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Catholic Identity, The Eucharist, and the Election Season

As we enter into August we also enter more fully into the yearly election season. As candidates vie for our attention and receive our votes, it is a good time to think through what influence our Catholic faith and identity has on us. As an institution the Catholic Church is very careful about separating Church and party politics: no partisan campaigning, even if someone is active in the parish; no partisan political signs on parish property; no leafleting of cars during Masses; no parking of vans and cars in parish parking lots, if they have been turned into partisan political displays; no handing out of candidate assessments, unless all significant issues are covered. At the same time the Church as institution encourages its members to be active in politics, to bring core moral principles and values into the public arena for discussion, to even hold gatherings and voter registration drives, which allow for issues to be presented and debated, as long as it is kept open to all sides and is balanced.

The question of our Catholic faith and identity having an influence on our decisions at election time can become even more complicated by the fact that the Church as institution at times puts its moral weight publicly behind certain non-partisan initiatives. Signs are displayed, pamphlets and other material on how we should vote on an issue are handed out in church. The Catholic Church in Michigan has done so in recent years in its support of the constitutional definition of marriage as one man and one woman; in its opposition to radically changing affirmative action laws; in its support of laws that add restrictions to how and when abortions happen; in its defense of human embryos and opposition to embryonic stem cell research. Such public interventions will continue in the future on key moral issues. I wouldn't be surprised if we see that happen on the issue of immigration, if a ballot initiative tries to be too restrictive or punitive. The Church will put its official voice behind basic human dignity and the need to find a way to help immigrant families stay together and earn a basic living. Such public

interventions are not done as Republicans or Democrats or other parties. Rather, they come from deeply held moral principles on what is the true good for all humanity.

In some cases the issues on which the Church as institution has focused have gone the way the Church leadership has hoped. In others, voters decided on the contrary position. In all cases it is clear that there is no block of "Catholic" votes that can simply be assumed, because the bishops have spoken out on an issue, even on issues where there is no ambiguity as to what the Catholic Church authoritatively teaches. This means that when we gather as faith communities on Sundays, we are gathering with some (many?) who hold very different positions on candidates and election issues. Yet, we all share a common Catholic identity. We all participate in the same Eucharistic celebration. We need to reflect deeply on that reality, lest we turn Eucharist into another exercise in partisanship.

In the Eucharist we people of very diverse political views are knitted as one. Each of us contributes through our active participation in the gift that is placed on the altar. Each of us is part of the transformation that happens in the bread and wine. The gift of the Lord's presence happens at communion, partially, because of the faith of some who hold very antagonistic political views. Yet the Eucharist unites all of us into one common celebration and gift. As we enter the election season this year, let us embrace our Eucharistic identity as Catholics. May the Eucharist serve as a way to see beyond divisiveness and prejudice toward a common goal of bringing Christ's life to the world. We vote as Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Independent or some other type of partisanship. But we have a deeper identity as Catholic Christians which unites us in our common Eucharistic celebration. Do we allow it to affect how we talk about issues, how we dialogue with those who hold different views than ours, and how we work toward the common good? I truly hope so.

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What Happens When Life Gives You Grief and Sorrow?

On Wednesday, August 18th at the Capuchin Retreat, join Fr. Ken Reinhart and Fred Cavaiani as they present a powerful, consoling and inspiring program for anyone who is suffering from grief, loss or sorrow. This evening is open to anyone who would like to discover a deeper relationship with God even in the midst of pain. In fact, it is a time to discover how our grief can be a stepping stone to a deeper and more fulfilled life.

This evening will give some excellent fundamental spiritual and psychological principles to live life in a positive manner. It will help us understand the meaning of the words: *"It is not what happens to us that is the problem in life, but what we do with what happens to us in life."*

Program Schedule:

- 6:30 PM Registration
- 7 PM What is Grief? The experience of the grieving person.
- 7:30 PM Psychological Tools for Dealing with Grief
- 8 PM The Spirituality of Grief and Sorrow
- 8:30 PM The Power of Meditation in our Darkest Moments

Requested Donation: \$20

(If you have a financial crisis, please call us at the retreat center. No one will be refused because they cannot afford the cost.)

To Register: Call: 248.651.4826

Solanus Casey Center 7th Annual Golf Outing

The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, invites you to support the center and join us **August 14, 9 AM, Fern Hill Golf & Country Club, Clinton TWP.** Don't golf? Please join us for a 1:30 lunch.

All proceeds go to the Solanus Casey Center, dedicated to the holiness of Father Solanus. <http://www.solanuscenter.org> or call 313.579.2100, ext. 153.

Take Intro to Theology at St. Therese of Lisieux!

Have you ever wanted to be able to better explain the Catholic faith to someone or just brush up on your knowledge of why we believe what we believe?

Sacred Heart Major Seminary is offering a two-credit **Introduction to Theology** course this coming fall on-site at St. Therese!

Covering the major doctrines of the Church, the course will be taught by **Msr. Jeffrey Monforton** and held Thursday evenings from 7- 9 PM for 14 weeks beginning **September 9th**. Credits can be applied toward catechetical certification or other pastoral programs or degrees. Financial aid is available through the parish and Archdiocese.

It's not too late to get started...the admissions deadline is **August 13**. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at Sacred Heart Major Seminary at 313.883.8520 or e-mail: fromm.tamra@shms.edu.

Vote in the August 3rd Primary It's Your Right, It's Your Duty!



Reminder: You may vote in only one party's primary, either Democratic or Republican.

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is both a virtue and a moral obligation. When you consider a candidate, consider Catholic Social teachings. Loving our neighbor, caring for the least among us, and promoting the common good is a compelling Christian call, especially in tough economic times.

Does the candidate seek fairness in addressing our difficult economic issues? Does he/she show concern for the poor, for human life, for human rights, for peace and justice issues?

You can find non-partisan information at: www.mivote.org/ - See MiVoter Guide for video interviews with candidates.

Articles for the North Macomb Vicariate's **September issue are due by August 16th**. Please email your article to NMVNews@yahoo.com or admin@stthereseeparish.ws. If you have any questions please call Linda Maccarone at 586.254.4433

ENDOW at St. Clement of Rome

St. Clement of Rome Parish in Romeo would like to focus on doing something for **women's ministry**. We would like to start a group called **ENDOW** (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women).

ENDOW is an educational program developed by a group of women in the Archdiocese of Denver who were inspired by the writings and teachings of Pope John Paul II. ENDOW educates women using a small group setting and a well-developed study curriculum. The program is based on the writings of John Paul II, Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other Catholic thinkers, philosophers and saints.

Within their intimate group, women share in fellowship and strengthen their faith. We would meet on **Thursday morning from 10 AM - 11:30 AM or Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8 PM**. It would be a seven week commitment during September, October and November. If you would like to learn more about our group, **please call Debbie Knoblock at 586.752.6592**.



SS. John and Paul Church Perennial Exchange Saturday, September 25th

Gardeners, mark your calendar for the 5th Annual Perennial Exchange on Saturday, September 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) and be prepared to come away with new additions for your garden! Start looking at your flower beds now to see what needs to be divided in the fall and make plans with a friend or neighbor to be here on Sept. 25th.

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 at 586.781.9010 or visit the parish website at www.ssjohnandpaul.org for directions and more information.

Event For Widows & Widowers

Sunday, Aug. 8th @ 2 PM - Dinner, Support & Games
Golden Hawk Golf Club, 9861 Meisner Lane—Casco Twp.
Cost is \$14, pay at the door, cash only.

Bring your favorite board games or cards & invite other widowed to come along. RSVP and state your meal preference of Peppered Cod, Smothered Chicken or Queen Cut Prime Rib. Call Eileen at 810.326.3864 for more information.

18th Annual St. Lawrence Apple Fest

To be held on the Parish Grounds
44633 Utica Rd / south of Hall - west of Van Dyke



September 10, 11 & 12

Friday ~ 5 PM - Midnight
Saturday ~ Noon - Midnight
Sunday ~ Noon - 8 PM

Midway Rides ~ Great Food ~ Children's Tent
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Cardiac Care with Christ Lunch and Learn Monthly Support Group

Presented by the St. Therese Health Ministry & Henry Ford Macomb Faith Community Nursing - Call to Care Project

Thursday, August 12th from Noon to 1:30 PM
St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church

Do you or a loved one suffer from Congestive Heart Failure? Do you have Heart Disease? If you are struggling to manage high blood pressure, high cholesterol or take medicine for your heart as a patient or as a family member...this group is for you!

Our goal is to provide help and support to families, care givers and those who have heart conditions.

Each meeting will have a guest speaker with time for Q & A, have your blood pressure checked and sample heart healthy snacks. Please bring a bag lunch.

Blood Drive

St. Francis-St. Maximilian Parish will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Aug. 20th from 2-8 PM. Call Fran 586.749.5140 to make an appointment.

Dominican High School Class of 1950 Reunion

Dominican High School Class of 1950 will have a 60th reunion on Sept. 12th at Aspen Restaurant on Hall Rd. in Macomb Twp. Reservations are required. For more information contact Sally Conklin at 248.652.2423 or e-mail Jan Beattie—jdbusiness@comcast.net

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