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President's Corner

In addition to January 1, 2011 being the beginning of a new year, it also marks the halfway point of the Dignity Council year. The last six months seem to have passed very quickly and successfully! As always, the work could not have been completed without the involvement of the Dignity Family. Some of the events include: the Comerica Park fundraiser in cooperation with the parishioners of St. Mark Catholic Church, the AIDS Walk, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen outreach, our annual canned goods drive, and culminating with the Christmas Giving Tree program. Once again our community of faith has shown their generosity and concern for others. Many a pastor would love such involvement and commitment. The coming months will prove to be just as busy with our hygiene kit collection, March Madness Raffle, clothing drive and the Race for the Cure.

While we continue to excel at helping those in need around us, both locally and internationally (IHM South African AIDS Ministry Program), we must also be mindful that those among us may be in need. In the coming months, Council will be exploring that topic. We will keep the Dignity Family posted on that topic as things develop.

Let me close by wishing each of you a very healthy, Happy New Year!

Frank

Due to the rescheduling of the White Elephant party, the Rosary ministry will take place on the second Sunday, January 9. It will go back to the first Sunday in February.

Dig out those treasures that you don't know what to do with and wrap them up.

On January 2, following Mass, we will host Santa for our Annual White Elephant party.

Remember that this is a fundraiser for Dignity Detroit. The items need not be fancy or new, but respectable.

Pizza and soft drinks will be provided.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!!!!

Survey of the New Testament - Bible Study: 2011

St. Mark Parish

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Friday Mornings - 9:00 am (Coffee) - 9:30 to 10:30 am

COME ALL YEAR – COME WHEN YOU CAN!

Unity in necessary things,
freedom in doubtful things,
charity in all things.

Pope John XXIII

Instead of just throwing out the Christmas cards you received this year, you have the chance to put them to good use.

Ford Motor Company collects Christmas card fronts (yes, just the fronts) and sends them to St. Jude Children's Ranch. The children re-cycle the fronts to create new cards and they are then sold as a fundraiser.

If you would like, bring the cards with you to Mass either this Sunday, January 2nd or the following Sunday, January 9th, and Frank D'Amore will make sure that they get to the Card Collection box at Ford Motor.

Community Directory

Our new Community Directory had its initial publication in late November. Fifty-two (52) people opted to be part of the Directory and have their information published. The next version of the Directory will be published in late May. Those of you not participating at this point will have the opportunity to sign-up at that time. Likewise, any updates or deletions will also be made. In November, 2011, we will begin the process once again to ensure that the information is always up-to-date. As always, the Directory is only available to those who choose to have their information published.

Many thanks!!!

Thank you to those of you who participated in our year-end fundraising letter campaign. Checks continue to arrive at our Post Office Box and, as always, we are extremely grateful. An update will be published in the February Newsletter.

Are you thinking about contributing to Dignity Detroit's success and running for council?

We remind you that your membership must be current by March 1 to be eligible.

Up for election this year are the offices of Vice-President, Secretary and Community Involvement.

Calendar of Events -

January 2011

- 2 - Feast of the Epiphany**
Anniversary Name Contest begins
- 9 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4:30-5:30
Rosary Sunday, immediately following Mass
- 16 - 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Council Meeting, 4:30
General Membership meeting, immediately following Mass
- 23 - 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
- 30 - 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
March Madness ticket distribution begins
Blessing of Throats

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Treasurer: Glenn Crane
Community Involvement Coordinator: Denise Smith
Social Chair: Peter Fedor

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

For many years, Dignity Detroit has served our less fortunate brothers & sisters at the Capuchin 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 community outreach. Thank You!!!



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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

Our community needs you...



We are in need of volunteers to fulfill the ministries of Acolyte and Sacristan.

As an Acolyte, you...

- ✦ assist the presider during the liturgy
- ✦ hold the liturgical books for the presider
- ✦ prepare the altar and the sacred vessels at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist
- ✦ serve as a Minister of the Eucharist during communion

As a Sacristan, you...



- ✦ prepare the liturgical books, the vestments, and other things necessary for the celebration of liturgy
- ✦ place the correct amounts of the bread and wine in the sacred vessels
- ✦ dress the altar
- ✦ gather all the necessary vessels and objects for the worship space and place them in their proper place

See Claudia after any liturgy if you wish to serve your community. Training will be provided!

Membership Meeting

Our quarterly Membership Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 19th, immediately following the conclusion of our Liturgy that night.

There are only four (4) such meetings a year and your attendance/participation is strongly encouraged. It is almost impossible for the Leadership Team of six (6) people to try and guess what is on the minds of our 86 members.

Show you care and make the effort to attend. Thank you!