

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

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## FISH FRIES



March 7 through April 11

4 PM to 7 PM | STA School Gym | \$15 a Person

**FRIED OR BAKED FISH  
FRENCH FRIES  
COLE SLAW  
MAC & CHEESE  
ROLL**

**Drive-Thru and  
Take-Out Are Available!**

**Line Up Behind  
St. Thomas School**

**March 14** | Irish Folksong Night – Clergy & Rick Bryce

**March 21** | The Brothers Ralph with Quentin Leverich

**March 28** | Danielle Robinson & Friends

**April 4** | Dueling Accordions – Fr. Gordon & Dcn. Jim

**April 11** | Paige Heidrich & Company

**Head over to Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas at 7:00pm**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**  
**Weekend Mass Times**  
Saturday 4:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

**Weekday Mass Times**  
Mon, Wed & Fri 6:30am  
Tue, Thurs, & Sat 9am

**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



*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.*

**Welcome to LENT!** During the period of the Exodus, the Israelites spent forty years in the desert before entering the Promised Land. In Jewish tradition, the number 'forty' signifies a period of purification. Likewise, in preparation for his public ministry, Jesus spent forty days in the desert and overcame the Devil's temptations. The Season of Lent is our forty-day period of preparation before Easter, and we embrace this spiritual purification through acts of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. May this season of penance help us to draw ever closer to Jesus!

These forty days of purification are a reminder for us to pray for the souls of the faithful departed who are undergoing their final purification so as to enter the Kingdom of Heaven as saints. Considering offering your Mass attendance or your praying of the Holy Rosary or the Stations of the Cross for your departed family and friends this Lent. More resources for praying for the faithful departed are at the bottom of the First Saturday page on our parish website: [elcatholics.org/first-Saturday](http://elcatholics.org/first-Saturday)

Have you ever heard of the **40 Bags in 40 Days Decluttering Challenge**? As we often have lots of spare shirts, ties, shoes, umbrellas, and the like cluttering up our closet space. The goal is to pick one item (or area of the house) to declutter each day of Lent. And your spare items can then be given to local charities like the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Lansing as almsgiving. For details, visit [whitehouseblackshutters.com/40-bags-in-40-days/](http://whitehouseblackshutters.com/40-bags-in-40-days/)

Anna Stankewitz is leading a Wednesday evening series for Lent entitled, **Jesus, the Bridegroom**, that begins this week at St. John after the 5:30pm Mass. Also, our Friday Fish Fries will have musical entertainment starting this week with an **Irish Folk Night** from 5:30-6:30pm in the gym, and please stay for the 7pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas! And looking ahead to next Sunday, there will be a **St. Joseph Altar** with traditional pastries after the Sunday morning Masses at St. Thomas in Fr. Mac Hall on March 16.

The **40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN** begins this week; March 5 – April 13. Please join us as we pray, fast

and keep peaceful vigil for an end to abortion on Tuesdays from 9am to 6:30pm across from the Frandor Planned Parenthood. Sign up at [40daysforlife.com/lansing](http://40daysforlife.com/lansing)

Our **Lansing Catholic Charities** have over 100 refugees currently in the process of resettlement; however, government funding has now been restricted. As we need to complete their resettlement process and maintain our refugee services office, please consider a donation to Refugee Services, 2800 W. Willow St., Lansing, MI, 48917 or visit: [CatholicCharitiesIEC.com](http://CatholicCharitiesIEC.com)

The **Diocesan Services Appeal 2025** theme is "You Are my Chosen Witnesses." This scripture from the Prophet Isaiah shows us that we are called to bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. Our parish goal of \$227K is the same as last year. Thank you for your support. For further details or to pledge on line, visit: [dioceseoflansing.org/DSA](http://dioceseoflansing.org/DSA). **If you pledge online, please remember to note that your parish is St. Thomas Aquinas / St. John.**

May God bless us and help us to enter this season of fasting and prayer!

*Fr. Gordon*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

**12:45pm at St. John**  
Following 12:15pm Mass

**7:00pm at St. Thomas**  
Following the Fish Fry

**Widows & Widowers Lunch**

This luncheon happens the second Tuesday of each month. Please join us on March 11, at Coral Gables in East Lansing. We want you to know that you are not alone. Please call St. Thomas to register so that we know how many to include in the reservation.

## Blood Drive

**Friday, March 14 | Noon-5:45pm**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas | Fr. Mac Hall**

To make an appointment

1. Visit: [redcross.org](http://redcross.org), sponsor code STA
2. Call Eric at 517-980-3234
3. email [ejsudole@gmail.com](mailto:ejsudole@gmail.com)



**Every 2 seconds,  
someone in America  
needs blood.**



**Senior**

**Ministry**

**Wednesday, March 19**  
**Celebrating St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day**

**9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass**  
**10:45am Reception.**

Please bring your favorite Italian or Irish dish to pass.

We will also have Bingo sponsored by Burcham Hills Retirement Community.



## Celebrate St. Joseph's Day Sunday, March 16

Creating a St. Joseph Altar is a popular way for people in Italy and other countries to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph, Protector of the Family and Patron of the Universal Church

Come downstairs and experience it yourself at St. Thomas After the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses in Fr. Mac Hall. Pastries, donuts, fruit and coffee will be served. After the 11:00am Mass there will also be Italian food.

During medieval times, there was a famine in Sicily. St. Joseph answered their prayers, and the famine ended. In gratitude, they prepared a table with foods they had harvested. After paying homage to St. Joseph, they distributed the food to the less fortunate.

Breads, cakes and cookies, baked in symbolic Christian shapes, are prepared for the Altar. Pastries in the shapes of monstrances, chalices, crosses, doves, lambs, fish, bibles, hearts, wreaths and palms adorn the tiers of the Altar. Symbols of St. Joseph - such as lilies, staffs, sandals, ladders, saws, hammers and nails - are also used.

## Jesus the Bridegroom

A LENTEN SERIES OF SUSTENANCE

**6:15-7:30pm\* Wednesdays**  
**at St. John Student Center**

A time of physical and spiritual nourishment to enjoy a bowl of soup and learn about the divine love story between God and His people--your love story!

*\*Beginning in the church  
with Evening Prayer*



Please consider donating a pot of soup. You can sign up for a week by scanning the QR code or visiting [stjohnmsu.org/bridegroom](http://stjohnmsu.org/bridegroom)



## Catholic Spartan Small Groups

Students, consider joining a small group during Lent this year.

- Brody/North
  - Mondays @ 6:30pm in Brody 136
  - Led by Owen & Ro
- East/River Trail
  - Wednesdays @ 7:00pm in Business College N124
  - Led by Colleen & Isabella
- South
  - Thursdays @ 7:30pm in Case 336
  - Led by Brady & Joey
- Freshman Girls
  - Sundays @ 11:15am in St. John's Women's Lounge
  - Led by Rebecca & Sharon
- FreshMEN Group
  - Sundays @ 11:15am in St. John's Men's Lounge
  - Led by Joe, Marshall, & Ryan
- Warriors Men's Group
  - Wednesdays @ 9:00pm in St. John's
  - Led by Owen, Mitchell, & Tim
- Women's Group
  - Wednesdays @ 9:00pm in St. John's Women's Lounge
  - Led by Elizabeth & Samantha
- Lepanto Men's Formation Group
  - Mondays @ 6:15pm in St. John's McDevitt Hall
  - Led by Gabriel & Reeve
- Upperclassmen Group
  - Tuesdays @ 6:30pm in St. John's Women's Lounge
  - Led by Joseph & Stephen

Email Josh Janda to get connected to a group near you!

## March VOCATION SPOTLIGHT



### Servants of God's Love

The Servants of God's Love began in April 1975 as a small ecumenical sisterhood in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

"We want, first of all, to love Him without measure, and in response to His great love for us to imitate the great Servant, Jesus, in the pouring out of our lives in love and service to others."

# Traditio Night

MARCH 13 | 6:00PM  
DINNER INCLUDED: PANDA EXPRESS

Come meet two sisters on Thursday. They will be spending the evening with us and giving a talk at St. John's!

## Organ Concert Sunday, March 16 at 3:00pm

Come and hear a beautiful organ recital by our own Dr. Hae Won Jang, Organist and Associate Director of Music at our parish as well as Organ Instructor at MSU.



It will be held at MSU's Alumni Memorial Chapel. Tickets are available at the door or online at [music.msu.edu/events/](http://music.msu.edu/events/). Dr. Jang will play a program titled "Echoes of Majesty" featuring a variety of uniquely transcribed classical works by Wagner, Holst and Rachmaninoff.

## A Special Mass Celebration:

For Our Lady of Kibeho (AVMDKI) on  
**Thursday, March 20th, 5:00pm at  
St. Thomas Aquinas.**



Join us as we celebrate the anniversary of the apparitions of Jesus at Kibeho, Africa. We will thank God for his love and mercy and pray for deep conversion for the heart of the world.

## FAMILY PRAYER SPACE

Lent is here! Have you **established a place for prayer in your home?**

Having a space in your home set aside for prayer will make prayer easier and remind you to return to prayer as a family. Simply, **a family prayer place is a MUST.**

So, where should your family prayer space be? It can be anywhere! Here are few guidelines to think through as you pick your spot. Find a place that:

- Is as distraction free as possible
- Can comfortably fit all family members.

Even if space is limited in your home, you can find room for a prayer space.

- End Table
- Book Shelf
- Night Stand
- Corner of the Kitchen Counter
- Window Ledge
- Anything will work!

The key is setting aside a place for worship in your home...and then using it to worship God.



## Jean Rambo Scholarship



The Jean Rambo Scholarship Fund for a Fourth Grade Student is in its EIGHTH YEAR and going strong! With the ongoing donations of many former students, friends, & family members over the last 7 years, we have received over \$27,000 and have been able to offer tuition to seven outstanding 4th grade students! The current balance stands at \$21,930.95.

There is never a deadline for giving but during the month of March we are asking for your "Irish" support of the Jean Rambo Scholarship (Jean was 100% Irish!). Please make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish with the notation "Jean Rambo Scholarship" on the memo line. Contributions may be mailed to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish at 955 Alton Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823.

We are very grateful for your prayers and support for Catholic Education. God Bless YOU!

## Walking with Moms Meeting

**Saturday, March 15  
10:00am in the Baraga Rm**



Anyone is welcome to come to the meeting who is interested in helping moms in our community who are struggling thrive.



## Organ Recital at St. Thomas Aquinas Wednesdays at 12:15pm

3/19 Chohee Kim: Organist  
(Marietta, Georgia)

4/2 LENTEN RECITAL: Hae Won Jang,  
Associate Director of Music and  
Organist for St. Thomas Aquinas



## Worship Central



Greetings All!

Lent began this past Wednesday with Ash Wednesday. I wish I could say that the 5:30pm at St. John on Ash Wednesday was standing room only. However that would not be entirely accurate because this article was written on Thursday, February 27. Six days before Ash Wednesday. I will give an accurate account in next week's bulletin.

Lent is a time for fasting, praying and almsgiving. There are many different ways in which we can tend to those three disciplines. Consider this Lent as an opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and serve in a Liturgical Ministry. I have spent the last two weekends writing about the Ministry of the Sacristan, but there are many more ministries that God may be calling you to.

### Public-facing ministries

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Sacristan
- Altar Server
- Lector
- Hospitality (Greeters/Ushers)
- Outreach Ministry
- Wedding Coordinator
- Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound

### Liturgical Environment

Hopefully by now you have noticed several updates around both churches. At St. John the Stations of the Cross have been remounted on the columns. We have also exchanged the candles around the Altar for candles directly on the Altar. You may have noticed only two candles during the week and six candles on Sunday. I will share the formula next week. At St. Thomas, we have cleaned and/or replaced all the votive candle glass. Each niche (we have three) has 50 votive candles and they are well used. The candles will hopefully shine a little brighter now.

See you in Church!

*Patrick*

*Penitential Act, Form III*

*Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God: Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ Jesus, you fill our every need and hunger: Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord Jesus, in your mercy you raise the dead: Lord, have mercy.*

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS



### Liturgy of the Hours

As we begin to learn about the Liturgy of the Hours this Lent, I would like us to focus on the name of this prayer: Liturgy of the Hours (also called the Divine Office).

This week, let's take a closer look at that first word: Liturgy.

The word liturgy comes from the Greek leitourgia, which means "a public duty or service." Now, a church "service" is different than other forms of "public duty" because, not only is it the work of the people, but the work of God through the people. This is emphasized in the older name for the Liturgy of the Hours: Divine Office, or "Divine Work." In fact, liturgy is "the common work of the Holy Spirit and the Church" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1091). So, while liturgy necessarily involves the work of the people, it is also our cooperation with God's work.

Gathering in church for public prayer (whether for Mass, other sacraments, or the Liturgy of the Hours) serves two purposes: the glory of God and our sanctification. When we gather to give glory to God, it is not because God is somehow in need of our praises; He is perfect within Himself. Rather, we are in need of praising Him. I think this truth comes out beautifully in a prayer often prayed in the preface of the Eucharistic prayer at Mass, "For, although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation."

This Lent, may we cooperate with God through our participation in the liturgy – showing Him honor and glory while becoming more holy ourselves.

Fr. Riley



## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY For Women of All Ages Who Wish to Serve the Church

All Ladies of the Parish Are Invited to come to the meeting of the Rosary Altar Society.

**2nd Wednesday of the Month | March 12**  
**10:00am | Baraga Room, STA**

### St. John Food Cupboard Needs

Thanks for your generosity. Almost half of the households we served were children and seniors. This week we are in need of toilet paper, spices, and cooking oil.

### SVDP CLOTHING DRIVE to Benefit Cristo Rey Community Center



Please consider donating gently used clothing you no longer need or want to Cristo Rey Community Center's Clothing Closet. In turn, your donated items will be distributed free of charge to Lansing's homeless and other needy populations.

You can bring your gently worn items to St. John or St. Thomas between **Friday, March 7** and Monday, **March 15**. Look for the blue buckets marked Cristo Rey Clothing Collection.

#### Items needed include

- **NEW** underwear, socks (especially mens & kids)
- shirts, sweaters, pants, belts
- coats and boots

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Johns supports many ministries in our area. Coordinating parishioners to volunteer at Cristo Rey Community Center is one of them. We invite anyone who has a heart for this ministry to join us. To learn more, email [st.john.svdps@gmail.com](mailto:st.john.svdps@gmail.com) or call or text Mary Lou Heberlein (517-285-6198).

Thank you for all you do to support the neediest among us.

### 2025 Diocesan Services Appeal

*"You Are my  
Chosen  
Witnesses."*

DIocese of LANSING  
*"YOU ARE MY CHOSEN  
Witnesses"*



Thank you to everyone who returned their DSA envelope with your pledge or donation this weekend, bearing witness to your faith in Jesus Christ.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at [dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://dioceseoflansing.org/appeal). Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

**Our parish goal of \$227,445.47** can be reached if each one of us responds to God's call to be witnesses and shares a portion of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.

### Hallow Lenten Prayer Challenge

It's not too late to join the Pray 40 Prayer Challenge. The challenge is being guided by Jonathan Roumie from The Chosen with special guests Mark Wahlberg, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, actor Chris Pratt, Shayne Smith, and more.

Hallow's Pray40 Challenge is a unique way to engage with deeper prayer, fasting, and giving this Lent. Fully embrace Christ as "the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6) to receive His love, peace, healing, and eternal life.

Meditate with Jonathan Roumie from The Chosen on *The Way* and *A Song for Nagasaki*. Develop greater discipline through prayer, fasting, and challenges with motivation from Mark Wahlberg and Chris Pratt.

Start your week by diving deep into the Gospel with Sunday homilies from Fr. Mike Schmitz. Draw near to God with your heart and through your mind with imaginative prayer led by Sr. Miriam James Heidland, S.O.L.T. Listen to true stories of conversion and faith from Shayne Smith, Gwen Stefani, Jeanne Bishop, and others.

Join the challenge today and have a fruitful Lent.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - By Fr. John Muir

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

**Lenten challenge:** This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

### Readings for Sunday, March 16

**Gn 15:18** "It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram..."

**Ps 27** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Phil 3:21** "He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body..."

**Lk 9:28b-29** "Jesus took Peter, John, and James up to the mountain to pray."

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times. It is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** Why do we start Lent by wearing ashes?

Ashes remind us of our mortality. After all, that's what we turn into when we die. And when we come face to face with our mortality, we tend to become more willing to get our lives in order and focus on what's really important. It's kind of like Ebenezer Scrooge facing up to his own death and deciding to mend his ways before it's too late. Well in the same way, we wear ashes in the shape of a cross on our foreheads to symbolize our willingness to change, to die to sin, and to be born to new life in Baptism.

**Question:** Why do we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent?

We call these three practices: prayer, fasting, and giving alms the Lenten disciplines. You'll notice that the word disciple and discipline share the same root from the Latin word "discere" which means to learn. It takes discipline to learn to be a disciple of Christ. And these three Lenten disciplines help us to learn how to follow Christ more closely. Prayer opens us up to God. Fasting purifies us. If we can control basic desires like hunger then we can learn to control stronger desires that pull us away from God. And finally, giving alms allows God's mercy to flow freely through us. We don't give alms to earn grace but in response to God's abundance and merciful grace that we ourselves have received.



## DRAW

Draw yourself going without food for a long time to honor Jesus.



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## GOSPEL

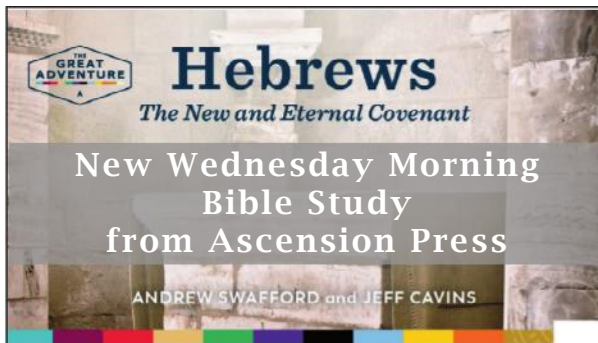
Peter, James, and John saw white rays of light glow all around Jesus. When you are baptized, God's light of forgiveness glows from your soul. It erases all the sin. Every morning, God sends his grace to help you start each day as a new person. God's grace helps you to stay away from evil. It's like a lunch box God gives you every day of your life. Pick it up on your way out the door.



## PUZZLE

Help Jesus find the way to his tent.





This Bible Study led by Carol Ann Wilkinson meets weekly at 10:00am at STA in the Fireplace Room in the Old Rectory. New members are always welcome and can start at any time. A workbook is needed. The cost is \$38.

Join now and embark on a guided tour of the "Holy of Holies" of biblical theology. The book of Hebrews is like a little Catechism. It is steeped in rich truths that are foundational to our Catholic Faith.

Presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, they explain the book in a way that makes them easier to understand. It draws connections between the Old and New Testaments, the Liturgy, the Eucharist, the priesthood, and so much more.



### 13TH ANNUAL RUN FOR GIVING

Join us for Catholic Charities of Ingham, Eaton & Clinton Counties' 13th Annual Run For Giving 5K! The race will take place on Saturday, April 26th at 9am at the Lansing River Trail starting at Potter Park Zoo. Proceeds directly support our basic needs programs at the Cristo Rey campus.

Pricing: \$25 until March 21 so register today before it goes up! Special pricing: Ages 18 and under \$5 discount. Families/Groups who register 3 or more participants at the same time receive a \$5/discount per participant.

**Run, walk or roll!** This race is stroller and wheelchair accessible. To register, go to [runsingup.com/cciecrunforgiving5k](https://runsingup.com/cciecrunforgiving5k).

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Young Adults 18-39 are welcome.




**Come Join us for the  
Catholic Women's Club Luncheon**

The Catholic Women's Club is Women joining together to foster friendship, spiritual enrichment and to provide assistance to those less fortunate regardless of their faith. Our next luncheon will be on March 13 2025 at 12:30 pm at the Delhi Cafe at 4625 Willoughby Rd Holt MI. For a reservation, call Trudy Longazel at 517 646-0922. Hope to see you there.

**American Guild of Organists Recital  
Sunday March 9, 3:00pm**

Please join our area organists for a delightful and diverse afternoon of organ performance. This recital is dedicated to our recently departed organists, one of whom is our beloved Conrad Donakowski, a past music director from St. Thomas Aquinas. Organists performing from ST/SJSC are Kelly Bohan and Barbara Hiranpradist. A free-will offering will help support organ scholarships for youth in the Lansing area. Come to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7910 E. St. Joe Hwy, Lansing, MI.



# Upcoming Events

AT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER IN DEWITT, MI

## March 14 - 15 Break Open the Parables: Women's Retreat

This retreat will take several of Jesus' parables and explore the deeper meanings while giving time for guest to reflect on his teachings and how they work in our lives. To be His witness you have to know His teachings. Along with thought provoking and enlightening presentations, our retreats include 2 Masses, the opportunity for Reconciliation and Adoration, plus time for individual prayer and fellowship.

## March 22 Tolkien and Fatherhood One Day Retreat

This retreat for current and future Catholic dads will focus on three letters that Tolkien wrote to his son Michael. Guests will have time for reflections, discussion, and prayer about what it mean and how to be a Catholic father today.

For more information: [stfrancis.ws/retreats](http://stfrancis.ws/retreats).

# OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

## Offertory 2/23/25

Avg. Needed Weekly for Budget:	\$38,000
Sunday Collection	\$29,708.87
Matthew 25: Advent House Total	\$3,025.63

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](mailto:jennthelen@elcatholics.org) or 517-351-7215.

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy hands have made... And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die... Then sings my soul, how great Thou art!

## Matthew 25 | March 16 & 23 Manna Community Meals

Manna Community Meals has served the homeless and others in need in the Corktown area of Detroit since 1976. Its mission is to offer sanctuary from the harsh realities of the street and to foster human dignity. They serve approximately 120 guests daily, five days a week.

They also offer their guests showering and laundry facilities through their Corner Shower Laundry. Manna Community Meal is affiliated with the Day House Catholic Worker and is co-sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The soup kitchen is co-managed by Fr. Tom Lumpkin and Marianne Arbogast.

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## Universal Prayers Including for the Sick & Deceased

For Church leaders, may the example of Jesus animate their ministry and illuminate their decision-making.

For politicians and civic leaders, may the Holy Spirit equip them with sound judgment and wisdom.

For all who suffer injustice, may God accompany them in their pain and provide companionship to ease their burdens.

For this community of faith, may God make us authentic witnesses who build up his kingdom by word and example.

For our brothers and sisters who are ill or infirm, especially Pope Francis, and those listed in our book of prayer, may they experience the tenderness of Jesus, the healer, let us pray to the Lord.

For deceased members of Christ's mystical body, especially all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, may God grant them refreshment, light and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, March 10

- 9:30am Quilt Group (STA)
- 1:30pm Griefshare (STA)
- 4:00pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

### Tuesday, March 11

- 12:30pm Widow & Widowers lunch at Coral Gables
- 4:30pm Soul Core (STA)
- 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Rosary (STA)
- 7:30pm Fr. Mac East Lansing K of C Council Mtg (STA)
- 7:30pm Adoration & Confession (SJSC)

### Wednesday, March 12

- 10:00am Rosary Altar Society Meeting (STA)
- 4:00pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
- 5:00pm SVdP Returning Citizens Mtg (SJSC)
- 6:15pm Lenten Series of Sustenance (SJSC)
- 7:00pm St. John SVdP Conference Mtg (SJSC)
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SJSC)

### Thursday, March 13

- 10:00am Painting Class (STA)
- 7:00pm Troop 293 Scouts BSA (STA)
- 7:30pm Adoration & Confession (SJSC)
- 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (STA)

### Friday, March 14

- 7:30am Adoration (STA)
- 11:00am Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
- 12:00pm Blood Drive (STA)**
- 1:00pm Stations of the Cross (SJSC)
- 3:30pm Benediction (STA)
- 4:00pm Fish Fry (School Gym)
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (STA)

### Saturday, March 15

- 7:30am Men's Group (STA)
- 9:00am St. John Food Cupboard (SJSC)
- 10:00am Walking with Moms (STA)
- 3:00pm Confessions (STA)
- 4:30pm Anointing of the Sick (STA)

### Sunday, March 16

- 10:00am St. Joseph Altar Coffee & Donuts (STA)
- 10:00am Becoming Catholic (SJSC)
- 12:00pm St. Joseph Altar & Light Lunch (STA)
- 5:00pm Confirmation (STA)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 10

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Elise & Anthony Gallegos req. by Gallegos Family

5:30pm (St. John)

*Available*

### Tuesday, March 11

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Greg Maddelein req. by Stephanie Murdoch

8:45pm (St. John)

*Int. of Campus Ministry*

### Wednesday, March 12

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Brian Tegeler req. by Meyer Family

5:30pm (St. John)

*Available*

### Thursday, March 13

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Kevin Clinton req. by Roseann Zumbrink

8:45pm (St. John)

*Int. of Campus Ministry*

### Friday, March 14

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Lawrence & Maxine Giacoletto req. by Carol Giacoletto

12:15pm (St. John)

*Available*

### Saturday, March 15

9:00am (St. Thomas)

For our Parish Family Growing Community  
req. by People of the Parish

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

Living & Deceased Members of the  
Outreach Mass Community

### Sunday, March 16

8:00am (St. John)

People of the Parish

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Peg Bergmann req. by Helen Fortino

10:00am (St. John)

Jim Spalsbury req. by Kisha & Danette

11:00am (St. Thomas)

Mary, Tom & Kathy Kato req. by Dennis & Jeanne Meyer

Noon (St. John)

John Stankewitz req. by the Stankewitz Family

7:00pm (St. John)

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