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The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

One of the wonderful changes that happened after the Second Vatican Council was a renewed understanding of the Anointing of the Sick. The rite for celebrating this sacrament was placed within the larger context of the entire pastoral care for the sick and dying. It is more fittingly called "The Anointing of the Sick" than "Extreme Unction", and it is meant to accompany us whenever we find ourselves facing serious health issues. Yes, that can include when we are near death, but the hope would be that early on in that process we would have been anointed. It is important, then, to move away from the phrase "last rites" when talking about this sacrament. In fact when it is possible, the reception of holy communion is the more important sacrament to receive near the end of life, not anointing. The Church even has a name for this special reception of communion—*Viaticum*—a Latin word meaning "for the journey", implying that we are now ready to travel that final journey through death to God, accompanied by the presence of Christ in communion.

Our sharing in the paschal mystery of Christ will always include a sharing in his suffering and death. Through the Church the risen Christ has given us a sacrament that unites those who are seriously ill with his own life so that we are never alone in that suffering. Because it is a sacrament of and from Christ we know the Anointing of the Sick to be always effective—Christ truly acts. A "real presence" of Christ occurs in the celebration of this sacrament, strengthening the sick, giving them courage, forgiving sins, supporting them spiritually, even at times healing mind and body.

As with any sacrament of the Church, we are encouraged to celebrate Anointing within a communal context when possible. Even in an emergency, a priest invites the family or medical personnel present, who have Christian faith, to join in that moment of prayer and ritual. Parishes often have periodic Masses

with the Anointing of the Sick. When that is not possible, a smaller group of people can be asked to share in the ritual moment of prayer, perhaps after a weekend Mass. When done in a communal context those to be anointed witness to that community of their own faith and trust in the Lord in the midst of their struggles—a powerful witness, because each of us knows that one day we will face our own serious health situations and pray that we can be equally strong in faith at that time.

Who may be anointed? Any baptized Christian whose health is seriously impaired, who shares the Church's faith in the presence of Christ in the celebration of this sacrament. The illness can be physical or mental. It is appropriate in preparation for major surgery; it can include serious addictions and serious chronic conditions such as those related to diabetes, heart disease, depression, and the like; or simply that one is very elderly and frail. Ordinarily the sacrament is reserved for those of sufficient age to actively participate in what is happening, although most priests interpret that very broadly and so will anoint younger children, if they deem it pastorally appropriate.



In the course of our lives the reality is that most of us will be anointed more than one time and hopefully long before the moment of death. Do not be afraid to seek out this important connection to the living presence of the risen Christ and his Church whenever you need it. Let it be done early in any situation of hospice rather than calling the priest in at the last moment. More and more it should be the rare exception that families wait till near death to request this sacrament for themselves or a loved one.

Rev. David A. Buersmeyer
Vicar

VALENTINE EVENING Sunday, February 13, 2011



Plan a Dinner Date with your spouse or fiancé. Join us at **Capuchin Retreat House**, 62460 Mt Vernon, Washington, for a **Valentine's Evening for Engaged and Married Couples, \$55/couple**. Fred Cavaiani will be presenting this evening of intimacy and communication which includes a social and dinner beginning at **4PM**. (Mass at 3:15 for those who wish to attend).

Call the office at 248 651.4826 or register on-line at our website www.capretreat.org.

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Onward to the Kingdom
North Macomb Vicariate Mission

March 25th - David Haas Concert

March 27th - Teen Event

**March 28-31st - Shared daily liturgies
and evening programs**

Ticket prices:

\$10 p/p if purchased by March 13th

\$15 p/p beginning March 14th

**Concert tickets are available at all
parishes.**

The Story of JOB

*A musical by Maureen Miles &
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Sunday, February 6th, 4PM

St. Isidore Catholic Church

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corner of 23 Mile &
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Public Invited

Annual Walk For Warmth



Help Macomb County
residents stay warm:

walk, pledge or donate.

Saturday, February 19th

St. Therese of Lisieux

Registration at 9AM

Walk begins at 10AM

- ▶ Walk route is up to 3 miles
- ▶ Continental breakfast & lunch provided
- ▶ Minimum pledge is \$20 per walker
- ▶ Top prizes for walkers raising over \$500. You must turn in all pledges on the day of the walk to be eligible for prizes
- ▶ Donations are accepted & can be mailed to:
MCCSA, 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 10, Clinton
Twp., MI 48036

Grief Support Group

St. Therese of Lisieux

**All sessions are held on Sundays
from 1-3:30PM**

All are welcome!

February: 6th, 13th, & 20th

March: 6th, 13th, & 20th



Mark your calendars for:

Awaken Our Hearts

*Invigorating the Family of Faith from Baptism
to table from table to world*

**St. Mary Mystical Rose in Armada,
April 17th-20th**

More information in next month's issue of the
vicariate news.

Articles for the North Macomb Vicariate's **March issue are due by Monday, February 14th.**

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

Memory Training for Healthy Seniors

In this *American Society on Aging* award winning program, individuals will learn about memory and key strategies that help us remember. Healthy seniors, and people of all ages, can improve our most cherished organ - our brain - starting right from where we are at this moment. Everyone is different and we don't compare one person to another. Of course, there's no tests! No worries. Come and have fun. Leave a bit wiser.

All sessions are held at St. Therese of Lisieux on
Wednesdays from 1-2:30PM and are **FREE**:

February - 16th & 23rd/March - 9th & 16th

Presenter: *Marcia Relyea*

Please phone the Parish Office, 254.4433, to register.

Widows & Widowers: Dinner/Support/Friendship

Men and women are welcome to attend the Widowed Friends, peer support group, dinner. Come to enjoy conversation and meet new friends in a safe and friendly setting; **Sunday, February 13th**, at the *Voyage Restaurant* (located at the end of 32 Mile Road (Fred Moore Hwy), on the water in beautiful St. Clair. Arrive by **1:45PM** to sign in.

You **MUST RSVP** by Wednesday, February 9th to Richard, 586.784.9210 or Wayne, 810.982.8574

Friday, March 11th, *Patrick Madrid*,

well know Catholic Apologetic, Author, Radio Host & Publish of
Envoy Magazine presents:

Why be Catholic? (*When You Could Be Anything Else?*)

St. Paul's Albanian Catholic Church, 525 W. Auburn Rd,
Rochester Hill, 48307

Mass begins at 6PM and Patrick's talk follows, 7PM

Light refreshments served

*Free will offering, all proceeds go towards the charitable works
of the Knights of Columbus.*

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Blarney Brothers on Friday, March 18th - 6PM

Creek Center ~ K of C Banquet Center

72025 North Ave in Armada

Tickets: \$20 p/p in advance or \$25 at the door

Traditional Irish dinner & Entertainment

For tickets call **Debbie Smith, 586.770.1772**



St. Isidore Altar Society Annual Friends & Family Card Party & Game Day

Join us for an afternoon of fun and good food on **Sunday, March 6th at 1PM** with a chicken dinner and our famous dessert bar at 3PM. There will be door and table prizes with a 50/50 raffle. Prices: **Adults \$12 p/p; Children: \$6 p/c; Children 5 & under, FREE.**



Holy Trinity Apostolate

14th Annual Pre-Lenten Symposium

Mystery Fidei....Pope Paul VI; Mystery of Faith

Saturday, March 5th, 8AM-4PM

SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church

41233 Ryan Road in Sterling Heights, 48314

Holy Mass: *The Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample*

From Rome: *Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Sarno*

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Youth Symposium - \$15 per student ages 12-17 years

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Group Rate: Call Chere, 586.323.4904

Information: Shirley, 313.277.8905

Registration: 7AM; Holy Mass: 8AM

Closing/Benediction: *Fr. Lee Acervo*

Confessions: Available throughout the Symposium;
includes lunch if pre-registered

Make checks payable to: *Holy Trinity Apostolate; PO Box 7095
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or www.holytrinityapostolate.com

40 Days for Life - Spring 2011 Campaign

March 9th - April 17th

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