

# Livingston Vicariate Newsletter

Summer 2020

## **Thank you Father Dave!**

We would like to thank Fr. Dave Speicher for serving as our Vicariate Vicar for these last six years and as a priest in our region at St. Joseph for eleven years. We wish you the best as you move to your new assignment at the Catholic Community of St. Jude in DeWitt.

***"The Catholic community of Howell and all of Livingston County is an amazing group of people. I thank you for letting me journey in faith with you." Fr. Dave***



Fr. Dave,

Thank you for your dedicated service to the people of not only St. Joseph Parish, but also those of all the parishes of the Livingston Vicariate. Your gracious leadership has been greatly appreciated by all of us. Personally it was a pleasure to work with you on the Vicariate Council as we planned the various collaborative efforts for the local flock. Best wishes and blessings to you at your new assignment in Dewitt.

Your brother in Christ, Fr. John Rocus

Fr. Dave,

Thank you for your many years of service to St Joseph parish and the Livingston vicariate. You've been a humble and gentle leader for all the priests in our area and you will be missed! Blessings on you in your new place of ministry in DeWitt.

-Fr. Joe Campbell

St Patrick, Brighton

Fr. Dave,

Thank you for your many years of faithful service here in our vicariate. I am grateful for your example as a leader; you have a humble collegiality with your brother priests that has always been refreshing to be around. I also hope to learn from the way that you are about loving service to others rather than out of personal achievements or accolades. I will certainly miss your presence here in the vicariate, as I know we all will. You are certainly in my prayers for your transition to your next assignment; those people will be very blessed to have a spiritual father who is as present to them as you are.

God bless, Dan Kogut

## **Catholic Education**

**Prayerfully consider enrolling your children into one of our five Vicariate Catholic Schools.**

St. Mary Magdalen, Preschool Only  
Holy Spirit, Preschool - 8th Grade  
St. Joseph, Preschool- 8th Grade  
St. Mary, Preschool - 8th Grade  
St. Patrick, Kindergarten - 8th Grade  
Visit our Vicariate Schools and

***"Witness the Difference"***

## **Fellowship and A Hot Nutritious Meal**

*At this time websites should be checked for these meals as changes have occurred.*

Every Monday 6:00 pm  
Magdalen's Kitchen;  
**St. Mary Magdalen**

Every Wednesday 6:00 pm  
God's Kitchen; **St. Joseph**

Every Thursday 6:00 pm  
Welcome Table Community  
Dinner; **St. Agnes**



***Visit each Parish Website for Daily Mass Times, Reconciliation Times, Events and Bulletin Information***

## **Holy Spirit Parish**

9565 Musch Road  
Brighton, MI 48116  
810-231-9199  
[www.hsrcc.net](http://www.hsrcc.net)

**Rev. John Rocus**

## **St. Agnes Parish**

855 E. Grand River  
Fowlerville, MI 48836  
517-223-8684

[stagnesmi.weconnect.com](http://stagnesmi.weconnect.com)

**Rev. Nathaniel Sokol**

## **St. Augustine Parish**

6481 Faussett Road  
Howell, MI 48855  
517-546-9807

[www.staugustinehowell.com](http://www.staugustinehowell.com)

**Rev. Gregg A. Pleiness**

## **St. John Parish**

2099 N. Hacker  
Howell, MI 48855  
517-546-7200

[www.stjohnhowell.com](http://www.stjohnhowell.com)

**Rev. Francis M. George**

## **St. Joseph Parish**

440 E. Washington St.  
Howell, MI 48843  
517-546-0090

[www.stjosephhowell.com](http://www.stjosephhowell.com)

**Rev. Gary Koenigs knecht**

## **St. Mary Parish**

10601 Dexter Pinckney Road  
Pinckney, MI 48169  
734-878-3161

[www.stmarypinckney.org](http://www.stmarypinckney.org)

**Rev. Daniel Kogut**

## **St. Mary Magdalen Parish**

2201 Old US 23  
Brighton, MI 48114  
810-229-8624

[www.saintmarymagdalen.org](http://www.saintmarymagdalen.org)

**Rev. Shaun Lowery**

## **St. Patrick Parish**

711 Rickett Rd  
Brighton, MI 48116  
810-229-9863

[stpatchurch.org](http://stpatchurch.org)

**Rev. Mathias Thelen**

**Rev. Joseph Campbell**

**VISIT ANY OF THE ABOVE PARISH WEBSITES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULES**

Fr. Dave,

Just a couple of months before you started your assignment at St. Joseph, I had lunch with Fr. Karl Pung and Fr. Dave Howell. One of the topics was the need and desire that Livingston County Catholic Charities have a priest on our Board of Directors. Together, they each urged that I be patient, and approach you after you started your new assignment. By the fall, you said “yes” and then served over 9 years on our Board. All of us at LCCC believe that you were a wonderful Board Member and we are grateful for your service.

Part of my job at LCCC is to represent the agency in the broader community. On a regular basis, I attend many meetings, most of which have little clergy participation. However, there is a small handful of local clergy who are visible in the broader community, United Way, Love, INC, Chamber of Commerce, Ministerial Association and other groups. Consistently, you’ve been one of the small group and you’ve been a tremendous representative of the Church to the broader community.

Today, I count you as a friend. I value you for your wisdom, your humility and the comfort level within our conversations. Thank you for the gift of your friendship, your ministry and your leadership of the Livingston Vicariate.

Mark Robinson

Fr. Dave,

Since arriving at St. Mary Magdalen last June, I have been impressed by the people and the day to day organization of the parish's life. What has surprised me is how many weddings we have. And of course with weddings comes paperwork, and the need for baptismal records for the spouses-to-be. What's striking is how often I come across Fr. Dave Speicher's name on those baptismal records.

As he moves into a new ministry as Pastor of St. Jude, Fr. Dave's gentle strength will be missed in our vicariate, but not forgotten. He has made a lasting impact by setting the Lords seal on countless numbers of parishioners both young and old. For this, we give thanks to God and we pray that God will continue to bless the Church through Fr. Dave's pastoral care of the people of DeWitt.

Rev. Shaun Lowery, Pastor  
Saint Mary Magdalen Parish

Fr Dave,

Thank you for your priestly service and congratulations on your new assignment in Dewitt. In the years you served us as the vicar of our Livingston vicariate, we had occasion to work on multiple Lenten Missions, gatherings and initiatives. Your leadership has always been kind and community focused. Your hospitality to the young adults of the vicariate by offering a monthly space for id916 Livingston Disciples Nights and various other events was a true blessing. Your sense of adventure and humor were a gift in our conversations about young adult ministry and the current realities facing the church. Your steadfast leadership and willingness to delegate and learn alongside of the lay faithful as well as the ordained in our Livingston Vicariate Pastoral Council meetings will be missed. May your new parish community welcome you with loving arms and inspire you to serve openly, decisively and compassionately.

*I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God  
that has been given you in Christ Jesus. 1 Cor 1:4*

Shannon Scherba  
Livingston Vicariate Young Adult Minister

**Livingston County Catholic Charities**

2020 East Grand River, Ste 104  
Howell, Michigan 48843; 517-545-5944  
**[www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org](http://www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org)**

Temporary hours of operation as of June 1st:

**Tuesdays 9a-8p, Wednesdays 9a-8p,**

**Thursdays 9a-8p and Fridays 9a-5p.**

All visitors/clients are asked to wear a mask when entering any of LCCC's buildings. If visitors/clients do not have a mask, one will be provided.

**24 hours a day—available substance abuse  
hotline—517-375-1652**