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PLEASE NOTE: A file containing bulletin articles on the liturgy – produced in preparation for the new Roman Missal – also is available on our website. Due to the length of the articles, they were not included below.

The dates appearing in the clear boxes are the suggested dates on which to run these announcements. You may run them when you wish and repeat them as often as you wish. These announcements are available at www.aodonline.org/bulletins.

January 1-2

National Marriage Encounter

National Marriage Encounter is a weekend experience of re-discovery for couples who want to make their good marriages even better. For more information, call Rich and Fran at 586-838-4447 or Tim and Ann at 248-634-8924, or go to the Web: www.national-marriage-encounter.org.



Life is a Gift Conference at SHMS on January 22

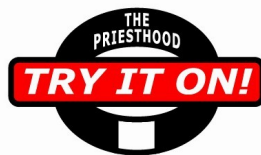
How can you be a living witness of the Gospel of Life in our times? Be part of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Life is a Gift conference, which will be Jan. 22 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, from 8 a.m.

until 5 p.m. Archbishop Allen Vigneron will give a keynote address at the conference, as well as Dr. Janet Smith, Dr. Paul A. Wright and Dr. Michael Kenney. Workshops will be held on sidewalk counseling, ministering through Project Rachel, living out your vocation for life, and end-of-life and hospice care. Ave Maria Radio's Teresa Tomeo will emcee the event. All are welcome to attend.

Cost of the conference is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students ages 13 and older. Continental break-fast and lunch are included. For information or to register online, visit www.aodonline.org/lifeisagift, or call (313) 237-4691.

Word of Life

Men and women were created for something great, for infinity. ...The desire for a more meaning-ful life is a sign that God created us and that we bear His "imprint." God is life, and that is why every creature reaches out towards life. Because human beings are made in the image of God, we do this in a unique and special way. We reach out for love, joy and peace. ~ Pope Benedict XVI, "Message for World Youth Day" (2011)



Look about you! Can you see the glory of God? Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering you (Isaiah 60: 1-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call Fr. Tim Birney, Director of Priestly Vocations, at 313-237-5875 or visit our website at www.vocationsdetroit.org.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families: one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peace-ful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

January 8-9

Word of Life

The affirmation of God brings with it the supreme affirmation and protection of the dignity of each and every man and woman: "Do you not know that you are God's temple? ... God's temple is holy, and you are that temple." (1 Cor 3:16-17) Here we find joined together the truth and dignity of God and the truth and dignity of man. ~ Pope Benedict XVI, homily at Mass at the Church of Sagrada Familia, Nov. 7, 2010



This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Celebrate our common vocation of baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood, call Fr. Tim Birney, Director of Priestly Vocations, at 313-237-5875 or visit our website at www.vocationsdetroit.org.

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"Man's life," Pope John Paul II wrote, "comes from God; it is his gift, his image and imprint, a sharing in his breath of life. God therefore is the sole Lord of this life: man cannot do with it as he wills" (The Gospel of Life, n. 39).

We, the recipients of God's gift of life, are called to be good stewards of it in all of its facets. "In giving life to man," John Paul II tells us, "God demands that he love, respect and promote life. The gift thus becomes a commandment, and the commandment is itself a gift" (The Gospel of Life, 52).

In celebrating and respecting life, we are also called to support and protect the lives and dignity of others in our community, including the unborn, the dying, the poor, the hungry, the sick, the elderly, the immigrant, and those facing the death penalty. When it comes to celebrating life within the community, each must choose where to focus effort, but we must do so together, in unity, for we are all workers in the same vineyard of the Lord.

The Archdiocese of Detroit invites you to join Archbishop Allen Vigneron in our first Life is a Gift Conference on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Register online: at www.aodonline.org/lifeisagift. If you have any questions, or to volunteer, please contact Socorro Truchan at 313-237-4691

Volunteers needed to help SSVDP with tax preparation

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Detroit is teaming up with other agencies locally to offer free tax preparation for low income families or individuals, and senior citizens. It will be offered in various locations around southeast Michigan. Many low income families qualify for special tax credits that could amount to hundreds of dollars, but aren't

aware of them. By volunteering, you could make a difference. Volunteers would need to commit for twelve weeks, 1-2 days per week, beginning with a two-week training program in January. For details on how to volunteer, please visit www.moreforthe poor.org.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The words in today's Gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased," are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.

January 15-16

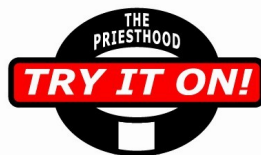
Word of Life

It is indispensable that new technological developments in the field of medicine never be to the detriment of respect for human life and dignity, so that those who suffer physical illnesses or handicaps can always receive that love and attention required to make them feel valued as persons in their concrete needs.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address during Visit to the Obra Benéfico-Social Nen Déu, Nov. 7, 2010

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.



Through your baptism you are God's servant and a light to others. With whom will you share your light? Consider a vocation to the priesthood (Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6). Contact Fr. Tim Birney, Director of Priestly Vocations, at 313-237-5875 or visit our website at www.vocationsdetroit.org.

January 22-23

Word of Life

Once political leaders and health care experts decided to use government subsidized insurance as the vehicle, the means, for providing more universal health care, it was our moral obligation as teachers of the faith to judge whether the means pass moral muster, whether or not the proposed legislation uses public funds to kill those living in their mother's womb. Consistently, and ever more insistently since the sin and crime of abortion was legalized in the United States, our voice has been that of the bishops of the Catholic Church ever since the first Christians condemned the abortion practices of the ancient Romans. The act is immoral; and the laws that have permitted now fifty million children of our country to be killed in their mother's womb are also immoral and unjust; the laws are destroying our society.

~ Cardinal Francis George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago and outgoing President of the USCCB, Presidential Address, Nov. 15, 2010



If you were Peter or Andrew, James or John, would you be able to follow Jesus with abandon? What is holding you back? (Matthew 4: 12-23) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call Fr. Tim Birney, Director of Priestly Vocations, at 313-237-5875 or visit our website at www.vocationsdetroit.org.

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A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done

“immediately,” but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

January 29–30

Word of Life

Under the constant influence of a rationalist and secularist philosophy which makes man, instead of God, the measure of what is right and good, many have become confused about the most basic truths, for example, the inviolable dignity of innocent human life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and the integrity of marriage between one man and one woman as the first and irreplaceable cell of the life of society. If Christians fail to articulate and uphold natural moral law, then they fail in the fundamental duty of patriotism, of loving their country by serving the common good.

~ *Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, Address to the World Prayer Congress for Life V, Oct. 9, 2010*



Seek to follow Jesus, the humble servant. You will be blessed! Discover the grace of the gospel (Zephaniah 2: 3, 12–13 & Matthew 5: 1–12). If you think God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, call Fr. Tim Birney, Director of Priestly Vocations, at 313–237–5875 or visit our website at www.vocationsdetroit.org.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and com-forting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons, and other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, contact 866–343–8055. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. This toll-free telephone number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people, and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes, and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with complaints not involving clergy or church personnel should refer to the archdiocesan website at www.AODonline.org for contact information for civil authorities.

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