

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24

Connections

**Serving the East Lansing
Catholic Community**

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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St. Thomas Parish School

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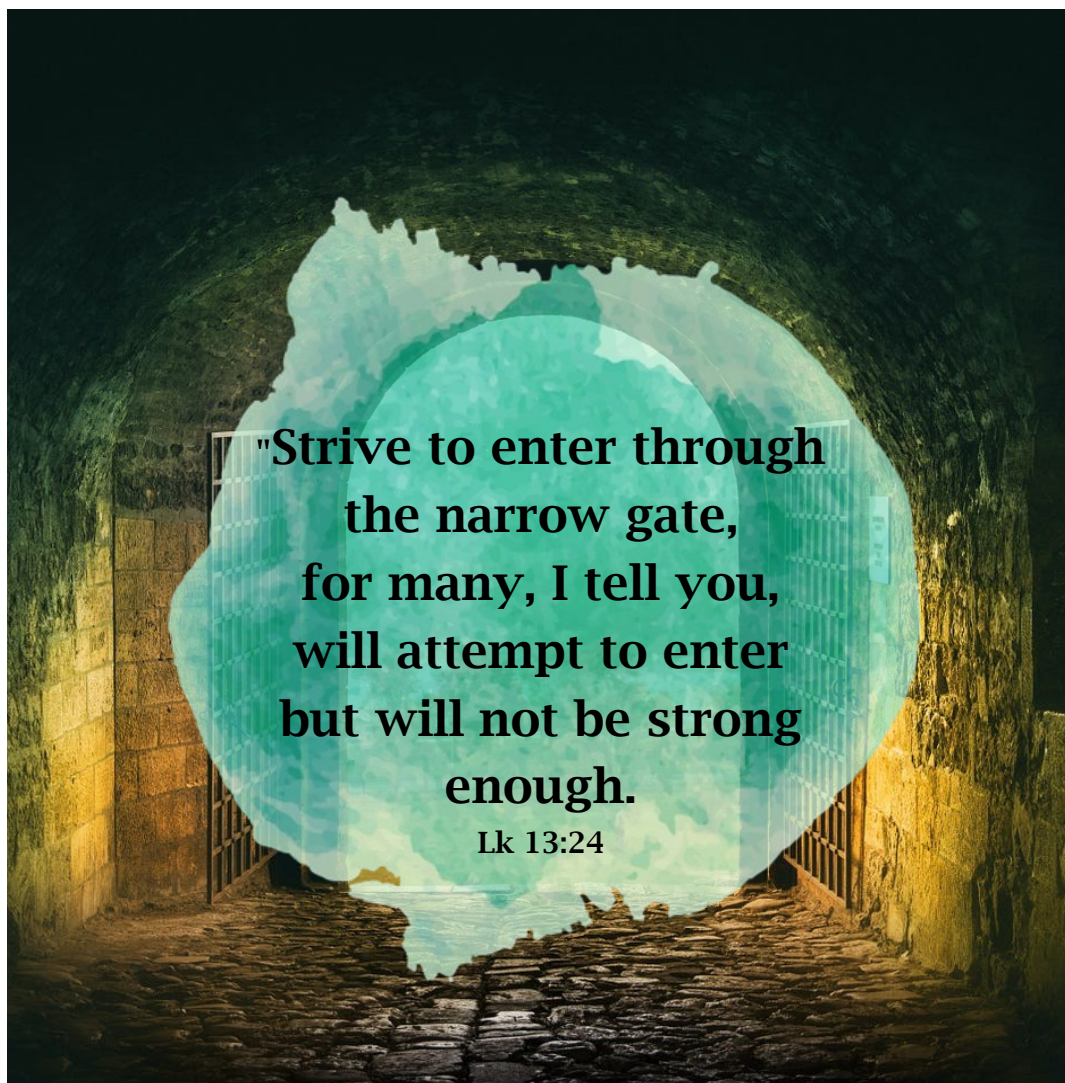
**St. John Church &
Student Center**

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**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
Weekend Mass Times**

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

Weekday Mass Times

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3:00-4:00pm

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Weekend Mass Times**

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

Weekday Mass Times

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

WELCOME



Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

This is a question for the ages: How easy is it to enter the Kingdom of God? If our purpose in asking is to do the bare minimum to be saved (or to slide into Purgatory), then we should re-examine our motivations. Jesus gave the best of himself for us, and he deserves our best in return. The reason he warns us to take our salvation seriously IS because he loves us so much and wants us to use our freedom to become saints. Scriptural images of the Narrow Gate (Matt. 7:13-14 and Luke 13:23-24 above), the Last Judgement (Matt. 25:31+) and the many parables where someone gets excluded from the Kingdom are there to warn and prepare us.

In a secular and distracting world, it is easy to become spiritual minimalists, but that's not what Jesus wants for his disciples (read Matt. 10:37-39 or Luke 9:23-26). He yearns to forgive us and rejoices in the opportunity to show us mercy. Jesus wants us to succeed; however, we cannot become saints without his divine assistance. Instead of becoming discouraged, let us pray for the desire to love him above all things, to serve him faithfully, to want to become saints and to lead others to the Kingdom. One of the most beautiful teachings of Vatican II is the Universal Call to Holiness. We are all called to become saints! In fact, we cannot enter Heaven without becoming saints.

This week, MSU will resume classes. Welcome to all of our new and returning students and their families! If you are not from the East Lansing area, I hope that you will consider us to be your home away from home and family in Christ. Let us pray for all of our students, faculty and staff this semester!

Feast Days of Saints Monica & Augustine (Aug. 27-28): After our 2018 Diocesan Assembly, we prayed this prayer (below) for the return of our lapsed brothers and sisters to the faith. You may remember saying this prayer, which asks for the intercession of St. Monica.

St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, prayed for his conversion for decades. And, most importantly for us, she won! Let us ask her intercession as we welcome the community back to Mass this fall:

Prayer for the Return of Non-practicing Catholics

Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home. For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen.

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—from 6-8pm 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 this Friday, Aug. 29, to St. Thomas at 6pm to rest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

May Jesus help us through the Narrow Gate!

Fr. Gordon

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!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. John Student Center

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

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

Friday
11:00am-Noon



St. Thomas Aquinas

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

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!!!

Volunteers are important to school success. It is also important that we keep our children safe by requiring certain things before someone can volunteer. All new volunteers are required to take the course, Protecting God's Children, fill out a background check authorization, and sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

Duties are wiping down tables, opening lunch items for students, and monitoring noise. Hours are from 11:10am to 12:45pm. If you are interested in being a lunch volunteer or go on field trips, please go to stthomasaquinasparishschool.org/volunteering-at-sta to learn more and get started!



Sacred Heart Masses

at St. Thomas Aquinas

Last Friday of the Month

Aug 29 | Sept 26 | Oct 24 | Nov 28

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

In Observance of Labor Day

The Parish Offices will be
CLOSED

on **Monday, Sept. 1**
in observance of the holiday.

Mass will be offered at 9:00am **ONLY** at
St. Thomas Aquinas on Monday.



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
Organ Series Kicks off
Wednesday,
September 3

7:00pm | St. Thomas Aquinas

Presented by: Dr. Hae Won Jang,
Associate Director of Music and Organist
for St. Thomas Aquinas and
St. John Church & Student Center

Full schedule and details coming soon!



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 Student Center - Home of the

Catholic Spartans



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

Joshua Janda - jjanda@elcatholics.org
Campus Minister

Welcome Week Events

8/25 Macaroni Monday @ 6:00pm

8/26 First Night Mass @ 8:45pm

8/27 Walking Taco Wednesday @ 6:00pm

8/28 Choose Your Own Adventure Night @ 6:00pm

8/29 Catholic Spartan Tailgate @ 1:00pm

9/1 Labor Day Rosary Walk @ 3:00pm

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Campus Ministry Donation Requests



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.

CATHOLIC SPARTANS

FreshMin

7:00-8:00PM ON MONDAY NIGHTS

Talk about life and faith.
Encounter Jesus in the Bible.
Pray for and with one another.
Walk to Mass & hang out as a
small community.

Yes, there are other freshmen
trying to follow Jesus at MSU.
You belong here!

Join our GroupMe below.



THE FRESHMAN GIRLS GROUP GAVE ME A
TIGHT-KNIT COMMUNITY THAT HELPED ME
GROW IN FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP.
HAVING GIRLS TO SHARE MY CATHOLIC
FAITH WITH INSPIRED ME TO GO DEEPER
AND STAY ACCOUNTABLE.
~ AVA SHERMAN, SOPHOMORE



This year, sacramental preparation for Confirmation will include four stages of formation, totaling 20 sessions over a 12-month period, leading to the Mass of Confirmation in Fall of 2026. There is no cost for Confirmation. Please note: Stage One classes are on Sunday morning at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School. All other stages are on Sunday evenings in the St. Thomas Old Rectory.

Stage One -The Invitation

5 Sessions on Sundays

11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 12/7 (No meeting on 11/30 for Thanksgiving Break)

10:05-10:55 AM in STA School

Stage Two - Never Alone

6 Sessions on Sundays

1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15

5:00-6:00 PM in STA Old Rectory

Stage Three - Bible Study

4 Sessions on Sundays

4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/17 (No meeting on 5/10 for Mother's Day)

5:00-6:00 PM in STA Old Rectory

Stage Four - Set Apart

4 Sessions on Sundays & 1 Retreat on Saturday

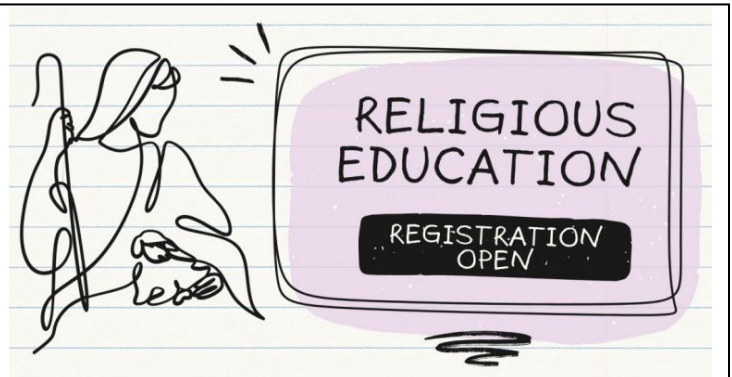
DATES ARE TENTATIVE

10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 & 10/31

Mass of Confirmation

November 2026 (Date TBD)

Register at elcatholics.org/registration-for-confirmation



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 27 | Theology on Tap

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

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

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.

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

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!



St. John Food Cupboard Needs

MSU students and their families are back! With your help, we will continue to provide fresh protein, produce, bread and other items weekly for over 50 families. This week we are in need of flour, sugar, cereal, and ramen..

Thank you for your generosity!



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.

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

Heaven and Regina George

There are certain phrases that serve as a kind of shibboleth for millennials, a dog whistle that only ears formed between 1981 and 1996 can discern. “You can’t sit with us!” is one of those phrases.

It’s from the movie *Mean Girls*, (which, I hear from my younger family members, has now become cool with the kids again, so maybe my point about it being niche is incorrect). The character Regina George, merciless ruler of the cool kids, is rejected from the ultra-exclusive lunch table she herself formed when her minions, tired of her cruelty, serve her the most devastating words a teenager can hear in public: “You can’t sit with us.”

So passes earthly glory, as they say.

At first blush, this Gospel gives “Mean Girls” vibes. We have an image of the unlucky masses clamoring for entry into the kingdom of heaven as God locks the door against them, saying, “I do not know where you are from.”

Very “you-can’t-sit-with-us.”

But we need to remember that the people pounding on the door of heaven in today’s Gospel aren’t people who wanted a seat at God’s lunch table — at least, not until it was the only lunch table left, because they had Regina George’d their way out of all the other ones.

Jesus’ whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you’re from and whatever you’ve done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like “repent” and “be good to that person you really don’t like.” It’s not always an easy table to sit at, especially when there are so many other options.

We have to choose heaven before heaven becomes our only choice.

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, *Explained!*



The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (commonly referred to as the Jesuits).

St. Ignatius of Loyola (1492-1556) was born to a noble Basque family. In his youth, he spent time at the Royal Court of Castile and fought in the Spanish army. He experienced a profound religious conversion during a long period of convalescence following a battle injury. Living in a cave outside of Manresa, he began to keep the journal that became the basis of the famous Spiritual Exercises.

The Spiritual Exercises are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God’s love and a more meaningful understanding of his call to discipleship in the life of each person. Divided into four stages, or “weeks,” the exercises focus on the interior movements of the heart to unveil the will of God.

Readings for Sunday, Aug 31 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:18 Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.

Ps 68 God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Heb 12:18 You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness.

Lk 14:11 “For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



DRAW

Draw a picture of you and your family picking up litter in your neighborhood.



GOSPEL

If God is happy with you, do not worry when others are unhappy with you. Be filled with God's spirit. Do the right thing even if no one else does. Be the only one who does not hit the boy down the street. Be the only one to share your toys with your cousin. Be the only one to pick up trash around your neighborhood. Doing the right thing helps God recognize you at heaven's gate.



PUZZLE

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



**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.



**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 1100 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



**St. Therese Fall Craft Show
Saturday, September 27
9:00am-3:00pm**



Crafters needed. To register call 517.487.3749 or email secretaryesttherese.org. Deadline to register is Sept 1.



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.



**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 8/3/25

Budget Amount:	\$40,000.00
Actual Amount:	\$41,337.21
Matthew 25:	\$2673.02
Kerr County Relief Fund 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.

Are You Considering a Charitable Distribution from Your IRA?

It's very simple! All you need to give to your Financial Advisor is our legal name, address, and EIN, as follows:

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish East Lansing
955 Alton Rd
East Lansing, MI 48823
EIN: 38-135986

If you have additional questions or want to explore other ways you can give please contact Sara Pettit at spettit@elcatholics.org.

IMPORTANT: Please let us know it is on its way so we can be on the lookout for it. Let us know by contacting Jennifer Thelen by calling 517.351.7215, or emailing jennthelen@elcatholics.org.

This Week's Advertiser Spotlight



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Parishioners • New Clients Welcome

Universal Prayers | Let Us Pray

Let us bring our prayers to God, who raises up the lowly.

For God's Holy Church, may the Lord help us proclaim the Gospel with boldness and live it with fidelity, let us pray to the Lord.

For all people, may God's light shine upon them and guide them to salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor, may the Lord strengthen them in hope and provide for their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

For this assembly, may God's grace help us to love one another as Christ commands, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died in the light of faith, may God receive them into his kingdom, (especially Fr. John Rocus), let us pray to the Lord.

Father, we come to you with confidence in your loving providence. We ask you to hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 25

9:00am Quilt Group (STA)
14:00pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Tuesday, August 26

6:00pm State of the School & Curriculum (Gym)
7:30pm Fr. Mac East Lansing K of C Officers Mtg (STA)
7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Wednesday, August 27

4:00pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
6:00pm SVdP Combine Conference Mtg (SJSC)
6:15pm Young Adults (Both Sites)

Thursday, August 28

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 293 (STA)
7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Friday, August 29

11:00am Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
6:00pm Last Friday Reparation (STA)

Saturday, August 30

3:00pm Confessions (STA)

Sunday, August 31

Monday, September 1

Labor Day
Offices Closed



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

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

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.



Have you Considered the PRIESTHOOD?

Contact Fr. Mike at
mcassar@dioceseoflansing.org

Church of the Resurrection 90th Ox Roast Festival October 10-11

The Festival celebrates 90 years of serving the community and still going strong!

For more details as the dates near, go to
corlansing.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 25

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Fr. Eduardo Lorenzo

5:30pm (St. John)

Intentions of Pope Leo XIV req. by The Dillon Family

Tuesday, August 26

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†Jerome Koupal on the First Anniversary of Death

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of The Catholic Spartans

Wednesday, August 27

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Jose Lino Torres

req. by Patricia O'Handley & Ed Robinson

5:30pm (St. John)

†Michael F. Cavanagh req. by John Murphy

Thursday, August 28

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†Gloria Spagnuolo req. by Kathleen Guilfoyle

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of The Catholic Spartans

Friday, August 29

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Frederik Derksen

req. by Patricia O'Handley & Ed Robinson

12:15pm (St. John)

Int. of Regina Chrisman req. by Judy Polaskey

Saturday, August 30

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Dan Costigan req. by Chris Costigan

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

†James Sleno on the First Anniversary of Death
req. by Anna Sleno

Sunday, August 31

8:00am (St. John)

Available

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Brandon Klein req. by The Whaley Family

10:00am (St. John)

†Connie & Jim Sylvester req. by The Jenkins Family

11:00am (St. Thomas)

†Shirley Dawson req. by Helen Fortino

12:00pm (St. John)

†Joe & Grace Young req. by Mike & Sharon Thompson

7:00pm (St. John)

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