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We Are All Called to Catechize

Catechesis: *The act of handing on the Word of God intended to inform the faith community and candidates for initiation into the Church about the teachings of Christ, transmitted by the Apostles to the Church. It also involves the lifelong effort of forming people into witnesses to Christ and opening their hearts to the spiritual transformation given by the Holy Spirit.*

(United States Catholic Catechism for Adults) USCCB

This time of year finds us all in the “back to school” mode. We acknowledge that summer is drawing to an end; the days are getting shorter and the weather is getting cooler. In parish life, September often means getting back on schedule with meetings, events and educational opportunities for all. The religious education programs move into high gear to educate the many youth and adults in our parishes.

The third Sunday of September in the United States is celebrated as Catechetical Sunday in order to acknowledge, appreciate and commission those who are catechists. In his encyclical letter *Redemptoris Missio* Pope John Paul II, says: “Among the laity who become evangelizers, catechists have a place of honor...Catechists are among those who have received Christ’s command to ‘go and teach all nations’”.

When we think of catechists we often consider only those who teach our children in the formal religious education programs, but we are all called to be catechists. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, “Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.” (CCC 2223, 2225). It also states, “Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children.” (CCC 2223) This year’s theme, “Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love,” is an encouraging way to reflect on and celebrate the proper role of parents as primary catechists of their children.

The church provides a formal religious educational program to assist the parents in the religious education of their children. The Archdiocese of Detroit recommends that parish educational programs include thirty hours of study each year. What is equally important is that families reinforce, in their daily lives, what is taught in the classroom. One of the most important ways to share the faith with children is through values. As adults, if we value prayer and make time for it, our children will see this and value prayer. If adults value weekly participation at Sunday Mass and make it a priority, then children will realize the importance of worshipping together as a family and in community. If adults value their relationship with Jesus, they will talk about Him and help children to know Jesus better. As parents, grandparents, godparents and adult role-models, we are all called to catechize and evangelize not only our youth, but each other as well.



Many educational opportunities are also available for adults. Whether it is a bible study, a prayer series, or other faith enhancing programs; it is important for adults to continue their Christian education. A former pastor was very fond of saying, “*Christian education is from womb to tomb*”.

Celebrating catechesis and those who participate in it really means celebrating the Church’s universal mission to evangelize and the parish’s role in helping people both deepen their understanding and practice of the faith. That is why it is important to offer, at least once a year, the opportunity to celebrate catechists and to remind the community that catechesis is such an integral part of everything the parish does.

So on Sunday, September 19th, please acknowledge the hard work of the many catechists in each parish and be grateful for those who are making a special effort to have followed Christ’s command to “go and teach all nations”.

Linda Maccarone
NMV News Editor

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347 S. Main Romeo, MI
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Memorial Crosses for Aborted Babies

St. Clement of Rome invites your help in setting up the crosses for aborted babies on **Saturday, October 9th from 9AM - Noon**, in front of the church. This is a rewarding project for families and individuals of all ages. St. Clement Parish is located on the east side of Van Dyke, south of 32 Mile Road in Romeo Village. For more information, call **Kathy Smiszek, 586.752.2856** or **Jeanne Fix, 586.531.0630**

**St. Kieran - Inner Healing Day
Saturday, Sept. 25th, 10AM - Noon**

You can experience God's healing love through prayer by one of several teams under the auspices of the Detroit Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center. This private, personal, individual prayer will be conducted at St. Kieran Church, 53600 Mound Road, north of 24 Mile in Shelby Township. Please enter from the back of the building to go to the White Room.

Romeo Life Chain - Sunday, Oct. 3rd

St. Clement of Rome invites everyone to stand in a life chain on **Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 3rd**. Park in the lot in front of St. Clement Parish, located on the east side of Van Dyke, south of 32 Mile Road in Romeo Village. Signs and refreshments will be provided by the Life is a Peach Committee and Macomb County Northwest Right to Life. For more information, call **Chris Zielinski, 248.529.6125**.

Police & Fireman Appreciation Mass

Honoring police & fireman of all faiths

Sunday, September 26th, 2PM

St. Peter Catholic Church

95 Market St. in Mount Clemens

Reception immediately following Mass in the

Fr. Welch Parish Hall.

RSVP to Debbie Goff, 586.463.8644

Protecting God's Children Workshop

Wednesday, October 27th, 6-9PM

SS. John and Paul Church

7777 W. 28 Mile Road

(north side of 28 Mile, west of Campground)



This workshop focuses on creating safe environment for children by preventing the opportunity for sexual abuse to occur. The session will include videos and discussion, along with a light meal.

The meal will be served at 5:30PM.

Please register for this workshop by visiting

www.virtus.org

Married Couples Evening Series

*A monthly session held one Sunday a month at the
Capuchin Retreat Center:*

Sept. 26th, Oct. 24th and

Nov. 21st from 4:30-8:15 PM

The theme for the three evenings is: "Listening and Loving." The cost is \$55 per couple per session or \$150 paid in advance for all three sessions. Call the Capuchin Office, 248.651.4826, to register.

If you have not attended, it is worth the time and effort. If you have, we welcome you back to share and learn. It is a great evening with fine food and fine friends along with sharing of wisdom and experiences.

For more information about other programs offered at the retreat center, please visit our website:

www.capretreat.org or email: info@capretreat.org

Public Square Rosary Campaign

The Holy Rosary

Saturday, Oct. 16th, 11:30AM

Shelby Twp. Municipal Grounds
52700 Van Dyke at 24 Mile Road

Bring a lawn chair



Articles for the North Macomb Vicariate's **October issue are due by Friday, September 17th.**

Please email your article to NMVNews@yahoo.com or admin@stthereseparish.ws.

If you have any questions please call Linda Maccarone, **586.254.4433**

2010/2011 IHM Millennium Raffle

Support Retired IHM Sisters by purchasing IHM Millennium Raffle Tickets:

- Cash prizes ranging from \$50 - \$250
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For information or tickets, contact: **IHM Development Office, 610 West Elm Ave., Monroe MI 48162**; or phone **734.240.9860**; email: develop@ihmsisters.org. Tickets may also be purchased on line at: www.ihmsisters.org

A Gift of Love

Many of our older and disabled neighbors are quite isolated with no family or friends nearby. Having a special friend, who can drop by every week or two to chat, read mail, or go out for coffee, or just let them know that someone cares, becomes a wonderful blessing in their lives. If you have just a few hours each month that you can give to someone who has no one, you can make a real difference in the life of a frail or homebound neighbor. Your special gift of love may turn into a very special blessing for you as well. For more information, call the **Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, 586.757.5551**.

St. Isidore Rummage Sale

Thursday, September 16th

Early Bird admission \$1, 9AM-10AM; 10AM-5PM FREE

Friday, September 17th - 9AM-1PM \$2 Bag Day

St. Isidore is located at 18201 23 Mile Road at Romeo Plank
Rummage Sale is located in the Parish Center

St. Thomas Aquinas Starfest 2010

Corner of Ford Rd. & Evergreen
Call **313.271.3266** for more information

Saturday, Sept. 18th, Noon - 10PM

Sunday, Sept. 19th, Noon - 9PM

Delicious chicken & Polish dinners served both days.
Music, dancing & live entertainment, live DJ 4-9PM

Cash raffle- \$5000 Grand Prize

This will be the last Starfest, so spread the word.

18th Annual St. Lawrence Apple Fest



September 10, 11 & 12

Friday ~ 5 PM - Midnight

Saturday ~ Noon - Midnight

Sunday ~ Noon - 8 PM

Midway Rides ~ Great Food ~ Children's Tent

Live Bands ~ Raffles ~ Bingo ~ Vegas Room

St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

Quenching Our Thirst Monthly Series

September 19th at 7 PM

Guest Speaker: Michael Hovey, Coordinator, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations for Archdiocese of Detroit

Topic: How Do We as Catholics Develop a "Well-formed Conscience"?

All are welcome!



SS. John and Paul Church Perennial Exchange

Sept. 25th from 9:30 AM - 12 PM, at the Pavilion on the parish grounds. Bring any perennials, herbs, shrubs or trees that you would like to swap in a labeled container (pot, bag, milk jug)

SS. John and Paul Church is located at 7777 W. 28 Mile Rd., Washington (north of 28 Mile Rd., west of Campground). Please call Paula, **586.781.9010** or visit the parish website at www.ssjohnandpaul.org for directions and more information.

St. Edmund Parish in Warren

50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 18th

Music Concert & Gala Dinner featuring: *Dave Wagner, Natalie Conte and the St. Edmund Liturgical Ensemble*

Gala Dinner is served strolling buffet style and adult beverages
Begins at 6:30PM, Dinner & Concert is \$50 p/p
Concert ONLY begins at 8PM, tickets is \$8 p/p
Concert ONLY Family Pack is \$25

Hurry! Deadline for ticket purchase is September 3rd

Ticket & information, contact:

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