



# Senior Fellowship News & Views

## Summer 2025

### Message from the President

I hope you're all finding ways to enjoy this beautiful Michigan summer—it's short but sweet! We had a wonderful year of events in 2024–2025, and it wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our amazing senior volunteers and hardworking board members. A heartfelt *thank you* to each of you for your time, energy, and commitment. You truly make everything run smoothly!

“HEARTFELT  
THANKS TO ALL  
AMAZING  
VOLUNTEERS”

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce **two new field trips** for the upcoming year:

**Wednesday — July 23, 2025** – We'll be carpooling to **Bonaventure Monastery** and the **Blessed Solanus Casey Center** on Mt. Elliott in Detroit. We'll meet at 9:00 AM in the church parking lot. The day includes a tour, Mass at the monastery (note: *you won't be attending the usual 9 AM Mass at St. Irenaeus*), a special blessing of the sick, and lunch at **Give Thanks Bakery**. We'll return around 4:00 PM. The cost is \$23, and space is limited, so please register early! You may have already seen details in the church bulletin or your email.



Fall Outing – Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Join us for a fun fall adventure to



**The Parade Company** by charter bus! The tour gives a behind-the-scenes look at how Detroit's famous Thanksgiving Parade comes to life. The cost is \$35 per person, which

includes round-trip transportation (restroom-equipped bus) and the guided tour. Wheelchairs are available at The Parade Company if needed. We'll meet at 12:30 PM in the church parking lot. After the tour, we'll head to Red Ox in Rochester Hills for lunch (on your own). **More details will be shared soon by SF email and flyer—stay tuned!**

In this newsletter, on page 2, you'll find our updated list of restaurants for the **Senior Lunch Bunch**. We're trying some new spots this year — take a look and mark your calendar! Also on page 2 check out the 2025-26 SF events.

And don't forget, our **Annual Tailgate Get-Together** is Wednesday, **August 6, 2025**, following the 9:00 AM Mass. Bring a lawn chair and come ready to relax and catch up with friends.

Finally, we'll be at the **Mobile Desk**—just to the right as you enter the church—after all Masses on **Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3**. Stop by, say hello, and meet other seniors in our community.

Wishing you a happy, healthy summer!

God bless, Adelia (Dee) Macker

### MISSION STATEMENT

PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY AMONG PARISHIONERS  
55 YEARS AND OVER THROUGH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, OUTREACH  
PROJECTS AND A SHARING OF COMMON INTERESTS.

# Kat's Korner



<b>July 22</b> <b>Rochester Mills Beer Co.</b>	<b>August 26</b> <b>P. F. Changs</b>	<b>September 23</b> <b>Old Detroit Burger Bar</b>
<b>October 28</b> <b>Too-Ra-Loo</b>	<b>November 25</b> <b>Alibi of Troy</b>	<b>December</b> <b>Christmas Break</b>

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## Mark Your Calendar for these Senior Fellowship Events



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July 23	Field Trip	Solanus Casey Center
Aug 6	Tailgate	Church Parking Lot
Sep18	Dinner	Entertainment Night
Oct 1	Field Trip	Parade & Co.
Nov 20	Dinner	Information Night
Dec 17	Luncheon	Christmas Bingo
Jan 15	Dinner	Chili Night
Feb 11	Luncheon	Lunch and Movie
Mar 12	Dinner	St. Patrick's Day
April 15	Luncheon	Cards & Games
May 21	Dinner	Barbeque



## Step Back in Time at the Pontiac Transportation Museum

If you're looking for a fascinating way to spend an hour or two, consider a visit to the **Pontiac Transportation Museum**, located at 250 W. Pike Street in Pontiac. This museum tells the story of the city's deep-rooted automotive history—far beyond just the Pontiac brand.

An informative short film and a variety of vehicles on display guide you from the carriage era through the evolution of Oakland cars, Rapid trucks, the iconic GTO, and more. You'll even discover why the Pontiac pictured here features "suicide doors" and was once a favorite among gangsters.



Did you know? At one time, Pontiac's Bus and Coach Plant produced **95% of the buses** used across the United States, and General Motors' massive local facility once employed over **25,000**

people. The city was truly a hub of American automotive innovation.



The museum is **barrier-free**, offers **on-site parking**, and is open **Thursday through Sunday**. It has recently expanded into a second phase, allowing even more historic vehicles to be displayed. Admission for seniors is **\$12**, and **guided tours** are available for those who want a deeper dive into the exhibits.



Don't miss the **small gift shop**, which includes some unique and nostalgic displays.

After our visit, we capped off the experience with a delicious lunch just a few blocks away at the **M-1 Grill**—a great way to round out your visit.

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## Fairs and Festivals in Detroit this Summer

**Sweetest Heart of Mary Pierogi Festival.** Ask anyone in Detroit where to get the best pierogi in southeast



Michigan in mid-August, and the answer is the same. That'd be *Sweetest Heart of Mary Church* on Russell Street, of course.

For over four decades, the historic Polish parish's *Pierogi Festival* has offered mouth-watering food, traditional dancing and music, reverent liturgies and a small-town community feel. experience the best Polish fare Detroit has to offer from August 8-10. For more info go to [motherofdivinemercury.org/festival](http://motherofdivinemercury.org/festival)

**Hamtramck Labor Day Festival:** Kiss

summer goodbye with a weekend of music, food, vendors, carnival rides, games, special events, and more.

Traditionally takes place Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Joseph Campau Historic District; [hamtownfest.com](http://hamtownfest.com)



**Dally in the Alley:** This annual community event celebrates life in the **Cass Corridor** with vendor booths, music performances, art displays, food, and fun. Traditionally takes place the Saturday after Labor Day, **Sept. 6. Cass Corridor, Detroit**; [dallyinthealley.com](http://dallyinthealley.com)

# Tek Tips

From Marilyn Pearson

## If you're still using Windows 10

Check your inbox. Microsoft's reminding you to upgrade to Windows 11 before **security support ends on Oct. 14**. They'll tell you if your computer can update or if you need a new one. If you don't take action you're leaving the door wide open for hackers.

*Microsoft is killing off windows 10 in October. It's wise to upgrade.*



### Leave your printer on

Turning off your printer can trigger maintenance tasks when you turn it back on, which sucks up expensive ink. Instead, let your printer go into energy-saving mode when it's not in use.

## Windows is getting AI agents

Microsoft just announced a new feature that lets you change computer settings just by asking. In Settings, you can type stuff like "my text is too small" or "control my PC with voice," and the AI will handle it. No more digging through menus. It's coming to Copilot+ PCs first, with more devices to follow.

## 3-second tech genius

Track a flight instantly by typing the flight number into Google (like Delta 123) to see the live status and arrival time.

## Lock it away

Your most private notes can be locked behind a face or fingerprint scan in the Notes app on your iPhone. With a note open, tap the three dots at the top right and then **Lock**.

## Oh Brother

The printer manufacturer quietly pushed a firmware update that blocks third-party ink cartridges. It gets worse. They scrubbed older firmware versions from their support site, so there's no way to roll back. If you haven't updated, keep your device offline and reject firmware updates.

## Junk texts are downright annoying

You can block them, and stick it to the scammers

Report texts to the GSMA's Reporting Service with just a few clicks. Forward the message to 7726 (guess what that spells?) or just hit "Report junk" in your messaging app.

## Are you selling or turning in your vehicle?



It's up to you to delete your data. If you're using your car's connected app on your phone, that's a good place to start. In the settings, look for options to wipe your account. Then download this app:

*Privacy4Cars* is a free iOS and Android app. With it, you can wipe out your phone book, call logs, text messages, navigation history, home address, garage door codes, passwords, biometrics and vehicle credentials.



WHAT KIND OF INSURANCE WOULD  
MOSES HAVE IF HE WAS ALIVE TODAY?

MEDICARE PART C



## **JULY**

**Leah Hoffmann**

**Wayne  
Hammond**

**Mimi Glasgow**

**James Goran**

**Marilyn Walker**

**Deacon Ron  
Valade**

**Pat Jenkins**

**Karen Sobrilsky**

**Judy Hitt**

**Vince Lauro**

**Yvette Reghi**

**Dorothy  
Mazurkiewicz**

**Sharon Tunic**

## **AUGUST**

**Deborah  
Humphery**

**Barbara Plante**

**Chuck Jacobs**

**Monica  
Raisanen**

**Efren Mojica**

**Kathleen  
Lamparelli**

**Joanne Schantz**

**Irwin Harrison**

**Judy Govern**

**Carol  
Pennington**

**Jim  
McCluskey**

**Eileen Gifford**

**Beverly  
Mackowski**

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Gayle Andrek**

**Jeannette  
Kageff**

**Shirley Brown**

**Leslie Dean**

**Tony St. James**

**Jerry Kondalski**

**Florie Mojica**

**Mark Koch**

**Barbara Mack**

**Briggi Williams**

**Diane R. Wilson**

**Ken Pompili**

**Rita May**

**Marilynn St.  
James**

**Cindy Gillies**

**Keith Gifford**

**Patricia Proulx**

**Pat Hein**

**Theresa  
Hammond**

**Robert Miller**

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**