



Please join us for
Mass on the Grass



Sunday, June 13, 2010 6:00pm

On the grounds of Marygrove College

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket on which to sit.



Invite a friend, too!



Motor City Pride is coming to downtown Ferndale on Sunday, June 6

Dignity Detroit will be present and we need your help in promoting our ministry. Volunteers are being sought to help staff the booth.

If you can spare even just a little time for this important community outreach, please see Denise Smith.

On Sunday June 13, we will have a membership appreciation party after "Mass on the Grass".

Everyone who attends will receive a raffle ticket, which may give you the winning number for a portable BBQ grill. Just in time for summer! Pizza and pop will be served!

The office of Social Chair is open on the Dignity Detroit council for the July 2010 - June 2012 term. If you think you may be interested in taking on this part of our ministry, please see Frank D'Amore. This role oversees functions like the White Elephant Party, End of Summer Potluck, the Anniversary Dinner and, of course, our weekly socials.

Not ready for a council role yet ? If you can otherwise help out with social functions, especially the after-Mass social clean-up, we would be very grateful.

Pride Banquet & Awards Ceremony will be on Friday, June 25 at 7:00 pm at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, on Ryan Rd. in Warren. Tickets are \$40.00.

Dignity Detroit is a co-sponsor to this event and encourages you to attend if you are able.

See Denise or Frank for tickets.

You may also visit www.goaffirmations.org for more information.

4th Annual River Cruise - June 26, 2010 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Steppin' Out and Motown Invitational Classic are teaming up again this year to bring you the River Cruise! Come aboard the "Diamond Belle" for a fantastic time - tickets are \$25 for this day cruise, and can be purchased by calling Steppin' Out (248-399-9255), or by stopping in at Five15 in downtown Royal Oak or ZMC Pharmacy on North Main in Royal Oak. Steppin' Out and Motown Invitational Classic will be hosting an evening cruise later in the summer as well - stay tuned for more details!

Boarding begins promptly at 12:45 pm at Rivard Plaza.

Calendar of Events -

June 2010

6 - Feast of the Body and Blood

Rosary Sunday

**13 - 11th Sunday of Ordinary
Time**

“Mass on the Grass”

Member Appreciation party,
immediately after Mass

**20 - 12th Sunday of Ordinary
Time**

Council Meeting at 4:30

**27 – 13th Sunday of Ordinary
Time**

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2009/10 Dignity Detroit Council

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Community Involvement Coordinator:
Denise Smith

Social Chair: Michelle Snyder

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

For many years, Dignity Detroit has served our less fortunate brothers & sisters at the Soup Kitchen on Detroit's east side.

Our volunteer participation needs your help on the 2nd and 4th Friday each month between 3:30 - 6:00.

Please see George K. or Denise S. if you can help with this important com-



Dignity Detroit meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 pm

Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College

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Dignity Detroit meetings:

Our meetings are open to all

Council -

Third Sunday every month @ 4:30 pm

General Membership -

Third Sunday of January, April, July and October,
immediately after Mass

Thank You!!!

On behalf on Claudia, Glenn, Sr. Therese, Denise, Michelle, I would like to thank everyone who made our 36th Anniversary Celebration one of the best ever.

The celebration started with Saturday night's Dinner/Dance, which included a first ever pictorial slide show of different things that have occurred during the last 36 years, a great dinner and an absolutely wonderful guest speaker, the Rev. Mark Bidwell, senior pastor of MCC Detroit. Unofficial totals from our Silent Auction and Raffle amounted to \$1,555.00. Thanks to those present and your overwhelming generosity. Thanks to Peter and Allan for coordinating ticket sales. Thanks to Michelle Snyder, Peter and Allan for putting together the slide presentation. Thanks also to Jim Carlin, Ken Braman and again, Allan for coordinating the Silent Auction. Finally, thanks for Joe Lempicki and Steve Osinski for the very creative centerpieces (which I admit, I didn't get initially, but then Joe explained everything to me).

Our celebration culminated on Sunday with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Father Rick moved us with his spiritually uplifting homily and Carolyn, Dennis and Michelle put on a feast for the after-mass social. I take full responsibility if I have left anyone out.

And last, but certainly not least, thank you to ALL OF YOU who have supported and been a vital part of our ministry at Dignity Detroit during our 36 years! We couldn't have made it this far without you coming together to celebrate Jesus.

Mark you calendars for the weekend of May 14-15, 2011 for our 37th Anniversary Celebration!!

Yours in Christ,

Frank

On this day, God wants you to know...
... that faith is exactly what it takes to get through uncertainty. Faith is not necessary when you know how things are going to work out, - that's knowledge. It's in the time of unknowing that having faith is what sees you through to the other side. Faith is what gives you strength. Faith is that light in your heart that keeps on shining even when it's all darkness outside. Now is the time to keep that faith alive!

Many of us voluntarily assume extra responsibilities in our workplaces, homes, communities, or families of choice.

Perhaps, though we may not be able to acknowledge it, we hope to be repaid in some way. It's useful to take a look at the motives underlying our giving.

When we offer service to an organization, a recovery program, or a friend or family member, we may secretly expect that our good deeds will be rewarded by acclaims, popularity, or love.

When we can let go of any hidden agendas for our giving, we're blessed. The more freely and generously we give of ourselves, the freer we are of stress, resentment, and burnout.

If we've taken on more than we can handle, if we've lost the appetite for giving, if we're always counting the cost, it's time to look searchingly at our expectations.

When we are able to give from our love for others, our hearts expand with joy.

What's so ordinary about Ordinary Time?

Funny, isn't it, how we humans use some curiously un-descriptive terms to

describe people and things? Take, for instance, the intended-as-a-compliment "You know that Joe, he's a regular guy." We get the idea—Joe's appreciated as a good person, an authentic, down to earth fellow. But I'm not sure he's particularly flattered by a word that in our culture can mean everything from "standard and NOT extra-strength" to "not suffering from intestinal distress." Or, "Sarah is such a stand up gal." What? She doesn't fall down all the time? She can get on stage and make people laugh with a 15-minute comic routine? And, of course, the case where, for many folks under 25, (and residents of Boston), the terms "sick," "bad" and "wicked" are high praise. Literal interpretations can get us into trouble, indeed. The same is true of "Ordinary Time". Ordinarius, which simply means "numbered or ordered in sequence." In the Church Year, there are 33 such numbered Sundays nestled between the feasts and seasons of the year. The Liturgical Calendar that we Catholics observe is a carefully crafted set of seasons and cycles which, in a literary, theatrical way, unfold the story of the relationship between God and Humankind.

The story focuses, of course, on the two great Mysteries of our faith: The Incarnation, and the Resurrection, and is played out in the feasts of Christmas and Easter that celebrate those Mysteries. Those feasts are surrounded by a preparatory period (Advent and Lent) and a post-feast developmental period (Epiphany and Easter.) The weeks not included in those preparatory or developmental periods are numbered, ordered, and called Sundays in Ordinary Time. *Perhaps a more appropriate descriptor would be ordinal time*, because, as we gather in prayer, in word, in song, in the works of Incarnation and Resurrection, there is nothing ordinary, plain or mundane about these weeks. A major focus of the Second Vatican Council (celebrating this year its 40th anniversary) was the strategic calendaring/placement of scriptural readings to be opened and explored each week within the major seasons and this ordinal time between them. The scholars of the Council developed the Liturgical Calendar, which, through its gradual unfolding in a three-year cycle, brings to the Eucharistic Table, the 45 Books and 150 Psalms of the Hebrew Scriptures, as well as the four Gospels, Acts and Letters that make up the 27 books of the Christian writings. In the new calendar, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke were assigned their own "year" in a 3-year series. Assigned as Year A-Matthew, Year B-Mark, and Year C-Luke, each year's readings take on a different twist, a different cast, which reflects the personality, background, and experience of each primary writer. John's Gospel is sprinkled in amongst the years, featuring prominently in all years around the Easter Season. In this year, Year C, through the seasons, feasts and ordinal time, we explore Luke's Gospel. Luke writes his account as a gentile, a Syrian physician. By culture a Greek and a student of Ethics, unlike Matthew Mark and John, Luke lives in, and speaks to, the Hellenistic world, bringing the perspective of an educated, accomplished man who sees himself as a citizen of a broader and more culturally diverse Universe Jewish world that was the focus of the other writers. His account of Jesus' life is the most complete, with the most detail. As a healer himself, Luke's telling stresses the reconciliatory nature of Jesus' ministry and teaching. He reminds readers of Jesus' call to mercy, forgiveness, generosity, inclusivity and compassion. Though the theme of social justice is central in all the Gospels, Luke's account is the strongest and most counter-cultural in its condemnation of injustice, inequity, greed, and the marginalization of women. So, through our readings, our music, our prayer, our lives in the real world, we know that there is nothing ordinary about this time. For it is in this time that we are invited, embraced and challenged by a God of extraordinary love, a God who calls us to extraordinary Life.