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current topics >>>

### COVID-19 Vaccination...

>>>Advice from Kathy

If you haven't scheduled your vaccination yet, then it is good time to do it now. Michigan received more vaccine from the government. This is your opportunity to get vaccinated soon.

Ford Field is one of many sites that offer COVID-19 vaccination. Ford Field's COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic for Southeast Detroit will open Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am-8:30 pm, 7 days a week for 8 weeks. Check to see if you are eligible. Michigan Health Department change eligibility requirements weekly

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## From Fr. MD's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

By the time you are reading this newsletter, Easter will be a few days away. I pray that all of us will have a joyous Easter! In fact, the Church has seven weeks to celebrate Easter season. Let's make the best out of the Easter season by reminding ourselves constantly of Jesus' glorious resurrection and remain hopeful. His resurrection gives HOPE to Christians because we believe that God has power over death, evil, and darkness. That is why, no matter what difficulties we face in our lives, we trust that God will triumph. Believing that God will defeat anything evil requires us to have faith. Faith itself requires our efforts to nourish it. How do we nourish our faith? Continue to pray, receive the Sacraments especially the Eucharist and confession, and serve other people. Our faith will have positive influence on other people. Thus, we are cooperating with God's work bringing goodness to the world.

It is hard to believe that we are into the second year of the pandemic. Unfortunately, the pandemic is far away from being over. Therefore, it is important that we remain vigilant by wearing masks and maintaining social distance when attending Mass especially when we celebrate indoor.

I very much want to slowly re-open St. John's Deaf Center. I am not making any promises, but I am investigating to see if it is practical for us to have Senior Citizens' gatherings again on Tuesdays. However, it won't be the same as we know in the past. There would probably be some restrictions to keep everyone safe as much as possible such as having a limited number of attendees, etc. As soon as I know more on how we can safely re-open the Center, I will share more information with all of you.

Once again, have a joyous Easter! God bless.

Fr. MD

## A New Life~ by Veronica

Easter Sunday marks the beginning of a new life for us. Through Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection, He purchased eternal life for us! What a powerful sacrifice and a meaningful gift for all humanity.

As humans, we try to avoid pain and sacrifices by any means possible. However, sacrifice can bring wonderful rewards. As we are just finishing our Lenten commitments, hopefully the things we gave up (small sacrifices) have helped us to be less centered in our needs and become more attentive of the needs of those around us. Most importantly, I hope that our Lenten preparation has brought us closer to God and to be a little more like Jesus.

As Jesus' accepted the ultimate sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins and to purchase Eternal Life for all, let us be more mindful of living a life dedicated to being transformed by His life and His example. As we walk with Jesus during this Holy week, let us ask that Easter brings to us new life. Not just the one promised to us on His second coming, but a new life in Him. To be more like Jesus to others: serving and bringing the good news. Transforming our words, thoughts, and actions so we can become His apostles in today's challenging world.

Easter is truly the gift of a New Life! Let us pray that we continue to find joy in His resurrection and to be amazed each time we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. Let His love transform us to be life, hope and peace to others and to prepare us for our Eternal Life.

Happy Easter!

Veronica Balcarcel

## COVID-19 Vaccination... >>>

Again, the vaccine will be offered at no cost and insurance is not required. You can sign up by registering online: [clinic.Meijer.com/register/CL2021](https://clinic.Meijer.com/register/CL2021) or text ENDCOVID to 75049 or call the MDHHS COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136 (press 1).

Parking will be free at Ford Field. If you need transportation assistance, then let them know when you register. You will need to bring ID with you.

You can also contact Susan Lundy at Deaf CAN 248-209-6437. She will help you locate another clinic.

Stay well and wear mask!

Kathy Mitchell

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## How to Pray the Stations of the Cross

1. Before each station pray:  
**"We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world."**
2. Read one of the stations of Cross and reflect on it
3. At the end of each reflection, pray one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was at the beginning, is now and ever will be. World without end.
4. Closing prayer:  
**Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to you.**  
**May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Stations of the Cross

In the stations we follow in the footsteps of Jesus during his passion and Death on the cross.

