

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

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Serving the East Lansing
Catholic Community

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
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Congratulations on Your First Communion!

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Makai Rossi

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Claire Zielinski



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

Fri 12:15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon & Wed 4:00pm-5:00pm

Fri 11:00am-12:00pm

WELCOME



When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

As Simon Peter denied knowing Jesus three times on Holy Thursday night, in today's Gospel, Jesus gives him three opportunities to profess his love and faithfulness. Each time, Jesus directs Simon Peter to feed his lambs and tend his sheep. Truthfully, actions do speak louder than words. If we call ourselves disciples, then we must accept the discipline of the Lord and seek to do his will and support his mission work.

Novemdiales, the traditional 9-day mourning period following the funeral of a pope, concludes this Sunday. Please pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be today for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. The conclave to elect a successor will begin on May 7. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide this selection process! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful...

May is the Month of Our Blessed Mother. The Diocesan Travelling Fatima Statue will be at St. Thomas this month. Let us ask her intercession for peace between Ukraine and Russia. At Fatima, Our Lady gave us four simple tools for achieving world peace: 1. pray a **Morning Offering** prayer daily to offer our work and sacrifices to the Lord for sinners, 2. pray the **Holy Rosary** daily for peace, 3. consecrate yourselves to her Immaculate Heart—especially by wearing the **Brown Scapular**, and 4. pray the **First Saturday** devotion. Our Lady of Fatima revealed that Russia would at first be a scourge to the world, but – when converted – would lead the nations in faith. Let us pray for that conversion and for peace among nations!

Also, for May, look for the **Take a Rosary, Give a Rosary** baskets in church. Take a Rosary packet to keep in your pocket or purse, then please share it with someone in need of prayers. This is a simple way to share our Catholic Christian faith this month.

Please pray for our **MSU graduates** as they have completed their semester, and please pray for our young students who are making their **First Holy Communion** this Sunday! And if you have items to donate to the **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store** in Lansing, there will be a donation truck in the St. Thomas

parking lot by Alton Street this weekend for your convenience.

Twelve men will be ordained to the diaconate on May 17 at St. Thomas. Eight men will become permanent deacons for our diocese, and four men will be ordained as transitional deacons – Joshua Bauer, Jacob Derry, Ryan Ferrigan and Peter Randolph – on their way to the priesthood next summer. St. Thomas will also host the Presbyteral Ordination on June 14, where the diocese will ordain seven men to the priesthood. There will be no 9:00am Saturday Mass on those ordination days. Please pray for these ordination candidates!

We have surpassed 84% of our Diocesan Services Appeal Goal for 2025! Our dollars support dozens of ministries that help people both spiritually and physically – bringing hope, comfort, and salvation to so many in our diocese. Thank you for your support! For details or to pledge online, dioceseoflansing.org/DSA.

May God bless and guide His Church!

Fr. Gordon

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE! **Clothing and Household Goods** **Donation Drive – THIS WEEKEND** **May 3 and 4**

Parish-wide collection weekend in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is this weekend! To see the list of what types of items can be donated, visit elcatholics.org/collection.

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



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY. Sign up to volunteer at elcatholics.org/collection.

Please call the Thrift Store 517-484-5395 if you have questions about specific items acceptability. Remember that they only accept clean and unbroken items.

Diaconate Ordination

Saturday, May 17 at St. Thomas
NO 9:00am Mass at St. Thomas

The Diocesan Diaconate Ordination will be taking place at 10:30am. Please pray for our Seminarians and candidates being ordained to the transitional and permanent diaconate.

Joshua Bauer,

St. Elizabeth Parish, Tecumseh (Seminarian)

Wayne Carpenter,

St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing

Andrew Cocagne,

Church of the Holy Family, Grand Blanc

Leon Demers,

St. Patrick Parish, Brighton

Jacob Derry,

St. John the Evangelist, Fenton (Seminarian)

Joseph Fedewa,

St. Mary Parish, Westphalia

Ryan Ferrigan,

St. Martha Parish, Okemos (Seminarian)

Lorens Gjernes,

St. Joseph Parish, Ypsilanti

Paul Godfrey,

Christ the King Parish, Ann Arbor

Luke Goerge,

Most Holy Trinity, Fowler

Peter Randolph,

Christ the King Parish, Ann Arbor (Seminarian)

Ronald Stacey,

St. Anthony Padua, Hillsdale

Novena begins May 8 find it at

elcatholics.org/ordination-novena

Prayer for First Communicates

"Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of your body and blood, which our child is about to receive for the first time. May this day be a special moment of grace and joy, and may it strengthen their faith and deepen their love for you. May they always be guided by your Holy Spirit and grow into a faithful follower of your teachings. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."



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.



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 | May 14

10:00am | Baraga Room, STA

Learn to 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 in Fr. Mac. Learn how to support current and expectant mothers.

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.

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.



St. John Student Center - Home of the
Catholic Spartans



Anna Stankewitz - annas@elcatholics.org
Director of Campus Ministry

Joshua Janda - jjanda@elcatholics.org
Campus Minister

Did you know you can work at
St. John Student Center?

APPLY AS AN INTERN TODAY

St. John has internships for MSU students
in the following areas of ministry:

CAMPUS MINISTRY
LITURGY
MUSIC MINISTRY
OCIA

FIND MORE DETAILS AND THE APPLICATION AT
STJOHNMSU.ORG

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

Enjoy some highlights from the
2024-25 school year!



Young Adults Group Upcoming Meet Dates

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.

How Does the Liturgy of the Hours Bring us Closer to the Source and Summit of our Faith?

Previously we learned that the prayer of the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours, is "the voice of the bride herself as she addresses the bridegroom," who is Christ. At every wedding there is a banquet, and the marriage between Christ and the Church is no different. In fact, the book of Revelation describes Heaven as the "wedding feast of the Lamb" (19:9). While we anticipate sharing in this eternal banquet with the saints in Heaven, we now participate in its foreshadowing - the Mass.

It is at the Mass where we gather around the altar of the Lord on which Heaven touches Earth. It is there that the sacrifice of Christ is once again made present as He calls us to share in the banquet of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. For us Catholics, the Mass is truly the "source and summit" of our lives.

With this being the case, how can we both prepare to reach this "summit" and allow this "source" to flow into our spiritual lives? One great practical way is to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (either with a book or an app). This prayer prepares us for the Mass by inspiring and deepening in us "the dispositions necessary for the fruitful celebration of the Eucharist: faith, hope, love, devotion, and the spirit of self-denial." And following the celebration of Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours extends "to the other hours of the day the praise and thanksgiving of the Eucharistic celebration."

Again, to being praying the Liturgy of the Hours, it is best to begin with small steps. For example, praying Night Prayer on Sunday would be a great way to conclude the Lord's Day. Each time we approach the banquet of the Eucharist may we deepen our commitment to Jesus as the Lord of our lives!

-Fr. Riley

General Instruction to the Liturgy of the Hours, 15.
Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324.
GILH, 12.
Second Vatican Council, Presbyterorum ordinis, 5.

TAKE A Rosary,

GIVE a Rosary



TAKE a Rosary packet to keep in your pocket or purse with the intention of GIVING it away to someone in their time of need.

Available in the back of both churches.

Summer Building and Office Hours

St. Thomas Office Hours & Phones

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

9:00am - 4:30pm

Friday

9:00am - Noon

Monday - Thursday Closed for Lunch

Noon-1:00pm

St. Thomas Building Hours

Monday & Wednesday

6:00am - 9:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday

8:00am - 9:00pm

Friday

6:00am - 5:30pm

St. John Building Hours

Monday

12:00-6:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday

12:00-5:00pm

Wednesday

12:00-8:30pm

Friday

10:30am-1:30pm

There are NO Office Hours at St. John
Please Contact St. Thomas with Questions



Join us for the
FINAL

Senior Mass & Reception

Wednesday, May 21

**Potluck,
Trivia & Prizes,
\$25 Coral Gables
Giveaway!**

Bring a friend & a dish to share!



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER GUILD

Spring Meet Up

Sunday, May 18 @ 3:00 pm at the STA Pavilion

For more information, contact Sara Pettit at spettit@elcatholics.org

St. John Food Cupboard Needs

Thank you for your Easter donations; they were joyously received. Our ability to provide food for those in need comes from your generosity.

This week we are in need of canned chicken, 1 lb bags of sugar and flour, cooking oil and shampoo.






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



A hands-on way to serve your neighbor

See the Face of Christ.
Be the Face of Christ.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

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. Hundreds of people from our community are helped each weekend.

If you have some flexibility in your schedule and would like to serve your neighbors, email foodcupboardsj@gmail.com for details.

The Cardinals present in Rome have agreed to begin the conclave on May 7



What happens during the conclave?

The conclave will be preceded by a solemn Eucharistic celebration with the votive *Mass Pro Eligendo Papa*, attended by the Cardinals. They then proceed to the Sistine Chapel, where the Conclave begins. At the end of the procession inside the Sistine Chapel, each Cardinal takes the oath as prescribed in paragraph 53 of *Universi Dominici Gregis*. Through this oath, they commit, if elected, to faithfully fulfill the *Munus Petrinum* as Pastor of the Universal Church. They also pledge to maintain absolute secrecy regarding everything related to the election and to refrain from supporting any attempts of external interference in the election.

At this point, the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations proclaims *extra omnes*, meaning that all individuals who are not part of the Conclave must leave the Sistine Chapel. Only the Master himself and the ecclesiastic designated to deliver the second meditation remain. This meditation focuses on the grave responsibility that rests upon the electors and the necessity of acting with pure intentions for the good of the Universal Church, keeping only God before their eyes. Once the meditation is delivered, both the ecclesiastic and the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations leave. The Cardinals then recite prayers according to the *Ordo Sacrorum Rituum Conclavis* and listen to the Cardinal Dean, who asks whether they are ready to proceed with voting. All election procedures take place exclusively in the Sistine Chapel, which remains completely sealed off until the election is concluded. Throughout the election process, the Cardinals must refrain from sending letters or engaging in conversations, including phone calls, except in cases of extreme urgency. They are not allowed to send or receive messages of any kind, receive newspapers or magazines of any nature, or follow radio or television broadcasts.

How many votes are required to elect a Pope?

To validly elect a new Pope, a two-thirds majority of the electors present is required. If the total number of electors is not evenly divisible by three, an additional vote is necessary. If voting begins on the afternoon of the first day, there will be only one ballot. On subsequent days, two ballots are held in the morning and two in the afternoon. After the votes are counted, all ballots are burned. If the ballot was inconclusive, a chimney positioned over the Sistine Chapel emits black smoke. If a Pope is elected, white smoke will billow out of the chimney. If the electors fail to reach an agreement on a candidate after three days of inconclusive voting, a break of up to one day is allowed for prayer, free discussion among voters, and a brief spiritual exhortation.

What happens immediately after a new Pope is elected?

Once the Cardinals have elected a new Pope, the last of the Cardinal Deacons calls the Secretary of the College of Cardinals and the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations into the Sistine Chapel. The Dean of the College, Cardinal, speaking on behalf of all the electors, asks for the elected candidate's consent with the following words: "Do you accept your canonical election as Supreme Pontiff?" Upon receiving consent, he then asks: "What name do you wish to be called?" From this moment, the newly-elected Pope acquires full and supreme authority over the universal Church. The Conclave ends at this point. The Cardinals then pay homage and pledge obedience to the new Pope, and thanks are given to God. The election and the name of the new Pontiff is then announced with the famous line: "**Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum; Habemus Papam.**" Immediately afterward, the new Pope gives the Apostolic Blessing *Urbi et Orbi* from the Loggia of St. Peter's Basilica. The final step required is that, after the solemn inauguration ceremony of the Pontificate and within a suitable time, the new Pope formally takes possession of the Patriarchal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran.

Vatican

Please Pray for our Cardinals

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Join us for Mass on
Friday, May 9 at 12:15 Mass
at St. John to pray for the Conclave.



Third Sunday of Easter

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

LOVE — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

FORGIVE — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

BELIEVE — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

LIVE THE LITURGY – INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

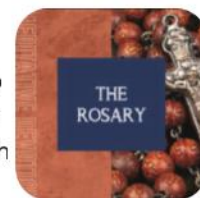
Jesus bids the disciples to bring their bounty of fish to the fire, to gather around it, to be warmed and fed. God's invitation is for all of us: come to the fire of His love.

Be warmed. Be fed. Then, go forth, and feed the sheep.

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

The Rosary

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."



The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170–1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

Readings for Sunday, May 11 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43–52 The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord.

Psalms 100 We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Rv 7:9, 14b–17 For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them...and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Jn 10:27–30 Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



When the apostles ran out of food, they went fishing. They fished all night long, but they didn't catch anything. In the early hours of the morning, they saw Jesus standing on shore. He told them to put their nets down in the water on the right side of their boat. They caught so many fish that their net was filled to the top. They were very glad they had listened to Jesus.



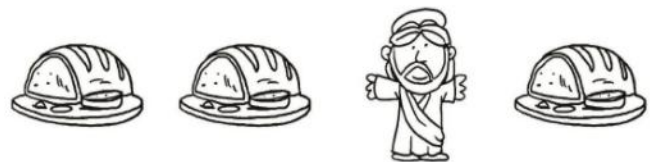
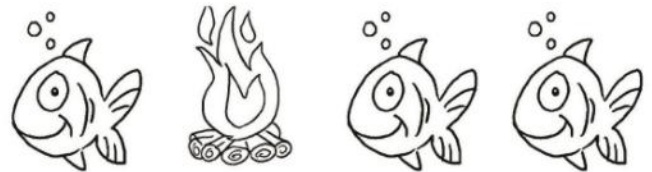
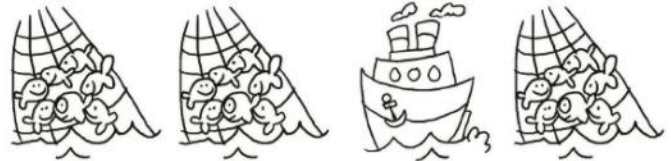
PRAYER

Lord, help me listen and follow the directions of my parents.



PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is **different**.
Then color in all the pictures.



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

FISHING
CATCH
BOAT

JUMPED
DRAGGED
BREAD

CHARCOAL
APPEARED
RAISED

J	E	S	U	L	B	R	E	A	D	T
R	C	A	T	C	H	A	R	T	R	O
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B	O	A	T	U	O	S	D	I	D	M
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41th Annual Fr. Mac Dinner | Kellogg Center May 19 | 6:00pm

Join us for an evening filled with joy, gratitude, and the spirit of giving as we mark four decades of Lansing Catholic's Fr. Mac Dinner. This cherished event raises vital funds for tuition assistance and ensures that the gift of Catholic education is accessible to all.

As we celebrate this milestone, we pay tribute to the countless individuals who have generously supported the Fr. Mac Dinner over the last 41 years. To purchase tickets for the event or a sponsorship, please go to lansingcatholic.org/content/father-mac-dinner-and-fundraising-event.

Padres Pio Birthday Festa May 24 | 11:00am Holy Spirit, Brighton



Join us for an outdoor mass, updates on the proposed Saint Padre Pio Institute and a family cookout. RSVP CHI-USA/st-pio-birthday



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.



The Catholic Homeschool Conference Online: June 6th FREE

Learn from experts, other homeschool parents and homeschool graduates. Many different works featuring a wide range of topics, Keynote Speakers, including Bishop Thomas Daly, Emily Brown, Lila Rose and Erika Ahem and parent panel discussion with Same and Eleanor Nicholson, Claudio and Jamie Salvucci and Jenny Bales.

Learn more at catholichomeschoolconference.com/



Men's Discernment Retreat August 12-14 | St. Francis Retreat Center

Thinking about discerning the vocation to Priesthood and you have questions about seminary?

This retreat is a chance for men to learn more about the discernment process, meet those already in formation, ask questions about the life and ministry of a priest, and experience the camaraderie of other discerners.

Fr. Mike Cassar, Director of Seminarians and, Fr. Ryan Riley, Pastor of St. Martha Okemos, will provide direction on the discernment process, give their reflections on the priesthood, and answer questions. Small group discussions will be led by priests of the Diocese of Lansing. Daily Mass and the opportunity for Confession and Adoration will be offered.

Rooms are private with a shared bathroom and all meals. Suggested donation: \$200. Scholarships are available - Please contact the Diocese of Lansing Vocations Office For other questions on the priesthood, visit lansingpriest.org or contact Fr. Mike Cassar at mcassar@dioceseoflansing.org or call 517-342-2507.



2025 Diocesan Services Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has returned their DSA pledge or donation. **We are at 84%!** 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.

Be Part of Something Eternal!

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

How to join?

Leave a gift -- big or small -- to your church, church school, or other Catholic ministry in the Diocese of Lansing in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary.

As a member, you will receive:

- Monthly Mass offered for your intentions
- Personal thank you from Bishop Boyea
- Annual Mass and luncheon with Bishop Boyea
- Gain access to special events (seminarian lunches, ordinations, pilgrimages)

To learn more,
call 517-253-8738
or email Lisa Brown at
lbrown@dioceseoflansing.org



Lisa Brown
Charitable Giving Advisor

OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory 4/20/25

Budget Amount:	\$50,000.00
Easter Collection	\$55,047.74
Matthew 25:	\$2,339.84
Southside Community Kitchen, Week TOTAL	



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 | May 11 & May 18 Shared Pregnancy Women's Center



The Shared Pregnancy Women's Center has been passionate about serving families in Greater Lansing for more than 40 years. Their purpose is to encourage, educate and empower women and their families in unexpected pregnancies with emotional, material, educational and spiritual support. They provide a peaceful, caring environment for women who might be in a fearful situation. They are here to serve from pregnancy through the first four years of the child's life.

St. Michael Catholic School Golf Outing Saturday, May 21 Centennial Acres Gold Course 8:30am Shotgun Start

Cost: \$340 per team
Includes: 18 Hole Gold Scramble, Cart, Continental Breakfast, BBQ Lunch, and Prizes.

Additional activities: Mulligans, Skins, Strings, 50/50 Raffle, Golf Ball Drop, Silent Auction, and Door Prizes. All proceeds benefit St. Michael Catholic School.

Preregistration and Sponsorships
Available: school.stmichaelgl.org/annual-golf-outing



This Week's Advertiser Spotlight



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Universal Prayers Including for the Sick & Deceased

For the Church and her leaders around the world, may the Holy Spirit guide them and make them holy.

For politicians and governments, may God empower decision-makers in their efforts to enact life-affirming policies.

For all who struggle with doubt, may Christ give them faith to recognize him as Lord and God.

For the members of this faith community discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, may the Holy Spirit grant them wisdom and piety.

For all our brothers and sisters in Christ who are sick or suffering from poor health, may the risen Jesus bring you healing and peace especially Joseph Adams, Irene Hurst, Evan Bates, and those listed in our book of prayer.

For our beloved dead, may God's infinite mercy bestow upon them everlasting life, especially Sue Palomba and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

For Pope Francis, who proclaimed the joy of the Gospel, that the merciful Lord may accompany him to our heavenly homeland.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 5

9:30am

Quilt Group (STA)

4:00pm

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Tuesday, May 6

Wednesday, May 7

10:00am

Bible Study (STA)

5:30pm

Faculty/Comm Book Discussion (SJSC)

4:00pm

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

7:00pm

Choir Rehearsal (SJSC)

7:00pm

St. Thomas SVdP (STA)

Thursday, May 8

10:00am

Painting Class (STA)

6:00pm

Choir Rehearsal (STA)

7:00pm

Troop 293 Scouts BSA (STA)

Friday, May 9

11:00am

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

3:30pm

Benediction (STA)

Saturday, May 10

9:00am

St. John Food Cupboard (SJSC)

9:45am

Family Ministry Adoration (STA)

10:00am

Men's Group (STA)

10:00am

Walking With Moms Meeting (STA)

3:00pm

Reconciliation (STA)

Sunday, May 11

3:45pm

Korean Mass (STA)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 5

6:30am (St. Thomas)

John Anton Sr. req. by John & Jean Anton

5:30pm (St. John)

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 6

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Donald Pricco

Wednesday, May 7

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Lawrence & Maxine Giacoletto

req. by Carol Giacoletto

5:30pm (St. John)

Int. of Msgr. George Michalek

req. by Robert Herzog & Therese Edwards

Thursday, May 8

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Chard Brookhouse req. by Stephanie Brookhouse

Friday, May 9

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Isabelle & Theophile Franek & Janet

req. by Nancy Mrozinski

12:15am (St. John)

Int. for the Start of the Papal Conclave

Saturday, May 10

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Paul Haddad req. by John & Jean Anton

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

Terry Spiegel on the First Anniversary of Death

req. by Kay Spiegel

Sunday, May 11

8:00am (St. John)

All Mothers of the Parish

9:00am (St. Thomas)

All Mothers of the Parish

10:00am (St. John)

Stanley Herdus req. by The Herdus Family

11:00am (St. Thomas)

All First Communicants

Noon (St. John)

Colette Frederick req. by The Frederick Family

7:00pm (St. John)

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 Behen Family
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 Berners & Schmit Families
 Bonk Family
 Lisa Burlingame Family
 Jason Bryans
 Bryans Family
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