

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7

Connections

**Serving the East Lansing
Catholic Community**

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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East Lansing, MI 48823
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St. Thomas Parish School

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School Phone: 517-332-0813

**St. John Church &
Student Center**

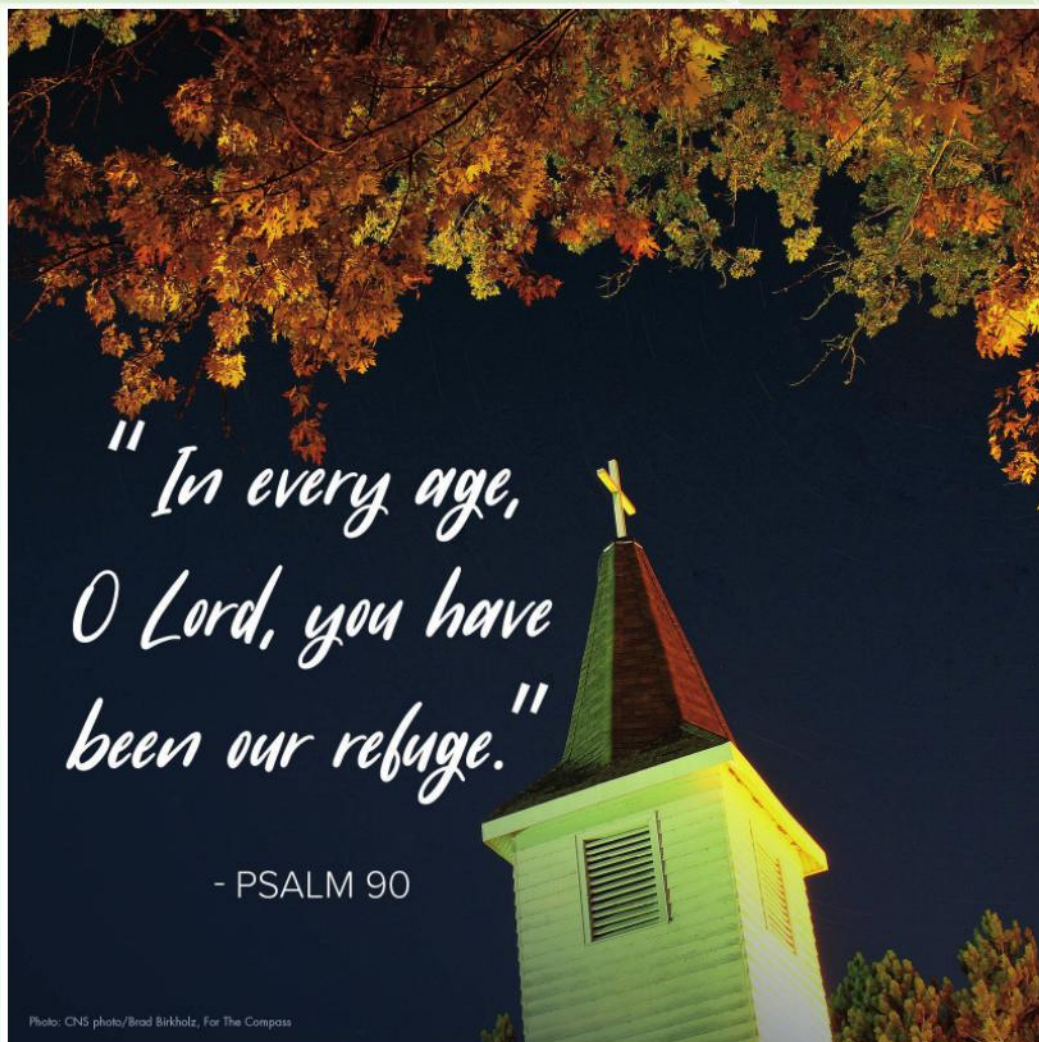
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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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



Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Cost of Discipleship: Our Gospel reading this weekend from Luke 14:25-33 is tough but fair. If Jesus is truly

the Lord of our lives, then he must also be Lord of our relationships, possessions, and burdens. If Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6), then we must be prepared to follow him on our own way of the cross, shouldering the burdens of discipleship patiently. Is Jesus really commanding us to “hate” our lives and our families? Of course not! However, he often uses hyperbole (a conscious exaggeration) to catch our attention and make us reconsider our priorities. Do I put my comfort, relationships or material possessions before God the Almighty? If so, then I need to ask Jesus for the grace to seek him first in all things so as to put everything else in its proper relationship to God.

Today, the Church will canonize its first Millennial saint – Carlo Acutis – as well as another young adult saint – Pier Giorgio Frassati. If you wish to learn about these new saints, visit these sites for more information:

carloacutis-en.org or frassatiusa.org.

This Sunday at St. Johns is **Catholic Spartan Sunday**, an opportunity to connect and get our college students involved. And next Sunday at St. Thomas is

Connection Sunday, where a Time, Talent & Treasure Ministry Fair will be held in the school gym along with a pancake breakfast. Also on Sept. 14, a new **Becoming Catholic** group will start at St. Johns. If you know someone interested in learning about our Catholic faith, please invite them or contact Jen Brown jbrowneelcatholics.org or call 517-332-0813 Ext. 329 for more information.

September 8 is the day on which we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nine months after the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8. Although we do not know her exact birth date, we have been celebrating her on this day for centuries. So please take a moment and honor the Blessed Mother with a ‘Hail Mary’ this Monday.

In support of Catholic Education, our bishop has begun a new 5-year pledge campaign entitled, Stewardship for Saints and Scholars:

stewardshipforsaintsand scholars.com. Before beginning this campaign, our parish conducted a

feasibility study and refined its project goals. Now, this fall, we are ready to kick-off our parish campaign. Please read the additional information in this bulletin. More details will be coming soon. And thank you for your support of Catholic Education!

May Jesus help us to embrace the crosses of life faithfully!

Fr. Gordon

Prayers for Annunciation Parish: The news of the shooting at Annunciation Catholic Parish and School in Minneapolis is deeply upsetting. Let us pray for the healing of that community, especially for the children to grieve their losses and feel safe again. Undoubtedly, it was not easy for our own school community to gather in church for an All School Mass the very next day, but I am very grateful for the support of parents and community members to fill St. Thomas. And I am also thankful for the ELPD presence that day and for their continued presence on our parish campus. With the police station so close to St. John and St. Thomas, our emergency response time is excellent. Plus, given the diversity of our large parish, we have medical personal, first responders, retired military and police officers at Mass regularly.

As we work to continually improve our campus safety. I would like to focus on rebuilding our usher ministry at St. Thomas and St. John. We have not had ushers in years, and, given the instability of our modern world, having ushers at the entrances to church would serve as a deterrent as well as a welcoming presence to new members and visitors. There will be opportunities for our college students to sign-up for liturgical positions (including ushering) this Sunday at St. John and for our permanent community next Sunday at St. Thomas, in the gym during the pancake breakfast. I know that it is a commitment to come to Mass early, but please consider becoming an usher so as to rebuild this ministry ASAP. Daily Mass goes and school parents are also welcome to sign-up for usher training to assist the school and parish staff in watching over the All School Masses each week.

Although we may have many safety concerns for our children and students, let us be careful not to transfer our adult anxieties to our children. Please be careful to limit their access to the news media so that they don't become fearful. We want our students to feel

confident enough to follow instructions should an emergency occur. Let us prepare them well through training and safety drills without making them paranoid. September is National Preparedness Month. This is a good time to discuss safety with your family members and even practice shelter or fire drills at home. For example, if there were a fire at home and everyone left by different exits, does your family have a designated meeting spot, like a neighbor's home, as a gathering place to verify their immediate safety? You can find safety information for all sorts of situations at ready.gov/calendar or ready.gov/september.

Thank you all for your commitment to safety and for your continued prayers! As we look out for one another as Jesus intended, we will become a safer and more welcoming community.

Bless you all!

Fr. Gordon



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

For Women of All Ages
Who Wish to Serve the Church



All Women of the parish are invited to our meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 10:00am in the Baraga room at St. Thomas.

Everyone is invited to meet to pray the rosary on
Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 9:30am at St. Thomas before the Senior Mass.

If you would like to pray the rosary, but can't join us, blue pamphlets are available at each church.

Senior Masses Return September 17!

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!



Perhaps you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic Church – no commitment, no pressure. This fall is the perfect opportunity to discover the peace and joy in Christ for which your heart longs. If you were baptized Catholic and want to receive Jesus fully with your First Communion or invite the Holy Spirit more powerfully into your life through the Sacrament of Confirmation, **THIS** is your class.

To join, contact Jen Brown, jbrown@elcatholics.org, or call her at 517-351-7215 x329. **The sessions for those who are curious begin Sunday, September 14**, but be sure to contact Jen before this.

MEDICARE



Join Michelle Sanchagrin for a **free** and frank discussion about Medicare.

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

EAST LANSING CATHOLICS

TIME, TALENT & TREASURES SHOWCASE

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

**SUNDAY,
SEPT 14**

STA SCHOOL GYM
10:00 am - 1:00pm



Learn how you
can share your
**time, talent &
treasures**
with the Parish!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MINISTRY FAIR, FELLOWSHIP & FAMILY FUN!



FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 3-5



He who promised is
faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

**REGISTER FOR
YOUR SPOT TODAY!**



Traditio Night

ALL ABOUT POPES

Thursday, September 11

6:00PM

DINNER INCLUDED: CHIPOTLE

JOIN A COR GROUP

Join one of our student-led Bible studies in a dorm or off-campus neighborhood near you:

- Discuss life and faith
- Encounter Jesus in the Bible
- Pray for and with one another
- Walk to Mass & hangout together



Scan the code or contact Josh at
jjanda@elcatholics.org to get connected.



- Brody - Wednesday at 7:00PM; Led by Randy
- North - Wednesday at 7:00PM in Union; Led by Colleen
- South - Tuesdays at 7:00PM in Wonders; Led by Marie
- Warriors Men's Group - Wednesdays at 9:00PM at St. John; Led by Mitchell & Tim
- Women's Group - Wednesdays at 9:00PM in St. John Women's Lounge; Led by Leah & Samantha
- FreshMin - Mondays at 7:00PM; Led by Ava, Ian, Marshall & Savannah
- Transfer Students - Tuesdays at 7:00PM in St. John Women's Lounge; Led by Izzy & Alex



Volunteer Opportunity Tuesday Sept. 23

The Quilt ladies are looking for help **with Prayer Blanket Tying on Tuesday at 1:00pm** in the Baraga room, downstairs at St. Thomas. You don't need any tools or experience! If you have questions, please contact St. Thomas at, 517.351.7215

Deacon Discernment Group Begins September 21



Men of the parish...Have you ever thought that God may be calling you to the vocation of being a Permanent Deacon? Do you want to hear real-life examples of the vocation of Permanent Deacon? What do deacons do? Why does the Church need deacons?

What is the role of the wife of a married deacon?

Come and ask your questions!

Join Dcn. Jim & Karen Kasprzak and Dcn. Dave & Ann Zygmuntowicz who will be leading a Deacon Discernment Group that will meet from **2:00 – 3:00 pm on five Sunday afternoon dates—September 21, October 19, and November 9 in 2025, and January 25 and February 22 in 2026.**

They will share from their own experiences of how God called them to the vocation of Permanent Deacon. They will provide advice on discerning God's call to this vocation, along with integrating the vocation of Marriage with the vocation of Permanent Deacon, describing the ministry of the Permanent Deacon, and explaining the formation process for the vocation of Permanent Deacon. Wives of married men are encouraged to join in this process.

We will meet in the Cozy Room located in the Old Rectory at St. Thomas Aquinas, 955 Alton Rd. East Lansing. Light refreshments will be offered.

If you are interested in participating in the Deacon Discernment Group, please contact either Fr. Gordon Reigle at frgordon@elcatholics.org, Dcn. Dave Zymontowicz at dcndave@elcatholics.org or Dcn. Jim Kasprzak at denjim@elcatholics.org.

Young Adults Sept 10 | 6:15pm Holy Hour and Pizza



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 friley@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.



Sacred Heart Masses

at St. Thomas Aquinas

Last Friday of the Month

Sept 26 | Oct 31 | 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



**DO YOU SING OR PLAY AN
INSTRUMENT? JOIN THE CHOIR!**

Now is a **great time** to Consider Joining the Music Ministry at St. John Church & Student Center or at St. Thomas Church. We have all kinds of opportunities and we are especially in need of student cantors for our campus ministry Masses.

If you have experience singing at your previous parish or school, please let us know! We need you to help grow the music ministry and to enrich our morning and evening liturgies with your talents. Voices and instruments are welcome.

To get involved at St. John, please contact Connor Ralph at cralpheelcatholics.org or at 517-351-7215, ext. 110. To get involved at St. Thomas Church, please contact Teresa DuSell at 517-351-7215, ext. 109 or email tdusell@elcatholics.org.

As St. Augustine said, "who sings well prays twice..." Please join us in making a joyful noise to The Lord!

ADORE

FELLOWSHIP | FOOD | ADORATION

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Sept 17 | Oct 8 | Nov 19 | Dec 17

at Lansing Catholic High School

**OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS
IN THE GREATER LANSING AREA**



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

ORGAN SERIES

First Wednesday of Each Month

7:00pm

Mission and Rosary

Oct. 1

All Saints, End Times, Hope

Nov. 5

Advent and Incarnation

Dec. 3

featuring MSU students

Light and Epiphany

Jan. 7

featuring Kelly Bohan

Faith and Discipleship

Feb. 4

featuring Dr. Brian DuSell

Presented by: Dr. Hae Won Jang,

Associate Director of Music and Organist for

St. Thomas Aquinas and

St. John Church & Student Center

St. John Food Cupboard Needs

Thanks so much for your donations of food and funds; you make such a difference in our neighbors' lives. Currently we need jelly, salt and pepper, cereal and toilet paper. Thank you for your generosity!



Little Flowers Girls' Club

Our next Little Flowers series will begin **Thursday, October 2.**

We will meet in the basement of St. Thomas Aquinas from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. We have one meeting

per month usually on the first Thursday of the month. This group is generally for girls in elementary school, however, we have some preschoolers and middle schoolers.

Our meetings consist of social times, a lesson about a virtue and a saint, craft and snack time. Mothers are encouraged to stay to bonding with their daughter(s) and to join in community with other moms.

There is no cost to join, however, you are welcome to order a book, and other ancillary items from the Little Flowers website. I will take orders the first meeting and place one large order. Contact Christina Heidemann with questions at 248.321.6728.



The African Catholic Community invited Fr. George Bidzogo - pastor of Holy Redeemer, Burton - to lead them in a day of reflection on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug. 15). The retreat focus was on The role of Virgin Mary in the divine plan for humanity's salvation. African masses are spoken in Kirundi, French, Swahili and English (depending on the presider). The next African mass will be held on Sunday, Oct. 5, at St. Thomas in the chapel.

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.

What is the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign?

The campaign is an extraordinary opportunity for all parishioners to play a role in strengthening the Catholic Church diocesan-wide.

The campaign will focus on raising \$70 million to address these priorities:

- Strengthening our Catholic schools by enhancing teacher and administration compensation.
- Increasing the financial aid capacity to serve more families by growing the financial aid endowment.
- Attending to special needs of some of our scholars in our Catholic schools.
- Supporting each of the four diocesan high schools that each may attend to local needs.
- Supporting our parishes to attend to their local needs for their school and faith formation programs.

Bishop Boyea will call on the entire diocese to make a gift to the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign. Your support for this campaign will impact the future of the Diocese of Lansing for years to come.

Parishioners will be asked to consider making a gift above and beyond their existing support for their parish and the annual appeal. Our parish will soon participate in this campaign, which will be kicking off later this month.



The 34th Annual
Lansing Area
Life Chain
Sunday, October 5
2:30pm on
Grand River Ave

We invite you, your family, your friends and neighbors to join this public statement promoting the sanctity of all human life. It is 60 minutes of quiet, public prayer. This is not a political event; it is a prayerful, peaceful witness for life. Please Mark your calendar and plan to join us at 2:30pm on Oct 6 in downtown East Lansing.

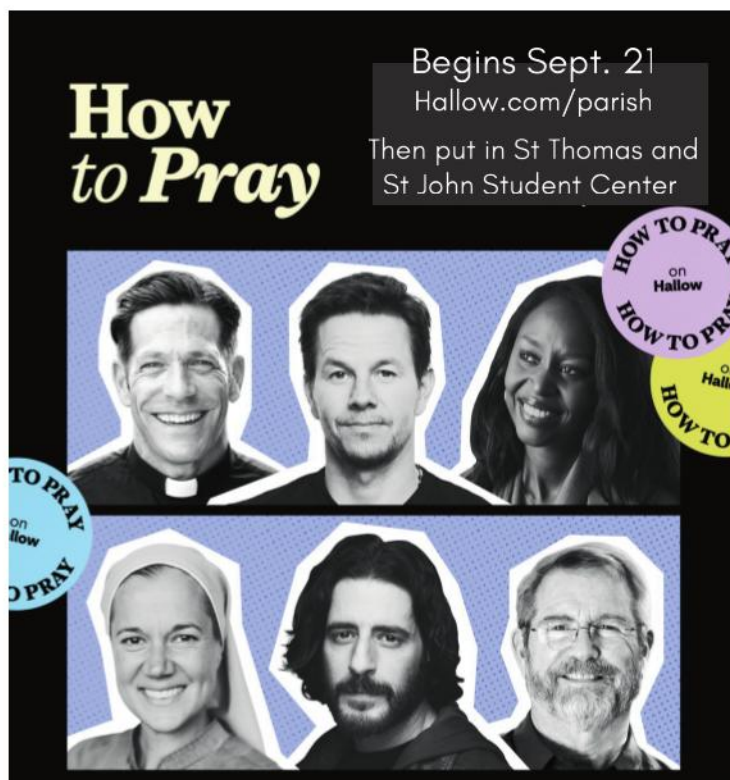
For further information, call Ann Zygmuntowicz at 517-515-1888.



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

Read good books from a Catholic perspective! We meet the **third Thursday of each month**. There is nothing to read ahead for the kickoff, Please join us **Thursday, Sept. 18** at 7:00pm in the Baraga Room.

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





COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



DRAW

Draw a picture of you sharing your teddy bear with your best friend.



GOSPEL

Love God more than yourself. This means you will give up something you dearly love for him. When you have only one candy bar, God wants you to share it with your sister. When you have two pencils and two notebooks, God wants you to share with a student who has none. If your grandmother and grandfather play games and read to you, God wants you to share them with children who have no grandparents.



PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.





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

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.



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.



**40 Days for Life
Lansing Fall
Campaign
Sept. 24 – Nov. 2**

**St. Thomas & St. John
Prayer Vigil Days**

TUESDAYS: 7:00AM-7:00PM

**Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/lansing
or Contact Chris Veneklas at 517-528-8502**

Our prayer vigil location is at the NE corner of Vine and N Clippert in the area around the utility pole adjacent to the PP parking area and the planted strip heading North. The area with the wood chips and plants is still a public right of way which city ordinances say should be treated like a public park.

Living Rosary



The Michigan Knights of Columbus invite everyone young and old to the 15th Annual Living Rosary at the Michigan State Capitol on **Saturday, Sept. 13 from 2:00-3:00pm**. The Keynote Speaker will be John Bursch, Legal Counsel for The Alliance Defending Freedom and the Michigan Knights of Columbus. Visit mikofclivingrosary.org/ for more information.



GriefShare®

Announcing a New Grief Share Group

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.





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.



OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory 8/17/25

Budget Amount:	\$40,000.00
Actual Amount:	\$29,497.15
Matthew 25:	\$3006.02
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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.

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.

If you are interested in **being a lunch volunteer, reading to the children or going on field trips**, please go to stthomasaquinasparishschool.org/volunteering-at-sta to learn more and get started!

Matthew 25 | Sept 7 and 14

**O Tienou Ti Diero Baafiri,
Burkino Faso, West Africa**

Founded by some of our parishioners and based in Lansing. O Tienou Ti Diero Baafiri provides for dire needs in Burkino Faso, West Africa. Approximately 80% of their population relies on agriculture for their livelihood. Our donations are funding new wells, providing food, shelter and desperately needed medical supplies and care.



**September is dedicated to
Our Lady of Sorrows**

Visit
elcatholics.org/seven-sorrows-litany
to learn more.

2nd Annual Fall Craft Show

Saturday, September 27, 2025, 9 am - 3 pm

St. Therese Catholic Church Gym

102 W. Randolph St. Lansing, MI 48906

Crafters & Vendors Needed!

To register call (517) 487-3749 or email:

secretary@sttherese.org

**Please spread the word and mark
your calendar!**

This Week's Advertiser Spotlight



*Always looking for exceptional
individuals to join our team*

APPLY
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**Brandon & Kelly
VanPoppelen
Owners**

Marsh Rd. St. Johns, Lansing

**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.

Universal Prayers | Let Us Pray

For God's Holy Church, may the Holy Spirit fortify each of us in our mission to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation in Christ.

For all nations, may God who offers salvation to all through his Son lead all hearts to seek his truth and mercy.

For those traveling the long road of grief, may they know Christ's presence, and rest in the confidence that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

For all of us gathered here this day, may we receive the grace to respond to the invitation from Christ to come and follow him.

For our brothers and sisters who are ill or infirm, may Jesus be a source of hope, healing and light especially Nancy Passanante, Thomas Bertsch, Elizabeth Tichvon, and those listed in our book of prayer.

For the faithful departed, may they receive the fullness of God's mercy in his kingdom, especially Johanna Aquilina, Ursula Roediger, Orlando Balcarce, Dr. Peter Luea, Jose Guzman, Jeffrey Wendt, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, let us pray to the Lord.

RETRouvAILLES FRENCH

THE FEELING OF JOY
WHEN YOU ARE REUNITED
WITH A LOVED ONE AFTER
A LONG SEPARATION

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.**

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

Retrouvaille is a
Catholic-based
marriage program



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 8

9:30am Quilt Group (STA)
4:00pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
6:00pm Medicare Seminar (STA)

Tuesday, September 9

12:30pm Widow/Widower Luncheon (Offsite)
6:30pm Lector Training (SJSC)
7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
7:30pm Fr. Mac East Lansing K of C Council Mtg (STA)

Wednesday, September 10

10:00am Rosary Altar Society Mtg (STA)
4:00pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
5:00pm St. John SVdP Returning Citizens (SJSC)
6:15pm GSYD (SJSC)
6:30pm St. John SVdP Mtg (SJSC)
7:00pm STA SVdP Mtg (STA)
7:00pm SJSC Choir Rehearsal (SJSC)

Thursday, September 11

6:00pm Music/Choir Rehearsal (STA)
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 293 (STA)
7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Friday, September 12

7:00am-3:30pm Adoration (STA)
1:00pm Lector Training (SJSC)
2:00pm EMHC Training (SJSC)
3:30pm Benediction (STA)
7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Saturday, September 13

8:00am Food Cupboard (SJSC)
10:00am Lector Training (STA)
1:00pm EMHC Training (STA)
3:00pm Confessions (STA)

Sunday, September 14

Feast of the Holy Cross

8:00am-1:00pm Faith Formation Fair (GYM)
8:00am-1:00pm K of C Pancake Breakfast (GYM)
10:00am Becoming Catholic (SJSC)
2:00pm Altar Server Retreat (SJSC)
3:45pm Korean Mass (STA)

Save the Date Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild Red Mass



The 40th Annual Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild Red Mass and Dinner Reception is **Tuesday, October 7.** Mass will be at 6:00pm at St. Mary Cathedral, 219 North Seymour Ave., Lansing with dinner to follow in the Cathedral parish hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 8

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Matthew Lammers req. by The Whaley Family

5:30pm (St. John)

†Fr. Terrence Dumas

Tuesday, September 9

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†Elizabeth VanPoppelen
req. by Bob & Mary VanPoppelen

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of Campus Ministry

Wednesday, September 10

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Cynthia Green req. by Lisa Ramont

5:30pm (St. John)

Int. of Fr. Clement & Nigerian Mission
req. by Mercedes Luis

Thursday, September 11

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†Kevin Speicher on the First Anniversary of Death

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of Campus Ministry

Friday, September 12

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Fr. Michael Petroski

12:15pm (St. John)

Int. of Paul & Christine Lacroix req. by Mercedes Luis

Saturday, September 13

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†August Herdus req. by The Herdus Family

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

†Carol A. Jozwick req. by Ronald Jozwick

Sunday, September 14

8:00am (St. John)

†William Fudge req. by Margaret Byers

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Bill Derengoski req. by The Family

10:00am (St. John)

†Lien & Dirck req. by The Family

11:00am (St. Thomas)

†Dr. Conrad Donakowski
req. by St. Thomas Aquinas Choir

12:00pm (St. John)

†Dr. Peter Luea req. by Ray & Kathleen Gonzales

7:00pm (St. John)

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