



St. John Bosco Parish

Redford, Michigan

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. John Bosco Catholic Parish, are called by our Baptism to carry on the mission of Jesus; to teach as He taught; to serve as He served; to celebrate our faith through, with, and in Him; to be a living and welcoming sign of the Father's Kingdom within and beyond the boundaries of our Parish, not only by our words, but also by our actions, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

PASTORAL NOTES

The gospel reading at Mass today speaks of the love of Christ, the shepherd, for his people, even to be willing to lay down his life for them. He seeks out the lost sheep. The lost are all those who do not know and follow the good shepherd. Jesus tells us, "I have other sheep who are not of this fold; I must bring them also." He is persuading us that life is better in the fold. Those who do not attain faith in Christ and become members of his church will not experience God's love and care as revealed to us in Christ.

The Easter season keeps our minds focused on Jesus' resurrection and his continued action in the church and the world. The work of the church and of all Christians is to offer the world that which can be attained only through Christ. Either Jesus matters or he doesn't. If he matters to us, then we must experience him in our lives and share that experience with the world.

Next weekend we begin the 2015 CSA campaign in our parish. Through the CSA we share in the mission of Christ in our Archdiocese. I hope you will take the time to stop in Sheltreau Hall before or after Mass to make a pledge or contribution. Our target is \$25,250. It will be a challenge. Let's make this a total parish effort.

I congratulate all the second graders who will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. It is an

important and exciting event for them and their parents. I encourage the parents to help their children by word and example grow in their appreciation of Holy Communion. May the children become more deeply aware of Jesus' presence in this sacrament and through it develop an ever stronger friendship with him

Please read the two articles in this bulletin regarding the state of our two collaboration partner parishes, St. Robert Bellarmine and St. John Bosco. These articles were recommended by our Joint Parish Council.

Enjoy the presence of God this week in the beauties of spring.

Fr. Richard



Parking Lot Sale Saturday, June 13 2015

St. John Bosco Church, Redford,
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sell your stuff at our site. One parking space is \$15, two for \$25 and three for \$35.

For more information, please call Sally: 734-748-8110.

THIS WILL BE OUR ONLY SALE THIS YEAR so get a space at St. John Bosco Church and be part of a mega stuff sale!

Kroger Re-Enrollment Time

It is once again time for our parish members to re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Re-enroll between now and May 1st. To re-enroll on line, simply go to

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Click on "enroll".

St. John Bosco's ID number is: 82650.

All participants must sign up for the program in order to continue earning funds for St. John Bosco during 2015-2016.

If it is the first time a member is enrolling they will be prompted to register their Kroger card into the program.

Anyone having an issue with their email or password can call 1-800-KROGERS for customer service.

All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate.



A Rose For Mom

This year, as in the past, roses will be on sale for Mother's Day.

Buy a rose in honor of your mother, living or deceased and support the work of Right to Life/Lifespan.

Roses will be available Mother's Day weekend, May 9th & 10th.

Help save the lives of the unborn

Masses For The Week

Monday, April 27
8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John Bosco

Tuesday, April 28
8:15 a.m. Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John Bosco

Wednesday, April 29
8:30 a.m. Memorial for the Deceased

Thursday, April 30
8:30 a.m. No Mass at St. John Bosco

Friday, May 1
8:30 a.m. Robert Stenzel (4th Ann.)

Saturday, May 2
4:00 p.m. Nora Kinary, Req. Family
Richard Wisniewski, Req. The TabEEK Family
Mary Moore, Req. Stella Wolak

Sunday, May 3
9:00 a.m. Jack Robinson, Req. Wife, Louise & Family
Deceased Members of the Altar Society
11:00 a.m. Richard Wisniewski, Req. Family
Joseph & Georgia Mallia, Req. Family

Readings for the Week of April 26, 2015
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

State of the Parish: St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco Parish will reach its 59th anniversary on July 1. During these years the parish has experienced significant changes. The number of registered parishioners has decreased and many costs have increased: utilities, insurance premiums, property and mechanical maintenance. What has remained constant is that core group of faithful and generous parishioners. We have thus far eliminated our debt in 2006 and been able to pay our bills.

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:16-17



Sick List

Molly Modes, Bernard Nerzwicki, Michael Frank, Latonia James, Pat Kowalske, Paul Maher, Nick Dattilo, Helen Dineen, Bernice Wright, Irene Oleksiak, Leina Rydstedt, Ron King, Dale Silkle, Robert Larue, Carl Bryan, Amy Dupek, Fran Matigian, David Bennett, Ellen Bender, Kate Putty, Ed Chambers, Betty Hoerberling, Bob Murphy, Loretta Kemp, Lynn Fracalose, Jeff Mohr, Andy Kine, Jacob Cay, Earl Dineen, Stacy Targos, Theresa Egyed, Veronica Torrolacci, Don Cowell, Carol Ruppert, Robert Richter, Lois Gerigk, Candice Long, David Russell, Dorothy Moliassa, June Maitland, Mark Kamil, Bill Stein, Michelle Schan, Jack Linden, Hal Garczynski, Terri Frank, Marge Kucharek, Anthony Gutowski, Terese Adams, Fred Rumball, Ed Craven, David Russell.

Because we surpassed our CSA and CLT targets, we have been able to paint the interior walls of the church, repair the roofs on the school and the hall, replace gutters, replace the roof over the main entrance, rebuild the canopy in front of church, put new flooring in the vestibule and sacristy at the Beech Daly entrance, and restripe the parking lot.

After our school closed in 2002 because of a low enrollment, we have been blessed to have our school leased for a Head Start program which provides supplemental income.

Last June St. Hilary Parish closed. Archbishop Vigneron added its territory as well as its assets and liabilities to SJB, the adjoining parish. On February 6, 2015, Milliken Ford finalized the purchase of the St. Hilary site. Presently, we are following the Archdiocesan policy for the use of proceeds from the sale of church property. We have submitted to the Archbishop and his Consultors a plan for the use of the funds. The plan includes the payment of St. Hilary's debt and a substantial distribution of funds both to St. John Bosco and St. Robert Bellarmine, our collaboration partner.

With God's blessing and the guidance of the Holy Spirit we hope to continue ministry to the spiritual needs of our local community.

Rev. Richard A. Osebold

First Communion Candidates

The following students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 2nd, 2015. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Diane Aleassa**
- Elias Mamari**
- Michael Al-Yaroub**
- Issa Mamari**
- Zeima Mamari**

Altar Servers Schedule

Saturday, May 2
4:00 p.m. volunteers

Sunday, May 3
9:00 a.m. Ian Bacigal & Jack Ryckman
11:00 a.m. Jeries & Joey Haddad

Letter to the Parish re: Our Debt

To the people of St. Robert's

This is Good Shepherd Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter. As your pastor and shepherd, I thank you not only for your kindness to me in the nine years I've been here at St. Robert's, but also for the strong faith tradition that the parish and the school have built over sixty (60) years. So many of God's blessings might be mentioned, but for the moment let's just thank God for all of them.

One blessing I thank you for is your generosity to *Changing Lives Together* (CLT) over the last three years. Through CLT we will soon eliminate the last of our Loan debt to the Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD) and that will be a milestone for us. However, as we rejoice over this accomplishment, another significantly rising debt is clouding our future. This debt involves our payables to the Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD) and to the Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC). The latter includes such expenses as health care premiums and pension payments for our parish staff and school staff, including our dedicated teachers. The former mostly involves the assessments we owe the Archdiocese from our weekly collections (excepting our Christmas collection) and our past shortfalls from our CSA target.

Both our MCC and AOD payables, which do not accrue interest, thankfully, have been rising astronomically. As you know, health care insurance premiums have tripled since 2000. Currently our monthly health care insurance premiums alone run us over \$9000. Our CSA shortfalls average about \$10,000 over the past three years and our AOD assessments average about \$32,000 a year from 2009 to 2015. While we can keep up with our normal other expenses like utilities quite well, our payables mentioned above have been taxing our annual budget to crisis proportions.

So what's the bottom line? Well, prepare to gasp, here goes. *Our current debts from the above mentioned payables run about \$550.00+* How could this happen? Well, it's like the distinction between your mortgage payments, which you can control and hopefully pay off in a set amount of time, and other expenses which you can't totally control. (if at all), e.g. rising health care cost, water bills, fuel costs for home and auto, etc. Let me say that we have made every effort to manage these expenses, but we're more like David facing Goliath. The world around us is what is it.

We also face significant challenges in keeping our school going. Our current debt relates to the Parish's subsidy to our school, which is so essential to keep Catholic education affordable in South Redford. Because of declining enrollment, MCC costs, out tuition rates and maintenance issues, we are operating at a significant deficit over the past two years or so.

So there we are. The issue now is, *will we rise to the challenge?* What's at stake is not only maintaining a vibrant parish and its Christ-like witness to our local community, but also providing quality Catholic education for the children of families who form a key part of our parish. At first we might feel shocked, angry to be sure, maybe even overwhelmed. But we are not alone. Believe me, my people, other parishes with the AOD are facing similar or even much great financial issues. Compared to them, our debt is 'peanuts' as they say, and I'm not trying to be funny. What are some next steps? Besides staying the course and keeping up or increasing your contributions (we are keeping up with our other expenses), we will provide a **full-fledge Financial Report** to be distributed either on the weekend of May 3rd or 10th. This will provide **accurate** information for your reflection before we hold a **TOWN HALL meeting here at St. Robert's right after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, June 7**, in order to answer your questions, provide any needed additional information, and come up with significant action plans to meet our challenges.

God bless you all and thank you again for being the vibrant parish we are and will be!
Rev. Richard Leliaert

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BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered the first Sunday of the month at 12:00 Noon. Make advance arrangements at the rectory.
OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS: Tuesday 8:15 a.m.
AA MEETINGS: Fridays 7:30 p.m. For further information call 535-8369.
REP SCHEDULE: Tuesdays - 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. All grades.
YOUR CREDIT UNION:
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 36111 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154
 734-432-0212

St. Vincent News

Let us remember our deceased Service Members for the month of April: George Keys, Andrew Natushko, Joe Zajac

Let us also remember our deceased from St. John Bosco whose anniversaries we celebrate this week: Albert Srillard, Cecilia Milke, Clement Schneider, Mary Lay, Irene Wojtkiewicz, Elizabeth Holman, Betty Waddell, Delores Teeters, John McHugh, John Patrick O'Connor, Julia Flynn, Rosana Kamerschen, Joseph Zajac, John Prusak, Michael Zawislaw, John Howard Rock, Bernice V. Zyla, Robert Stenzel, August Petoskey, Maxwell Park, Vivian Wisniewski.

Collection

April

Envelopes Distributed.....	266
Envelopes Turned in	72
Collection Total.....	\$2342.14
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