator of the Latin Vulgate Bible (New, Trad.)

Thursday, October 1

7:00pm †**Gary Raabe** by Tom & Barbara Motsinger (NLM)
†**Raymond Shephard** by Kaye Shephard
***Kevin & Cathy Oswald**

by Randy & Dianne Shields
St. Therese of Lisieux (1897), V., R., D., Pt. of all foreign missions (New)

First Friday, October 2

7:00pm †**Jim Miller** by Deanna Bisson (NLM)
The Holy Guardian Angels (New, Trad.)

First Saturday, October 3

9:00am **Fr. Slaton's Intentions** (NLM)

Sunday Vigil

4:00pm †**James Fuelling** by Shawn Multhauf
St. Gerard of Brogne (959), Ab. (Hist.)

Sunday, October 4

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New)
19th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)
9:00am **Living & Deceased Members of the Valentine & Mary Tomczak Family** by Ron & Ruth Miller
11:00am **The People of St. Anthony** (NLM)

St. Francis of Assisi (1226), F. of Franciscans & Poor Clares
(New, Trad.)



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, September 28

No Mass

Tuesday, September 29

9:00am - Holy Mass

1:00pm - Parish offices close early

Wednesday, September 30

No Mass

6:30 - 7:30pm PH Devotions

Thursday, October 1

Blessing of Items

5:00 - 6:00pm - Confessions

7:00pm - Holy Mass (NLM)

First Friday, October 2

9:00am-2:00pm - HFS - KH/School

7:00pm - Holy Mass (NLM)

First Saturday, October 3

9:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

No Confessions

11:00am - Rosary for Life at
Kroger, Lambertville

Sunday Vigil

4:00pm - Holy Mass

Sunday, October 4

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New)

19th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)

9:00am - Holy Mass

11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)

Prayer Blankets after all Masses

3:00pm - Blessing of Pets



In Honor of the Feast of St. Francis

Blessing of Pets will take place

Sunday, October 4th, 3:00pm

All pets are welcome. The blessing will take place in the parking lot between the Church and the School.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Anthony Holiday Rummage Sale

The date has been set for our

Holiday Rummage Sale

to be held

October 23 & 24

More details to come!

A Rosary for Life

has been scheduled.

Saturday, October 3, 11:00 am

Meet in front of Kroger parking lot
in Lambertville.

READINGS FOR TODAY

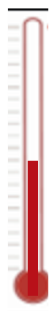
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Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32



Our CSA goal for 2026

is \$42,535.00 as of
Tuesday, September
22nd, we have
received 49 pledges
totaling
\$20,310.00 (47%)
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 SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

# Env. Used/Assigned:	49/322
Envelope Total:	\$3,445.00
Loose:	\$518.00
Total:	\$3,963.00
Weekly Budget Amt:	\$5,900.00
Over/Under:	-\$1,937.00
Budget YTD:	+3,877.00

Other:

Candles:	\$142.25
CD Rack:	\$5.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care:	\$1,360.00
CSA:	\$850.00
Hall Rental/Insurance	\$950.00
Masses:	\$40.00

Total for Other: \$3,347.25





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
 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
 Janie Grimes
 Pete Grundy
 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.



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, October 1st, 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.



SAVE THE DATE

Focus on Life 2026 Annual Benefit Dinner

October 27, 2026

The Monroe Golf and Country Club, 611 Cole Rd, Monroe, MI 48162

Special Guest Speaker: Joe Toly

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to make your reservation. We have purchased two tables.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER 3 & 4

MASS	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
4PM	K. Torio	T. & W. Strang	D. Thoma, J. Thoma, & J. Komorowski
9AM	K. Shade	P. Cousino; J. Ritenour	G. Ingersoll, B. Kapela, L. Komorowski, & J. Briskey
11AM (NLM)	--	TBD	K. Jorrey, J. Ondrus

PRIESTHOOD

Sunday



*O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep these Your servants within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart,
where none may harm them.*

Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts sealed with the sublime marks of Your glorious priesthood.

Let your holy love surround them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labor with abundant fruit.

*And, may they to whom they have ministered be here their joy and consolation,
and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown.*

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness.

Lord, do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation,

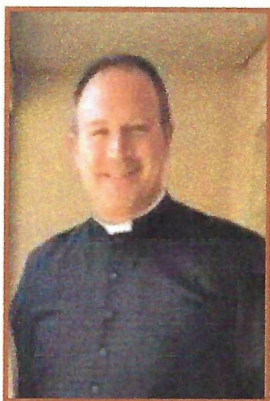
help us to say "yes" to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.



Today is a very special day; a day all of us should take some time to thank God for sending us Fr. Robert Slaton. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated spiritual leader. In the seven years since his arrival, he has served as Administer, Pastor, and currently, Moderator of the Lumen Christi Parish Family. We have all truly been blessed by Fr. Slaton's prayers, guidance and understanding that has become so vitally important to our spiritual lives. The faith he shares with us each day creates constant opportunity for all of us to grow in our faith.

Let us all keep Fr. Slaton and all priests in our daily prayers as they travel the road God has chosen for each of them. Also, remember to include in our prayers a prayer that we may find new candidates for vocations to the Priesthood. Surely, we all realize the urgent need for increased vocations here in our Archdiocese!

Together we thank Fr. Slaton:



*For leading us in worship
For visiting us in our homes
For comforting us in our sickness
For showing us huge compassion
For blessing our marriages and our homes
For baptizing our children
For supporting us in our bereavement
For helping us grow in our faith
For aid in reconciliation
For helping us realize God's presence among us
And many countless encouraging moments.*

St. John Vianney, Universal Patron of Priests, Pray for Us and our Priests.

Feast of the Archangels - September 29

St. Michael - St. Gabriel - St. Raphael



St. Michael

whose name means "who is like God?" and who serves as protector of Christians against the devil, especially at the hour of their death, is the supreme foe of Satan and his legions as described in the Book of Revelation.

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St. Michael the Archangel, Defend us in Battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the Power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



St. Gabriel

whose name means "the power of God", announced the Incarnation to Mary and appeared to Joseph in a dream.

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O God, Who from among all your angels chose the Archangel Gabriel to announce the mystery of the Incarnation, mercifully grant that we who solemnly remember him on earth may feel the benefits of his patronage in heaven, Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



St. Raphael

whose name means "healer of God", figures prominently in the Old Testament book of Tobit, specifically when he helps rid Tobias of the demon Asmodeus.

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O God, send the Archangel Raphael to our assistance. May he who stands forever praising you at your throne present our humble petitions to be blessed by You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen



Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

October 2

Angel of God, My Guardian Dear, To Whom God's Love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

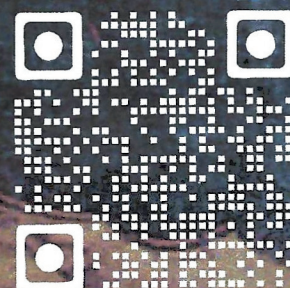


ARCHDIOCESE
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OCTOBER 3-9, 2026

Eucharistic Rosary Congress

A Eucharistic Rosary Congress is seven days and nights of continuous Eucharistic Adoration in which the Holy Rosary is prayed aloud at the top of every hour, day and night, without interruption. Hosted in a parish or diocese, it is a sustained act of communal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | MATTHEW 21:28-32

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Come & See Fall Preview Night

For Prospective Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Learners

Tuesday, October 6, 6:00pm

What to Expect:

Snacks

Activities

Storytime

2238 Manhattan Rd

Erie, MI 48133

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Pray without Ceasing

ST. JOSEPH



PANTHERS

**Winter Sports Registration
Now Open!**

cost \$80

Register Online



BOYS BASKETBALL (grades 4-8)

GIRLS BASKETBALL (grades 4-8)

Registration Window: Sept. 14 - Oct. 11

QUESTIONS?

Contact the athletic director at athletics@stjosepherie.com.

OR visit <https://www.stjosepherie.com/athletics> to register

Participation in CYO athletics is open to all members of the Lumen Christi Family of Parishes

L i v e + J e s u s !

There will be a HOLY HOUR, Sunday, October 4th, at 4:00 P. M.

To give glory, love and reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
at the SACRED HEART CHAPEL, MONASTERY OF THE VISITATION

1745 Parkside Blvd., Toledo, OH 43607

The Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament,
Vespers, homily, the Rosary, Sacred Heart devotions and Benediction.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

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.

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.

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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