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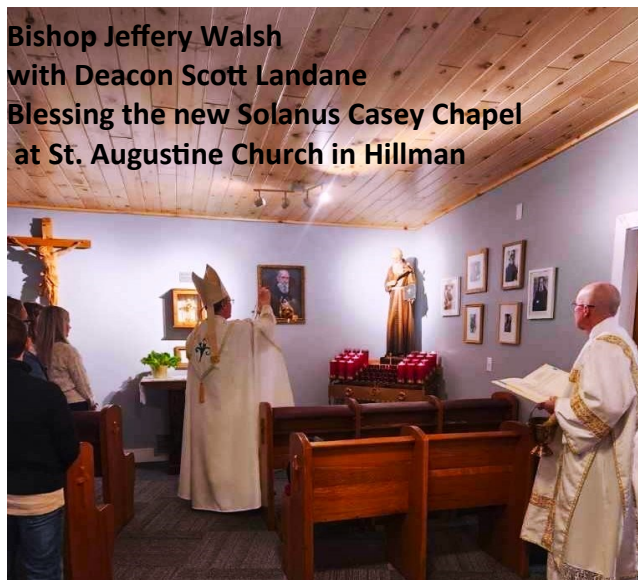
THE NORTHERN DESTINATION FOR BLESSED FATHER SOLANUS CASEY UPDATE

We are thrilled to report that we have completed Phase I of our project. As the last newsletter reported, through the generosity of the Kennard family, Friends of Father Solanus, and many parishioners, we have completed our chapel and gift shop. We have a Solanus Hallway with the biography of Father Solanus, and a case with memorabilia of his beatification. One of our parishioners has replicated the sort of rosary that Father Solanus would have carried. This hallway also holds our collection of icons on wood found in our church closets. Many of the votive stands around the church were reclaimed from their attic storage, and we have rescued statues from barns and the St. Rose of Lima Church fire. We have much to show you when you visit.



PHASE II begins with this year's parish festival fundraiser. We are working toward the addition of a welcome center, improved parking, handicapped accessible outdoor way of the cross, and additional prayer gardens. Total projection \$475,000.

**Bishop Jeffery Walsh
with Deacon Scott Landane
Blessing the new Solanus Casey Chapel
at St. Augustine Church in Hillman**



A year ago, we had doubts we would be able to repair the roof, and then the miracles began to happen: New roof, Chapel, gift shop, found items, gifts of labor, free carpeting and more. Come be part of the Miracle!

Friends of Father Solanus.org under construction

**The Original
Solanus Casey Center**
1780 Mount Elliott St
Detroit, MI 48207
United States

(313) 579-2100

This web address will take you to St. Bonaventure Monastery and all the information about the Center and upcoming events.
<https://www.thecapuchins.org/ministries/detroit>

If you aren't already a member of the Father Solanus Casey Guild, do join!
<https://www.solanuscasey.org/about/father-solanus-guild/>



The Northern Solanus Casey Destination

St. Augustine Catholic Church
24138 Veterans Memorial Hwy
Hillman, MI 49746
United States

989-742-4542

Church web site:
restlesshearts.org

Friends of Father Solanus
e-mail to join or for tours.
bfscshrine@yahoo.com

Tours also: Kathy Stevens
Call or Text 563-581-3382



**Home of the Outdoor
Way of the Cross and
Marian Meditation**

Please contact us to submit stories and/or to be placed on our mailing list at: bfscshrine@yahoo.com or Friends of Father Solanus, P.O. Box 379, Hillman, MI 49746. For programs or group tours use our e-mail or contact: Kathy Stevens at 989-742-3469.



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BLESSED FATHER SOLANUS CASEY NOTES

The Capuchin Constitutions say: "Let us live in the midst of the world as a gospel leaven so that people, seeing our fraternal life centered in the spirit of the beatitudes, may realize that the Kingdom of God has already begun in their midst," (Constitutions 6, 98). Father Solanus Casey lived a life of "gospel leaven."

Father Solanus followed Jesus' greatest commandment, as the gospel of Matthew says: "'You shall love the Lord you God with all you heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets; (Matt: 22:37-40)

No matter where Father Solanus was stationed, he ministered to anyone who came to the door. It didn't matter what your ethnic background was, Irish, German, Italian. It didn't matter if you were a prisoner and African American, if you were on drugs, or needed to take the pledge to quit drinking. It didn't matter if you were Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, Agnostic, or Atheist. It didn't matter if you were the Mayor of Detroit, or an assembly plant worker, or the poorest of the poor in a home without holy water. For Father Solanus, you were his equal and deserving of his compassion and his entire attention.

In a world where self-love was considered a vice, its appropriate expression constituted a strong basis for Solanus's spirituality; this was his response to his sense of having been loved first by God and significant others in his life.

He could give all to you because he had given his all to God. He had self-confidence, or self-assurance, self-esteem because he knew where he stood with God. He was a child of God (as we all are) and he was loved by God (as we all are). Unlike most of us, Solanus knew who he was and Who loved him. He not only understood that he was loved, but Believed that he was loved. Because of his relationship with God, he could be optimistic and expect good things to happen. This also came from the loving relationship with his family. He was loved by God, he was loved by his family, and good things just had to come.

His relationship to God is like a mathematical equation. 1. God Loves Me. 2. God Desires My Love. 3. God Gives Me the Grace to Love Him. 4. I Believe God. 5. I Love God. Some of Father's friends would say that he "breathed" the love of God. If that is true, then it was because Father Solanus believed that God "breathed" his love in the form of Grace in our souls.

Traditional spirituality always considers both the relationship with God-the vertical dimension -and the relationship with humans-the horizontal element. The former cannot be authentic without the latter. And love of neighbor can be selfish if not rooted in one's love of God. Father Solanus observed the first commandment to love God with your whole heart and soul. Everything else comes from that. What could we do if we believed?

(paraphrased from Crosby: BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY)

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Father Solanus Novena

BLESSED BE GOD IN ALL HIS DESIGNS



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JULY 30—FEAST DAY BLESSED FATHER SOLANUS IN HILLMAN

JULY 22-JULY 30: NOVENA DURING ADORATION

(COPY OF NOVENA ATTACHED)

8:00AM MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY

AFTER MASS ON WEDNESDAY (DAILY MASS AT 9:00AM)

JULY 30:

ADORATION 9:30

MASS 11:00

LIGHT LUNCH 11:45(BY DONATION) RSVP

RESERVATIONS BY TEXT TO 563-581-3382 OR CALL THE

OFFICE AT 989-742-4542

MOVIE: "SOLANUS CASEY: PRIEST, PORTER,
PROPHET"

IN DETROIT

Blessed Solanus Casey, Detroit's beloved Capuchin priest on the road to sainthood in the Catholic Church, will be remembered at the Solanus Casey Center with a nine-day novena beginning on July 22 and culminating with the Feast of Solanus Casey on July 30.

Confessions will be heard by Capuchin priests during the novena week from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mass will be held each day during the novena in St. Bonaventure Chapel at Noon (except Sunday, July 28). The theme of this year's novena is Humble and Faithful Disciples of Christ with the focus for each day on a different saint and/or element of discipleship.

July 22-July 27 Mass at 12:00

Sunday , July 28: 9:00 and 10:30am Mass. (Syro-Malabar Rite at 10:30)

July 29 Mass at 12:00

TOUR CHOICE ONE

FATHER SOLANUS

9:00 Mass then Adoration

10:00 Registration,
Coffee and Snacks

10:30: Film on Father Solanus
Choice 1 ½ hour or 30 min.

After film:

Shared stories, Gift shop time,
Veneration of Relic time, and
Lunch on your own

TOUR CHOICE TWO OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS AND MARIAN MEDITATION

9:00 Mass

9:30 Registration,
Coffee and Snacks

10:15 Film: "Mary after Jesus"

11:00: Discussion

11:15: Divide in groups for:

- ♦ Guided Way of the Cross
- ♦ Gift shop and Veneration

Lunch on your own

TOUR CHOICE THREE MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD

9:00 Mass

9:30 Registration,
Coffee and Snacks

10:00 Session 1

10:45 Break

11:00 Session 2

11:45 Lunch, visit Chapel, etc.

1:00 Session 3

1:45 Closing

DESIGN A WEEKEND TOUR/ PILGRIMAGE OF AREA SHRINES

For Any tour contact Kathy:
563-581-3382



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PARISH EVENTS

July to September

JULY

Friends of Father Solanus @ St. Augustine Church
Veteran's Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI

THE SOLANUS WAY

July 11-August 1, 2024

Thursdays, 10:00, Knights Classroom

We will explore the Capuchin
Charisms through the Life of
Blessed Father Solanus Casey,
and find our path to
The Solanus Way.

FRATERNITY

And the Lord Gave Me You!

MINORITY

Walk with others in Harmony

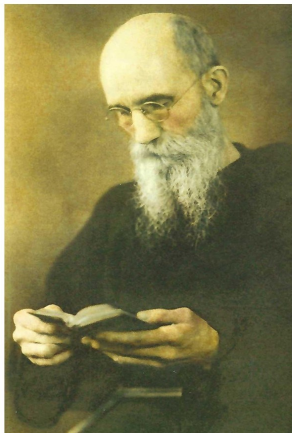
CONTEMPLATION

Begin in Awe and Wonder

MINISTRY

To be a servant to all

JUSTICE/PEACE/ECOLOGY
Serve the Truth



July 17-21 National Eucharistic Congress

July 23: Marian Center—Summer Kid's Camp

"Jesus' Family" children ages 5-10

\$5 per child, \$20 per family. Call 231-347-6279 or
text 231-373-7264 to reserve your spot

July 25: Huge Garage Sale-9-3—Mackinaw City
St. Anthony Parish CCW, 600 West Central
Garage items by donation. Bake Sale, Antiques,
Nearly New items priced. Contact: 231-436-5561

July 25: "The Eucharist and the Early Church"
Marian Center Summer Class Series with
Andrew Moe. Class offered at 10AM and again at
7PM. No cost, pre-registration required. Call 231-
347-6279 or text 231-373-7264.

AUGUST

August 5-10: White Elephant Sale
St. Augustine Catholic Church,
24138 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hillman.
Drop Off Items 7am to 7pm, Monday to Thursday.
Sale Thursday 1-7pm, Friday 9am –6pm, Saturday
8am –2pm and Sunday after both Masses.
Items for sale by donation. Baked goods for sale
on Friday and Saturday. Coffee and baked goods
available on Saturday morning pre-parade.
No Clothing accepted. Festival tickets available.
Funds support works of St. Augustine CCW
For information text: 563-581-3382

August 6: Marian Center—Summer Kids' Camp
"The Saints" children ages 5-10

August 20: Marian Center—Summer Kids' Camp
"The Angels" children ages 5-10
\$5 per child, \$20 per family. Call 231-347-6279 or
text 231-373-7264 to reserve your spot

August 9-11: DCCW Silent Retreat for Women
"The Mercy and Love of God" with Deacon Bob
Herzog. At Augustine Center: 6pm Friday to 3pm
on Sunday. \$130 includes 5 meals, private bed and
bath. Contact: augustinecenter@gmail.com, or
call Adam at 231-347-3657.

Aug. 10 | Fun Run

Where: Bayview Park, Alpena

Time: 9 am

Suggested donation: \$20

For more information and to register, contact Alex
Miller at 989-255-6676.

Participate in the 3-mile walk, 2.2-mile run or corn-
hole to benefit Options Pregnancy Center and the
Alpena Baby Pantry



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PARISH EVENTS

AUGUST CONT.

Friends of Father Solanus @ St. Augustine Church
Veteran's Memorial Highway, Hillman, MI

JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST



THURSDAYS
10:00

AUGUST 15-
SEPTEMBER 19

IN THE
KNIGHTS
CLASSROOM

BOOKS \$15 IN CLASS
OR FROM AMAZON

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Marian Center Summer Class Series with Andrew
Moe. Class offered at 10AM and again at 7PM.
No cost, pre-registration required. Call 231-347-
6279 or text 231-373-7264.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH PROUDLY BRINGS YOU

FIESTA-VAL

A SUMMER CELEBRATION
FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH - 11AM TO 5PM

LIVE MUSIC ■ DANCING
GAMES ■ AUCTION ■ RAFFLES
MEXICAN CUISINE ■ BEER ■ WINE

SUMMER FESTIVAL RAFFLE
3 GRAND PRIZES - WINNERS CHOICE

\$5000 CASH	TROPHY BUCK HUNT LIMBERLOST FARMS	LEGEND PREMIUM ALUMINUM TRAILER
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4 SECOND PLACE DRAWINGS \$1000 CASH EACH	2 THIRD PLACE DRAWINGS \$500 CASH EACH
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\$20 PER TICKET - OR - 6 FOR \$100

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES AND FROM PARISH MEMBERS

St. Augustine Catholic Church in Hillman
24140 Veterans Memorial Hwy • Phone: (989) 742 4542 • www.restfulhearts.org

SEPTEMBER

Baraga Days 2024

Friday, September 13 at 7:00 PM to Saturday,
September 14 at 8:00 PM

Friday Sept. 13:

St. Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral;
606 N Ohio Ave., Gaylord

7 pm Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacra-
ment

8:30 – 10 pm Fellowship with music and refreshments

Saturday Sept. 14:

9 am Morning Mass – St. Mary Cathedral

9:30 – 10:30 am Private blessings with the Baraga
Crucifix (Cathedral) Light refreshments (Parish Hall)

10:30 – 11:30 am Presentation:

Noon -5 pm Sight see

5pm Baraga Days Mass – St. Mary Cathedral,

6:30 pm Baraga Days Banquet and Annual Meeting

Tickets \$30, RSVP by Aug. 15

Visit BishopBaraga.org for details

OCTOBER

October 12, 2024, Saturday. 9am to 5pm

2024 Michigan Catholic Women's Conference

"Be Loved Be Radiant"

Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave.

Register: WWW.MICHIGANCCW.ORG

Contact Grace: goporter@dioceseoflansing.org

Or phone 517-342-2541

**Next deadline for Parish Events,
September 25 for October newsletter**

Interested in a Weekend Leaf Tour?

A Pilgrimage tour of local shrines?

Contact: Kathy at 563-581-3382