

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025

Connections

**Serving the East Lansing
Catholic Community**

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

955 Alton Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: 517-351-7215
elcatholics.org

St. Thomas Parish School

915 Alton Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
School Phone: 517-332-0813

**St. John Church &
Student Center**

327 MAC Avenue
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: 517-332-0813
stjohnmsu.org

**GIVING
MADE SIMPLE**



elcatholics.org/giving

A photograph of a Eucharistic Adoration setup. In the center is a golden monstrance on a stand. To its left and right are two lit candles in golden holders. In the background, there is a religious painting of figures in a church setting.

Friday Afternoon Eucharistic Adoration at STA
ADULT ADORERS ARE NEEDED
Sign Up for a 20 Minute Spot
elcatholics.org/adoration

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



No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.

Seek Ye First: This weekend's readings speak of being single-hearted for the Lord. It is easy to love God, but the real challenge is to love God above everything else in this world. Gratitude is essential to putting our attachments and relationships in right order. The more we are grateful to God for our faith and worldly blessings, the more we will love God first and foremost.

Our second reading this weekend from St. Paul reminds us to offer supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings for everyone, especially those in authority like kings and rulers. The beauty of our faith is that we are all called to imitate God's Divine Mercy, even praying for our enemies and persecutors. We never want sin and evil to prevail as it mars God's creation and leads souls to destruction. With all of the senseless violence in the news recently, from school shootings to the death of Charlie Kirk, we are reminded of the importance of overcoming hatred with love and mercy. Returning harm for harm or hatred for hatred only empowers evil. Let us pray for the Most Precious Blood of Jesus to wash over every sinner, including ourselves, and bring the entire world to healing and reconciliation that God may be glorified eternally!

Speaking of atonement for the sins of the world, our next parish **Sacred Heart Night** is this Friday, Sept. 26, at St. Thomas from 6:00-8:00pm. This includes a Sacred Heart Holy Hour of Reparation with confessions, Mass, and veneration of our True Cross relic. Please come this Friday to St. Thomas at 6:00pm to rest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Bishop Boyea will join us next Saturday, Sept. 27, for the St. Thomas Vigil Mass to celebrate the **Diocesan Anniversary Mass**. Let us pray for all of our couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries this year. Congratulations!

In support of Catholic Education, our bishop has begun a new 5-year pledge campaign entitled, **Stewardship for Saints and Scholars**. This weekend marks the official start of this campaign at St. Thomas and St. John. Our parish target is **\$2,875,000**. If you did not

get a chance to see the campaign video, please visit stewardshipforsaintsandscholars.com.

This week you will be receiving a letter from Bishop Boyea. Some of you may have already received it. The letter includes a specific amount that I would like you to consider prayerfully. Remember that this is a 5-year pledge campaign, so your suggested pledge amount - divided over 60 months / 5 years - can be broken down into monthly or quarterly installments to fit your budget. Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and continue to spread the positive message about this historic effort!

Also, many of you will soon be receiving a phone call from a campaign volunteer. This fellow parishioner will be setting an appointment to visit with you to answer your questions and help complete your pledge card if requested. Be sure to say thanks for his/her dedication and commitment to the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign. Continue to say the campaign prayer for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish's success and for your hard-working campaign volunteers who are giving of their time and hearts. Thank you all for your generosity and commitment to Catholic Education!

A new **Becoming Catholic** group has started at St. John. If you know someone interested in learning about our Catholic faith, please invite them or contact Jen Brown jbrown@elcatholics.org for more information.

Our final prayer challenge with Hallow is "How to Pray," and it begins September 21. For more details, visit: elcatholics.org/hallow.

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.

May Jesus help us to choose His kingdom over our own!

Fr. Gordon

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?

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 Zygmuntowicz at dendaveze@elcatholics.org or Dcn. Jim Kasprzak at denjim@elcatholics.org.

Young Adults Sept 24 | 6:15pm Theology on Tap with Fr. Machiorlatti



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.



Volunteer Opportunity

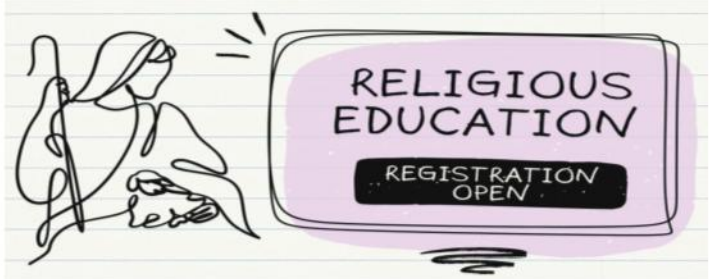
**Tuesday
Sept. 23**

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.

CONFIRMATION Parent Meeting

There will be a Parent Info Night for the Confirmation Class of 2026

Inviting all parents of 8th graders to a half-hour information session on Confirmation. The meeting will take place in Fr. Mac hall from **6:00-6:30pm** on **Thursday, September 25**. Fr. Riley and Debbie will be available to answer any questions you may have.



Register Your Student Online Today
Pre-school Through 8th Grade
Online Class for Grades 3-7 only

CLASS TIMES | CLASS START OCTOBER 5
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 classes. Classes start 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 items that will be provided for their studies of Eucharist and Reconciliation. Online registration, elcatholics.org/religious-education-program. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Lewis, dlewis@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

SEPTEMBER SENIOR NIGHT

9/25 at 6PM

WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?
Dinner Included

BLESSTIVAL

THE PARISH PRIESTS INVITE YOU TO BRING ITEMS TO BE BLESSED
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
4-6PM

BRING YOUR:

- pets/animals
- Bibles
- rosaries/sacramentals
- sacred art
- candles
- cars/bikes/mopeds

THE PRIESTS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTING:

- holy water
- images
- prayer materials
- and more!

All at St. John Student Center.



The Diocese of Lansing Vocations team will be at St. John next Sunday, September 28. They would love to meet you and answer any questions you have about discerning marriage, the priesthood, or religious life. You will find them in the gathering space after the 10am, 12pm, and 7pm Masses.

OFFICE of VOCATIONS

DIOCESE OF LANSING

FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 3-5



He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

**REGISTRATION
CLOSES ON 9/25**



Green & White Mass

Sunday, October 12

10:00am at St. John

Mass will be followed by a reception for alumni and current students downstairs in McDevitt Hall.

How to Pray Begins Sept. 21
Hallow.com/parish
Then put in St Thomas and St John Student Center



BLESStival **COMING:**
Sunday, Oct. 5
4:00-6:00pm

Held Outside near the St. Thomas Bell Tower

The clergy will be available to bless whatever needs blessing.

So please come and ask the clergy to bless your pets, car, bike, jewelry, bibles, sacramentals, emergency candles and more.

They are ready to pray for all of your needs. Plus, there will be free prayer items available.

Mark your calendar and don't miss this fun event!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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

First Saturday | Oct 4
The Eastern Catholic & Eastern Orthodox Churches

Join Fr. Gordon downstairs in Fr. Mac Hall at St. Thomas after the 9:00am mass on Saturday, Oct. 4. He will present on the *The Eastern Catholic & Eastern Orthodox Churches*. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Find more details and resources at elcatholics.org/first-saturday.

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

We invite you, your family, 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. The event will take place on Grand River Ave. from East Lansing to Williamston. Meet at Abbot Rd in Downtown East Lansing. For further information, call Ann Zygmuntowicz at 517-515-1888.

Sacred Heart Seminary HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATION



Please drop off your Candy Donations by Friday, October 17
Look for the blue buckets at either parish



Liturgical Ministry Formation



Lector Training

St. Thomas	Wednesday	Sept. 24	6:00-7:00pm
St. Thomas	Saturday	Sept. 27	1:00-2:00pm

Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion

St. Thomas	Wednesday	Sept. 24	7:00-8:00pm
St. Thomas	Saturday	Sept. 27	2:00-3:00pm

Usher/Greeter Training

St. Thomas	Saturday	Sept. 20	3:00-4:00pm
St. Thomas	Thursday	Sept. 25	9:00-10:00am
St. Thomas	Saturday	Sept. 27	3:00-4:00pm

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 517-337-9778 ext. 113 or email Patrick at ppaddock@elcatholics.org.

PLEASE NOTE: No STA Adoration 10/3 and 10/10

There will be **no all day adoration** at STA on **Friday, Oct. 3** and on **Friday, Oct 10**. The Parish School is away on a field trip and then has conferences this week so school will be closed on Friday.

St. Thomas and St. John are open **every day** if you would like to come and pray before the Jesus, present in the Tabernacle. Come say rosary since it's October.

Join us in serving Lansing-area Neighbors in Need

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John's, with the parish family, helps neighbors in need through a variety of ministries: a Food Cupboard that serves more than 2,000 residents each year; a ministry welcoming men and women on the day of their release from prison; meals for the area's homeless, and more.

We welcome all members of the parish community to join us in serving others – as an occasional or frequent volunteer, as a member of our conference, or materially through in-kind or financial contributions. We also extend an invitation to anyone college-age and older to join us at our twice monthly St. Vincent de Paul Society meetings. We gather to pray, share, and plan on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:45pm. Questions? Email us at st.john.svdps@gmail.com.



Rosary Altar Society



CRAFT FAIR HOSTED BY THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY QUILT GROUP

Quilts, Placemats, Table Runners...

Nov. 9 and Dec. 14
STA School Gym
9:00am to 1:00pm

Other crafters are welcome to join us!
Questions: weber.kaj@gmail.com

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
2-4PM
IN FR. MAC HALL**



**HOSTED BY
CATHOLIC SPARTANS**

\$10 ENTRY

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE GROUP OF MSU STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SEEK CONFERENCE IN JANUARY

St. John Food Cupboard Needs

Over half of the neighbors we've served are children and seniors, those most vulnerable; your donations of volunteering, food and funds make a real difference. This week we're in need of: White rice, jelly, ramen, diapers sizes 1-6. Thank you!



Music Teacher Needed Immediate Opening

St. Thomas Aquinas School is seeking an energetic and dynamic teacher to teach vocal music and band at the school. This is a contracted position through Brighton Public Schools shared services.

The successful candidate would be responsible for the planning and implementation of instruction in both **general music classes for grades K-8 and for band students in grades 5-8**. The teacher would also be responsible for two major music productions each year, at Advent time, and, in the spring. The successful candidate would be welcomed into a faculty of bright and faithful individuals who would support the new teacher in and out of the classroom.

The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic, and has a passion for the teaching vocation and sharing their Catholic faith with their students. The candidate is able to provide and maintain an orderly classroom environment, is excited to positively collaborate with colleagues, and is committed to consistent, effective communication with parents and is willing to perform other duties as instructed by administration.

Applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and have obtained a current elementary or secondary State of Michigan teaching certificate. Criminal background check and participation in the VIRTUS program will be required.

For additional information please contact **Diane Grondin, Principal** at dgronding@elcatholics.org.

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

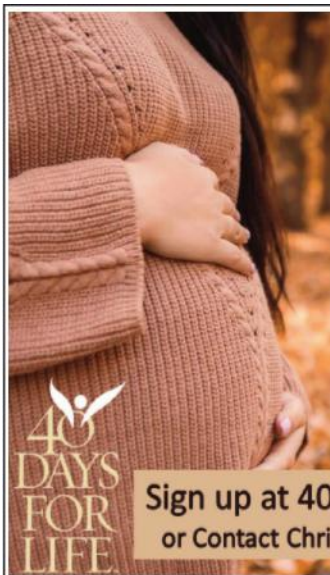
City

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.



**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 Veneklasé 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.

**The Priests are Away for Convocation
Sept. 29 – Oct. 2
Available Mass Times**

Monday: 6:30am STA
Tuesday: 8:45pm SJSC
Wednesday: No Masses
Thursday: 8:45pm SJSC
Friday: 6:30am STA | 12:15pm SJSC

Please Pray for our Priests!

**10 Hours of Adoration | Tuesday, Oct 7
Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary**

Adoration will held at St. Thomas to celebrate Our Lady. The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at the top of every hour. The day will conclude with the annual International Rosary which will begin at 7:00pm.



People are needed all day long to lead the prayers at the top of the hour and to be present with Jesus in adoration. If you are interested, please sign up at elcatholics.org/connecting.

**International Rosary
Everyone is Invited to the 32nd Annual
International Rosary at 7:00pm!**

For over 30 years, people have come together on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary to celebrate the diversity of our community. We are a world of many nations and languages but we share one faith and one Mother, Mary.

We will do two mysteries of the Rosary, so we are looking for 10 people to lead in their home languages. Can you lead the Rosary in a foreign language? Volunteer to lead a decade by contacting Patrick Paddock, ppaddock@elcatholics.org.

Save the Date

Our next Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, October 12!

ST. JOHN STUDENT CENTER

Heritage Gala

November 8, 2025

MSU KELLOGG CENTER

Purchase
Tickets



Stewardship for Saints and Scholars Campaign

The Stewardship for Saints and Scholars Campaign is now underway, and the generosity of our Diocese of Lansing community is clearly apparent. Many thanks to the volunteers who have worked so diligently to get us to this point. I would also like to thank the donors who have given so generously in the early stages of our campaign. While there is much to celebrate, there is also much work to be done.

In the coming weeks, volunteers will be reaching out individually to some members of our parish. I ask that you please keep in mind the following:

Volunteers – Dual Donation The volunteers who are contacting families are just that – volunteers. They have graciously agreed to donate their time and talent for the greater good of this effort. They are serving in this role because they believe in the diocesan-wide initiatives and are passionate about our parish. Please treat them with respect and thank them for helping the Church in this important capacity.

Personal Touch -I have instructed each of our campaign volunteers to personally meet with the members of the faith family. If you receive a call, I kindly ask that you:

- Take the call or return the message. Do not avoid talking to our volunteers. It makes their job more difficult and puts them in a position where they keep calling in an attempt to reach you.
- Meet face-to-face, if possible. If you are asked to meet, please give our volunteers 15 minutes of your time. They are not trying to twist your arm, they just want to briefly explain the campaign initiatives, answer your questions, and receive a decision about your participation.

Carrying a Pledge Card? Return It! If you received a pledge card inside your packet of materials, you will likely not be called by a campaign volunteer. Please discern your involvement in the campaign, fill out the card and return it in the envelope provided.

Your Gift Matters! Remember, the letter you receive includes a financial request. It is not an expectation. It is an invitation. I invite you to pray for this campaign and this diocese. You may not be able to give what was asked. You may be able to give more than asked. Whatever that decision is, know that your commitment is deeply appreciated and is a true blessing to our effort!



PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHT



PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHT
+ TAILGATE
Oct. 10, 5-7pm

PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHT
OPEN HOUSE
Jan. 14, 6:30-8pm

UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL WITHIN

A NIGHT DESIGNED JUST FOR FUTURE COUGARS
Enjoy a special video presentation, Q&A with our staff and students and take a tour of our campus to see what LCHS has to offer.



DISCOVER LANSING CATHOLIC
Have any questions? Please email lynn.collopy@lansingcatholic.org



LANSING CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD

RED MASS

Save the Date Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild Red Mass

The 40th Annual Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild Red Mass and Dinner Reception is **Tuesday, Oct 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.

The awardee of the St. Thomas Award is Robert J. Muise. In 2012, Mr. Muise co-founded the American Freedom Law Center, a national public interest law firm dedicated to fighting for faith and freedom and defending our Judeo-Christian heritage and moral values.

Register before or on Monday, September 29. If you have questions, please call/text 517-402-1562 or email: lclguild@gmail.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.



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!

Did you know that Funeral notices, obituaries, and links to livestreams (if the family chooses) are published on our web page?

elcatholics.org/funeral-notice

This Week's Advertiser Spotlight



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Offertory 8/31/25

Budget Amount:	\$40,000.00
Actual Amount:	\$23,420.21
Matthew 25:	\$2,906.97
Bridges to Healing 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 | Sept 21 and 28

Outreach to Haiti

The Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut, has been working with the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince for forty years through its Outreach to Haiti program. The need in Haiti has never been so great as it is now with the assassination of Haiti's president and the surge in violence and gang activity. Outreach to Haiti offers health care services, support of an orphanage, and a neighborhood nutrition program for children, among other things.

Grieving with Great Hope

FORMED.org makes available a five-week series that is prayerful, practical, and personal. The series presents the seven intention of mourning, which has helped thousands of people who are grieving a loved one. Meetings take place each Wednesday in October from 6:30pm-8:30pm at IHM Parish Family Center located 3815 S. Cedar St., Lansing. There is a \$15 fee. To register go to ihmlansing.org/parish-events.html.

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 Church leaders, may they be filled with joy in their mission to radiate God's love.

For government leaders, may God endow them with a spirit of true service.

For all who carry heavy crosses of suffering, may Christ console them with his presence and strengthen them by his love.

For this community of faith, may Jesus conform us more closely to himself.

For those who suffer physically or emotionally, may Jesus bring them comfort and assure them of his love, especially Claire Belmont, and those listed in our book of prayer.

For our beloved dead and all who have died in the light of faith, may they enjoy perfect healing and wholeness in heaven, especially Joe Moran, Robert McKnight, Mary Margaret Brown, Mike Conway, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Almighty God, hear these prayers we bring you today. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The Third Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Mass

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month there will be a Domestic Violence Awareness Mass October 4, 2025 at 9:30 AM at St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing.

Fellowship in the parish hall following Mass. For questions contact Kim Ferguson at HisSparrow@proton.me or call the parish office at 517-484-5331.

One in four women and one in seven men experience severe physical violence in intimate relationships. Visit CatholicsforFamilyPeace.org and the USCCB document "When I Call for Help" for more information. If you experience any form of abuse, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 for help.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

1:00pm Prayer Blanket Tying (STA)
7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Wednesday, September 24

4:00pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
6:00pm Lector Training (STA)
6:15pm GSYD (SJSC)
6:30pm St. John SVdP Mtg (SJSC)
7:00pm EMHC Training (STA)
7:00pm SJSC Choir Rehearsal (SJSC)

Thursday, September 25

9:00am Usher/Greeter Training (STA)
6:00pm 2026 Confirmation Info Night (STA)
6:00pm Music/Choir Rehearsal (STA)
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 293 (STA)
7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Friday, September 26

7:00am-3:30pm Adoration (STA)
11:00am Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)
3:30pm Benediction (STA)
6:00pm Last Friday of Reparation (STA)

Saturday, September 27

8:00am Food Cupboard (SJSC)
1:00pm Lector Training (STA)
2:00pm EMHC Training (STA)
3:00pm Usher/Greeter Training (STA)
3:00pm Confessions (STA)
4:30pm Diocesan Milestone Anniversary Mass (STA)

Sunday, September 28

Priesthood Sunday

10:00am Becoming Catholic (SJSC)
3:45pm Korean Mass (STA)
4:00-6:00pm St. John Blesstival (SJSC)

Dying to Know Festival Sponsored by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes

Tuesday, October 14, 1:00-5:00pm come to a Festival for the **LIVING about DYING**. Vendors of all sort will be there to talk about how to age. There will be Cash Drawings, refreshments, Prizes and Giveaways, as well as Funeral Home Tours. The event is being hosted at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 1730 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. Questions call Debbie Sydlowski 517.482.1692

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 22

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Vincent Hoffman req. by Mary Hoffman

5:30pm (St. John)

†Joseph Shingola req. by Judy Polaskey

Tuesday, September 23

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†Lee Reigle req. by Judy Polaskey

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of Campus Ministry

Wednesday, September 24

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Patsy Brandstatter req. by Don & Helen Hillman

5:30pm (St. John)

†Alan Smith req. by Jacob Arnold

Thursday, September 25

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†Leonard Kroeger Jr. req. by Stephanie Murdoch

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of Campus Ministry

Friday, September 26

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Cynthia Green req. by Lisa Ramont

12:15pm (St. John)

†Rose & Anthony Okenka req. by The Family

Saturday, September 27

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Robert Popp Jr. req. by Robert Popp Family

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

†Ronald Sequin on the First Anniversary of Death
req. by Pamela Sequin

Sunday, September 28

8:00am (St. John)

†Lien & Dirch req. by The Le Family

9:00am (St. Thomas)

Int. of Julie Bryce req. by Rick Bryce

10:00am (St. John)

People of the Parish

11:00am (St. Thomas)

†Julia Lollo req. by The Krol Family

12:00pm (St. John)

Int. of Philip & Erin Eckenrode req. by The Family

7:00pm (St. John)

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PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way. Then color in all the pictures.



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