



**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.*

**Dignity Detroit offers community outreach for our less fortunate brothers & sisters at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.**

**Our volunteer participation needs your help on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> between 3:30 - 6:00p.m.**

**See Daniel Cuschieri for more information.**



Capuchin Soup Kitchen

**Calendar of Events  
November 2014**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Feast of All Souls**

**9<sup>th</sup> - Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran**

**16<sup>th</sup> - 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time and council meeting**

**23<sup>rd</sup> - Feast of Christ the King**

**30<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Advent**



## *Frankly Speaking*

Think you have nothing to give thanks for? Think again.....

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Vienna Cobb Anderson*

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation: for the beauty that the eye can see,  
for the joy that the ear may hear, for the unknown that we cannot behold  
filling the universe with wonder, for the expanse of space that draws us beyond  
the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities: for families who nurture our becoming,  
for friends who love us by choice, for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks,  
for strangers who welcome us into their midst, for people from other lands who call us to grow in  
understanding, for children who lighten our moments with delight, for the unborn, who offer us  
hope for the future.

We thank you for this day: for life and one more day to love, for opportunity  
and one more day to work for justice and peace, for neighbors and one more person to love  
and by whom be loved, for your grace and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise: to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.





## Mark your calendars!

"Random Monthly Meet-Up's" Dignity Detroit's Social Chair Patrick Sharpe has begun a program which will generally be one social event a month. This will give folks a chance to get together outside of the church setting. These events are for whoever wants to participate. All costs associated with the events are the responsibility of the participants.



### November- Movie Night!

Dinner and a Movie!

We will be viewing INTERSTELLAR (PG-13)

Date: Saturday, November 8

Where: Hamlin Corner, 386 N. Main Street, Royal Oak and Emagine Theater, 200 N Main Street, Royal Oak.

When: 6:30 p.m. (dinner) 8:00pm (movie)

### Thanksgiving Potluck

Sunday, November 30 after mass in Madame Cadillac Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet for items to bring to the potluck. We're looking for volunteers to set up and clean up so let me know if you can help. See Patrick for information and to sign up.

### After Mass Socials

If anyone is interested in bringing a treat for the after mass social in the future let Patrick know and he will get you signed up!

**Our 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration will take place the weekend of May 16-17, 2015. Keep your calendars clear that weekend!!!**



**Retreat:**

1. A quiet or secluded place in which one can rest and relax (e.g. River House on the IHM campus in Monroe).
2. A period of seclusion for the purposes of prayer and meditation (e.g. Dignity Fall Retreat on November 29, 2014).

Please join us as we “get away” for a few hours to rest, relax, and reflect on the banks of the River Raisin (swell alliteration, right?) at the River House Spirituality Center in Monroe.

We will gather on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30a.m. for a continental breakfast and then begin our retreat under the direction of Sr. Joan Kusak. Our theme for the day will be the Beatitudes and how they specifically relate to our lives as faithful and faith-filled LGBTQ Catholics.

A registration form for the retreat is included in this newsletter. If you are interested in joining us please return the completed form to any member of Council no later than November 23, 2014. The suggested donation is \$20.00 to help cover the cost of facilitator, venue, and food. Please be aware that no one will be turned away...scholarships are available (Please see Claudia or Frank).

**Dignity Detroit  
Fall Retreat**

**Saturday, November 29, 2014**

**8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.**

**River House Spirituality Center**

**805 W. Elm Ave.**

**Monroe, MI 48162**

**Retreat Facilitator: Sr. Joan Kusak, IHM**

**Theme: Reflections on the Beatitudes**

**Suggested donation: \$20.00 (includes continental breakfast and lunch,  
and also helps to defray cost of facility and director)**

**Scholarships are available.**

**Return completed form and check payable to Dignity Detroit  
by November 23.**

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate if you desire a vegetarian lunch: \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no**

**Questions? See Claudia W.**

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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