

# SAVE THE DATE



## IGNITE MIDDLE

Friday, April 12 from 7:30-9 PM  
Koinonia Academy  
All Middle Schoolers welcome!

## 42ND COMMUNITY ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Saturday, April 27th ~ 6 PM  
More info coming soon

## CAMP HOPE

Early Registrations ends on April 1st.  
After that, the price will go up!  
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# PEOPLE OF HOPE

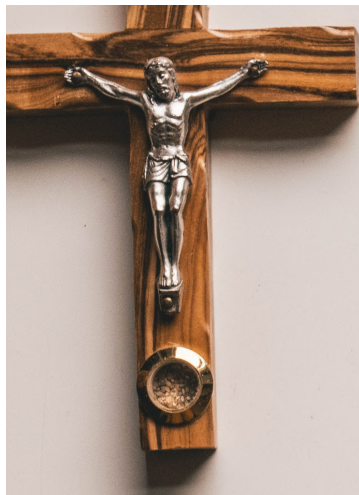
A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION

872ND SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING

"ALWAYS BE  
PREPARED  
TO GIVE A  
REASON FOR  
YOUR HOPE"

1 PETER 3:15

MARCH 24, 2019



VERY TRULY, I TELL  
YOU, UNLESS A GRAIN  
OF WHEAT FALLS INTO  
THE EARTH AND DIES, IT  
REMAINS JUST A SINGLE  
GRAIN; BUT IF IT DIES,  
IT BEARS MUCH FRUIT.

JOHN 12:24



## BEARING FRUIT

The call of the Lord to us to be on mission has been strong and clear. In response we dedicated our Community Conference to being "On Mission". Our February Community Prayer meetings were used to begin the process of evangelistic training. The Archdiocesan women's and men's days were opportunities for us to be together with other Catholics, participate fully and to be a source of encouragement to all those we met. Today's prayer meeting was a time to be together along with invited guests to praise God and reflect on how he can and does use us to share His love with others. After all this you might be asking yourself where is this going? What's the purpose? The answer is simple, to bear fruit. In fact, the Lord calls us to bear much fruit.

Bearing much fruit sounds exciting. Which one of you gardeners wouldn't love to have a garden that bore much fruit? But in order to obtain an abundant harvest, death must occur. The small seed must be sown into the dark moist soil and die. In other words, it must change. It requires leaving behind the hard,

protective shell and becoming vulnerable to the elements. It requires shooting roots deep into the earth and stretching upward toward the sun. It requires drinking in fresh water and being nourished. It requires enduring the ravages of pests and disease. All of this, in order that it may become fruitful. Our call to mission is very much the same. It requires leaving behind the comforts of our home and our community and becoming vulnerable to those we meet. It requires being deeply rooted in daily prayer. It requires being nourished by the Eucharist and the scripture, and being led by the Holy Spirit. It requires being willing to endure ridicule and rejection. All of this, in order that others may experience the fruit of knowing Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord to bless our response to his call to mission that we may bear much fruit for him.

Marty Buganski  
Senior Coordinator for the People of Hope



**DIGITAL  
EVANGELIZATION**

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR MINI-  
WITNESSES ON INSTAGRAM FROM  
PEOPLE OF HOPE MEMBERS**

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# IGNITE YOUTH MINISTRY

3/28--No Ignite

3/29-3/31--YES Retreat: Hillsdale, MI

4/4--Ignite Night 8-9:30 PM Koinonia

4/11-- No Ignite (Choir Tour)

4/18-- Holy Thursday Church Hopping

4/25-- No Ignite (Easter Break)

Please pray for the upcoming YES retreat! Next weekend, 43 students and 12 leaders from Ignite will get on a bus and make our way out to Hillsdale, Michigan for this annual life changing retreat. Please pray for us as we travel, and all who attend and serve on this retreat!



## PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK

Please continue to pray for all the sick, specially for Clara Bickel, Jack Bickel, Maria Bickel, Kimi Butler, Chuck & Jane Calarco, Genna Camiolo, John Camiolo and Peg Camiolo, Joe Caprari, Fr. Jim Carroll, Jonathan Caruso, Steve Clark, Lou Cirrotti, Mike Dalessio, Joe Fierro, Margaret Fierro, Katrina Gallic, Eric Garcia, Paul Giegerich, Jr., Laura Greey, Frank Helfrich, Mark Helfrich, Gloria Hoffman, Wendy Hoffman, Joseph McMullen, Rose Molnar,

Danielle Neri, Walt and Joanne Quense, Lizzie Quense, Lee Scarfone, Jack Spear, Lisa Yacone, Chris Birk from the Word of Life in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Peter Smith from Triumph of the Cross in Maryland.

Let's also pray for all those serving in the military, especially our loved ones.







# ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S DAY

March 9

I didn't hear all the talks as I was serving and in meetings during Gloria Purvis talks, but it was a privilege to be there and see about 2000 Catholic women come together, sacrificing an entire Saturday to hear truth, relate to each other, and have an opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament together, with holy music in the background to inspire us. The presence of the women from the People of Hope brought an atmosphere of the joy and love

in service and truly appreciated as mentioned by our service coordinator. The talks about the transgender culture were very informative, somewhat shocking but we need to know it and pray. Personally I enjoy serving with all the women from various parishes and sharing our faith journeys.

Judy Touhill





# ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S DAY

March 16

During the afternoon of the Men's Conference, I led a discussion group of about ten men. One of the participants was an elderly man who told the rest of us that he had just gone to confession for the first time in 55 years. It was inspiring to hear from someone who had just experienced God's mercy in such a powerful way, and to see the fruit of a long-term plan of God.

John Harmon

