

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17

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Serving the East Lansing
Catholic Community

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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St. Thomas Parish School

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St. Thomas Aquinas

BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 20

First All School Mass:
Thursday, August 21 at 8:15am

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Weekend Mass Times

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

Weekday Mass Times

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3:00-4:00pm

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Weekend Mass Times

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
Noon & 7:00pm

Weekday Mass Times

Mon & Wed 5:30pm
Fri 12:15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon & Wed 4:00pm-5:00pm
Fri 11:00am-12:00pm

WELCOME



Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"

Every Lent we walk the Stations of the Cross and recall all that Jesus suffered for our salvation. As awful as crucifixion is, it is tempting to think that Jesus would only want to avoid this agony. And, truly, in the Garden of Gethsemane, he did pray for this cup of suffering to pass him by. And yet Jesus also suffered (in anguish, as noted above) to accomplish his mission, to show us mercy and to set the world on fire with the Holy Spirit, the fire of Divine Love. Have we ever considered that Jesus suffers when we ignore him or deny him the chance to show us mercy? In the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus tells her, *"The flames of mercy are burning Me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!"* And Jesus repeats this message several times to St. Faustina. Let us console Jesus by letting him forgive our sins, bless, guide and fill us with the Holy Spirit as he wishes.

Our **Parish Picnic** is this weekend. There will be a Saturday night celebration for the whole family that includes a Bier Garten for those ages 21+ (with Oompah music), as well as the usual Noon – 3pm food, music (from The Brothers Ralph), and festivities hosted by the Knights of Columbus this Sunday.

St. Thomas Elementary begins school this Wednesday and our MSU students will be returning shortly thereafter. Let us pray for all of our students as they begin their fall studies. St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of students & educators, pray for us! The **8:45pm Campus Ministry Masses** on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. John will resume next week, starting August 26.

This Friday is the **Queenship of Mary**, the conclusion of the Octave of the Assumption and celebration of the 5th Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary. For more information about this feast and how to celebrate it as a family, visit: teachingcatholickids.com/queenship-of-mary/.

As our parish has had good success promoting First Saturday devotions, I want to do more to promote First Fridays. So, for this fall, I'm going to offer **five Sacred Heart nights**—which include a Sacred Heart Holy Hour of Reparation with confessions, Mass, and veneration of our True Cross relic and healing prayers—from 6:00–8:00pm at St. Thomas. These will be on the last Friday of the month from August through December, as a prelude to the First Fridays to come. Please come next Friday, Aug. 29, to St. Thomas at 6:00pm to rest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

May the Lord set our hearts on fire with the Holy Spirit!

Fr. Mac East Lansing

19th Annual Parish Picnic

**NEW THIS YEAR!
A 2 DAY EVENT**

**Saturday, Aug 16
Sunday, Aug 17**



**Bier Garten
Saturday, Aug 16
6:00 – 8:30pm**

- Behind the School
- Beer under the Pavilion for 21+
- Music, Food Trucks, and a Big Inflatable for Kids



**Parish Picnic
Sunday, Aug 17
Noon – 3:00pm**

- Behind the School
- Hamburgers & Hot Dogs provided by the Knights of Columbus.
- Music, Games, and a Big Inflatable for Kids

**Thank You to the Fr. Mac East Lansing
Chapter of the Knights of Columbus
for all that you do!**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. John Student Center

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

Tues. & Thurs.
7:30-8:30pm
Beginning Thurs, 8/26

Friday
11:00am-Noon



St. Thomas Aquinas

*Beginning
Friday 9/5*
7:00am-3:30pm
3:30pm Benediction



Worship Central



Marriage Catechumenate is the phrase we use in the Diocese of Lansing when we speak about marriage preparation. Along with the practical side of preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage there is the spiritual side as well. The Marriage Catechumenate involves five pillars: Mentoring, Encounter, Formation, Synthesis and Living Marriage. The last pillar happens after the wedding day.

Since I became responsible for our Marriage Preparation Ministry earlier this year, I have been discovering what Encounter, Formation and Synthesis looks like in our parish. I have also been discerning what the middle three pillars should look like in the future. More on that in a future column. In the meantime if you just got engaged and are considering an awesome St. Thomas or St. John Wedding, please visit elcatholics.org/marriage to begin your preparation. I look forward to walking alongside you through the pillars of the Marriage Catechumenate.

Altar Server Training

Next Saturday, August 23 there will be an Altar Server Retreat for current Altar Servers and any parish youth in grades 3 through 8 who would like to become an Altar Server. Please see the advertisement elsewhere in the bulletin for additional information and please RSVP by Thursday, August 21.

On Saturday, September 6 we will have a Retreat for Advanced Altar Servers. If you are in middle school or high school and have served for at least 2 years, this retreat is for you. We will explore the use of incense at Mass, dive deeper into the liturgy and enjoy some fellowship. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 2.

Patrick



Sacred Heart Masses

at St. Thomas Aquinas

Last Friday of the Month

Aug 29 | Sept 27 | Oct 25 | Nov 29

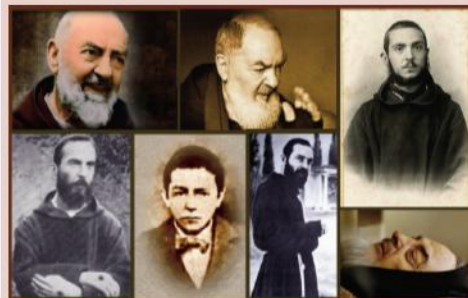
6:00pm Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

- Pray the traditional Sacred Heart Holy Hour prayers during the hour
- Confession will be available in the Reconciliation chapel

7:00pm Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:45pm Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross and Prayers for Healing (after Mass)

8:00pm Conclusion



FIRST SATURDAY PRESENTATION

**Following the
9am Mass
Fr. Mac Hall,
St. Thomas**

September 6: The Enduring Legacy of Padre Pio

Fr. Gordon will be presenting

He has resources available at
elcatholics.org/first-Saturday.

All are Invited.

Refreshments will be served.

St. John Food Cupboard Needs

This past Saturday we served 55 households of almost 250 people; because of your generosity we were able to provide meat, eggs and fresh produce. This week we are in need of flour, sugar, cereal, toilet paper and diapers.

Thank you for your generosity!



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

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH & STUDENT CENTER

IGNITE

NEW STUDENT RETREAT

Friday, September 5
5:00-11:00pm

ALL NEW STUDENTS, INCLUDING
LCC AND TRANSFER STUDENTS
ARE INVITED!



SCAN TO REGISTER FOR FREE

CONTACT JOSH
JJANDA@ELCATHOLICS.ORG
WITH ANY QUESTIONS



Enjoy:
Meeting people in your dorm
Free food
Powerful student stories
Games and prizes

Campus Ministry Donation Requests

**Plants need to be dropped off at
St. John by the end of this week.**

Pots are still available at the parish
office, if needed. Thank you for your
support!!



Dessert Reception



The first Night Mass at St. John is on
Tuesday, August 26. If you would
like to donate treats for the dessert
reception after Mass, please email
Anna at annas@elcatholics.org or
call the St. John office at 517-337-9778.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ST. JOHN STUDENT CENTER'S

Heritage Gala

November 8, 2025

MSU KELLOGG CENTER



GO UP TO THE ALTAR OF GOD

A Retreat for Altar Servers

BOYS AND GIRLS GRADE 3 - 8

Currently Serving or Who Like to Learn to Serve

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30am to 1:00pm @ St. Thomas Aquinas

Schedule

Mass, Morning Prayer
Talk & Training
Basketball and Lunch (Gym)

The training is FREE, RSVP Required.

Please RSVP to Patrick

ppaddock@elcatholics.org



Register Your Student Online Today

Pre-school Through 8th Grade

Online Class for Grades 3-7 only

CLASS TIMES

Sunday 10:05 - 10:55am or

Monday 4:30 - 5:30pm

Grade 8 has to attend in person classes due to Confirmation requirements. **Grade 8 does not need to pay** for these classes. They will start out with classes on Sunday mornings and then switch to Sunday evenings to study with Fr. Riley. **Grade 2 will need to pay the extra sacrament** fee of \$25.00 due to many items that will be provided for their studies of Eucharist and Reconciliation. **Classes start October 5th.**

Just because your child has received First Communion and First Reconciliation doesn't mean their faith forming has stopped until it's time for Confirmation. Online registration, elcatholics.org/religious-education-program. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lewis, dlewis@elcatholics.org.

Attention Parents:

If you have children who need to be baptized, please do so before they turn 7 years old.

Those 7 or older, are capable of knowing right and wrong and therefore need to have a rudimentary grasp of the Catholic Faith before receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. These classes are often known as OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for Children) Classes or Becoming Catholic. In the process, the child will also be studying for First Holy Communion, First Confession, and possibly Confirmation at the same time. It is very difficult to have to let parents and children know that because they are 7 or older they cannot receive First Reconciliation or First Communion with their classmates.

Contact Debbie Lewis at 517-332-0064 or email dlewis@elcatholics.org with questions.



Young Adults Aug 20 | Games & BBQ

Activities begin with evening prayer at 6:15pm at St. John followed by event or activity.

Update your contact info by scanning the QR Code.

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



Well-read Mom is starting its TENTH year at STA and always open to women joining in!

The vision of Well-Read Mom is to read more, read well, and to deepen the awareness of meaning hidden in each woman's daily life, elevate the cultural conversation, and revitalize reading literature from books. We read good books from a Catholic perspective and meet the third Thursday of each month. There is nothing to read ahead for the kickoff, which is a great way to check out the group and see if it is right for you. Please join us **Thursday, September 18** at 7:00pm in the Baraga Room.

For more information about the vision of the group visit wellreadmom.com. For more information about the group at St Thomas, or to connect with other local groups, contact Cathy Treadwell at 989.598.7058 or cathytreadwell@hotmail.com

GO UP TO THE ALTAR OF GOD A Retreat for Advanced Altar Servers

Middle School and Up
Currently Serving or Who Like to Learn to Serve

SATURDAY, September 6

10:00am to 1:00pm | St. Thomas Aquinas

Please **RSVP by Tuesday, Sep 2**
ppaddock@elcatholics.org

MEDICARE



Join Michelle Sanchagrin for a
frank discussion about Medicare.

Monday, September 8
6:00pm | St. Thomas | Baraga Room

This will be interactive so bring your questions and
your interested friends and neighbors.

ALL ARE WELCOME. THERE IS NO CHARGE.

Tuesday, August 26
The 8:45pm Mass Returns to St. John



7:30-8:30pm Adoration & Confession
8:45pm Mass
Tuesdays and Thursdays until December 9

Senior Masses Return September 17!

Join us the **third Wednesday** of the month from September through May for our Senior Mass and Ministry at STA. The Rosary begins at 9:30am and Mass begins at 10:00am and is followed by fellowship, snacks and fun in Fr. Mac Hall.

Fr. Peter will preside and
share about his time in
Rome!





Liturgical Ministry Formation



Lector Training

St. John	Monday	Sept. 9	6:30-7:30pm
St. John	Friday	Sept. 12	1:00-2:00pm
St. Thomas	Saturday	Sept. 13	10:00-11:30am
St. John	Friday	Sept. 19	1:00-2:00pm

Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion

St. John	Friday	Sept. 12	2:00-3:00pm
St. John	Tuesday	Sept. 16	6:30-7:30pm
St. John	Friday	Sept. 19	2:00-3:00pm
St. Thomas	Saturday	Sept. 13	1:00-2:30pm

Sacristan / Mass Coordinators

Training will be conducted on an individual basis.

If you would like to learn more about these ministries or sign up for training, please contact Patrick at ppaddock@elcatholics.org / 517-337-9778

HOLY FAMILY FIRST SATURDAY MEMORIALS AND INTENTIONS

This is a great opportunity to have your loved ones and special intentions remembered in prayer at the First Saturday, 4:30pm Mass, each month throughout the entire year. Your intentions will also be listed on the back of the bulletin every week. An offering/donation is requested.

A yearly offering/donation of \$75.00 is asked for each intention to be remembered at the Monthly Mass. This offering goes to help support our parish community.

You have two options. (1) Listed as one individual name: "Mary Jones," or (2) You may list family groupings: "The Jones Family." Multiple names may be listed, but each one requires an additional \$75.00 offering.

Masses begin in October of this year. The "intention year" will be from October to October. To continue having your intentions remembered beyond 12 months, you'll need to renew your offering next year.

Complete the form below and return it to the parish office with your offering of \$75.00 by September 26, 2025.

Feel free to call Denise Zakerski at 517-332-0813 or email dzakerski@elcatholics.org if you have questions.

New Or Renewal Application For The First Saturday Memorials and Intentions

Memorial Listing

Name

Additional Name

Contact Information

Your Name

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone

- Please Include an Offering of \$75.00 Per Listing
- Please Print Clearly
- Please Complete This Form and Return It to the Office With Your Total Offerings.
- For Additional Copies of This Form, Please Contact the Office.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School State of the School and Curriculum Night Tuesday, August 26

The State of the School address begins promptly at **6:00pm** in the Gym, followed by our curriculum night rotations. Each classroom will host three identical 25 minute presentations starting at **6:30pm**. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE STA SCHOOL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Saturday, January 24, 2026
STA School Gym



Join us as we kick off Catholic Schools Week & support Catholic Education at STA Parish School.

StThomasAquinasParishSchool.org

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC –
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Fire

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

GREGORIAN CHANT EXPLAINED!

Gregorian chant is an ancient form of sacred music used in liturgical worship and prayer. Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, this type of chant focuses the singer's mind on the content of the prayer being sung, which makes it uniquely suited for use in the Mass.



Dating to the first millennium, it derives its name from Pope St. Gregory the Great, though scholarship is unclear on when exactly this type of chant originated. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, it was standard to use Gregorian chant in the Roman Rite Mass. Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on Divine Worship promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1963, asserts that Gregorian chant is "specially suited to the Roman liturgy...(and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services."

Gregorian chant, with its single melody and Latin text, is seen as a symbol of the unity and universality of the Catholic Church. It provides a framework for prayer and contemplation, enhancing the spiritual experience of worship.

Readings for Sunday, Aug 24 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18 I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory.

Ps 117 Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Heb 12:12-13 So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

Lk 13:30 For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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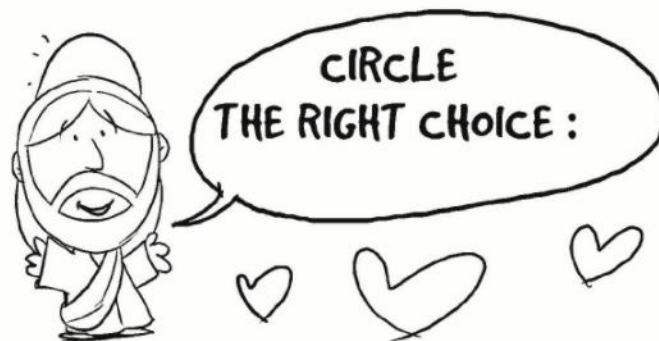
Draw the roads of goodness and evil. Draw yourself on the road of goodness.

GOSPEL

Jesus came to make people choose sides. If your sister wants you to steal a toy at the store, Jesus wants you to choose to work for the money to buy it. If your brother wants you to beat up a boy, Jesus wants you to talk instead. When you want to keep all of your lollipops, he wants you to share. He wants you to choose his way of goodness, not evil.



PUZZLE



- 1-STEAL TOY / PAY FOR TOY
- 2-FIGHT / TALK NICELY
- 3-LOVE / HATE
- 4-HIDE CANDY / SHARE CANDY



Are You Grieving the Death of a Spouse?

St. Martha parish in Okemos is hosting the GriefShare support group for **Widows and Widowers starting Monday, Sept. 23 through Dec. 16, from 6:30-8:30pm** in the Blessed Solanus Casey Conference Room | 100 W Grand River Ave., Okemos.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact mbs1952@aol.com



Summer Scripture Days August 19-21

We are called to be pilgrims of hope! Join us to explore the prophets of the Old Testament & New Testament, and their incredible message of hope.

Facilitated by



This retreat takes place in the Bethany House on the grounds of St. Francis Retreat Center. Bethany House guest rooms are single or double occupancy and each have a private bathroom. The entire facility is air conditioned and there is Wi-Fi throughout the building. Any adult over the age of 18 is welcome to attend. The retreat begins on Tuesday with registration at 9:00am, followed by the orientation session at 9:30. The retreat concludes around 12:00pm on Thursday, following Mass. No lunch will be served.

To register visit stfrancis.ws/ssd



Women's Retreat : A Virtuous Woman- Growing in Virtue Through God's Grace St. Francis Retreat Center 703 E Main St, DeWitt Sept. 12-14

From Aquinas and Bonaventure through today, the principles of a virtuous life remain essential and unchanged. Video presenters include Dr. Andrew Abela and Bishop Earl Boyea. Special guest presenters will join us at the retreat.

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.

The suggested donation for a weekend is \$215 (or \$135 for a one night option) and includes lodging, meals and materials. This retreat will be at the Bethany House building, where guest rooms are private with a private bathroom. Rooms all have their own individually controlled heat and a/c unit. The Retreat Center provides towels and bedding.



For these retreats, we will be using the iBrievary app for Morning and Evening Prayers. This retreat has multiple dates to choose from! Visit stfrancis.ws/retreats to discover other retreats and learn more.



Journeying Through Grief A simple, Powerful Way to Care for People Who are Grieving

Journeying through Grief is a 6-week loving, caring, and supportive program for individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We will be using a four-booklet series as a base for our small group sessions. Author Kenneth C. Haugk writes in a warm, caring style, with short, easy-to-read chapters. He walks alongside the reader through the grief journey, sharing helpful insights about grief, biblical truths, and stories that provide comfort and reassurance.

Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm beginning September 24 through October 29. Sessions are held at St. Jude, 801 N Bridge St, Dewitt. There is a \$10 optional donation.

Register by calling or emailing Trink Fetzner 989.620.4474 or fetzerjohn@aol.com





2025 Diocesan Marriage Weekend Milestone Anniversaries

**A celebration of marriage
Saturday, September 27 | 4:30pm**

September 27, 2025 at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Mass with Bishop Boyea will begin at 4:30 pm and will be followed by a reception in the school gym with lite refreshments available. Couples are encouraged to arrive early so they can be seated in a reserved section for Mass.

Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/anniversary-mass-rsvp or by calling Emma Rose Fisher at 517.342.2465 or email erfisher@dioceseoflansing.org.



OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory 7/25/25

Budget Amount:	\$40,000.00
Actual Amount:	\$22,903.96
Matthew 25:	\$10,951.93
Mission Speaker 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.

Fall 2025 Young Adult Speed Dating St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

Whether you're looking for love, meaningful conversation, or just a fun Saturday night with fellow young adult Catholics (ages 21-35), this event is for you.



Here's the deal: You'll meet 10-15 singles in fast-paced, 3-minute rounds. No pressure—just good vibes and potential sparks.

When: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Where: St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton

Doors Open: 5:30 PM

Speed Dating Starts: 6:00 PM

Social Hour: 7:30 PM (light snacks & refreshments)
\$15 per person

Registration required—no walk-ins!
Deadline to register: Sept 22

Matthew 25 | Aug 24 and Aug 31

Bridges to Healing

Bridges to Healing International's mission is to support unaccompanied and orphaned children facing unmet health challenges. They believe that every child deserves to live with dignity, have access to essential medical care, and receive dedicated support to ease the suffering caused by illness and disease. Their work creates a vital BRIDGE between institutional care settings and local medical resources, ensuring comprehensive physical and mental healthcare.



Lansing Cursillo

Cursillo is a Catholic lay movement embraced by the Diocese of Lansing to bring hearts closer to Jesus Christ in order to transform society and be of service to the whole Church. It is our mission to form small Christian communities to deepen spirituality in ourselves and others. Throughout the weekend the participants will pray together, attend daily Mass and have an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

Cursillo for English speaking parishioners

Men: September 25-28

Women: October 23-26

For more information and to sign up contact Maria Eugenia Rodriguez 517.745.3819 or Maria Delgado 517.303.6034. Visit lansingcursillo.org/ to learn more.

This Week's Advertiser Spotlight

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Universal Prayers | Let Us Pray

That through his Word and the sacraments, Christ may prepare the Church for his return.

That the Spirit of God may be a help and a shield to just and upright nations.

That immigrants, refugees, and all who must sojourn in foreign lands may be led by the Lord to safety.

That members of this assembly may receive from God the gift of fortitude in the face of adversity.

That the sick and suffering come to know the healing presence of the Lord in their lives especially Elizabeth Tichyon, Orlando Balcarcel, Tom Pahl, and those listed in our book of prayer.

That all who have died in Christ may be led by God to the heavenly city he has prepared for them, especially Dr. Peter Luea, Jose Guzman and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Heavenly Father, we present these prayers to you through Christ our Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 18

9:30am Quilt Group (STA)
12:30pm Mothers Group Book Club (STA)
14:00pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Tuesday, August 19

7:30pm Lansing Assembly 3334 4th Degree Mtg (STA)

Wednesday, August 20

12:00pm St. Thomas SVdP Mtg (STA)
4:00pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
5:30pm Faculty/Comm Book Discussion (SJSC)
5:30pm St. John SVdP Mtg (SJSC)
6:15pm Young Adults (Both Sites)
6:30pm Cub Pack Boy Scout Mtg (STA)

Thursday, August 21

8:15am **First All School Mass** (STA)
7:00pm Well Read Mom's (STA)
7:00pm Boy Scout (STA)

Friday, August 22

11:00am Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Saturday, August 23

8:00am Food Cupboard (SJSC)
10:00am Altar Server Retreat (STA)
3:00pm Confessions (STA)

Sunday, August 24

3:30pm Korean Mass (STA)



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

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



Save your marriage and your family! There is always HOPE! It's worth it. The next Retrouvaille Marriage Saving Weekend will be **Sept 12-14 in Holland MI.**

To learn more, go to HelpOurMarriage.org or call 800-470-2230.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 18

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Donald Crays of the First Anniversary of Death

5:30pm (St. John)

Daniel Vincent Frazier req. by Family and Friends

Tuesday, August 19

8:15am (St. Thomas)

Kevin Clinton on the First Anniversary of Death

Wednesday, August 20

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Int of Mimsy Celio req. by Rick & Julie Bryce

5:30pm (St. John)

Tenbusch & Babeaux Families req. by The Family

Thursday, August 21

8:15am (St. Thomas)

Kenneth Wright on the First Anniversary of Death

Friday, August 22

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Elaine Jerrell req. by Rina & Valerie Wright

12:15pm (St. John)

Conrad Henke req. by Helen Henke

Saturday, August 23

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Lloyd Lewis on the First Anniversary of Death

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

Lawrence Soma on the First Anniversary of Death

Sunday, August 24

8:00am (St. John)

People of the Parish

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Elaine McKinley req. by Kathleen Guilfoyle

10:00am (St. John)

Intentions of our Parish Priests req. by The Dillon Family

11:00am (St. Thomas)

The McDaniel Family req. by The Family

12:00pm (St. John)

Frank Knox on the First Anniversary of Death

7:00pm (St. John)

Clarence & Beatrice Ainslie req. by The Family

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