Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

# ConnecTions

Serving the East Lansing Catholic Community

#### St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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#### St. Thomas Parish School

915 Alton Road East Lansing, MI 48823 School Phone: 517–332–0813

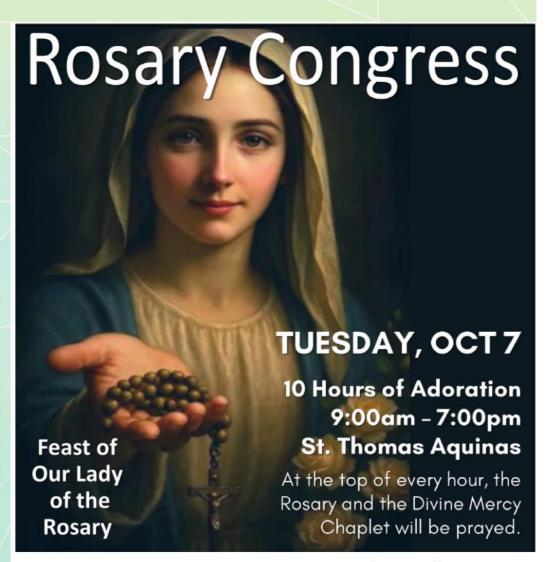
### St. John Church & Student Center

327 MAC Avenue East Lansing, MI 48823 Phone: 517–332–0813 stjohnmsu.org

# GIVING MADE SIMPLE



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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

#### **Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

#### **Weekday Mass Times**

Mon, Wed & Friday 6:30am Tue, Thurs 8:15am Sat 9:00am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3:00-4:00pm

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST **Weekend Mass Times** Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am Noon & 7:00pm

**Weekday Mass Times** 

Mon & Wed 5:30pm Tues & Thurs 8:45pm Fri 12:15pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon & Wed 4:00pm-5:00pm Tues & Thurs 7:30pm-8:30pm Fri 11:00am-12:00pm

#### WELCOME



When you have done all you have been commanded, say, "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do."

I am in awe of the humility that Jesus shows in his total obedience to the

Father (unto death) and teaches to his apostles in this weekend's Gospel. Although we all want to be recognized for the good that we do, considering all that Jesus has done for us, we have only done what we were obliged to do at best. There is no room for boasting or bragging. Whatever we have accomplished by God's grace is itself a privilege. Thank you, Lord, for sharing your ministry!

This Sunday is **Respect Life Sunday**: see the bulletin for details on the **2:30pm LifeChain** on Grand River Avenue, east of Abbot. Let us silently and prayerfully bear witness to the dignity of life as we kick off this Respect Life Month. And visit our parish website for pro-life prayers **elcatholics.org/respect-life**. Also, the **40 Days for Life Fall Campaign** is already under way; please personally invite a parishioner, friend or family member to sign up for an hour **40daysforlife.com/en/lansing**.

Come to St. Thomas (and park in the lot by the school playground) for the **BLESStival from 4-6pm** on Sunday. Celebrating St. Francis of Assisi, we will be offering pet blessings and blessing any religious items, holy water, candles or vehicles that you bring to St. Thomas.

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, St. Thomas will offer Eucharistic Adoration 9am – 7pm on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and the International Rosary (in over 10 languages) at 7pm. As October is also dedicated to the Holy Rosary, please consider praying the Rosary together as a family, even if you only start with one decade. We will put out extra Rosaries in the gathering spaces at church to share with others. The idea is to take and keep a spare Rosary with you so as to give to someone as an encouragement to pray.

In support of Catholic Education, our bishop has begun a new 5-year pledge campaign entitled, **Stewardship** for Saints and Scholars. Please watch the bishop's video explaining his hopes for this campaign on our parish website - elcatholics.org/s3-campaign - and expect your pledge materials to arrive by mail

soon. If for some reason you do not receive information by mail in the coming weeks, please contact the parish office so that we can update our contact information and send you a packet. This is a 5-year pledge campaign, so your suggested pledge amount – divided over 60 months / 5 years – can be broken down into monthly or quarterly installments to fit your budget. Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and support this historic effort for the benefit of our Catholic schools!

This week is **National Fire Prevention Week**, a suitable time to discuss fire safety with your family members and even practice fire drills at home. For more details, visit: <a href="mailto:nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week">nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week</a>.

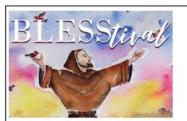
May God lift up the lowly and protect us in His Mercy!





The Annual Lansing Area Life Chain Sunday, October 5 2:30pm on Grand River Ave

Be courageous and counter cultural - be a witness for life! Join us on Grand River Avenue at Abbot Road today 2:30-3:30 pm to pray for a culture of life in our state, our nation and around our world! Signs will be available. If you need further information, call Ann Zygmontowicz at 517-515-1888.



#### **COMING:**

Sunday, Oct. 5 4:00-6:00pm

Held Outside near the

St. Thomas Bell Tower

# The clergy will be available to bless whatever needs blessing.

So please come and ask the clergy to bless your pets, car, bike, jewelry, bibles, sacramentals, emergency candles and more.

They are ready to pray for all of your needs. Plus, there will be free prayer items available.

#### 10 Hours of Adoration | Tuesday, Oct 7 Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

Adoration will held at St. Thomas to celebrate Our Lady. The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at the top of every hour. The day will conclude with the annual International Rosary which will begin at 7:00pm.



People are needed all day long to lead the prayers at the top of the hour and to be present with Jesus in adoration. If you are interested, please sign up at **elcatholics.org/connecting**.

# International Rosary Everyone is Invited to the 32nd Annual International Rosary at 7:00pm!

For over 30 years, people have come together on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary to celebrate the diversity of our community. We are a world of many nations and languages but we share one faith and one Mother, Mary.

We will do two mysteries of the Rosary, so we are looking for 10 people to lead in their home languages. Can you lead the Rosary in a foreign language? Volunteer to lead a decade by contacting Patrick Paddock, ppaddockeelcatholics.org.



#### Prayer Blanket Sunday, Oct 12

Prayer blankets will be available after all of the Masses this weekend. If you know someone who is ill and would like that person to be reminded of your prayers, please take a blanket – or two. Names of recipients will be put into the Book of Prayers to be prayed for at all of the Masses.

Prayer blankets are available year round in either office, free of charge. Please stop in and get one when someone you know is ill or facing great distress. The gift of a prayer blanket gives you something tangible to offer the person along with your care and prayers.

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST with MADE TO ORDER OMELETTES, SAUSAGE and MORE!

Sunday, Oct 12 9:00am -1:00pm STA School Gym



Hosted by
The Knights of Columbus

#### **Tootsie Role Drive**

The Father Mac Council, #7816, will be conducting their bi-annual fundraiser for the Mentally Incapacitated (MI) after every Mass next weekend, Oct 11 and 12 at St. Thomas and St. John







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# Traditio Night

MEET ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN,
THE PATRON SAINT OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

Thursday, October 9
6:00PM
DINNER INCLUDED: NOODLES & CO

# Green & White Mass Sunday, October 12

10:00am at St. John



Alumni will be recognized at the end of Mass, and the liturgy will be followed by a reception for alumni and current students downstairs in McDevitt Hall.

## ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK The application for our Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program is now open!

#### What is ASB?

Students make an offering of their time during their spring break to travel in groups to serve the poor and vulnerable.

#### Where do the groups travel?

This year, we will be sending groups of 10 to Flint, MI, Jonestown, MS, and Tupelo, MS.

#### What will the groups do?

The groups in Mississippi will be doing home renovations and construction. The group in Flint will be more social, interacting with youth groups, the homeless, and others in need of hope.

#### What is the cost?

Students traveling to Mississippi pay \$400 for transportation, housing, and meals throughout the week of ASB. The cost of the Flint trip is still being finalized but will be lower. Some scholarships are available.



To learn more and fill out the application,

visit **stjohnmsu.org/asb** or scan the gr code.





#### St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School

"The Soul of Education is the Education of the Soul."

Fr. Mac

Diane Grondin - dgrondin@elcatholics.org Principal Denise Zakerski - dzakerski@elcatholics.org School Secretary



**St. Thomas Aquinas School** is seeking an energetic and dynamic teacher to teach vocal music and band at the school. This is a contracted position through Brighton Public Schools shared services.

The successful candidate would be responsible for the planning and implementation of instruction in both general music classes for grades K-8 and for band students in grades 5-8. The teacher would also be responsible for two major music productions each year, at Advent time, and, in the spring. The successful candidate would be welcomed into a faculty of bright and faithful individuals who would support the new teacher in and out of the classroom.

Applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and have obtained a current elementary or secondary State of Michigan teaching certificate. Criminal background check and participation in the VIRTUS program will be required.

For additional information please contact **Diane Grondin, Principal at dgrondingeelcatholics.org.** 





#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES**

Religious Education classes are off and running today. Don't ever worry if your family is at the 9:00am Mass and it runs a little longer than usual. The Mass is the most important part of our worship where we give our gifts of love and self to our merciful Lord and Savior. Spending time with our Lord in worship and learning from the Homily is what our priests study many years for, to impart that knowledge to us at Mass, so that we can go out and spread the Gospel (Good News) to the world. Our classes build on that foundation from Mass as extra not instead of. Our catechists understand this and tailor their lessons accordingly when it happens.

May your child experience the love and community Jesus wishes for His followers.

### CALLING ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!!!



Volunteers are important to school success. It is also important that we keep our children safe by requiring certain things before someone can volunteer. All new volunteers are required to take the course, Protecting God's

Children, fill out a background check authorization, and sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

If you are interested in being a lunch volunteer, reading to the children or going on field trips, please go to <a href="style="style-type: style-type: style-type

#### St. John Food Cupboard Needs

During September, your donations provided food for over 600 people who attended the Food Cupboard, more than half were children and seniors. This week we are in need of: diapers sizes 1-6, wipes, cereal, white and brown rice, and spaghetti noodles.



Thank You!

#### WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS Tuesday Lunch Club

Join us at Coral Gables in East Lansing on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. You are invited to come on Oct. 14. We meet

at 12:30pm. Parishioner Karen Rich will be hosting.

**Please call St. Thomas at 517-351-7215** to reserve a spot by the Monday before the event.



# Fr. Daniel J. Mahan JOURNEY THROUGH the CATECHISM

#### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Join us beginning
Wednesday, October 29 to
study, "A Journey Through
the Catechism." We meet
10:00am-12:00pm in the

fireplace room at St. Thomas. This is an ongoing study group and **always open to new folks**.

Whether you're a new convert, returning to the faith, or a seasoned Catholic, A Journey through the Catechism will lead you to discover the truth, beauty, and goodness that lie at the heart of Catholicism.

Please contact Carol Wilkinson at wwilca@aol.com with questions or if you would like to join.

# ART

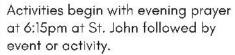
Widows & Widowers

#### **Art Class**

Unlock your creative potential! Join us for art class and discover the joy of drawing! We meet on Thursdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm in Fr. Mac Hall. Beginners are welcome! For more

information, please contact Carol at 517.627.8242 or Judy at 517.488.3435.

#### Young Adults Oct 8 | 6:15pm Social Outing

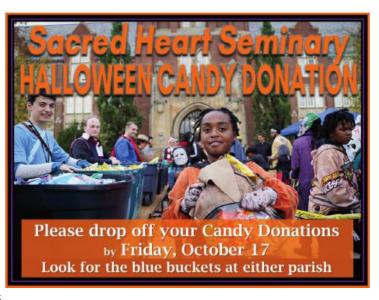


Update your contact info by scanning the QR Code.





We have a big group of parish young adults aged 22-35 who meet most Wednesdays for social time, prayer and some presentations. For more info please email frriley@elcatholics.org.



#### Meijer Holiday Simply Give Program Has Begun!

In the continuing spirit of providing to those in need, the Meijer Corporation invited the St. John/St. Thomas parish family to participate in the Meijer Holiday Simply Give Program. As before, purchase a "Simply Give" donation card of \$10 at the Lake Lansing Road Meijer store now through December 27. Even more important, those Simply Give cards purchased on the Double Match Day - Saturday, December 13 - will be matched twice by Meijer, effectively tripling the contribution to the Food Cupboard!

Don't shop at the Lake Lansing Road Meijer but want to triple a contribution to the Food Cupboard?

- Write a check to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and mark the envelope "Meijer Simply Give" and drop it in the Collection Basket at Mass.
- Donate online at eleatholics.org/st-vincent-depaul-1 and click on the Meijer Simply Give button.

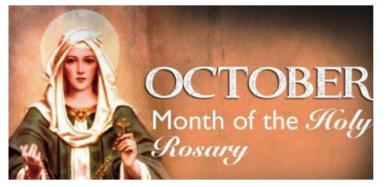
We will then purchase Simply Give cards on your behalf. It is through the generous support of the St. John/St. Thomas parish family, funding provided by the Meijer "Simply Give" program, and food received from the Greater Lansing Food Bank, that we can serve our community. On Double Match Day, Meijer will double match your \$10 with \$20 for a total of \$30, up to \$10,000, to fight local hunger!

The Food Cupboard is operated by volunteers and members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John Church and Student Center. Questions? Email us at FoodCupboardSJegmail.com.

You have our sincerest gratitude, our prayers and blessings. Thank you for your support.



double match day **December 13** 



#### **Volunteer Opportunities at Loaves and Fishes**



Loaves and Fishes, an emergency shelter in Lansing providing a friendly and home-like environment for guests,

is in need of volunteers to help serve a prepared meal, wash dinner dishes, and visit with guests during the dinner hour. Volunteer shifts are from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Volunteers are especially needed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

Loaves & Fishes provides short-term housing, advocacy and support services for homeless men and women. This volunteer opportunity is especially well suited for college students, married couples, and friends who may wish to volunteer together. If you would like to learn more, please email st.john.svdps@gmail.com (or phone or text Chuck Roboski at 517.281.4372).

Loaves and Fishes Shelter is located at the corner of Sycamore and Oakland in Lansing



#### Unlock the Potential Within **Lansing Catholic High School**



LANSING CATHOLIC Lansing Catholic High School invites parents and students

to attend our October Prospective Family Night & Tailgate on Friday, October 10th. The event is from 5 - 7pm. After attending, join us for a food truck tailgate at Cougar Stadium, you will receive free admission to the LCHS football game and a voucher for popcorn.

Discover what Lansing Catholic High School has to offer by enjoying a tour with a student ambassador of the campus. Students and parents will also have the opportunity to ask questions during a Q/A panel. Save time and pre

register at lansingcatholic.org/ visit. Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Can't make it? Check out other dates or schedule your own visit with admissions at

admissions@lansingcatholic.org.



#### EUCHRE TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

2-4PM IN FR. MAC HALL \$10 ENTRY

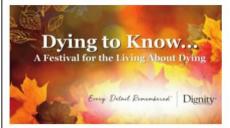
HOSTED BY CATHOLIC SPARTANS



ALL FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE GROUP OF MSU STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SEEK CONFRENCE IN JANUARY.



Our prayer vigil location is at the NE corner of Vine and N Clippert in the area around the utility pole adjacent to the PP parking area and the planted strip heading North. The area with the wood chips and plants is still a public right of way which city ordinances say should be treated like a public park.



Dying to Know Festival Sponsored by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes

**Tuesday, October 14, 1:00-5:00pm** come to a Festival for the **LIVING about DYING.** Over 20 vendors of all sorts will be there to talk about how to age.

There will be cash drawings, refreshments, prizes and giveaways, as well as funeral home tours. There will also be breakout speakers. Dying to Know Festivals are a place to talk about death and the preparations needed for end of life decisions and are designed to take the fear out of our later years.

The event is being hosted at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 1730 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. Questions call Debbie Sydlowski 517.482.1692





#### Be Cyber Safe - A Note from Fr. Gordon

Every few weeks, I get an email from parishioners letting me know that someone is impersonating me or a member of the staff. Unfortunately, there is nothing I can do to stop this except to make sure that everyone is aware of the problem. We **never**, **ever** ask you for gift cards via email or text. We will never ask you for personal banking information over email or text.

#### There are usually clues that you can't trust the email.

This is just one the many emails that the criminals use to impersonate me. Hover over the email. That will give you the full email address.

Beware of any email or text that lures you into revealing your personal or financial information.



Rosary Altar Society

CRAFT FAIR
HOSTED BY
THE ROSARY
ALTAR SOCIETY
QUILT GROUP

#### Quilts, Placemats, Table Runners...

Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 STA School Gym 9:00am to 1:00pm

Other crafters are welcome to join us!

Questions: weber.kaj@gmai.com





Everyone is invited to pray the rosary on Wednesday, October 15 at 9:30am at St. Thomas before the Senior Mass.

If you would like to pray the rosary, but can't join us, blue pamphlets are available at each church.

#### PLEASE NOTE: No STA Adoration 10/10

There will be **no all day adoration** at STA on **Friday, Oct 10**. There are conferences this week so school will be closed on Friday.

### Attention Catholic Homeschooling Families:



Please join us for a Lansing Area Catholic Homeschoolers Potluck Social on Saturday October 18th in the Gym at St. Therese Parish following the 4:30pm mass. Please

bring a dish to pass. For more information and to RSVP for the potluck please contact Kristine Witkowski at kristinewitkowski@gmail.com.



SCAN ME

SAVE THE DATE

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

BABY SHOWER

OCTOBER 25, 2025 10 AM TO 12

BENEFITTING THE MOMS WE SERVE AND SHARED PREGNANCY

> FATHER MAC HALL, ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH, EAST LANSING

# Catholic Singles - Looking for a unique getaway this winter?

Catholic singles never married, currently widowed, divorced, or annulled. Join other Catholic singles for a pilgrimage to sunny Florida this Dec. 12-14. Escape the snow and journey with us to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine—the oldest parish in the nation.

You'll choose to walk either 22 or 30 miles over three days, with opportunities for daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and Confession. After the walk, we'll gather for appetizers & dinner at a local restaurant. Walk the beach, deepen your faith, and connect with a vibrant community. Learn more and sign up before Oct. 15 by visiting catholicsinglesnewsletter.com.

#### St Gerard Autumn Craft Show Saturday, November 8th, 9am-3pm. 4433 W Willow Hwy, Lansing Fr. Weber Hall (behind St Gerard School)

Come celebrate creativity at our autumn craft show featuring original handcrafted work by talented local crafters. From unique jewelry and home decor to fine art and seasonal gifts, this is a wonderful opportunity to support local crafters and find one-of-a-kind treasures. For more information email StGerardCraftShow@gmail.com

Did you know that Funeral notices, obituaries, and links to livestreams (if the family chooses) are published on our web page?

elcatholics.org/funeral-notices

# This Week's Advertiser Spotlight CANTGET IT UP? CALL... INGSTRUP E R R B E U D U R 5 Since 1595 517-234-2857

#### **OUR SACRIFICAL GIVING**

#### **Offertory 9/14/25**

 Budget Amount:
 \$40,000.00

 Actual Amount:
 \$24,843.55

 Matthew 25:
 \$2,422.03

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Your donations are important and Your generosity is appreciated!

Now is the time to look at your giving. Maybe you would like to set up a recurring gift? Jennifer Thelen, Database Administrator, would be

happy to help you! Please contact her at jennthelen@elcatholics.org or 517-351-7215.

#### Matthew 25 | Oct 5 and 12 Uganda Wish

Based here in Lansing and founded by some of our parishioners, the pillars to success for Uganda WISH are: Water wells, Innovation, Sanitation, and Hunger alleviation. They are focused on providing a better future for the children in rural, northwestern Uganda. Our donations will not only help provide desperately needed food to households in Alivu village, but also provide funding to purchase seeds for a developing plantation.



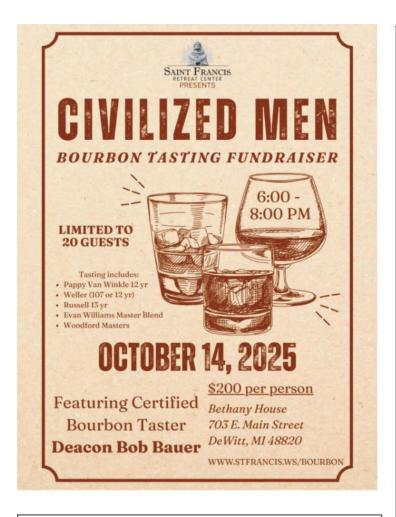
#### Church of the Resurrection

Featuring the original Ox Roast sandwich, delicious homemade soup & bake sale. Includes the Shamrock Pub, children's games, DJ & live entertainment, hourly 50/50 drawings, Miscellaneous Raffle featuring a large variety of new items & famous Wheelbarrow of Cheer!

Grand Prize raffle drawings 8:00pm Saturday, raffle tickets \$25.00 - \$10,000 Grand Prize.

Free Admission and Free Parking in the Church parking lot. For more details go to **corlansing.org**.





#### No Matter How Much You're Hurting, No Marriage is Beyond Hope

Has your romance faded?

Do you argue without reaching resolution?

Are you more like roommates than soul mates?

Have you grown apart?

Is your marriage in crisis?

Why wait for a better marriage?

Retrouvaille is a Catholicbased marriage program designed to help couples heal, and renew their relationship.

THE FEELING OF JOY
WHEN YOU ARE REUNITED

WITH A LOVED ONE AFTER

A LONG SEPARATION

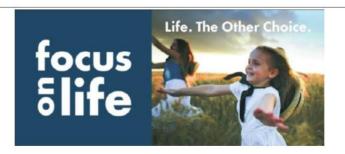
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RETROUVAILLES

In marriage, communication is more

than just talking. At some point, did you or your spouse stop sharing things that were important? The distance between a husband and wife can sometimes feel like it is so wide it cannot be repaired... but it CAN!

Save your marriage and your family! There is always HOPE! It's worth it. The next Retrouvaille Marriage Saving Weekend will be **October 17-19 in Farmington Hills, MI.** For more dates visit helpourmarriage.org/.



#### Focus on Life Dinner with Guest Speaker: Lisa Gigliotti Tuesday, October 28

Lisa K. Gigliotti, Esq., is a decades-long leader in the work to safeguard Michigan from physician-assisted suicide. For more than 25 years, Lisa has lived with severe rheumatoid arthritis and myasthenia gravis. Through 14 major surgeries and recurrent use of a wheelchair, Lisa has maintained a fulfilling and positive life. She has achieved a successful career in roles including an administrative law judge, a policy advisor for the Michigan senate and governor, a bioethics law professor, writer, and an advocate for people with disabilities and for improving end-of-life care. Lisa will share a powerful message about the courage to honor the end of life, based on her book.

**When:** Doors open, social hour and appetizers at 5:00pm. Dinner and program at 6:00pm.

**Where:** Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, 4722 West Grand River Ave, Lansing,

#### Tickets:

Individual - \$50 | Table of 8 - \$375 | Student - \$25

Register at inghamrtl.org/



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Monday, October 6

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Timothy Lawrence Giacoletto req. by Carol Giacoletto

5:30pm (St. John)

Int. of Elaine Loomis req. by Nancy Defever Loomis

#### Tuesday, October 7

8:15am (St. Thomas)

+Bill Derengoski req. by The Family

8:45pm (St. John)

†Richard Weilbaecher req. by Al & Janet Weilbaecher

#### Wednesday, October 8

6:30am (St. Thomas)

+Fr. David Rosenberg

5:30pm (St. John)

†Geraldine Ossman req. by Mary Kay Woodworth

#### Thursday, October 9

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†Alfredo Regal req. by The Family

8:45pm (St. John)

†Mary Brown req. by The Parish Family

#### Friday, October 10

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Kristen Andrick reg. by Larry & Gail Meyer

12:15pm (St. John)

*†The Holy Souls in Purgatory* 

#### Saturday, October 11

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Susan Palomba req. by Chris & Glenda Black

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

†Ben, Burt & Joe Burzynski req. by Dennis & Jeanne Meyer

#### Sunday, October 12

8:00am (St. John)

†Int. of Angela Loomis req. by Nancy Defever Loomis

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Colette Frederick req. by The Frederick Family

10:00am (St. John)

*†Sally Spalsbury req by Kischa & Danette* 

11:00am (St. Thomas)

†Lee DuSell req. by The St. Thomas Choir

12:00pm (St. John)

†Frank DeRose Jr. req. by Cathy DeRose & Family

7:00pm (St. John)

People of the Parish

See <u>elcatholics.org/staff</u> for a complete listing of staff and their contact information.

#### **C**ALENDAR

#### Monday, October 6

9:30am Quilt Group (STA)

Tuesday, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00am to 7:00pm Adoration (STA)

6:15pm GSYP (SJSC & STA)

7:00pm International Rosary (STA)

8:00pm International Rosary Reception (STA)

7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

#### Wednesday, October 8

10:00am Rosary Altar Society Mtg (STA)
5:00pm SVdP Returning Citizens Mtg (SJSC)
7:00pm St. John SVdP Mtg (SJSC)
7:00pm St. John Choir Rehearsal (SJSC)
7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

#### Thursday, October 9

10:00am Painting Class (STA)
6:00pm STA Music/Choir Rehearsal (STA)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (STA)
7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Friday, October 10

11:00am Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Saturday, October 11

9:00am Food Cupboard (SJSC) 3:00pm Confessions (STA)

Sunday, October 12

9:00am-1:00pm K of C Pancake Breakfast (STA)
11:30am Becoming Catholic (SJSC)
3:45pm Korean Mass (STA)



#### Retreat for Singles Late 50s and Above

Singles Late 50s & Above: Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions? Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat!

The next weekend is on Oct 31-Nov 2, 2025 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing). Cost is \$240 for meals and a single room. For more info, go to **RenewRetreats.org**,



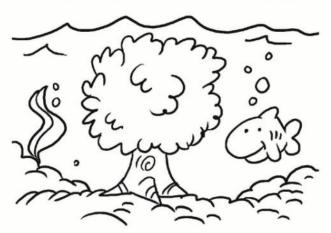


Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



# GOSPEL

God wants you to have faith and trust him completely. Jesus said, "If your faith is as small as a mustard seed, you can tell a tree to grow in the ocean, and it will." A mustard seed is smaller than a freckle. You trust your school bus will go to your school. You have faith that clowns will make you laugh. You just need a little bit of faith and God will be there for you.

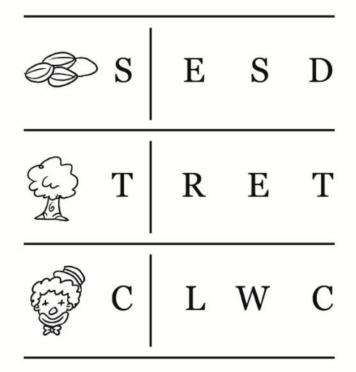




Draw a picture of a clown making people laugh.



What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.





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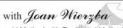
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