

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 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



**Sunday,
October 5
4:00-6:00pm**

BLESS tival

Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

BRING YOUR

- Animals/Pets
- Rosaries
- Sacramentals
- Emergency Candles
- Sacred Images
- Crucifixes
- Cars/Bicycles/Motorcycles

Join us outside, near the St. Thomas Bell Tower for blessings, plus the priests will be distributing: Holy Water bottles, Divine Mercy images, and other prayer materials.

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



But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith!

Our readings challenge us to live our faith in service to the poor and vulnerable. In particular, the Gospel parable of the rich man & Lazarus sternly warns us not to ignore the needs of those around us. There are many opportunities to support our local Catholic charities, St. Vincent de Paul ministries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and crisis pregnancy centers, thus caring for the physical needs of the poor. But, keeping our final end in mind, let us also look out for the spiritual needs of God's children by sharing our faith and lifting up our world in prayer. May God find us rich in both corporal and spiritual works of mercy!

Bishop Boyea will join us this Saturday, Sept. 27, for the Vigil Mass to celebrate the **Diocesan Anniversary Mass**. Then on Sunday (a.k.a., **Priesthood Sunday**), we welcome Fr. Michael Cassar and Dawn Hausmann from our Diocesan Vocations Office to St. John for the 10am, Noon and 7pm Masses. Students, in addition to our campus ministry staff, Fr. Mike and Dawn are available to help with your discernment of priesthood or religious life.

Our clergy will be gone most of this week for the **Annual Clergy Convocation** up north. As the Church celebrates both St. Michael and the Guardian Angels this week, please say a prayer for us and pay attention to the bulletin as the Mass and confession schedule will change this week, Monday – Thursday. And there will not be Adoration at St. Thomas on Friday, Oct. 3. Looking ahead, here are some events to keep in mind:

- On **First Saturday**, Oct. 4, I will give a presentation on **The Eastern Catholic & Eastern Orthodox Churches**. Come to Fr. Mac Hall after the 9:00am Saturday Mass at St. Thomas on Oct. 4. Refreshments will be served.
- On **Sunday, Oct. 5**, pray for an end to Abortion by joining the **LifeChain** on Grand River Avenue (east of Abbot) at 2:30-3:30pm. Later that day, come to St. Thomas between 4:00-6:00pm for the **BLESStival!** Celebrating St. Francis of Assisi, we will be offering pet blessings and bless any religious items, holy water, candles or vehicles that you

bring. Plus, **Religious Education** begins at St. Thomas this Sunday morning.

- On **Tuesday, Oct. 7**, St. Thomas will offer **Eucharistic Adoration** 9:00am – 7:00pm on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and the **International Rosary** (in over 10 languages) at 7:00pm. See elcatholics.org/connecting for more information and to sign up for Adoration or to lead a Rosary in a different language.

In support of Catholic Education, our bishop has begun a new 5-year pledge campaign entitled, **Stewardship for Saints and Scholars**. Please watch the bishop's video explaining his hopes for this campaign on our parish website – elcatholics.org/s3-campaign – and expect your pledge materials to arrive by mail soon. If for some reason you do not receive information by mail in the coming weeks, please contact the parish office so that we can update your contact information and send you a packet. This is a 5-year pledge campaign, so your suggested pledge amount – divided over 60 months / 5 years – can be broken down into installments to fit your budget. Please review the campaign materials, pray about your response, and support this historic effort to benefit our Catholic schools!

A new **Becoming Catholic** group has starting 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.

May we always look for Jesus in the poor and vulnerable!

Fr. Gordon

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!

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!



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.

Be Cyber Safe - A Note from Fr. Gordon

Every few weeks, I get an email from parishioners letting me know that someone is impersonating me. Unfortunately, there is nothing I can do to stop this except to make sure that everyone is aware of the problem. I will **never, ever ask you for gift cards via email or text.**

There are usually clues that you can't trust the email.

This is just one the many emails that the criminals use to impersonate me. Hover over the email. That will give you the full email address.

From: Fr. Gordon Reigle <revbuss9@gmail.com>

Here is the message: I need 10 quantities of Visa gift cards of \$100 face value each (total \$1000). You should get them at any store around you. After you get them, I need you to remove each card from the pack and scratch the back then take a clear picture of the front and back of each card and send them to me on here, so I can easily get them sent to each staff member myself. Please keep the physical cards for reference and you will be reimbursed. I will be glad if you can help get the gift cards after work.

Check the back of the bulletin, that's not Fr. Gordon's email address. Notice the odd wording: *10 quantities... Remove each card and send me the information... I will be glad if...*



Beware of any email or text that lures you into revealing your personal or financial information.



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

Interested in earning a **cost-free** Master of Education from the
University of Notre Dame while serving in Catholic schools?

ACE Teaching Fellows at St. John Student Center September 30



Learn more about what it means to be an ACE Teacher!

- Schedule a time to meet Tuesday evening (9/30) or Wednesday morning (10/1)
- Come to the **8:45 pm Mass** on Tuesday and enjoy cookies and conversation afterwards!

Contact Patrick Ryan (pryan22@nd.edu)
to schedule a meeting



Fr. Drew Clary, C.S.C. will be visiting St. John this Tuesday, September 30 to lead a discussion with the Priesthood Discernment Group before saying Night Mass.

Fr. Drew is the Vocations Director for the Congregation of Holy Cross, a religious order of priests and brothers. The Congregation of Holy Cross is a vibrant and committed community thriving today with passion to love and serve the people of God. "We are men with hope to bring!"

**Join us for Night Mass
Tuesday, September 30 at 8:45pm at
St. John Student Center**



Please pray for our students who will be on retreat next weekend.
May they be filled with the hope of the Lord!



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 and **does not need to pay** for classes.

Grade 2 will need to pay the extra sacrament fee of \$25.00 for 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.

Young Adults
Oct 1 | 6:15pm
St. Therese Feast



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.



WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS
Tuesday Lunch Club

Join us at Coral Gables in East Lansing on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. You are invited to come on Oct. 14. We meet at 12:30pm. Parishioner Karen Rich will be hosting.

Please call St. Thomas at 517-351-7215 to reserve a spot by the Monday before the event.

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.

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

Next Sunday is Lansing's annual LIFE CHAIN. Please join us on Grand River at Abbot Road in downtown East Lansing at 2:30 pm for an hour of prayer for our nation. This is a beautiful way to express our gratitude for God's gift of life, while reminding our community that life is sacred and abortion is not the solution to an unplanned pregnancy. If you need further information, call Ann Zygmuntowicz at 517-515-1888.



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

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST *with* MADE TO ORDER OMELETES, SAUSAGE *and* MORE!

Sunday, Oct 12
9:00am – 1:00pm
STA School Gym



Hosted by
The Knights of Columbus

Tootsie Role Drive

The Father Mac Council, #7816, will be conducting their bi-annual fundraiser for the Mentally Incapacitated (MI) after every Mass next weekend, Oct 11 and 12 at St. Thomas and St. John



Called to Serve
THE MOST VULNERABLE



Prayer Blanket Sunday, Oct 12

Prayer blankets will be available after all of the Masses this weekend. If you know someone who is ill and would like that person to be reminded of your prayers, please take a blanket – or two. Names of recipients will be put into the Book of Prayers to be prayed for at all of the Masses.

Prayer blankets are available year round in either office, free of charge. Please stop in and get one when someone you know is ill or facing great distress. The gift of a prayer blanket gives you something tangible to offer the person along with your care and prayers.

Volunteer Opportunities at Loaves and Fishes



Loaves and Fishes, an emergency shelter in Lansing providing a friendly and home-like environment for guests,

is in need of volunteers to help serve a prepared meal, wash dinner dishes, and visit with guests during the dinner hour. Volunteer shifts are from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Volunteers are especially needed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

Loaves & Fishes provides short-term housing, advocacy and support services for homeless men and women. This volunteer opportunity is especially well suited for college students, married couples, and friends who may wish to volunteer together. If you would like to learn more, please email st.john.svdps@gmail.com (or phone or text Chuck Roboski at 517.281.4372).



*Loaves and Fishes
Shelter is located
at the corner of
Sycamore and
Oakland in Lansing*

St. John Food Cupboard Needs

In the first 3 weeks of September, we've served over 100 households or almost 500 people. Your donations make a real difference to our neighbors in need. This week we are in need of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, sugar, cereal and diapers sizes 1-6.



Little Flowers Girls' Club®
GROWING HOLIER, ONE VIRTUE AT A TIME

Catholic club on the first Thursdays of the month for girls ages 5 and up that teaches virtues through scripture, saints' biographies and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

THURSDAY, October 2, 4:30-6:00PM
Fr. MAC Hall St. Thomas.

QUESTIONS: CONTACT CHRISTINA HEIDEMANN at 248-321-6728 or
JesusITrustinYou@fidei.email

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.

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.

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 <i>featuring MSU students</i>	Dec. 3
Light and Epiphany <i>featuring Kelly Bohan</i>	Jan. 7
Faith and Discipleship <i>featuring Dr. Brian DuSell</i>	Feb. 4

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

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

September 28, 2025





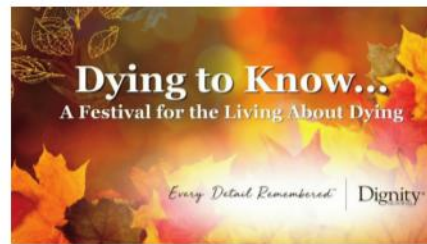
**40 Days for Life
Lansing Fall
Campaign
Sept. 24 – Nov. 2**

**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.



**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**. Over 20 vendors of all sorts will be there to talk about how to age.

There will be cash drawings, refreshments, prizes and giveaways, as well as funeral home tours. There will also be breakout speakers. Dying to Know Festivals are a place to talk about death and the preparations needed for end of life decisions and are designed to take the fear out of our later years.

The event is being hosted at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 1730 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. Questions call Debbie Sydłowski 517.482.1692



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!

ST. JOHN STUDENT CENTER

Heritage Gala

November 8, 2025

MSU KELLOGG CENTER

Purchase
Tickets



**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**2-4PM
IN FR. MAC HALL
\$10 ENTRY**

**HOSTED BY CATHOLIC
SPARTANS**



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



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY
For Women of All Ages
Who Wish to Serve the Church



Everyone is invited to pray the rosary on
Wednesday, Sept. 15 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.

**Unlock the Potential Within
Lansing Catholic High School**



Lansing Catholic High School invites parents and students to attend our October prospective Family Night & Tailgate on Friday, October 10th. The event is from 5 - 7pm. After attending, join us for a food truck tailgate at Cougar Stadium, you will receive free admission to the LCHS football game and a voucher for popcorn.

Students and parents will also have the opportunity to ask questions during a Q/A panel. Save time and pre register at lansingcatholic.org/visit. Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Can't make it? Check out other dates or schedule your own visit with the admissions office at admissions@lansingcatholic.org.



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



SCAN ME

SAVE THE DATE

**WALKING WITH
MOMS IN NEED**

BABY SHOWER

**OCTOBER 25, 2025
10 AM TO 12**

**BENEFITTING THE MOMS WE SERVE
AND SHARED PREGNANCY**

**FATHER MAC HALL, ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
CHURCH, EAST LANSING**

Catholic Singles - Looking for a unique getaway this winter?

Catholic singles never married, currently widowed, divorced, or annulled. Join other Catholic singles for a pilgrimage to sunny Florida this Dec. 12-14. Escape the snow and journey with us to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine—the oldest parish in the nation.

You'll choose to walk either 22 or 30 miles over three days, with opportunities for daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and Confession. After the walk, we'll gather for appetizers & dinner at a local restaurant. Walk the beach, deepen your faith, and connect with a vibrant community. Learn more and sign up before Oct. 15 by visiting catholicsinglesnewsletter.com.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD OF THE LORD

Reflecting on the Word of the Lord

Sometimes we get stuck in the rut of only thinking that being rich is having lots of money. We have other riches in our lives. That of family, that of friends, that of knowledge. Jesus wants us to share what we are rich in with others. If we are rich in family and we know of others who are by themselves, become like family to them. If we are rich in friends and we know of others who need friends be that to them. If we have knowledge of our faith and we know of others who are seeking faith be their mentor and help them gain heaven from learning about God. Those are the actions of putting the Gospel to work for others as well as service to our Lord.

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



Always looking for exceptional individuals to join our team

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Marsh Rd. St. Johns, Lansing

OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory 9/7/25

Budget Amount:	\$40,000.00
Actual Amount:	\$41,070.53
Matthew 25:	\$1,206.00
O Tienou, West Africa Week One	



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 | Oct 5 and 12 Uganda Wish

Based here in Lansing and founded by some of our parishioners, the pillars to success for Uganda WISH are: Water wells, Innovation, Sanitation, and Hunger alleviation. They are focused on providing a better future for the children in rural, northwestern Uganda. Our donations will not only help provide desperately needed food to households in Alivu village, but also provide funding to purchase seeds for a developing plantation.



90th
OX ROAST FESTIVAL
LIVE • DJ MUSIC • FOOD • DRINKS • SHAMROCK PUB • HOURLY 50/50 • FOR ALL AGES

FRIDAY OCTOBER 10 4-11 PM	SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 2-11 PM
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Church of the Resurrection

Featuring the original Ox Roast sandwich, delicious homemade soup & bake sale. Includes the Shamrock Pub, children's games, DJ & live entertainment, hourly 50/50 drawings, Miscellaneous Raffle featuring a large variety of new items & famous Wheelbarrow of Cheer!

Grand Prize raffle drawings 8:00pm Saturday, raffle tickets \$25.00 – \$10,000 Grand Prize.
Free Admission and Free Parking in the Church parking lot. For more details go to corlansing.org.

Universal Prayers | Let Us Pray

That the Lord may continue to provide the Church with holy priests and virtuous leaders.

That the Holy Spirit may enlighten with truth and wisdom those who govern nations.

That God may comfort and strengthen all who feel overwhelmed by the challenges they face.

That the grace of the sacraments may increase our commitment to serve those in need in this community of faith.

That Jesus may bring healing and strength to all who suffer from acute or chronic illness, especially Constance Jamroz, and those listed in our book of prayer.

That the Lord may have mercy on all the faithful departed and welcome them into his heavenly kingdom, especially Robert McKnight, Mary Margaret Brown, Joanne Beadling and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, let us pray to the Lord.

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and answer them in accordance with your divine will, we ask through Christ our Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 29

9:30am Quilt Group (STA)

Tuesday, September 30

7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Wednesday, October 1

5:30pm Faculty/Community Book discussion (SJSC)

6:15pm GSYF (SJSC)

7:00pm St. Thomas SVdP Mtg (STA)

7:00pm Organ Series (STA)

7:00pm SJSC Choir Rehearsal (SJSC)

Thursday, October 2

10:00am Painting Class (STA)

4:30pm Little Flowers (STA)

6:00pm Music/Choir Rehearsal (STA)

7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 293 (STA)

7:30pm Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Friday, October 3

11:00am Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Saturday, October 4

9:00am Food Cupboard (SJSC)

9:00am First Saturday Mass and Reception (STA)

3:00pm Confessions (STA)

Sunday, October 5

10:00am Becoming Catholic (SJSC)

2:30pm Life Chain (Offsite)

3:30pm African Mass (STA)

4:00-6:00 St. Thomas Aquinas Blesstival (STA)

5:00pm Confirmation Class (STA)

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.

RETROUVAILLES FRENCH

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!

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

Save your marriage and your family! There is always HOPE! It's worth it. The next Retrouvaille Marriage Saving Weekend will be **October 17-19 in Farmington Hills, MI**. For more dates visit helpourmarriage.org/.



CIVILIZED MEN
BOURBON TASTING FUNDRAISER

LIMITED TO 20 GUESTS

Tasting includes:

- Pappy Van Winkle 12 yr
- Weller (107 or 12 yr)
- Russell 13 yr
- Evan Williams Master Blend
- Woodford Masters

OCTOBER 14, 2025

Featuring Certified Bourbon Taster Deacon Bob Bauer

\$200 per person
Bethany House
703 E. Main Street
DeWitt, MI 48820
WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/BOURBON

6:00 - 8:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 29

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Timothy Donnelly req. by The Meyer Family

5:30pm (St. John)

Mass Canceled-Convocation

Tuesday, September 30

8:15am (St. Thomas)

Mass Canceled-Convocation

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of Campus Ministry

Wednesday, October 1

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Mass Canceled-Convocation

5:30pm (St. John)

Mass Canceled-Convocation

Thursday, October 2

8:15am (St. Thomas)

Mass Canceled-Convocation

8:45pm (St. John)

†Rita Dickson req. by Janet & Al Weilbaeher

Friday, October 3

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Int. of Secular Franciscan Order req. by The Javier Family

12:15pm (St. John)

†Fr. John Rocus

Saturday, October 4

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Deceased Members of Isabelle & Theophile Franek Family
req. by Nancy Mrozinski

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

Holy Family First Saturday Memorial Mass & Intentions

Sunday, October 5

8:00am (St. John)

†Peter Luea req. by The Adelman Family

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Patty Roboski req. by The Faith Sharing Group

10:00am (St. John)

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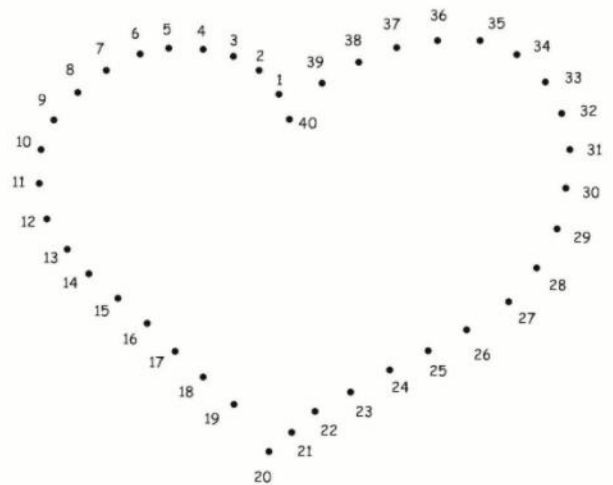
DRAW

Draw yourself taking a supper tray to children with no food in their refrigerator.



PUZZLE

Connect the dots.



MISSION

I will take boxed rice and a can of green peas to the hungry.



GOSPEL

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