



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.

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Capuchin Soup Kitchen

**Calendar of Events
December 2013**

1st - Advent Begins and World AIDS Day

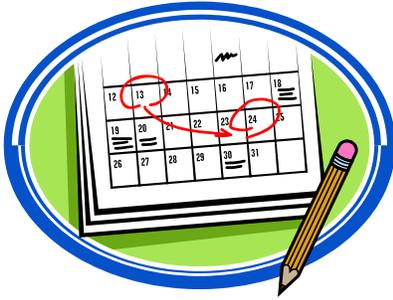
8th - Second Sunday of Advent

15th - Third Sunday of Advent

22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent

25th - Christmas mass at 6 pm

29th - Feast of the Holy Family



Save the Date!

December 1st - AIDS Quilt Panel Display

-DMTC will be joining our choir!

- All are invited to the Dignity Detroit Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner on Sunday

December 1st immediately following mass in the Madam Cadillac dining hall. You are welcome to bring a dish to pass. The turkey, gravy and dressing will be provided by Dignity. Please see Sonja Langdon or Peter Fedor to sign up. You can also call Sonja at 248-763-9339 to let her know what you plan to bring.

Dignity Detroit needs several volunteers to help serve at St. Patrick Senior Center on Sunday, December 1st from 9 am to 1 pm. Hope you consider coming! Contact Daniel Cuschieri for more information.

The annual Dignity White Elephant auction/pizza party will be held Sunday, December 15, immediately following mass in the library lecture hall on the 2nd floor. Dig deep in your closet to find that *ONE* special treasure you have been saving just for this event! Bring it wrapped and be prepared to bid on some items, of which will be some gift cards! Pizza, salad and light beverages will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

December 25th –Christmas mass will take place at the Sacred Heart Chapel at 6:00 pm

May 31, 2014 will be Dignity Detroit's 40th Anniversary Celebration! We are excited to announce the Key Note Speaker will be: Bishop Gene Robinson!

Tom Nelson, long-time Dignity Detroit member (along with his wife Linda Karle Nelson), has written a book. “Tom Nelson wrote, [An Ordinary Catholic: A View From The Pew](#). [An Ordinary Catholic](#) is the poignant tale of a life-long traditional Catholic and University of Notre Dame alumnus; a tale that relates how Tom Nelson nearly lost his gay son to suicide; how he was subsequently forced to face the contradictions between his love for his son and the Church’s lack of compassionate inclusion for all God’s children. His mind-opening journey led him to challenge other elements of Church teaching as well, but the ultimate conclusion and final assessment of his life-long spiritual growth is the theme of the book: love.”

Advent...Preparing our Lives for the Lord!



Construction barrels and detour signs—these seem to be perennial markers on Michigan roads. Seasoned drivers know how to handle them, sometimes even with patience! The well-traveled driver always knows an alternate route to avoid long traffic delays. Our younger, novice drivers do not have the benefit of experience and may feel frustration or fear or even anger when they encounter these “road- blocks.”



During Advent, and I suppose other times of the year, our *lives* are supposed to be under construction. That doesn’t mean we run off to the nearest plastic surgeon for botox injections, facelifts, or liposuction. We are called to do some construction on our internal-self: the soul, the mind, the attitude. Why do we do this? To prepare. For whom? For God!

Turn on the television at any given hour and you'll see shows titled: *What Not to Wear*, *Extreme Makeover*, and *The Biggest Loser*. Every single one of these shows has merit, I will give you that, but each show also tells you that you are not good enough as you are. During the hour that the show is on, the hosts will completely recreate an individual's external self; little goes on with the internal self.

John the Baptizer says, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth..." In other words, set up the construction barrels around your life; there should be some radical changes that each of us makes to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. We need to fill in our valleys of shallow prayer lives or lack of faith. We need to make low the mountains of pride and conceit. We need to straighten out what has been made crooked in our lives through sin. Now is the time to take down the "detour signs" that have been keeping us *from* God and put up the "one way" signs that will lead us *to* God.



Major road-work is ahead for each of us. We have begun the journey together. We continue the journey with Jesus. We never have to journey alone!



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Dignity Detroit meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 pm in 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.

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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!

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Thank You!!!



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