

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025

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Jesus, I trust in You

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
CELEBRATION APRIL 27**

1:00 – 3:15pm in the Church at St. John
Adoration and Confession Available

3:00pm Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Join us Downstairs
from 3:15-4:15pm

Pierogi, Cream Cake and Divine Mercy Sundaes

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

WELCOME



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

This weekend is **Divine Mercy Sunday**, the conclusion of the Octave of Easter and a celebration of the mercy that comes to us through Jesus' saving death and resurrection. As the Divine Mercy Image shows, Jesus appears to his disciples in the upper room as a merciful savior, his right hand raised in blessing and his left hand showing the rays of mercy emanating from his pierced side. On this day, Jesus wants to restore us to our baptismal purity, free from sin and from the punishments due to sin. In addition to attending Mass and receiving Communion worthily (or making a Spiritual Communion for those unable to receive), I invite everyone to take a moment to venerate the Divine Mercy Images—which are displayed at both St. Thomas and St. John—and pray the words, "Jesus, I trust in you."

This Sunday afternoon, **a special time of devotion will be held at St. John from 1:15-3:15pm**, with Eucharistic Adoration, confession opportunities, the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm, Benediction and a reception afterwards. **NOTE:** You do not have to attend this event to receive the blessings of Divine Mercy or to fulfill the Divine Mercy Novena. The blessings of Divine Mercy can be fulfilled by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, assuming that you've confessed your sins already this Lent. Further information can be found on-line at elcatholics.org/mercy. And to those who have entered the Church through adult baptism but have not yet made a confession, this is a perfect opportunity to celebrate God's Mercy and experience the beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*The soul that will go to **Confession** and receive **Holy Communion** shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. - Jesus to St. Faustina (Diary, #699)*

The Holy Week and Easter liturgies were beautiful and so well attended! **Thank you** to all of our staff and volunteers—liturgical ministers, decorators, musicians & singers, maintenance, Outreach Mass team, and our OCIA/Becoming Catholic group—who worked so hard over the past few weeks to prepare for this great celebration of the Resurrection. Bless you all!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis! It was beautiful to see the pope greet the crowds at the Vatican on Easter Sunday. I couldn't think of a better way to conclude his pontificate. The Church traditionally celebrates 9 days of mourning when a pope passes away. Then the conclave to elect his successor will start within 2-3 weeks of his death. You'll notice that the clergy will remove the name of the pope from the Eucharistic Prayers at Mass until a successor is named. May the Holy Spirit guide the Church through the upcoming conclave!

Catholic Radio is now on the air in Lansing! **Ave Maria Radio is available on 1390AM**, or you can access it On Demand via AveMariaRadio.net. The Church will soon canonize its first Millennial saint - **Carlo Acutis** - as well as another young adult saint - **Pier Giorgio Frassati**. Bl. Carlo was scheduled to be canonized this weekend, but the ceremony has been postponed while the seat of Peter is vacant. If you wish to learn about these new saints, visit these sites for more information: carloacutis-en.org or frassatiusa.org. May is coming, the month of Our Blessed Mother. The **diocesan pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima** will visit St. Thomas for the month.

May 1 will be our last 8:45pm Campus Ministry Mass until the fall. Please pray for our college students as they depart for the summer. Friday, May 2, there will be a special **Graduation Mass** at St. John at 10am. Due to this schedule change, **there won't be the usual 11am confessions or 12:15pm Mass this Friday, May 2.**

On **First Saturday**, May 3, I will give a presentation on the topic of **Monasticism of the**

Heart and Extraordinary Vocations. Come to Fr. Mac Hall after the 9:00am Saturday Mass at St. Thomas on May 3. Refreshments will be served.

Also, enrollment in the **Brown Scapular** of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be offered after the 9:00am Mass on the First Saturday.

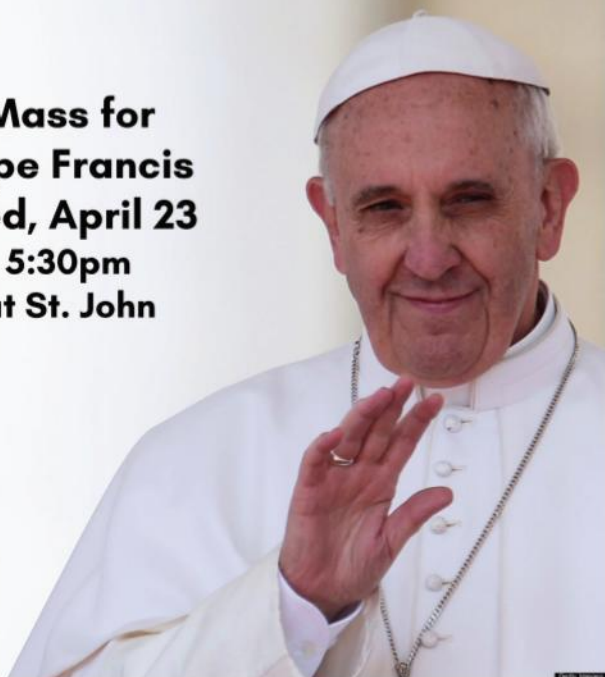
"WHOSOEVER DIES IN THIS GARMENT SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE."

- Brown Scapular promise of Our Lady to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251

May the Ocean of God's Mercy wash over us and our broken world!

Fr. Gordon

**Mass for
Pope Francis
Wed, April 23
5:30pm
at St. John**



HIRING: STA School Aftercare Workers for the 2025-26 School Year



STA school is hiring in our aftercare program for next school year. The program runs from 3:00-5:30pm on days that school is in session. Your schedule is based on your availability each semester.

We are also looking for staff for May of this school year. If you are interested in learning more, contact Joan Jones at jjones@elcatholics.org.

DIVINE MERCY

Jesus, I trust in You

**The Feast of Mercy
A Day of Extraordinary Grace**

**Sunday, April 27 at St. John
Holy Hour:
Adoration and Confession
1:00-3:15pm. Chaplet at 3:00pm.**

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina in the 1930s, our Lord repeatedly called for the celebration of the **Feast of Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter**. He promised an ocean of graces to be poured out on the world.

To receive these graces, you are asked to be merciful to others through deed, word and prayer. Make a good and sincere confession during Lent. Worthily receive Holy Communion on the Feast Day (or the Vigil). Venerate the image of The Divine Mercy. Trust in His Divine Mercy.

Jesus wants to give us so much we can't even fathom it. He promises, *"Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (687). When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior (1541).*

Jesus looked at me (St. Faustina) and said, *Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near (Diary, 965).*

CELEBRATE ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27. A potluck reception sponsored by Family Ministry will be held from **3:15-4:15pm at St. John**. Dishes will include Pierogi, Cesar Salad, Papal Cream Cake and Divine Mercy Sundaes.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the celebration!





St. John Student Center - Home of the
CATHOLIC SPARTANS



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Campus Minister

FINALS WEEK MENU

Monday

Meat & Potato Dinner

6:00pm

Tuesday

Soup & Salad Dinner

5:30pm

Late Knight Tacos

(Hosted by the Knights of Columbus)

9:30pm

Wednesday

Pasta Dinner

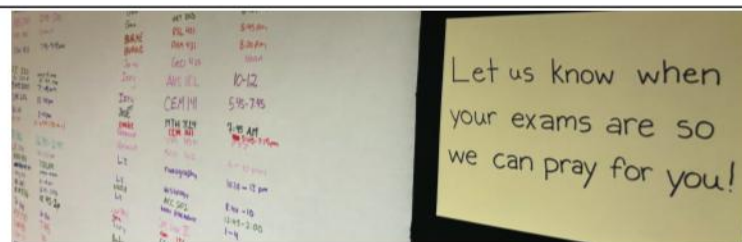
6:00pm

Late Knight Tacos



Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
after Tuesday's Night Mass
(about 9:30pm)

Please pray for our students as they
take final exams this week!



The **last Night Mass** of the school year
will be this Thursday, May 1 at 8:45pm.

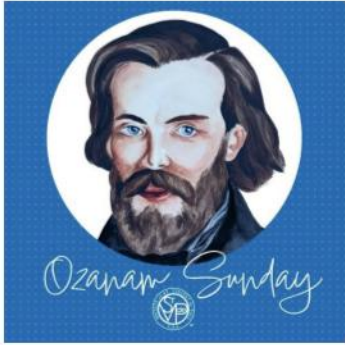
Night Masses (as well as Tues/Thu Confessions and
Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Student Center)
will resume when students return to campus in August.

Summer campus ministry

St. John Student Center will continue to
offer students opportunities for formation
and community building throughout the
summer months, meeting on Wednesdays,
following the 5:30pm Mass.

coming May 14

Ozanam Sunday



Today the members of our parish's two St. Vincent de Paul Conferences celebrate "Ozanam Sunday," with a special blessing of Vincentians after the 10:00am Mass at St. John's with Coffee & Donuts for all parishioners following.

Almost 200 years ago, a college student named Frederic Ozanam

and five of his college friends, along with an adult mentor, founded what today is known as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In a discussion group with other college students, they had been challenged by some of their non-Catholic friends: "Sure, the Catholic Church has done some great things in the past, but what are you and the Church doing today?!" Taken aback, they met on April 23, 1833, (which was also Frederic's 20th birthday) to respond to this question. Their response, as formulated by Frederic Ozanam: "We must go to the poor!" They soon named their group after the great Apostle of Charity, St. Vincent de Paul, who had lived and ministered to the poor almost 200 years before them. From this humble beginning, the Society quickly grew and eventually spread across France and to the whole world, numbering over 850,000 members world-wide today! Their mission remains the same as that of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam – to minister to our brothers and sisters in need!

We celebrate Ozanam Sunday annually on the last Sunday of April – close to the dates of April 23 (Frederic Ozanam's birthday and the date of the Society's first meeting) and April 24 (the birthday of Vincent de Paul.) Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can be found in most Catholic parishes today throughout the world! We welcome you to join us in this ministry! For more information, please visit elcatholics.org

Young Adults Group Upcoming Meet Dates

April 30: Theology on Tap with the Kasprzaks

May 3: Easter Retreat Day

May 7: Volunteering

May 14: Cookout at St. Thomas

May 21: Marian Procession



All events start at 6:15pm with prayer at St. John before moving on to the event/activity. For more information including location, please email friley@elcatholics.org.

THE OFFICE OF THE DEAD

As we continue to mourn the death of Pope Francis and pray for the repose of his soul, I'd like to introduce you to a set of prayers in the Liturgy of the Hours called the "Office for the Dead." While we can pray in many ways for those who have died (for example, the rosary), the Office for the Dead is a liturgical prayer, and is united to the official prayer of the Church.

The Office for the Dead is composed of prayers specific for each time of day (Morning, Daytime, Evening, Night), which are offered for the dead. For example, in the light of this Easter season, Morning Prayer recalls "the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the true light enlightening all people (see John 1:9) and 'the sun of justice' (Malachi 4:2) 'rising from on high' (Luke 1:78)."

"The celebration of Morning Prayer from the Office for the Dead relates the death of the Christian to *Christ's victory over death* and affirms the hope that those who have received the light of Christ at Baptism will *share in that victory*."

One way to access these prayers is by visiting DivineOffice.org.

The Office for the Dead provides us a way to pray for the dead while praying the Liturgy of the Hours and is a beautiful way to lift our prayers to God.

Whether it's utilizing the Office for the Dead or praying another way, let us continue to lift up our late Holy Father in prayer, asking God to have mercy on him who proclaimed that mercy to us. May he rest in peace.

In Christ, Fr. Riley

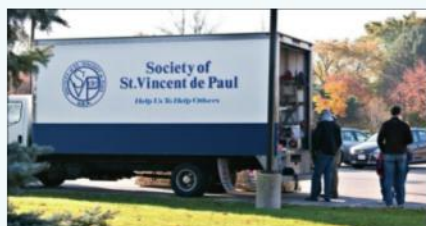
¹ See *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours*, no. 38.

² *Order of Christian Funerals*, no. 350.

Clothing and Household Donation Drive – May 3 and 4

The parish-wide collection weekend in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is a convenient way to help our Lansing-area neighbors by donating clothing and household items that you no longer use or need. 100% of the Store's profit is directed to helping neighbors in need (examples of assistance include help with medical and utility bills, emergency overnight housing).

The Thrift Store truck will be parked in the St. Thomas Aquinas parking lot near Alton Road, Sat., May 3, 1:00pm to 5:00pm, and Sun., May 4, 10:00am to 2:00 pm.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. Shifts are one hour, so please sign up for one or two!

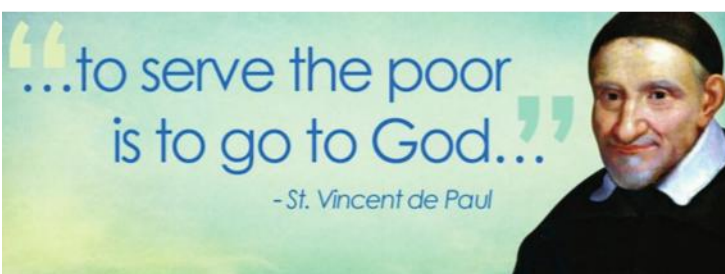
If you can volunteer or need to see the list of what types of items can be donated, visit elcatholics.org/collection. Please do not call the parish office for the list.

Please call the Thrift Store 517- 484-5395 for any other questions.

St. John Food Cupboard Needs

Of the 52 households served this last Saturday, 19 were families of 5 or more; our ability to provide food for those in need comes from your generosity.

This week we are in need of **jelly, canned chicken, canned corn, ramen and spices.**



Widows & Widowers Lunch

This luncheon happens the second Tuesday of each month. Please join us on **May 13**, 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.

Help build a culture of life!

Walking With Moms In Need is hosting a training session on May 31 from 10:00am to 11:00am at St. Thomas. Learn how to support current and expectant mothers. No experience necessary!

Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs.



Summer Help Is Needed!

The St. John Food Cupboard, a ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John, is in need of volunteers this summer. Volunteers will help organize and stock the Food Cupboard shelves, transport donated items from the Greater Lansing Food Bank during the week, and serve guests on Saturday mornings.

If you have some flexibility in your schedule and would like to serve your neighborhood, email foodcupboardsj@gmail.com for details. Hundreds of people from our community are helped each weekend.

(Pictured here are Eduardo and Samuel, Saturday morning volunteers.)



Save the Date
Tuesday, May 6 | 12:00pm
The Diocese of Lansing
Catholic Lawyers Guild
Spring Luncheon,
St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall

All lawyers are invited to attend the luncheon. This year's speaker is Joseph Patrick McGill. Joe is the 90th president of the State Bar of Michigan and is a member at Foley, Baron, Metzger & Juip, where his practice includes complex litigation. Joe is also a past president of the Catholic Lawyers Society of Metropolitan Detroit. He and his family are parishioners at Saints Peter & Paul Jesuit Church in Detroit.

You can learn more about the guild and register on-line at lansingcatholiclawyersguild.com. If you have questions, please contact 517-402-1562 or email: lclguild@gmail.com.



FORGED is a 3 day/2 night outdoor adventure retreat for young men age 13-16 held June 23-25 at St. Francis Retreat center.

Includes New & Favorite Activities, Including:

- Outdoor Survival & Safety
- Navigating at Night (new)
- Military Cadence Runs
- Euchre Tournament (new)
- Proper Etiquette & Hygiene

Mass will be celebrated daily with the opportunity for Adoration. Talks will focus on:

- This year's theme: Tell YOUR Story!
- The Courage to Live your Faith
- Overcoming Challenges
- Christ-Centered Leadership
- Respecting Women
- Virtue in Society
- Our 3 key Virtues: Trust, Perseverance, & Courage!

Learn more at stfrancis.ws/forged.

BE MY WITNESSES
CORPUS CHRISTI
Mass & Procession with
Bishop Boyea
June 21, 2025 · 10AM
Lugnuts Baseball Stadium
Lansing, Michigan
A Eucharistic Journey
for the Jubilee Year

June 22-27, 2025
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DYLC is a 6-day camp to create Missionary Disciples, by equipping you with the tools and skills needed. Through sessions, activities and prayer experiences, we train you to go out and bring others to Jesus. You will learn basic leadership skills as well as the importance of building trust and emphasizing servant leadership. As an applicant you should:

- Be attending and participating in Mass weekly
- Be active in your parish (participants should have attended at least one retreat experience)
- Demonstrate potential leadership skills
- Be able to contribute to and process small group situations.
- Currently be in High School. (So upcoming Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and those graduating)

Cost \$500, dioceseoflansing.org/DYLC2025

Second Sunday of Easter

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Wonder, Don't Wander

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It does sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. **Never be afraid to believe.**

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it.

Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

Sprinkling Rite

The rite of sprinkling, also called the Asperges rite, describes the act of sprinkling the congregation with holy water, an action which recalls the new life we received in the waters of our baptism.

If this rite is performed during Mass, it takes the place of the penitential act.



The sprinkling rite usually takes place on Sundays during the Easter season but is permitted on any Sunday. When it is completed, the congregation sings the Gloria.

The name "asperges" comes from the first line of Psalm 51, a penitential psalm that begins with the words "Have mercy on me." In the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, the Asperges rite is done before each principal Mass, except on Palm Sunday.

The tool used by the priest to sprinkle the congregation is called the aspergillum, and the bucket containing the water is called the aspersorium.

Readings for Sunday, May 4 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.

Psalm 30 Will praise you, Lord for you have rescued me.

Rv 5:11-14 To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.

Jn 21:1-19 Jesus said to them, "Children have you caught anything to eat?"

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

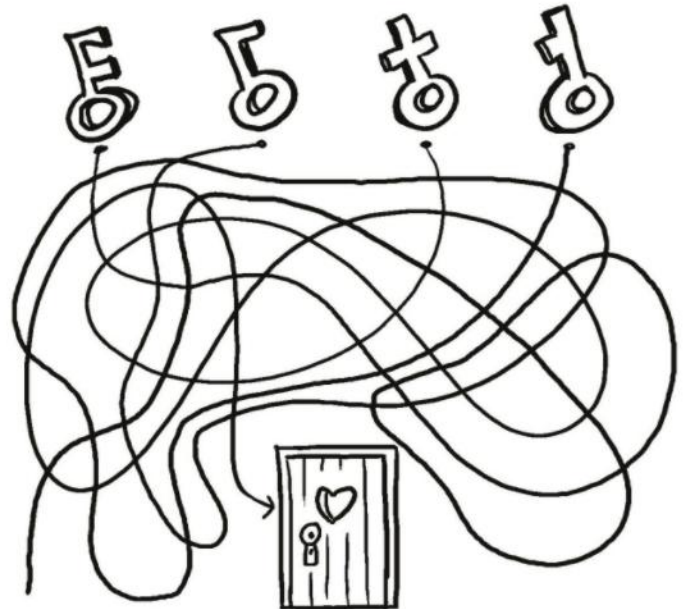


After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were afraid people would want to hurt them, too. They stayed together in a room and locked the door. Then Jesus came to his friends, to show them he was really alive again. Jesus changed their fear into gladness. Have you ever been so afraid that you just wanted to hide? Remember that Jesus is with you when you are afraid, too.



PUZZLE

Which key can unlock the Door?



Find the matching shadow.



A



B



C



D

1



2



3



4



PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for being with me when I am afraid.



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Catholic Women's Club Luncheon

Come Join us for the Catholic Women's Club Luncheon. We're 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 Thursday, May 8, at 12:30pm at One North (5001 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing MI). We will have installation of Officers and time for Fellowship. To RSVP, call Trudy Longazel at 517-646-0922 by May 6. Hope to see you there.

On Tuesday, May 13 2025, there will be a Mass for living members of the Catholic Women's Club at St Mary Cathedral at 12:05 pm.

Little Flowers Girls' Club® Growing Holier, One Virtue at a Time



Little Flowers Girls' Club® is a Catholic club and they will be meeting on **Thursday, May 1 at 4:30pm** in Fr. Mac Hall at STA. This club is for girls ages 5 and up. It is a fun time while also learning about scripture, saints and our Church.

If you are in elementary school, come join us! Questions: contact Christina Heidemann at 248-321-6728 or JesusTrustinYou@fidei.email

Compassion Ministry Grief Share Loss of a Spouse Program Saturday, May 17 | 8:00-10:00am

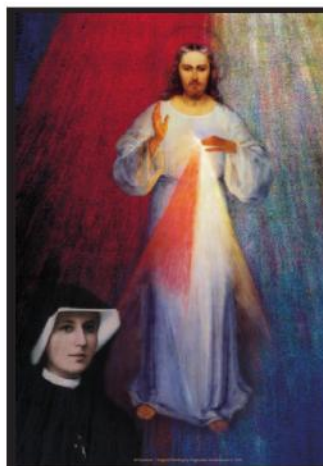
The two-hour seminar works just like a typical Grief Share meeting or a Surviving the Holidays event, with a short video followed by small-group discussion. The video features expert Christian counselors, authors, and pastors, including new interviews with some of your favorites from the Grief Share curriculum.

No cost to attend, but you need to RSVP. Breakfast items and coffee included. All are invited to attend this one time session.

Participants will take home a Valuable Booklet that Includes:

- A Video Note-Taking Outline
- Devotional Material
- Grief Recovery Exercises
- Journaling Prompts

RSVP: Trink Fetzner: fewtznerjohn@aol.com | 989-620-4474



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

○ Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!

○ Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!

○ Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!



2025 Diocesan Services Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has returned their DSA pledge or donation. **We are at 71%!** Together, we can reach our goal of \$227,445.

DSA is an example of the Diocese as a whole working together to support programs that no single parish could sustain. Your dollars support seminarian education, adoption and foster care, hospital ministry, retreats and conferences **and so much more.**

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, please make one today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. If it's easier, submit your gift online at dioceseoflansing.org/appeal.

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Join the **Immaculate Conception Legacy Society** and ensure future generations will continue to grow in Christ.

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To learn more,
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or email Lisa Brown at
lbrown@dioceseoflansing.org



Lisa Brown
Charitable Giving Advisor

OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory 4/13/25

Avg. Needed Weekly for Budget:	\$38,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$25,254.60
Matthew 25:	\$1,278.88
Southside Community Kitchen, Week 1	



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 | April 27 & May 4 Friends of Kenyan Orphans



Friends of Kenyan Orphans was established in 2008 by a team of humanitarians including people from our parish. Fueled by love, compassion, hard work and clear-headed oversight, they are dedicated to raising funds and

resources for grass root organizations in Kenya. They support a dignified life for orphaned and abandoned girls by providing basic human needs of food, shelter, clothing, education and healthcare within a safe and caring environment. Some of their projects include establishing St Clare School for 350 girls and St Lucy's School for the Blind. They also focus on fresh water projects with solar water pumps and safe lavatories.

Hallow App



It's never too late to download the Hallow app and start some new habits. Type into your browser, **hallow.com/parish**. Then put in St Thomas and St John Student Center (put all of that in or only the St Thomas' around the country pop up), add 955 Alton if needed to find us. Click on it and it will invite you to join our parish and then have you sign in and give your .99c for 9 months of a free subscription.

Need more help? **Visit elcatholics.org/hallow for in-depth instructions.** Transform your prayer life today!

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Universal Prayers Including for the Sick & Deceased

Trusting in the life-giving power of the Spirit, we lift up our prayers and petitions to our Father in heaven.

For all clergy, may the Holy Spirit enrich them with his gifts.

For the Church, may the light of Christ penetrate our hearts and draw us to deeper union with him.

For all who are entered the Church at Easter, may the prayers of this community, strengthen them on their journey of faith.

For all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, may Jesus, the Divine Physician, bring them healing and wholeness, especially Sandra Grinnell our television, radio and online community and those listed in our book of prayer.

For all who have died in faith, may the God of infinite mercy open to them the doors of his kingdom, especially Bakhos Chamoun, Ronald Ginther, Elizabeth Pluto and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Loving Father, hear our prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 28

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

Tuesday, April 29

4:15pm Soul Core (STA)
7:30pm Adoration (SJSC)

Wednesday, April 30

10:00am Bible Study (STA)
4:00pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (SJSC)

Thursday, May 1

10:00am Painting Class (STA)
4:30pm Little Flowers Club (STA)
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (STA)
7:00pm Troop 293 Scouts BSA (STA)
7:30pm Adoration (SJSC)

8:45pm

Last Night Mass (SJSC)

Friday, May 2

No Confessions or 12:15pm Mass at St. John

3:30pm Benediction (STA)

Saturday, May 3

7:30am Men's Group (STA)
9:00am St. John Food Cupboard (SJSC)
9:30am Enrollment in the Brown Scapular (STA)
10:00am First Saturday Celebration (STA)
3:00pm Reconciliation (STA)

Sunday, May 4

9:00am First Communion Mass (STA)
3:40pm African Mass (STA)
5:00pm Confirmation Class (STA)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 28

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Joseph Polack req. by the EL Knights of Columbus

5:30pm (St. John)

Robert Franek req. by Nancy Mrozinski

Tuesday, April 29

9:00am (St. Thomas)

William Jefcoat on the First Anniversary of Death

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of Campus Ministry

Wednesday, April 30

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Gerald Wiltse req. by Bob & Mary Van Poppelen

5:30pm (St. John)

Available

Thursday, May 1

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Mary Hoffman req. by Bill & Carol Ann Wilkinson

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of Campus Ministry

Friday, May 2

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Bill & Ruth Parley req. by the Friday Breakfast Group

10:00am (St. John)

Int. of the Michigan State Graduates

Saturday, May 3

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Lynne Jowski on the First Anniversary of Death

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

Holy Family First Saturday Memorial Mass & Intentions

Sunday, May 4

8:00am (St. John)

Available

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Anthony Lollo req. by the Krol Family

10:00am (St. John)

Charles Jessico, Jr. req. by Maryann Boltz

11:00am (St. Thomas)

Ben, Bert & Joe Burzynski req. by Dennis & Jeanne Meyer

Noon (St. John)

Bill Derengoski req. by Dennis & Jeanne Meyer

7:00pm (St. John)

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 Lisa Burlingame Family
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 Bryans Family
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 Lawrence Chadzynski
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 Cichy Family

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 served at STA/SJSC
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