

November 14, 2021

Hello Parish Family,

This week we have congratulations for two of our parishioners, reminders of upcoming events, a few housekeeping details, and a biography of another Black Catholic in a series that we are highlighting in celebration of Black Catholic History Month.

Congratulations to **Kim Milligan and Coleman Ward** for their solo performances in last weekend's choir concert at Sacred Heart Church. If you missed it, you can view it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxuDszksLf8

Next weekend, in honor of the **Global Celebration of Young People** that Pope Francis has called for, we will have a special blessing for the teens of the parish at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We hope that all of our teens will be able to attend.

Please read Fr. Dan's Pastor's Pen in the Bulletin for information on the tour of early Detroit Black Catholic churches and home sites that he is conducting next Sunday.

Announcements: In order to avoid miscellaneous announcements at the end of Mass, we ask that you notify the parish office (313-922-0033) of any announcement that you want to make by the end of day on the preceding Tuesday. We will do our best to fit them into either the announcements that the lector reads or the weekly email.

If you are shopping for our Christmas families, Anne wants to let you know that Macy's is currently having great sales on household items (toasters, comforters, etc.).

This week's Black Catholic that we want to highlight is: Sister Thea Bowman.

Did you know that a little Methodist girl born Bertha Bowman in Yazoo City, Mississippi grew up to be a renowned Roman Catholic nun, teacher and scholar? Sr. Thea Bowman became Catholic when she was nine years old. She later went to college and then became the first African American to join the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Wisconsin. After 16 years of teaching at the elementary, secondary and college levels, Sr. Thea Bowman was invited to be a special consultant for the Catholic Church. She gave presentations around the country aimed at bridging racial and cultural divisions. She combined her gifts of singing and gospel preaching with prayers and storytelling. Sr. Thea Bowman was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1984. Yet, she continued her fight from her wheel chair against the evils that drive people apart until her death at the age of 53 in 1990. Sr. Thea Bowman said she prayed "to live until I die – to live fully." And that she did.

Her picture, along with others we will present, is displayed in front of the altar.

We continue to keep you in prayer,

The Parish Team