



**Serving LGBT Catholics Since 1974**

**Spirituality, Equality and Justice: Nurtured in a Welcoming Catholic Community**

*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 Church and Society.*

Can you help at a Soup Kitchen on **August 11, 2013** from **9:00am-2:00pm**?

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

**St. Patrick Senior Center  
58 Parsons Street  
Detroit, 48201**

For more information, email Daniel Cuschieri at [daniel.cuschieri@cchnet.net](mailto:daniel.cuschieri@cchnet.net) or call 734-740-8852. Thank you!

**Calendar of Events-  
August 2013**

- 4- 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 11- 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 15- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (obligatory holy day)**
- 18- 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Dignity Council meeting  
@4:30**
- 25- 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The convention in Minneapolis was powerful. I learned a lot of the history of the organization from the many great members that I had the opportunity to interact with. The trials and challenges that DignityUSA has faced throughout the years brought them to the strong voice they are today. DignityUSA envisions and works for a time

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I attended a break out session with Nikki Young, a young woman who voices the power of the story. We sat in a circle to discuss our first experience with homophobia. When did we first feel a sense of discrimination? I was lucky enough to tell my story to the group. I had a sense of sadness when I told the story. But, this story woke me up from my peaceful existence. I had not felt outward discrimination regarding my sexual orientation until that point.

We all have stories and they are not always written down. The stories of the Pink Palace where Dignity Detroit all started, the times when Jim Thompson, as president, kept the organization going through tough financial times, Frank's meeting with the Archbishop, the story of the 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary liturgy where protestors showed up, but supporters showed up in greater force, and so many more.

Dignity Detroit is a great organization that has served the LGBT community and greater Catholic community for many years. It will continue for many years beyond.

Dignity Detroit's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be in May 2014.

I would like to challenge everyone to write the stories of Dignity Detroit. We will write them to share with each other and the community. Sharing our stories brings a greater sense of where Dignity Detroit has been and gives everyone an understanding of the struggles and joys that we as a Catholic Faith Community have experienced.

Our stories can change hearts and minds.

Glenn Crane  
President



If you haven't already... find Dignity Detroit on Facebook and stay connected with all our latest pictures, news and upcoming events!

The annual Walk 4 Babies-Stroll to benefit the Blue Water Pregnancy Care Center in Port Huron takes place on Saturday September 14 at Pine Grove Park.



"The Blue Water Pregnancy Care Center is a non-profit, nonpolitical organization that is committed to providing compassion, information and support to anyone facing the challenge of unplanned pregnancy."

Walkers can walk anytime, anywhere and send in their pledge sheet. Walkers can register and collect pledges all on-line. To register or for more info visit [www.bluewaterbabies.org](http://www.bluewaterbabies.org).



Mark your calendars for our annual *Mass on the Grass*.

We will celebrate liturgy on the lawn adjacent to Madam Cadillac on **September 8th** at our normal 6pm time. **Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket on which to sit!**

If you can arrive early (5pm) to assist in setting things up it would be greatly appreciated! We must carry from the chapel all the necessary items needed for liturgy.

Please see Sonja and Peter if you are able to assist with our special social that evening.

### **AIDS Walk Detroit**



Registration is now open for the 2013 AIDS Walk Detroit through downtown Royal Oak. As always, the Walk takes place on the third Sunday of September.....this year it is September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Walk begins and finishes at the Royal Oak Farmers Market on Troy Street (one block east of Main Street) at Eleven Mile Rd.

To register, visit <http://www.aidswalkdetroit.org> and click on join a team. Enter "Dignity Detroit" and then complete your registration. There is no cost to register. There is one point in the registration process where you are asked to make a donation to being your fundraising efforts, but that is purely OPTIONAL. Last year, we had 26 walkers and the team raised just over \$12,000.00.

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

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We are a 501 (c) 3 organization

**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.

**DignityUSA:**

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**Is your membership expiring soon?**

You can renew by logging on to the Dignity/USA website. If you don't have access to a computer, renewal packets are available on the back table in the Chapel for you to mail in.

Anyone who cannot afford the \$50 membership is encouraged to see any member of council for the **confidential** Angel's Fund program. All you have to do is ask!

Dignity Detroit offers community outreach for our less fortunate brothers & sisters at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

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

Please see George K. or Denise S. if you can help.



Thank You!!!



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