

BOLLETTINO DI SAN FRANCESCO



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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. (Italian) and 12 p.m.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

DAILY MASS: 8 a.m. **SATURDAY MASS:** 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Friday Nights 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

BAPTISMS: Sunday at 1 p.m. or by appointment.

MARRIAGES: Check with Father six months before the wedding date for the office work and necessary instructions.



January, 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing everyone a Blessed New Year!

"Lite Catholics" in the Dark

Dear Parishioners and Friends of San Francesco Church,

The approval of Proposal 3 forced me to confront a very sad reality that is a shameful embarrassment for the Catholic Church. I cannot fathom how half of Michiganders, who consider themselves Catholic, could vote in favor of unrestricted access to abortion for the duration of the whole nine months of gestation.

Since neither of the two major parties can offer a completely satisfactory list of priorities to match the concern of citizens and the handling of the most important issues conditioning our country is left lacking, I could understand how Catholics are evenly split between conservatives and liberals.

I attempt here to come up with reasons why 50% of Catholics in our State voted for the right to allow for a personal decision to snuff out human life in the most inhumane methods. Such a decision is so unbecoming of human decency that its proponents must use euphemisms such as "the right to reproductive health" or the "right to choose."

The first faulty reasoning must be due to ignorance of Catholic moral ethics. For over five decades we have been induced slowly to accept circumstances in which choosing to terminate a pregnancy sounds from "not-so-bad" to "reasonable" as the lesser of two evils. How many Catholics feel comfortable with abortion to save the life of the mother? Practically, almost every single one. How many Catholics go along with the decision to abort human life which resulted from rape or incest? The Catechism of the Catholic Church (# 2271-2275) holds that all exceptions must be categorically rejected. The incipient human life doesn't cease to be human life in any of those painful cases; nor does it give up its right to life if a prenatal diagnosis detects anomalies. Diagnosis can never result in a death sentence!

Another reason for voting in favor of Proposal 3 must have been believing the outlandish lies proffered far and wide by most of the media that choosing to defeat

that proposal would be a vote for a total ban on all abortions and even on surgery for ectopic pregnancies. Since the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, there has been a monstrous disinformation dissemination of a falsehood: it was hammered into many people's heads that they had to choose either abortion with no restrictions at all for all nine months of gestation or face unavailability of lifesaving healthcare related to pregnancy.

A third reason must have been convenient picking and choosing only what Pope Francis says in agreement with one's frame of reference. For the record, this is what Pope Francis said among other strong statements in condemnation of abortion: *"...I would ask this question: is it right to kill human life to solve a problem? Is it right to hire a hitman to kill a human life? That is why the Church is so hard on this issue because, if it accepts this, it would be like accepting daily murder."*

Another reason for voting for a sweeping rejection of any restriction on abortion must have been a faulty set of priorities. The Bible is very clear that our Creator God is the Author of all life, human and divine. There cannot be anything more valuable than every life that He calls into existence. All other weighty issues pale by comparison because they all become moot for the human being whose life is snuffed out by a decision made by another human being. The issue of respecting any human life is not an issue to be left to one's personal decision. The American Constitution itself has this enshrined as the first of our unalienable rights...

Pope Francis has been warning us Catholics and all people of goodwill, repeatedly, to snap out of the trap of political polarization because it blurs our vision of the Gospel. For this reason, we have "lite Catholics" on both sides. They are those who are first conservatives or liberals and, then, Catholics on most Sunday mornings. We will never have a well-organized effort to support every single human life whom the Lord calls to be among us until we face with every fiber of our minds and hearts the visit that God made among us. We must embrace wholeheartedly the EVENT which is God-among-us in human flesh.

Reflecting seriously on the Incarnation we are all expected to espouse the sacredness that the Lord has placed in every expression of humanness. This thought

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must lead us to a visceral sense of humble gratitude and a commitment to be directly involved in the protection of all human lives: of all mothers including those who were violated in their dignity, all babies including the unwanted, and those with serious prenatal conditions.

As believers, we must refuse to settle for a disengaged "lite" form of Catholicism.

A doubt has been nagging me for the longest time. Catholics who think that the Eucharistic species are not but a symbol of the Body and Blood of Christ are even more numerous than the 50/50 split over Proposal 3. Those who refuse to be "lite Catholics" can make the leap of faith that the Eucharist is truly the flesh of our Lord and God. Hence, it would not be surprising that those in favor of abortion do not recognize the humanity of the flesh in the womb...

One final thought: those who feel compelled to let everybody know that they are practicing Catholics should realize that theirs is an unwarranted affirmation for which no intelligent person falls. Their deeds prove or disprove their faith.

Serving the Lord of all life,

Fr. Dino Vanin, PIME



MASS INTENTIONS:

January 1-Sunday (New Years Day)

8am James & Joanne Nowc by family
8am Bob Ruggioli by wife Sharon
8am Special Intent-Carmen Campain & fam by Mary Mutti
8am Special Intent-Gretchen Bartelli & fam by Mary Mutti
8am Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family
8am Special Intentions of DiMichele family by family
10am Ottavio Zicarelli -1st Anniversary by wife & family
10am Antonietta & Valfredo Risuri by Bruna & Fernando
10am Michele Di Cicco by Giovanni Cece
12pm Luigi, Frank & Angelina Soave by Gererda & family
12pm Aldo Marrocco by wife & children
12pm Enrico & Teresa Iannucci by children

January 2-Monday

Giovanni Bologna by Tina Terenzi

January 3-Tuesday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

January 4-Wednesday

Marcello Del Serrone by wife Franca & family

January 5-Thursday

Special Intentions

January 6-Friday

Rose Mazzuchelli by family

January 7-Saturday

Special Intentions for Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
Special Intentions by Brenday Rivard

6pm Sarah De Vuono by Maria Spadafora

6pm Angela Mazzuchelli by family

January 8-Sunday

8am Pietro & Josephine Badalamenti by family
8am Theresa & Charles MacDonald by family
8am Maria & Bruno Coucci by Bruna & Fernando Risur
8am Marcel & Rita Normandeau by Ron & Michelle Marino
10am Vilma Farquhar by family
10am Antonino Badalamenti by family
10am Salvatore Manzella by wife Rosa

January 8-Sunday (continued)

12pm Anita Soave by Ilio Gianandrea
12pm Alex Calderone by wife Geraldine
12pm Maria Viviano by Maria DiLorenzo
12pm Paolo & Elena De Leonardis by family

January 9-Monday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

January 10-Tuesday

Special Intentions

January 11-Wednesday

Special Intentions

January 12-Thursday

Italina Bonucchi by family

January 13-Friday

Albino Bertolini by family
Evandro & Sally DiMichele by DiMichele family

January 14-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Special Intentions

January 15-Sunday

8am Special Intentions
10am Franca Esposito by family
10am Teresa Ranucci by Assunta Society
10am Dec members of Simon family by Carmela
12pm Dec members of Alu family by Carmela Simon
12pm Dec members of Caruso family by Carmela Simon

January 16-Monday

Special Intentions

January 17-Tuesday

Special Intentions

January 18-Wednesday

Special Intentions

January 19-Thursday

Fortunato Valerio by family

January 20-Friday

Salvatore Ventimiglia by family
Eileen Michael by DiMichele family
Evandro DiMichele by DiMichele family

January 21-Saturday

Special Intentions

6pm Special Intentions

January 22-Sunday

8am Alexandra Schwab by family
10am Vincenzo & Alessandro Risuri by Bruna & Fernando
10am Emma Martinelli Langan-5th Anniversary by family
10am Michele DiCicco by Gregg & Romana Cammarata
12pm Diva Bonaldi by family
12pm Teresa Mattei by Mary Mother of God Prayer Group
12pm Giuseppe Liano by family

January 23-Monday

Special Intentions

January 24-Tuesday

Special Intentions

January 25-Wednesday

Conversion of Sinners by Brenda Rivard
Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family

January 26-Thursday

Francesco & Elvira DiCicco by Sandra Biundo

January 27-Friday

Angelo Mazzuchelli by family

January 28-Saturday

Special Intentions of the DiMichele family by family
6pm Cyril Van Marcke by family

January 29-Sunday

8am Gaetano & Antonietta Biundo by family
8am Theresa & Charles MacDonald by family
10am Teresa Ranucci by Assunta Society
12pm Domenico & Rosa Vescio by Giovanni & Antonietta

January 30-Monday

Special Intentions

January 31-Tuesday

Special Intentions



Called to *Serve*

Lectors for January:

Jan 01-J. Nowc, T. Silverio, A. Perugi

Jan 08-P. Graebert, G. Buttacavoli, N. Butros

Jan 15-J. Nowc, V. Amaro, S. Santilla

Jan 22-P. Graebert, M. Sugameli, L. Sawyer

Jan 29-J. Nowc, L. Pietrantonio, A. Perugi

Saturday, 6pm Jan. 7-D. Brosky, **Jan. 14**-J. Foglyano,
Jan. 21-D. Brosky, **Jan. 28**-J. Foglyano



Thank
You!

CHRISTMAS brought a good number of the faithful to San Francesco and to the Sacraments. This is a source of great joy! **Special thanks to all those who contributed so generously to make our sacred liturgies heartwarming and inspiring. WE send many thanks to those who so faithfully volunteer to sanitize the pews and church compound after every Holy Mass and to those who decorated the church so nicely for Christmas. You are a tremendous help and know you are acknowledged and we are grateful to have your dedication.**

We are also grateful to those who donated for the flowers. God Bless you all.

MUCH APPRECIATION FROM OUR CCD PROGRAM



We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who donated to our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity went above and beyond this year! Due to your generous response we were able to assist families in need, and assist families on a smaller scale for the Christmas holiday! We would like you to know all donations were sincerely appreciated by the recipients, and we would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of you who donated. May God Bless You and Your Family!

Ann Burrell, CCD Coordinator

Reminder To All Parents:



As your child's primary catechist, I would like to remind you to bring your children to Mass and support us by helping them with their CCD homework. Please bring your children to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Prepare for Mass by getting ready as much as possible the night before. Allow plenty of time to get to the church and get settled. If we want our children to have faith they must witness clear signs of faith from the adults in their life. Support your child's learning process by guiding and helping them to understand and learn their faith.

Ann Burrell~CCD Coordinator

Important News: 2023



JANUARY 1st-Sunday

New Years Day

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses @ 8:00am, 10am (Italian) & 12:00pm

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8th-Sunday

January 14th @ 10am

San Francisco Parish will host "A One Friar Musical" by brother Al Mascia, CFM. Inspired by the life of Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM Cap. This one man musical tells the story of Capuchin Franciscan Blessed Solanus Casey in a way that he would surely approve: through song and music. Through original music and fiddle tunes that Casey would have known and played on his violin. No charge for this event (donations welcome). For more information contact Ann Burrell 586-242-1981.

UPCOMING:



is on February 22nd

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH-March 19th

March 18th we will have a traditional celebration and possible procession. More info in next bulletin paper.



PLEASE REMEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES

They are in the church for anyone to take and help with financial support of our church. Thank you your donations are greatly appreciated.



DONATIONS FOR BULLETIN PAPERS

We appreciate any donations for the mailing of the bulletin papers as it is very costly to have these printed and sent by mail.

REMINDER: We also need your financial assistance as you support our beloved church of San Francesco financially. Your cooperation will make the work of our bookkeeper that much easier! **PLEASE, do not** combine different requests in **one check**. Donations to the church should be on **one check** by themselves. Requests for Holy Mass intentions should be on a **separate check**. Financial support for the **Giving Tree or the Food Drive** should be on a **separate check** as well as with all other drives or causes. **They should each be on separate checks.** Thank you so much for your help & understanding.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP



**MEETS EVERY MONDAY @ 1:00pm
HERE AT THE CHURCH.**

Refreshments and social fellowship afterwards in the church hall.
All are welcome!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Wishing you good health, happiness and peace in your heart throughout this coming year and beyond.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



✱ Cattolici all'acqua di rose

Carissimi parrocchiani e amici di San Francesco Church,

Come sacerdote posso capire che i cattolici del Michigan abbiano votato pressappoco metà per la destra e metà per la sinistra. Queste sono decisioni personali perché nessuno dei due partiti principali offre, in completo, le soluzioni desiderate da cattolici impegnati. Quello che non è accettabile però è che metà dei cattolici del Michigan abbiano votato per l'accessibilità all'aborto per tutti i nove mesi di gravidanza e senza nessuna restrizione.

Questa scelta incosciente e vergognosa si può spiegare solo per una o più delle seguenti ragioni.

Ignoranza del Catechismo della Chiesa Cattolica (vedi articoli # 2271-2275). Il Catechismo afferma senza mezzi termini che ogni vita che Dio Creatore pone nel seno di una donna è sacra e nessuna eccezione è ammessa: né se fosse il risultato deplorabile di incesto o stupro, né se fosse riscontrato un serio difetto fisico e neppure per salvare la vita della madre.

Aver creduto alle esagerazioni e alle menzogne di chi voleva far credere che il voto contrario al **Proposal 3** avrebbe punito interventi per curare gravidanze ectopiche, aborti spontanei e chirurgia salvavita per la donna.

Rifiuto di porre il valore di una incipiente vita umana al primo posto nella lista di priorità di valori. Per la Sacra Scrittura non c'è nessun altro valore che possa superare il valore di una vita umana. La stessa Costituzione

americana elenca la vita come il primo dei diritti fondamentali dati da Dio che nessun'altra persona può togliere.

L'ignorare le parole fortissime con le quali Papa Francesco condanna l'aborto. Lo paragona al mandare un sicario a risolvere un problema assassinando una persona scomoda.

L'essere cattolici impegnati comporta l'essere disposti a tanti sacrifici per la salvaguardia e la cura di ogni vita umana inclusa la vita di madri indigenti e in serie difficoltà. Pensiamoci su: Il nostro Dio valuta così tanto la natura umana che l'ha assunta per dimostrarci quanti ci ami.

P. Dino Vanin, PIME

Thanks to the members of our Parish Financial Council

who tirelessly give their time to help with our church. Your devotion and efforts to benefit the parish are truly appreciated. **May God Bless You All.**

Tax Receipts For 2022

Sign the sheet in the vestibule **ONLY** if you haven't received one in past years. Make sure you print your complete name and address on the sheet.

Visit us on our website: **sanfrancescochurch.org** where you can read Fr. Dino's weekly homilies and his articles on the home page all the way down to **Mission Corner**.