



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Antonian” ✕ October 4, 2026

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



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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

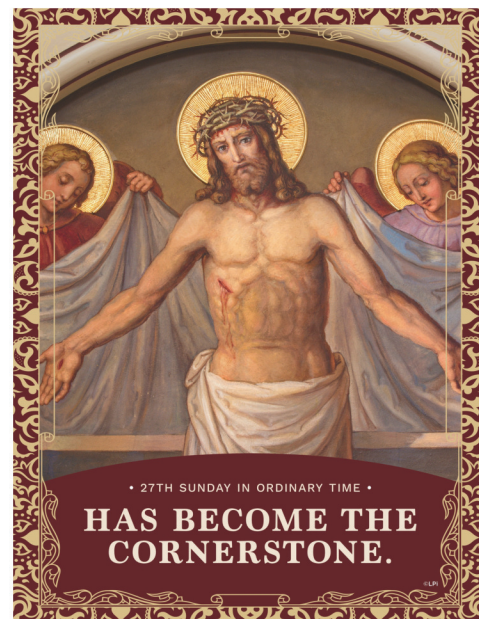
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 Erie, MI 48133

Mass Schedule

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday | 5:00 - 6:00pm
 First Friday | 10:00 - 11:00am



• 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •
**HAS BECOME THE
 CORNERSTONE.**

Save the Date
Knights of Columbus
Breakfast
October 11, 8:30am - 11:30am
Kenna Hall



In Honor of the Feast of St. Francis
Blessing of Pets
 will take place **today**
Sunday, October 4th, 3:00pm
 All pets are welcome. The blessing will
 take place in the parking lot between
 the Church and the School.





MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 5
Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Pr., R. (New)

Tuesday, October 6
9:00am †**Roy Knaggs** by Faye Knaggs & Family
(9th Anniversary of Death)
†**Carol Krohn** by Theresa Holup
†**Jacob Parrish** by Roslyn Briskey

St. Bruno (1101), Pr., Hermit, Ab., F. of the Carthusian
Order, Pt. of those who suffer from demonic possession
(New, Trad.)

Wednesday, October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary (1571) (New, Trad.)

Thursday, October 8
7:00pm †**Frank Gotha** by Kaye Shephard
(NLM) †**Paul Dusseau & *Sharon & *Paula Dusseau**
by Randy & Dianne Shields
***Bisson Family** by Merrin Bisson
St. Bridget of Sweden (1373), W., R., F. of the Brigittines,
Pt. of Sweden (Trad.)

Friday, October 9
St. Denis (Dionysius), B., Pt. against demons & headaches,
& Comps. (Rusticus & Eleutherius) (3rd C.), Ms.
(New, Trad.)

Saturday, October 10
Sunday Vigil
4:00pm †**Letha Holup** by Jeanne Holup
(6th Anniversary of Death)
St. Francis Borgia (1572), Pr., R., Pt. of Portugal
(Trad.)

Sunday, October 11
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New)
20th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)
9:00am †**James Fuelling & Jacob Parrish**
by Annette & Lenny Hopkins
11:00am The People of St. Anthony
(NLM)
St. John XXIII (1963), P. (New)

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, October 5
No Mass

Tuesday, October 6
9:00am - Holy Mass
10:15-11:30am - Prayer Blanket Mtg

Wednesday, October 7
No Mass
6:30 - 7:30pm PH Devotions
7:00 - 8:15pm K of C Mtg - SCH

Thursday, October 8
5:00 - 6:00pm - Confessions
7:00pm - Holy Mass (NLM)

Friday, October 9
6:00 - 7:30pm - Little Flowers - PH
6:00 - 7:30pm - TSG - KH

Saturday, October 10
8:30am - 12:00pm K of C Setup - KH

Sunday Vigil
4:00pm - Holy Mass

Sunday, October 11
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (New)
20th Sunday after Pentecost (Trad.)
8:30 - 11:30am - K of C Breakfast - KH
9:00am- Holy Mass
11:00am - Holy Mass (NLM)
Top Hat Collection after all Masses



READINGS FOR TODAY

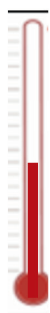
Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philipians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43



Our CSA goal for 2026

is **\$42,535.00** as of
Tuesday, September
29th, we have
received 52 pledges
totaling
\$21,510.00 (50%)
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 27, 2026

# Env. Used/Assigned:	64/322
Envelope Total:	\$7,507.00
Loose:	\$743.00
Total:	\$8,250.00
Weekly Budget Amt:	\$5,900.00
Over/Under:	+\$2,350.00
Budget YTD:	+6,227.00

Other:

Books/Pamphlets/CD Rack:	\$15.00
Candles:	\$84.00
Donation:	\$40.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care:	\$2,485.00
CSA:	\$1,050.00
Masses:	\$30.00
Memorial Donations:	\$220.00
Rummage Sale:	\$1,000.00

Total for Other: \$4,924.00



Live+Jesus!

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
at 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!

Pray without Ceasing

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!



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
 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, 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.



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 10 & 11

MASS	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers
4PM	R. Dressel	I. & M. Elmore	D. Thoma, J. Thoma, & J. Komorowski
9AM	R. Oehlers	J. & T. Dollison	G. Ingersoll, B. Kapela, L. Komorowski, & J. Briskey
11AM (NLM)	--	TBD	K. Jorrey, J. Ondrus



Thank you for your continued support.

"Fill the Black Top Hat" fund raiser will be the weekend of October 10 th - 11th 2026. You will see SVdP members holding top hats at the entrances of the church at the end of each Mass.

**For those who don't carry cash we have options:
checks payable to: OLMC-SVDP
text TOPHAT to 53-555 or
visit <https://givebutter.com/OLMCsvdp-TopHat> or
scan our QR code**

Please help support the SVdP to fulfill our mission to serve those in need. Your monetary gift will show that you are a disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who are in need.

New members are always welcome, please join us at our monthly meeting, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on the third Thursday at 6:30pm in the conference room. See the face of Christ; Be the face of Christ to those we help in our community. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 734-847-2805, #20. so that together we can help those who are hungry or in need.



Vivat Jesus

On Saturday, September 26th members of the St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus met to cleanup St. Anthony Road from Secor to Kenna hall. This event is sponsored by adopt a road. A total of 5 bags of trash were picked up. A big thank you to Kirk Shade for organizing this event, and to all who helped.

The first pancake breakfast was held on September 13, eighty breakfasts were served. This is a good opportunity for fellowship, and getting to know parish members that you may not have met. Sunday, October 11th is the next breakfast. We serve from 8:30am until 11:30am.

The Knights meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 in the school. If you are a member in good standing, and haven't been to a meeting in a while we would like to see you there. The Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic men 18 years of age and older. If you would like more information on becoming a Knight, we are more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you,

~ Patrick Cousino



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!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



For more information contact Tom Pfaffenbach at pfaffenbach.tom@shms.edu



WINTER & HOLIDAY SALE

St. Anthony Kenna Hall

4635 St. Anthony Rd

Temperance, MI 48182

Friday, October 23rd

9:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday, October 24th

10:00am to 3:00pm

Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Valentines and St. Patrick
Day decorations, Furniture, Toys, Winter Wear, Coats,
Boots, Gift Items and many other items

HOLIDAY RUMMAGE SALE 2026

ST. ANTHONY KENNA HALL /4635 St Anthony Rd/Temperance MI 48182

We need your help to make this a success!

Please come and donate some time. Bring a friend.

Questions call: Carol Fuelling 1-419-350-5900 Annette Roe 1-734-732-7972 Jolene Krohn 419-340-1832						Sunday October 11 HELP NEEDED! Set up tables, Get racks and shelves out of pods 1PM AFTER THE KNIGHT'S BREAKFAST
Monday October 12 HELP NEEDED! Set up tables, empty shed and rooms	Tuesday October 13 HELP NEEDED! Set up tables, empty shed and rooms	Wednesday October 14 Sort items, hang clothes, fold linens, price items	Thursday October 15 Sort items, hang clothes, fold linens, price items	Friday October 16 Sort items, hang clothes, fold linens, price items	Saturday October 17 Sort items, hang clothes, fold linens, price items	Sunday October 18 Sort items, hang clothes, fold linens, price items
Monday October 19 Sort items, hang clothes, fold linens, price items	Tuesday October 20 Sort items, hang clothes, fold linens, price items	Wednesday October 21 Sort items, hang clothes, fold linens, price items	Thursday October 22 Sort items, hang clothes, fold linens, price items	Friday October 23 SALE DAY! 9am - 6pm	Saturday October 24 SALE DAY! 10am-3pm	Sunday October 25 Clean up HELP NEEDED! 1pm until Finished

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

OCTOBER 4, 2026 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | MATTHEW 21:33-44

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

Altar Server Training

*Altar Server training for
English and Latin Mass*

*is being scheduled. Please call the parish
office if you are interested.*

*This is open to new servers,
as well as current servers
who would like to brush up on
their skills.*

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Offices will be closed on
Thursday, October 8th for staff training.



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

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.

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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