



St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Detroit, Michigan



Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017



We are the Catholic Community multicultural family of St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel parish of Detroit. We share the love of Jesus by welcoming and serving friends and strangers, young and old, rich and poor. We are called to be the light of Christ in our neighborhood, strengthened by prayer and worship, especially the Eucharist.

We see ourselves as a rock in our community. We are dedicated to grow in unity with God and one another. We invite all to join with their time, talents and treasures in the journey toward building God's kingdom. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to keep a Catholic presence in our neighborhood.

ST. RAYMOND-OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH

Adopted: June 26, 2011

REFLECTIONS WITH FATHER MICHAEL: **CHRIST JESUS AS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD**

As we all know by now, every 4th Sunday of Easter is known as, "Good Shepherd Sunday," in honor of Christ Jesus - the Good Shepherd. This explains why our gospel reading this Sunday harps on this subject. It reminds us of the role of the Lord Jesus as our Shepherd. What does this imply?

One of the obvious implications is, if Christ is our shepherd, then we are his flock. Just as a shepherd leads his flock, Christ Jesus leads us. For a shepherd to lead his flock effectively, however, the flock must listen to him and follow his directives. There are no short cuts to this.

This is what our Gospel is hammering home to us this Sunday. Christ Jesus cannot be our Shepherd if we are not prone to listen to his voice and follow his command. Just as the sheep will meet disaster if it continually pays a deaf ear to the command of the shepherd, we also will encounter ruin if we repeatedly pay lip-service to Christ Jesus, our Shepherd. He has told us in the Gospel of John, "Without me you can do nothing," (Jn. 15:5) therefore, we labor in vain when we labor outside our Good Shepherd.

In a world of competing demands, when a lot of things are competing for our attention, it is not always easy to hearken to the voice of the Good Shepherd, directing us to the right path. The twisted values of our world are increasingly presented to us as models to be followed. This has confused a lot of people these days, including followers of the Good Shepherd. This explains why preachers of hate are more often listened to than messengers of peace

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Ground Maintenance and Beautification Committee

Please, need help in Spring cleaning of our Parish Grounds: raking, trimming, planting and more. Bring the family, adopt a flower bed or flower pot on



Saturday, May 13th from 8 am to 12 noon. Let's look good for Mother's Day and Mass Mob Sunday. Bring your own garden tools. Refreshments, garbage bags available.

Items needed: *marigolds, salvias, petunias, black mulch.* Let's show others our love of our/your Church.



The Appeal begins this weekend, May 6/7

Goal for our Parish: \$13,667

Please pick up your pledge card in the gathering area of the church (saves the parish postage)!



NEXT SUNDAY, May 14th

All are invited

Immediately following the 10:30 am Mass



World Day of Prayer is being observed this Sunday, May 7th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

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and love. In other words, shining examples like Mother Theresa, John Paul II, and Thomas Moore, to mention but a few are merely admired by the young these days, but in the end they follow "fashionable style" of secular celebrities and Hollywood models. How sad!

My fellow reflectors and friends, the underlining message in the celebration of "Good Shepherd Sunday" today is, paying heed to Christ Jesus and striving to follow his noble steps of love, care, and forgiveness. This is key to our well-being and salvation. By listening to the Lord and following in His footsteps, we remain as part of his branches, but if we dance our own tunes, we would be cutting ourselves off from the source of our lives and well-being. That would be tragic.

As St. Peter reminds us in our second reading this Sunday, we were the lost sheep brought back to God by the precious blood of Christ Jesus, therefore we are to strive not to depart from the loving fold of the Good Shepherd. Among the things we can do to insure that we remain under the fold of the Good Shepherd include, attentive listening and actionable execution of His loving command, especially the ageless command to, "love one another," as He has loved us. (Jn. 13:34)

In a world filled with hate and selfishness, we are to do well to heed these words of our compassionate Shepherd and Savior. The solution to our world's problems lays not in bullets, bombs, and fighter jets, but in love, Christ-like love. When love prevails, wicked and nasty words will vanish from our mouths, and saying hurtful and malicious things behind someone's back becomes a thing of the past. Simply put, where love takes the center stage, followers of the Good Shepherd realize that they are called to be Christ's abiding and uplifting presence in their neighborhoods and community.

My prayer on this "Good Shepherd Sunday" is: May Christ, the Good Shepherd, be with us in our daily struggle to follow His lead in the midst of life's distractions; and may He continue to empower us to be light and salt in a world filled with darkness and corruption. And, may the Easter joy continue to glow in our hearts. Amen!

Have a great and wonderful week!

Fr. Michael Chidi Nkachukwu, Pastor



Wednesday evenings with Fr. Tyrone in the Parish House at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Volunteer Help is needed at the Thrift Store or may have to close it's door!

Dolores McHale and company have done a great job of maintaining this shop for years. It serves as an "evangelization outreach" to our neighbors and the community. For this to continue it needs YOUR HELP. Otherwise it will close. If interested in giving a few hours of your time each month please call Dolores McHale at 586-777-4144.



MASS MOB MINISTERS NEEDED!

There will be a need for extra ushers and greeters on Sunday, May 21st for our Mass Mob Celebration. Please call Jerry Legge if you will be available to assist at 313-372-0437.

Community Gardening to Begin!

We will be having another Community Garden again this year, in the planting boxes next to the community center building. We are collecting seeds and coming up with a list of what to plant. If you have any suggestions, please contact Cy Chauvin or LaVera. We will post a list of what we hope to plant in the St. Vincent de Paul room at the back of church. You can also e-mail suggestions to: peterpumpkincat@juno.com



Cy Chauvin



CSA Weekend

This weekend is CSA Weekend, which marks the beginning of our annual Catholic Services Appeal. The theme of the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal, *Opening Doors to Encounter Christ*, reflects our Holy Father's invitation to all Catholics to renew their personal relationships with our Savior, as "the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus."

Gifts to the CSA make possible a wealth of ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit each day.

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2 More Weeks!!



You are Invited
to a

Mass Mob Celebration

St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel
Catholic Church

Sunday, May 21, 2017 – 10:30 am

As we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter

For more information: Visit the Parish Website at: STRAY-OLGC.ORG
Facebook us at: DETROIT MASS MOB

A Polish Dinner Fundraiser will take place immediately following the Mass until the food runs out, for a donation of \$10. Also, Asian delicacies will be available from our Hmong Community!

Secured Parking



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Fourth Sunday of Easter



**Sunday,
May 7, 2017**

1. since the nominations have not been

completed at St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel, more time will be given to insure a successful completion. But, this has to be announced every Sunday at St. Raymond-OLGC during the announcements after communion, constantly reminding folks to exercise their Christian duty to convince and nominate people to serve selflessly at the Parish Council. It is hoped that with this extra chance, more responses will be forthcoming so that we may conclude the nominations as has been done at OLQH-GS. Thank you for heeding this appeal.

2. A reminder that the Mass Mob at St. Raymond-OLGC is fast approaching. The "D" day is Sunday, May 21 - the Sunday following Mother's Day celebration. Let's all

get ready for this big event. Spread the information far and near.

3. Congratulations to Deloris Larkins the winner of last week's EARLY BIRD DRAWING!!! Have you turned in your Good Times Festival Raffle tickets yet? Today is the second EARLY BIRD DRAWING immediately following 10am Mass in the back of church. Do you need more tickets to sell? If so, call the rectory at 313-891-4553 or stop by Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm. Don't forget that the person who sells the most tickets will win \$100.00!!! Remember, your ticket sales will help to make our "Good Times Festival" a SUCCESS!!!! Remember we are in it together! In the same vein, let us not forget that the Annual Festival for St. Raymond-OLGC is on Sunday, July 16, after the 10.30am Mass. As soon as the raffle tickets are ready, they will be distributed. Watch out for them.

4. Members of St. Raymond-OLGC

PPC, remember that your meeting will be on Monday May 15 at the usual time of 7pm, starting with socials at 6.30pm. Please, endeavor to attend.

5. Volunteers are needed at St. Raymond-OLGC for this year's summer camp. If you are interested in helping please contact the parish office during office hours. Thanks in advance for agreeing to serve the children in our community. This year, a small stipend may be paid to volunteers.

6. "Opening Doors to Encounter Christ", this year's CSA 2017 Campaign officially kicks off today in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Let us get ready our gifts as soon as our parish CSA captains contact you with your contribution envelopes this month. Also, we are glad to announce that starting this month there will be bi-monthly or monthly report on the income and expenses of our two parishes, so everyone may be in the loop as to how our parishes are run, money - wise.

**REPORT OF YOUR GENEROSITY FOR
THE WORK OF GOD'S CHURCH**

For the week April 30, 2017

Budget (weekly contributions):	1,805.00
@ Mass ... (52 envelopes)	2,040.00
Loose Cash	160.00
Through the Week (0 envelopes)	0.00
Total Contributed	2,200.00
Total Envelopes Used (204 distributed)52

**This financial summary only
covers 25% of our entire yearly budget ...**

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No one parish could provide all of these blessings, which benefit so many.

Our CSA is a pledge program, which allows you to spread your gift over several months. Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal.

You may pledge your gift online at give.aodcsa.org.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

**CLUSTER/COMPANION PARISHES OF
ST. RAYMOND-OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL &
OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN-GOOD SHEPHERD**
(LOCATED AT 8200 ROLYAT, OFF THE S.E. CORNER OF
OUTER DRIVE AND VANDYKE) OFFICE: 313-891-4553

Pastor: Fr. Michael Chidi Nkachukwu
Associate Pastor: Fr. Tyrone Robinson
(Residence: Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd)

SAINT RAYMOND-OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

20103 Joann - Detroit, MI 48205

Phone: (313)527-0525 Fax: (313)527-9776

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stray-olgc.org

PARISH E-MAIL: Info@saintraymond.com

(In Residence at St. Ray-OLGC: Fr. Bob Kotlarz)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

M-Tues-W-Thurs. @ 8:30 a.m. @ OLQH-GS

Sat 4:00 p.m. Sun 10:30 a.m. @ St. Ray-OLGC

Holy Days - 12:30 pm

RECONCILIATION (Confession): Every Saturday, 3:45 pm or before Mass in Church; also by appointment.

Baptisms, Marriage, Funerals,

Sacramental Records Please call the rectory for arrangements

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm Also by Appointment.



MAY 6/7 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
4:00 pm. For the parishioners of St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd Church.
10:30 am Mary Bissa (1 year anniv.), Ron McCloskey (1 year anniv.) and Margaret Kociemba (6 month anniv.) req by Parish.

MORNING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN-GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Monday, MAY 8 - Easter Weekday
 8:30 am Mass at OLQH-GS Church:
Tuesday, MAY 9 - Easter Weekday
 8:30 am Mass at OLQH-GS Church:
Wednesday, MAY 10 - St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
 NO MASS
Thursday, MAY 11 - Easter Weekday
 8:30 am Mass at OLQH-GS Church:
Friday, MAY 12 - Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
 8:30 am Mass at OLQH-GS Church:
Saturday, MAY 13 - Our Lady of Fatima
 4 pm Vigil Mass: (see intentions below)

Readings for Next Weekend

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).
Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Ps 33).
Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).
Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).



*For the week of
 May 7, 2017*

Monday:
 Acts 11:1-18
 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
 Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:
 Acts 11:19-26
 Ps 87:1b-7
 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:
 Acts 12:24 — 13:5a
 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
 Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:
 Acts 13:13-25
 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
 Jn 13:16-20
Friday:
 Acts 13:26-33
 Ps 2:6-11ab
 Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:
 Acts 13:44-52
 Ps 98:1-4
 Jn 14:7-14



Pray for the Sick

Don Allen	Marian Haas
Mary Allen	Gloria Janicki
Andrea Allison	Mary Jean Edwards-Levering
MaryAnn Baluch	Joan Lyczkowski
Sheila Barrows	Sandra McBroom
James Bartelotti	Carol McCloskey
Maria Benoit	Cathy McCloskey
Joann Brown	Carol Mitchell
Marge Bischoff	Long Moua
Matthew Colangelo	Dylan Nichols
Jim Connor	Claudia Neubauer
Millie Connor	Anna Polak
Marie Czantske	Roberta Preston
Diane Detloff	Michelle Rautenberg
Bernie Doebler	Pat Randolph
Jacqueline Dreary	Loretta Servo
Dustin Fielder	Fred Simpson
Darryl Fletcher	Mary Simpson
Joan Gawron	Martha Semrau
“Rachel” Beverly	Essie Taylor
Gietzen	Salwa Thomas
Donna Grammatico	Mary Thompson
Lisa Gray	Mary Tunesi-Kowtun
	Juanita Vazquez
	Marge Wisniewski

AREA EMERGENCY FOOD OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

« **St. Vincent de Paul Society**
“Food Cupboard”
 St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Community Center 20055 Joann Ave.
 (next to School building)
 Tues. 9:30-11 am; Thurs. 4:30-5:30 pm. Phone: 313-372-0437.

Up-Coming Events: PARISH TOWNHALL MEETING
Sunday, June 25, 2017 (following 10:30 Mass in gathering space)
PARISH FESTIVAL DAY - Sunday, July 16, 2017 (on the grounds)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 May 13/14, 2017



Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	Celebrant	Proclaim the Word	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
Saturday, May 13 4:00 pm	For the parishioners of St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd Church.	Fr. Tyrone	Henry Lazarecki Nick Paris	1. Deacon Joe	Volunteers
Sunday, May 14 10:30 am	Evelyn Williams (6 month anniv.) req by Parish; Maria Agostinelli, Flora DeChellis, Lucia Crognale req by family; Fritzie Auberlin req by Pat Connor; William J. Pavelek req by Kathy & Jerry Legge.	Fr. Tyrone	Joann Davenport Rosielee Wicks	1.*Mariella Klucens 2.*Ray Klucens H: Fr. Tyrone H: Xai Lu Cha	Jordan and Aaron Yang, Leo Randolph



Fourth Sunday of Easter



MASS WITH THE INTENTION OF THE NAMES OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED LISTED BELOW, WILL BE CELEBRATED AT OUR CLUSTER PARISH, OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN-GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AND THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:30 AM.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Regina Adamek
12.04.21-12.08.13
Edward Adamek
07.13.20-12.31.06
Elizabeth Altermatt
03.17.1914-03.04.2007
Joseph Altermatt
07.21.1911-02.06.2006
Lillian Kaitz Altermatt
05.01.1935-03.05.2015
Tony Altermatt
08.27.1949-04.16.2015
Earl Ball
02.17.1908-12.08.1966
Lillian Ball
10.08.1918-12.08.2005
Gerald "Jerry" Baumgart
09.22.1932-09.29.2012
Harold Behnke
Victoria Behnke
Edward Benninger
02.23.1921-05.16.1999
Helen Benninger
03.25.1920-02.05.2012
Dennis J. Berd
07.18.1949-01.29.2016
John Berd
08.18.1917-09.21.2004
Theresa Berd
06.22.1919-07.15.2002
Edward Bialecki
09.29.1924-08.13.1984
Theresa Bialecki
05.31.1924-05.31.2016
Mario Biordi
05.01.1930-10.29.2005
Adeline Brdak
10.06.1923-10.29.2013
Edward Briske
11.19.1902-12.24.1975
Mary Ann Briske
03.14.1915-01.16.2010
Helen Brockert
02.01.1926-01-09-2017

Lenus Brockert
09.26.1924-01.01.2006
Raymond Brockert
08.17.1948-11.25.2000
Thomas Brockert
09.16.1952-03.31.2014
Frances Cantin
01.12.2010
Robert Cantin
08.11.1991
Claude A. Caponi
03.25.1926-11.27.2010
Ronald Caponi
09.28.1958-05.23.2016
James L. Connor
05.20.1978
Susanne Connor
06.13.1944-12.30.1956
Daniel J. D'Orazio
01.07.1954-07.13.1999
Arvil DePetro
03.28.1923-07-05-2010
Irene DePetro
10.27.1922-06.02.2016
Louise Suwal-Denolf
11.06.1954-07.07.2015
Amada Dizon
08.09.1950-12.06.2012
Mary Fante
05.26.1913-02.12.2007
Raymond Fante
02.23.1911-02.10.1979
Jerome Gasior
09.28.1922-8.27.1994
Edward Groll
10.17.1926-02.06.2009
George Groll, Sr.
03.23.1928-06.12.2005
James Groll
06.19.1929-02.14.2009
Mark Gruca
12.30.1957-06.28.2012
Darlene Guzdziol
04.12.1939-05.26.04

Emily Guzdziol
06.06.1915-04.11.2006
Joseph Guzdziol
01.05.1912-11.13.1980
Judith D. Iskra
04.22.1941-04.17.2005
Henry Jamroz
Lillian Jamroz
Generoso M. Jaramillo
07.03.1919-05.27.2012
Clemens (Rocky) Karski
08.23.1917-07.01.2008
Marie Karski
09.30.1923-03.06.2001
Anthony Keller
Elizabeth Keller
Bill Klucens
03.08.1921-07.22.2011
Edna Klucens
06.17.1921-12.04.2010
John Kociemba
05.28.1927-03.11.2014
Margaret Kociemba
12.17.1928-11.04.2016
Charles Koskos
02.08.1915-05.27.1966
Eugenia Peggy Koskos Randazzo
01.24.1924-08.12.2016
Byron LaMonde
02.28.1913-03.24.1987
Veronica LaMonde
01.27.1915-04.29.2015
Earl J. Lange
10.05.1920-12.02.2001
Florence Lange
01.18.1920-09.10.2011
Ronald McCloskey
12.04.1926-05.04.2016
James E. McHale
12.06.1928-02.04.2015
Larry McHale
09.06.1963-10.11.1984
Barney Olex
06.12.1920-11.20.2011

Gertrude Olex
03.10.1918-11.05.2001
Patricia H. Rautenberg
01.29.1926-03.19.2008
Ralph A. Rautenberg
04.21.1924-02.07.1992
Joseph Reuter
01.18.1898-05.31.1959
Helen Reuter
03.10.1933-07.10.1979
Theresa Reuter
09.13.1904-03.27.2005
Douglas Roback
07.10.1955-05.17.2013
Alvin Simek
04.16.1919-12.09.2012
Elizabeth Simek
12.12.1921-02.23.2016
Kenneth Skowronek
05.16.1958-11.30.2014
Lucy Skowronek
01.17.1932-09.09.2008
Edmund Slowinski
09.01.1918-09.05.2003
Sonja Slowinski
10.01.1922-02.01.2007
Amelia Stepien
06.29.1922-12.20.2013
Joan Stepien
02.20.1961-04.21.2016
Rudolph J. Stepien
02.21.1918-05.05.1994
Jason Stewart
03.08.1979-04.28.2014
John Stewart
07.17.1960-02.09.2004
Edward Suwal
03.01.1924-01.04.2013
Bill Szulczewski
08.24.1916-12.27.2015
Cecelia Szulczewski
12.29.1920-11.22.1998
Deborah Szulczewski
01.25.1955-11.27.2004

Walter Szymanski
05.05.1918-03.13.1989
Ludmila Szymanski
03.05.1918-05.22.2002
Mary Trocino
11.29.1923-12.21.2011
Robert Tumavitch
08.22.1939-03.16.2010
Arthur Tyll
07.03.1930-11.30.2006
Brian Tyll
09.23.1957-12.28.2015
Cathy Tyll
07.31.1930-03.23.2009
Dave Tyll
08.21.1958-11.1985
Larry Tyll
09.03.1959-06.03.1997
Steve Tyll
06.11.1955-07.24.1980
Archie Tyll
05.22.1966-09.09.2000
Robert Eric Urban
10.23.1966-09-10-2016
Harry Westrick
10.18.1919-10.14.2015
Josphine Wierzbinski
03.19.1916-01.01.1979
Raymond Wierzbinski
08.06.1914-03.31.2010
Elizabeth Wilhelm
05.28.1910-03.08.1991
Steve Wilhelm
06.07.1908-03.06.1974
Irene Wojcik
05.27.1919-04.02.1986
Martin Wojcik
10.19.1917-05.05.1992
 Updated: 02.23.2017

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