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DignityUSA envisions and works for a time when Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics are affirmed and experience dignity through the integration of their spirituality with their sexuality, and as beloved persons of God participate fully in all aspects of life within the



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Now that summer is officially here, we hope that you take time to enjoy the beautiful weather with your friends and family!

Please remember that Dignity Detroit continues to hold our weekly Mass here at Marygrove every week whether you have other plans or not! If you are not able to attend each week, please be aware that our financial commitments to hold this weekly Mass continue with or without you. The summer months do show a dip in monetary donations, but our expenses do not show the same decline.

Just a friendly reminder and thank you for your continued support each week.! If you wish to mail your weekly contribution—the post office box address is shown on the last page of this newsletter.

July:

- 2nd—Ordinary time; 13th Week
- 9th—Ordinary time; 14th Week
- 16th—Ordinary time; 15th Week
- 23th—Ordinary time; 16th Week
- 30th-Ordinary time; 17th week



Thank You!



Mass on the Grass & Potluck Supper	September 10, 2017
Quarterly General Membership Meeting	July 16, 2017
44th Anniversary Dinner Dance	Saturday, May 19, 2018
44th Anniversary Mass Celebration	Sunday, May 20, 2018



Do you like our After-Mass Social that can include light snacks and/or desserts, while providing time for fellowship and good fun?



Well, we needed your help in order to continue with this weekly activity! We have not had a Social Chairperson on the Dignity Council for the past year and don't have one until someone can help!



Even if you can't help with being the Social Chair—just volunteer to host an event on a given Sunday! It does not have to be fancy, elaborate, or time-consuming! It could be as simple as chips and salsa!

Dennis does a wonderful job coordinating our Monthly Cake Sunday event (2nd Sunday each month) that celebrates our birthdays each month, so we just looking for volunteers during the other weeks. **Don't know how to sign-up? See a Council Member!!!**

***Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.***

I was looking over the Gospel readings for July and this passage from the Evangelist Matthew, which we will hear on July 9, leapt from the page and straight into my heart. I've always loved this passage, but it speaks to me in a different way this year.

It seems that, for the last 12 months, I've been going full throttle in ministry. One year ago I assumed the responsibilities of Director of Religious Education (or as the Archdiocese now likes to call it, Lay Ecclesial Minister) at the parish in addition to continuing on as Youth Minister and my responsibilities to our own Dignity Community. I will not lie...it's been hard and, at times, nightmarish! There were many times when I seriously considered stepping down from my ministry here because I felt I wasn't doing an adequate job serving you. So, I really needed to hear again that passage from Matthew.

What I hear Jesus telling me is that I don't have to do it all and I don't have to do it by myself. And, as I look back over the past year, I realize now that I've not been by myself. Our wonderful community has been very supportive and helpful. Thank you for "showing up" week after week to minister, pray, and celebrate. Thank you for getting subs for ministry when necessary. Thank you for pitching in to get the chapel decorated for the liturgical seasons. Thank you, current and past council members for lifting a bit of the burden by writing prayers of the faithful, coordinating the annual retreat, and the many other ways you've helped me.

On this crazy journey I've sometimes forgotten the words of Jesus...*Learn from me*. When life and ministry got too hectic and chaotic for Jesus, when he felt pulled in so many directions, he always went away to a quiet, deserted place to pray. I am honestly hoping to be able to go away for a bit this summer and spend sometime by myself to just relax, take a break from ministry, and listen for the ways Jesus is speaking to me. It's something I recommend we *all* do.

In a similar vein, did you know that many of our priest-presiders celebrate 3-4 liturgies each weekend and then travel to celebrate with us. We are truly blessed! In July, August, and September we are giving them a chance to "take a break" as well. In their place we are fortunate to have two missionary priests returning "home" for the summer who have willingly offered (I promise, no arm-twisting) to celebrate with us as many liturgies as we would like them to do. They are not doing mission appeals, but I'm sure they would accept any gift you would like to give them for their missions/ministries. Fr. Bob S., whom we know quite well, is returning from Recife, Brazil. He always loves to see us as we do him! Fr. Guy S. (Michelle's brother/Liam's uncle) hasn't been at Dignity in quite some time. He is returning from Manaus, Brazil where he oversees 10 parishes! I think he will welcome the break! Please extend your warmest Dignity "welcome home" when you see them.



Important Links



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Dignity Detroit meets every Sunday evening at 6:00pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College.

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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.



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