



PJM Newsletter

May/June 2019

Update Letter

Dear PJM volunteers and friends,

Alleluia, He is alive! Happy Easter! I hope and pray you are having a joyful Easter season!

In an effort to provide you with accurate resources while leading Communion services in our prisons and jails, I recently asked Aaron Sanders, director of worship, to review our Communion Service Sheets. After reviewing the service, Aaron made appropriate and necessary revisions. The updated service is more liturgically accurate and follows the rite for lay volunteers leading a communion service. In May, you will notice these revisions in our service. ***Prison volunteers who use only the missalette for your service, please follow the service sheet format and reference it while preparing for your service.***

As lay volunteers, it is important we understand what our role during a communion service is and what it is not. It is also important the incarcerated experience consistency from our program volunteers. You may read a copy of an updated service with the revisions highlighted, here: [Revised Communion Service for Lay Volunteers](#) Please review and become familiar with these changes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Parish Ministry and Catechetical Conference

We are planning and preparing for our annual Parish Ministry and Catechetical Conference. The 36th annual conference will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 28** at West Catholic High School. This conference will offer something for everyone to enrich your ministry experience. Prison and Jail Ministry will sponsor six program volunteers to attend. **If you would like to attend the conference as a Prison and Jail volunteer, please contact me by July 30 to register.**

3rd Annual Restorative Justice Conference

Prison and Jail Ministry will host and sponsor a Restorative Justice Conference on **Saturday, Oct. 19** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cathedral Square Center. This 3rd annual day-long conference has been organized by the men incarcerated at Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia. The theme of this year's conference is "Radical Forgiveness." The conference keynote speaker will be Kate Grosmaire, author of [Forgiving my Daughter's Killer](#). Look for more information and registration details coming soon!

Action Needed!

The Michigan Senate has approved the **"Raise the Age"** legislative packages with a nearly unanimous vote and has sent it to the State House, where similar bills have already cleared. The legislation would change current policy, which automatically treats seventeen-year-olds in the adult system when a crime is committed. Michigan is one of only four states that still automatically prosecutes all 17-year-olds as adults for any offense in the criminal justice system...even first time, nonviolent offenses.

[Email your State Representative TODAY](#) and urge immediate action on these bills!

Please remember to read this newsletter completely. There is important information and resources included in the team updates and newsletter inserts. Thank you!

Peace,
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Team Schedules

Carson City Team

[Carson City East and West](#)

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Resources for Juvenile Detention Centers



[Catholic Icing Website](#)

[God sends the Holy Spirit](#)

[Thomas Believes](#)

Carson City Team

Mr. Gerald Erskine is the new Institutional Chaplain for Carson City. Please introduce yourself and welcome Chaplain Erskine when you see him.

[Carson City Team Contact List](#)

Ionia Team

The Dormitory at Bellamy welcomes new volunteer Pedro de Ingunza! Pedro attended our last informational session and is excited to begin his service at Bellamy. He recently shadowed Elizabeth, "our program assistant" and will continue to shadow until he feels comfortable going in alone.

Reformatory Chaplain Craig Curtis recently informed me that the call out for our Level IV Bible Study has dropped below five. As you know, there must be five men on the callout to continue services. Chaplain Curtis has suggested moving the Level II Communion Service to the Level IV Bible Study time slot. Should the callout increase again, we will place the Level IV Bible Study in the afternoon. This change would require one volunteer each week to lead two Communion Services back to back. The Level IV Communion Service then would be held from 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. followed by the Level II Communion Service from 9:20 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. Please look for these possible changes in the July and August schedule sign up.

On Wednesday, June 26, Bishop Walkowiak will visit Bellamy Creek to celebrate Mass and hear confessions for the men in Level II, Level IV and the Protective Unit. Level II volunteers who would like to join us, please meet us at the facility at 8:45 a. m. Level IV and Protective Unit volunteers who would like to join us, please meet us at the facility at 1 p.m. ***If you are interested in joining us for this visit, please contact me for further information no later than June 10.***

[Ionia Team Contact List](#)

Kent County Team

We are always looking to fill slots for the Saturday Communion Services at Kent County Jail. If you know anyone that may be interested in becoming a program volunteer, please have them contact Elizabeth at eklein@grdiocese.org.

[Kent County Team Contact List](#)

Below is the Kent County Bible Request Form. Use this when an inmate lets you know they have a release date and would like a Bible. Have them fill this out and we will mail a Bible directly to their home address.

Muskegon Team

Please welcome Gray Gogolin and Jon Bowen to the Muskegon Team! Jon and Gray will both serve at Brooks. Gray will help lead the Wednesday evening Bible Study and Jon will help with our Level II and Level IV Communion Services. They are currently shadowing program volunteers and will begin rotating in alone when they are comfortable.

Father Victor Kynam has been cleared at Brooks. He now needs to attend an onsite orientation and will then begin celebrating Mass and hearing confessions during our Thursday service time for both Level IV and Level II.

[Muskegon County Team Contact List](#)

Newaygo Team

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Ottawa Team

Please welcome Mike Jacobs to our Ottawa Team. Mike will serve at Ottawa County Juvy. His first visit will be on May 14 with Allison Hawkins. If you see Mike, please introduce yourself and welcome him to the ministry.

[Ottawa County Team Contact List](#)

Below is the Ottawa County Bible Request Form. Use this when an inmate lets you know they have a release date and would like a Bible. Have them fill this out and we will mail a Bible directly to their home address.

[Ottawa County Bible Request Form](#)

Communion Service Sheets

May

[5-5-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[5-5-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[5-12-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[5-12-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[5-19-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[5-19-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[5-26-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[5-26-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

June

[6-2-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[6-2-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[6-9-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[6-9-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[6-16-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[6-16-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[6-23-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[6-23-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

[6-30-19 English Communion Service Sheet](#)

[6-30-19 Spanish Communion Service Sheet](#)

Newsletter Inserts

[Holy Thursday source of many iconic images of Pope Francis](#)

[Action Needed! Urge Support for Raise the Age in Both Chambers](#)

***Need help with reflection time resources?
Check out the websites below***

www.preacherexchange.com

www.homilies.net

www.sborromeo.org

www.grdiocese.org

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