

In Today's Gospel

When Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, they were confused and afraid. They did not know what to believe. They had heard about the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene has told them that she has seen the Lord! Others have returned from Emmaus with a story of Jesus being made known to them in the breaking of the bread. In today's gospel, we see Jesus enter into the midst of this confusion, of this fear and greed his disciples saying, "Peace be with you." (Lk 24:36)

During difficult times it can be hard to find peace. As we endure the pandemic, civil unrest, economic uncertainty, and more, it may be hard to find peace. Let us seek peace in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let us embrace his peace and enter his kingdom together.

Family Gathering

The Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD) is reorganizing our parishes into "Families of Parishes." Although this reorganization was inspired by the needs identified in the pandemic, it flows from Archbishop Vigneron's pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*. This pastoral letter was the product of the Archdiocesan Synod in 2016.

In his pastoral letter, Abp. Vigneron expresses a desire that we become "a community of joyful missionary disciples and of saints united in Jesus." We are not called to remain in our churches and parishes maintaining what we have, but to go forth as joyful missionary disciples to Unleash the Gospel in our community, to grow our faith, to increase the body of Christ. We can be more effective in this if we work together as a family, a family of joyful missionary disciples in which "sacrificial love, after Christ's example and in the power of his Spirit, is the principle that governs all of life."

Before we begin this missionary work, we must first get to know the members of our Family of Parishes. To help in this, the AOD is sponsoring a series of Family Gatherings. The first of these family gatherings will be Wednesday, April 28, from 6 to 8 PM. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are currently planning to host this gathering online. To register for the Family Gatherings, or to learn more about Families of Parishes, go to stmarywayne.org.

Parish Council

Both St. Mary and St. Richard parishes are in the process of reestablishing our Parish councils. These councils will be independent and will represent each parish. As we enter into Families of Parishes, we must have a body representing each of our parishes.

We are currently seeking nominations to serve on these councils. To be a member of the Council, you must be a registered, active member of the parish. If you are under the age of 25, you may be registered under your parents' name. Most importantly, you must desire to serve our parishes as we serve God together. (Continued)

Parish Council typically meets once a month, the 1st Tuesday of the month for St. Mary and the 4th Tuesday of the month for St. Richard. We will be choosing the members of the councils on Pentecost. We are currently seeking nominations for Parish Councils. If you would like to be considered for the parish council, or would like to nominate someone else, please go to stmarywayne.org to submit your nomination.

Social Media Ministry

Since the start of the pandemic, we have been livestreaming the 11:30 and 2 PM Masses from St. Mary. Also, now that more and more people are returning to Mass, we are broadcasting our Masses to the overflow seating in the Activity Center at St. Mary. On occasion, we will also livestream funeral Masses for those who cannot attend the funerals of their loved ones in person.

Currently, there are just a couple of people who run the livestreams. We need more help. If you are interested in joining our social media team, please go to stmarywayne.org; no experience is necessary. When I started livestreaming I had no idea what I was doing, and it showed, but in the last year, we have come a long way. If you have experience as a cameraman, in livestreaming, video editing, or as a sound engineer, that would be incredible. If you have no experience but are willing to learn, that will also be great; please join our Social Media Ministry. We need your help.

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