

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

# Connections

Serving the East Lansing  
Catholic Community

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish**  
955 Alton Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
Phone: 517-351-7215  
[elcatholics.org](http://elcatholics.org)

**St. Thomas Parish School**  
915 Alton Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
Phone: 517-332-0813

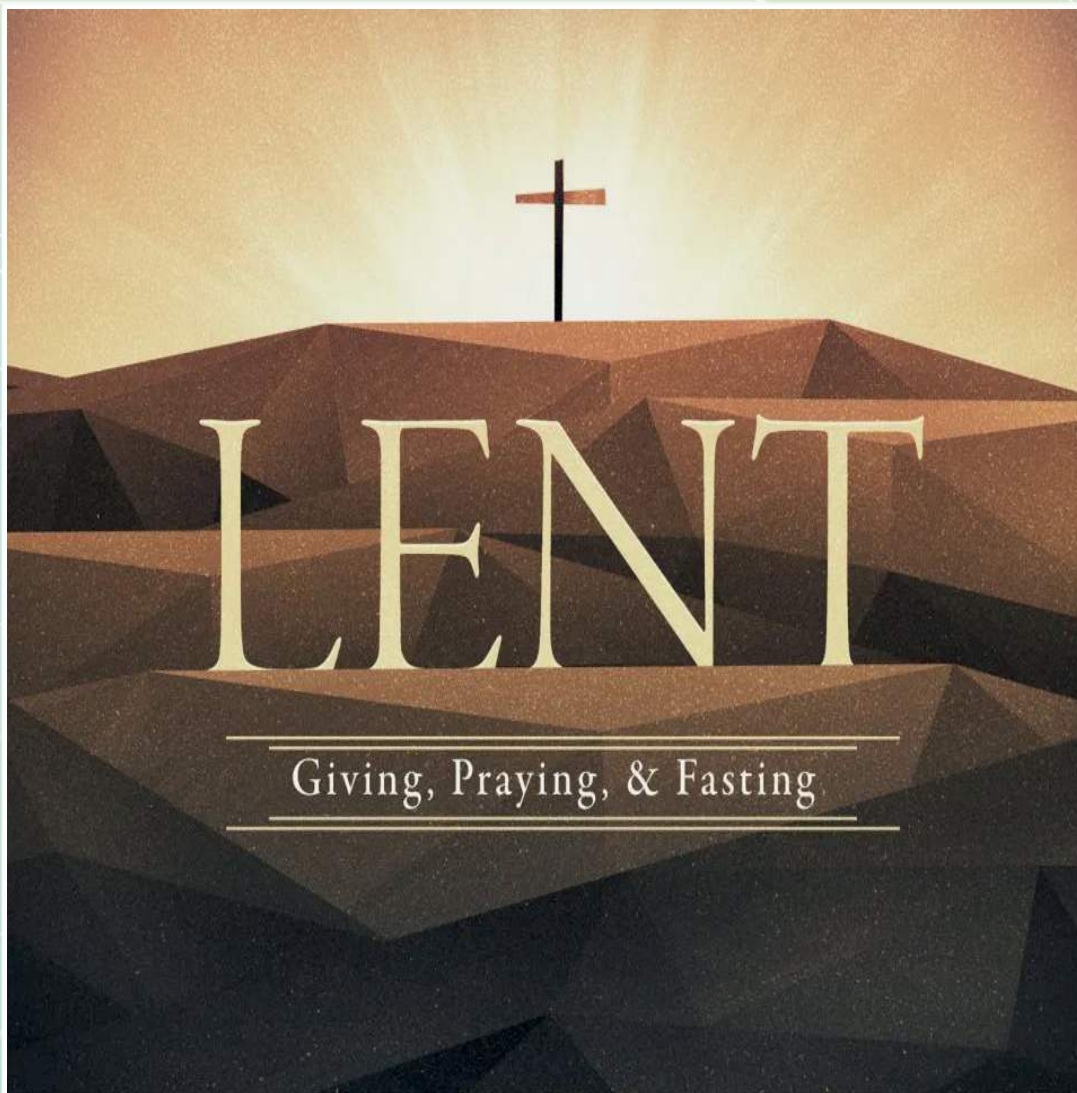
**St. John Church &  
Student Center**  
327 MAC Avenue  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
Phone: 517-351-7215  
[stjohnmsu.org](http://stjohnmsu.org)

## GIVING

## MADE SIMPLE



[elcatholics.org/giving](http://elcatholics.org/giving)



### 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



*At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.*

**Welcome to LENT!** As Jesus prayed and fasted in the wilderness for forty days and forty nights in preparation for his public ministry, so too we prepare for the glory of Easter by a period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Please visit our website [elcatholics.org/lent](http://elcatholics.org/lent) or pay attention to the bulletin over the coming weeks for information on the many Lenten events, fish fries, student small groups, Stations of the Cross, and reconciliation opportunities that will be offered. May this season of penance help us to draw ever closer to Jesus!

Have you ever heard of the **40 Bags in 40 Days Decluttering Challenge**? As we often have lots of spare shirts, ties, shoes, umbrellas, and such cluttering up our closet space. The goal is to pick one item (or area of the house) to declutter each day of Lent. And your spare items can then be given to local charities like the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Lansing as almsgiving. For details, visit [whitehouseblackshutters.com/40-bags-in-40-days/](http://whitehouseblackshutters.com/40-bags-in-40-days/).

The **Anointing of the Sick** is offered on the 3rd Saturday of each month after our Vigil Mass at St. Thomas, which is this Saturday evening. Join us for our next one on March 21 after the 4:30pm Mass. The Catholic Church used to refer to this sacrament as Extreme Unction, a final anointing for those actively dying. The Church now promotes this sacrament for those who are elderly or in danger of death due to illness, chronic conditions or a coming serious medical procedure. So please do not wait until the last opportunity to receive this sacrament! Although this sacrament provides graces for the healing of body and soul, if you do recover sufficiently to confess your sins to a priest, you are expected to make a good confession of your serious sins to the best of your ability. Think of the anointing of the sick as a merciful and timely aid to the Sacrament of Reconciliation but not a replacement.

The **40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN** begins this week: February 18 - March 29. Please join us as we pray, fast and keep peaceful vigil for an end to abortion on Tuesdays from 9am to 6:30pm across from the Frandor Planned Parenthood. Visit [40daysforlife.com/en/lansing](http://40daysforlife.com/en/lansing).

If you remember taking the **Disciple Maker Index** survey in February of 2020 and 2023, we have another chance to take this survey in the coming month to compare our results and see how our parish has developed spiritually over the last six years. This survey opened on Ash Wednesday. The completion of this third round of the Disciple Maker Index survey will assist the process of evaluating the spiritual progress of our diocesan parishes. Visit [elcatholics.org/disciple-maker-index](http://elcatholics.org/disciple-maker-index) for the survey.

May God grant us a spirit of contrition this Lent!

*Fr. Gordon*

## Share Your Voice For The Future Of Our Diocese



DIOCESE OF LANSING

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY IS BACK!

TAKE THE ONLINE SURVEY

**Now Open - Tues, Mar. 31**

### The Disciple Maker Index (DMI)

is an **anonymous** survey that provides insights into the level of **ENGAGEMENT** in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the **MASS** experience, **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**, and other aspects of the parish. The purpose of the survey is to help us to discern the spiritual health of our members, what parishioners need and expect, how vibrant parish life currently is, and what the financial prospects of our parish are. This will help our parish serve you better!

Please participate in the 10-15 minute survey online. It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our efforts to assist you. We prefer that you take the survey online but paper copies can be made available by contacting the parish office at 517-351-7215.

Please place in the boxes marked DMI in the gathering spaces at either church.

[elcatholics.org/disciple-maker-index](http://elcatholics.org/disciple-maker-index)

# FISH FRY FRIDAYS

\$15  
PER  
PERSON

4:00pm  
to  
7:00pm



ST. THOMAS SCHOOL GYM OR DRIVE - THRU  
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 27

SERVING BAKED AND FRIED FISH,  
FRENCH FRIES,  
MACARONI & CHEESE AND MORE.

BAKED GOODS WILL ALSO BE FOR SALE.

## Entertainment Schedule

5:30-6:30pm

Feb. 27 - The Brother's Ralph and Co.

Mar. 6 - Dueling Accordions

Mar. 13 - Solanus Casey exhibit

Mar. 20 - Irish Folk Night

Mar. 27 - Danielle Robinson & Friends

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS



• FRIDAYS •

ST. JOHN

12:45PM

FOLLOWING THE 12:15PM MASS

ST. THOMAS

7:00PM

FOLLOWING THE FISH FRY



First Saturday Presentation  
with Fr. Gordon

The Ancient Tradition of Rome

## Roman Station Churches

March 7 after the  
9:00am Mass.

Downstairs in Fr. Mac Hall.  
Refreshments will be served.

## 40 Days for Life Lansing Lenten Spring Campaign Feb 18 – Mar 29

St. Thomas and St. John Prayer Vigil Days are

Tuesdays: 9:00am - 6:30am.

However, you can sign up for any day.

Sign up at [40daysforlife.com/lansing](http://40daysforlife.com/lansing)  
or Contact Chris at 517-528-8502.



# LENTEN VESPERS

WITH FR. RILEY

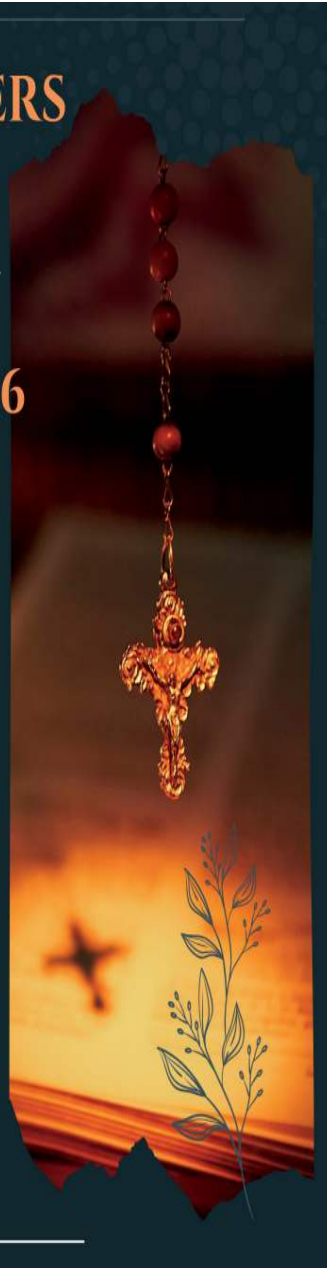
Join us:

**THURSDAYS  
FEB. 26 - MAR. 26  
5:30 PM**

**In the Cana Chapel  
at St. Thomas**

**Confessions will  
be available  
afterwards.**

Vespers is a sung evening prayer service with scripture, psalms, and intercessions and is part of the Liturgy of the Hours.



**St. Thomas  
Aquinas Parish**

## ORGAN SERIES

**First  
Wednesday  
of Each Month  
7:00pm**

**Join us for our  
next concert in  
the series**

**March 4  
Lenten  
Preparation  
and  
Repentance**



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

**Everyone is Welcome to Attend!**



## Lenten Penance Service

**Sunday, March 15  
1:30pm - 3:00pm  
St. Thomas**

**Multiple Confessors will be available.**

## Sacramental Prep Parents



Sac prep parents need to start on the Blessed videos for First Communion now that we've done First Reconciliation. Use the same link as before: [dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/blessed-program-view.html](http://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/blessed-program-view.html)

If your child missed Reconciliation they can go to any of our confession times offered at either church:

### St. Thomas:

Sat. 3:00pm-4:00pm

or

### St. John

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

Tues. & Thu. 7:30pm-8:30pm

Fri. 11:00am-12:00pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | WEEKLY

St. John Monday & Wednesday | 4:00 - 5:00pm

St. John Tuesday & Thursday | 7:30 - 8:30pm

St. John Friday | 11:00am - Noon

St. Thomas Friday | 9:00am - 3:30pm

in the Cana Chapel with Benediction



## RECONCILIATION | WEEKLY

St. John Monday & Wednesday | 4:00 - 5:00pm

St. John Tuesday & Thursday | 7:30 - 8:30pm

St. John Friday | 11:00am - Noon

St. Thomas Saturday | 3:00 - 4:00pm

## USHERS & GREETERS NEEDED!

Can you help out during the school mass? Our parish has been working to bring back Ushers for Masses and looking for volunteers. Please **CONTACT PATRICK PADDOCK to SIGN UP** 517.351.7215 ext. 113, or [ppaddock@elcatholics.org](mailto:ppaddock@elcatholics.org).



## Deacon Discernment Group Meeting

Sunday, March 1 | 2:00pm- 3:00pm

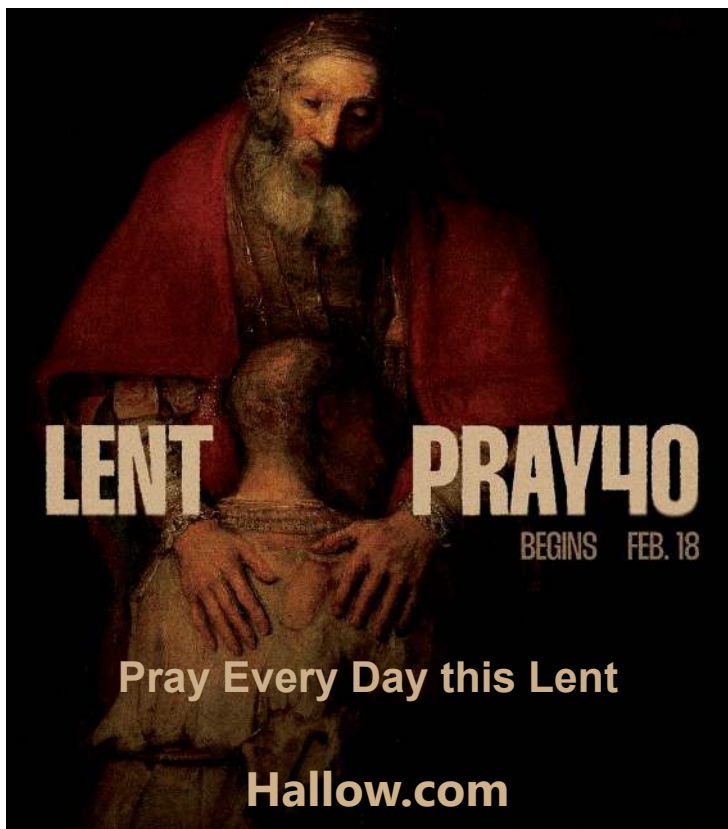
Men of the parish join Dcn. Jim & Karen Kasprzak and Dcn. Dave & Ann Zygmuntowicz who will be leading a Deacon Discernment Group.

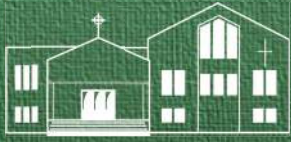
They will share from their own experiences of how God called them to the vocation. They will provide advice on discerning God's call to this vocation, along with integrating the vocation of Marriage with the vocation of Permanent Deacon, describing the ministry of the Permanent Deacon, and explaining 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 Baraga 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](mailto:frgordon@elcatholics.org),  
Dcn. Dave Zymontowicz at [dcndavez@elcatholics.org](mailto:dcndavez@elcatholics.org) or  
Dcn. Jim Kasprzak at [dcnjim@elcatholics.org](mailto:dcnjim@elcatholics.org).





**St. John Student Center -  
Home of the Catholic Spartans**

Anna Stankewitz - [annas@elcatholics.org](mailto:annas@elcatholics.org)

Director of Campus Ministry

Joshua Janda - [jjanda@elcatholics.org](mailto:jjanda@elcatholics.org)

Campus Minister

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STORIES OF GRACE

**FEBRUARY  
SENIOR  
NIGHT**

**2/26 at 6PM**

*Dinner & Discussion:  
Defending the Faith*  
**NOW INVITING JUNIORS**

Lent is a great time to join a Bible study, and we have several student-led groups that are meeting each week! Bible studies last about one hour and give students an opportunity to discuss life and faith, encounter Jesus in Scripture, pray for and with one another, and cultivate Christian friendships. Current groups meet at the following times:

**Athletes**

- Mondays @ 8:30pm in the Smith Center

**Brody**

- Wednesdays @ 7:00pm in Brody 175

**FreshMin** (Freshman Ministry)

- Mondays @ 7:00pm in Multicultural Center 2025

**North**

- Wednesdays @ 6:15pm in the Union

**Rosary & Lectio Divina**

- Mondays & Wednesdays @ 3:00pm in the Library

**South**

- Mondays @ 7:00pm in Case 335B

**Upperclass Women**

- Tuesdays @ 6:30pm in St. John Student Center Women's Lounge



To contact a group leader, visit our website: [stjohnmsu.org/small-groups](http://stjohnmsu.org/small-groups). Josh Janda ([jjanda@elcatholics.org](mailto:jjanda@elcatholics.org)) can also answer your questions about finding a group that works for you.



# DIOCESE OF LANSING NEW FAMILY GRANTS



## \$500 New Family Elementary Grant

Awarded to families enrolling a new elementary student if the family has never been enrolled in any Diocese of Lansing elementary school (K-8).



**Now Enrolling**  
 Preschool - 8th Grade  
 (517) 332-0813

[stthomasaquinasparishschool.org](http://stthomasaquinasparishschool.org)



## \$1,000 New Family High School Grant

Awarded to families enrolling a new high school student if the family has never been enrolled in any Diocese of Lansing high school.

Example: Oldest sibling has attended St. Gerard and will be the first in the family to enroll at Lansing Catholic High School this fall. This family **is eligible** for the \$1,000 New Family High School Grant.



**(517) 267-2113**  
[lansingcatholic.org](http://lansingcatholic.org)



Families may qualify for both Elementary and High School New Family Grants at the same time if they are new to both the elementary and high school levels. The maximum award is \$1,500 per family.

To learn more about the New Family Grant or to complete a New Family Grant Application, scan the QR code or visit [dolcatholicschools.org](http://dolcatholicschools.org)

## St. John Food Cupboard Needs

With your help, we are able to provide food for our neighbors in need. This week we are in need of jelly, spaghetti noodles and canned white chicken.



Volunteer with our Ministry:  
[foodcupboardsj@gmail.com](mailto:foodcupboardsj@gmail.com).

## Monthly Volunteer Opportunity Loaves and Fishes Shelter

Loaves and Fishes Shelter in Lansing houses 12 single men and women for 30 to 90 days. Volunteers are needed for two roles:

**Evening volunteers** (6:00pm-9:00pm) serve dinner and perform light kitchen duties.

**Dinner providers** prepare a meal at home and deliver to the Shelter on the 4th Tuesday or 4th Thursday of the month.

### To learn more:

Email: [volunteers@loavesandfisheslansing.org](mailto:volunteers@loavesandfisheslansing.org) or text or call 517.281.4372.



Friday Eucharistic Adoration at STA

**ADULT ADORERS ARE NEEDED**

Sign Up for a 20 Minute Spot

[elcatholics.org/adoration](http://elcatholics.org/adoration)

## Young Adults

Feb. 25 | 7:00pm

TOT: Pro-life Apologetics by Haili  
Location TBD

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

We have a big group of parish young adults aged 22-35 who meet most Wednesdays for social time, prayer and some presentations. We always welcome new friends to join us.

For more info please email [friley@elcatholics.org](mailto:friley@elcatholics.org). Or text "GSYP" to 517.306.4204 for event updates and reminders.



## Tuition & Financial Aid Available

LCHS is committed to ensuring that every family who desires a Catholic education can afford that investment. All of our tuition assistance dollars are distributed on the basis of financial need.

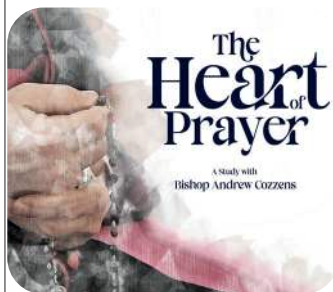
Families must apply for through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by the **March 1, 2026 deadline**. If you have any questions please reach out to Renee Fischman in our Tuition Office at 517-267-2107.



The Food Pantry at St. John is seeking volunteers to help stock shelves, shop occasionally at Meijer, transport items to the Food Pantry, and serve guests when the Food Pantry is open for shopping. Volunteer a few hours each month or more as your schedule permits. Contact us to learn more!

[st.john.svdps@gmail.com](mailto:st.john.svdps@gmail.com) | 517-281-4372

**The Heart of Prayer  
on Formed.org**



Heart of Prayer invites participants into an intimate and peaceful retreat. Follow Bishop Cozzens as he leads viewers through eight sessions of teaching and reflection on prayer and its place in our spiritual life. Set in the beautiful Chateau on the

Augustine Institute Campus, Heart of Prayer reveals the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life, as Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to offer guidance that is practical and down-to-earth.

We offer you a FREE subscription to FORMED, a wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix." FORMED has inspiring movies and video based programs, audio presentations and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors.

To Register, go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)

- Select our parish by entering the zip code: 48823
- Register with your name and email address
- Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing presents:

**Deanery Lenten mission**

# Draw Near

**With Dr. Ralph Martin**

Sun. MARCH 8 | 7pm  
 Mon. MARCH 9 | 7pm  
 Tue. MARCH 10 | 7pm

*St. Mary Cathedral*  
 219 Seymour Ave., Lansing

Join us as we draw into hearing God's voice, knowing our Father's love, and calling upon our Mother Mary.

There will be times for Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and Prayer Teams.

Fri, May 15 - Sun, May 17 | \$250

The Retreat is For: Grieving mothers of miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss who desire more than shallow survival. Check-in Friday at 4:00 pm, check-out Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm.

Saint Francis Retreat Center, 703 E Main St, DeWitt, MI 48820 in the Retreat House. Scholarships are available.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Emma Rose Fisher at [erfisher@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:erfisher@dioceseoflansing.org) or (517) 342-2465. Register at [dioceseoflansing.org/event/revival-retreat-may-2026](https://dioceseoflansing.org/event/revival-retreat-may-2026)

**Saturday, April 25th, 9AM**

**Catholic Charities IEC's  
 RUN FOR GIVING**



**14<sup>th</sup> Annual • 2026**  
 Providing Help • Creating Hope

**Brenke Fish Ladder  
 Lansing River Trail**  
 216 E. Grand River Ave.  
 Lansing, MI 48906

**REGISTRATION  
 PRICING**

- \$25**  
until March 20th
- \$30**  
from March 21st  
to April 19th
- \$35**  
one week  
before the event



To register, scan here or visit:  
[runsignup.com/cciecrunforgiving5k](https://runsignup.com/cciecrunforgiving5k)

**St. Francis Retreat Center  
Upcoming Retreats**

**Men's Retreat: Good & Holy:  
Why "Good" isn't Good Enough  
March 13-15, 2026  
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI**

From Aquinas and Bonaventure through today, the principles of a virtuous life remain essential and unchanged. Topics include A Society Without Virtue, Cardinal & Theological Virtues, and God's Grace & Virtue. Live and pre-recorded presenters include Bishop Boyea, Dr. Andrew Abela, Michael Andrews, and Casey Vandenberg.

The weekend also includes Mass, Confession, Adoration, and individual reflection time. The suggested donation is \$215. For more information and to register, please visit [stfrancis.ws/mensretreats](http://stfrancis.ws/mensretreats).

**A Virtuous Woman:  
Growing in Virtue Through God's Grace  
March 20-22, 2026  
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI**

From Aquinas and Bonaventure through today, the principles of a virtuous life remain essential and unchanged. The retreat will include video presentations from Dr. Andrew Abela and Bishop Earl Boyea. Special guest presenters will also join us at the retreat. There will be two Masses, the opportunity for Reconciliation and Adoration, plus time for individual prayer and fellowship.

The suggested donation is \$215 and includes lodging, meals and materials. For more information and to register, please visit [stfrancis.ws/womensretreats](http://stfrancis.ws/womensretreats).

**Good Friday  
Silent Sunrise Retreat  
April 3, 2026  
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI**

Join us for a sunrise Rosary, scripture and inspired readings, silent reflection time as well as traditional prayers, music, and litanies. We will also have Stations and Veneration of the Cross.

There is no registration fee, but please RSVP.  
[stfrancis.ws/goodfriday](http://stfrancis.ws/goodfriday).

**Donation Wall**

The Donation Wall at St. John is open and welcomes all of your contributions! Clothing is given to the Cristo Rey Community Center to be distributed through their clothing closet. Please consider donating men's clothing, especially boxer shorts and socks, which continue to be a significant need. However, any clothing is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!

**Catholic Business and Career Women**

**Faith. Fellowship. Purpose.**

Catholic business and career women—you don't have to do it alone. Join us for a monthly meet-up where we pray, reflect, and support each other in living our faith through our work.

Gathering: February 26 at 5:30PM  
Reno's North | 16460 Old US-27, Lansing  
Contact Cheryl Louden to RSVP:  
517-763-1465 | [cherylecheryllouden.com](mailto:cherylecheryllouden.com)

**JESUS YOU ARE  
*the bread*  
THAT GIVES ME LIFE**


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**VISIT THE HOLY SPIRIT ORATORY  
ADORATION CHAPEL**

**We are in need of committed  
Adorers to spend an hour in  
Adoration, prayer, and reflection in  
the presence our Lord.**

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**To sign up for a time or learn more visit  
[ihmlansing.org/holy-spirit-oratory](http://ihmlansing.org/holy-spirit-oratory)  
or scan the QR code, or visit  
[ihmlansing.weadorehim.com](http://ihmlansing.weadorehim.com)**

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DOOR #8  
3815 S. CEDAR ST., LANSING, MI 48910**





# DID YOU KNOW?



You can choose the age range, gender, etc. of the child that is placed in your home. Foster children range in age from birth to 17 years old.

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## Key Lenten Remembrances:

**Days of Fasting & Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (18-59 age range for fasting; 14+ for abstinence).

**Days of Abstinence Only:** All Fridays of Lent (14+ years).

**Fasting Defined:** One full meal and two smaller meals, which together do not equal a full meal. No snacks between meals.

**Abstinence Defined:** No meat (beef, poultry, etc.). Fish and animal products (eggs, dairy) are allowed.

**Exemptions:** Those with medical conditions, illness, or those who are pregnant/nursing are exempt from fasting/abstinence.

## OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### Offertory 1/11/26

Budget Amount:	\$40,000.00
Actual Amount:	\$34,923.24
Matthew 25:	\$1470.79
Crusto Rey 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 [jennthelene@elcatholics.org](mailto:jennthelene@elcatholics.org) or 517.351.7215.

## Matthew 25 | Feb. 22 & March 1 Advent House

For over 30 years, Advent House has helped people move from struggle to stability. Leading with compassion, dignity and a strong commitment to helping people, it connects individuals and families who are struggling with services and resources, including short- and long-term housing assistance, housing stability case management and food assistance. Advent House continually shifts its services to meet evolving community needs. With a broad range of community partnerships, Advent House offers guidance and solutions that help individuals and families face a broad range of issues.

Our parishioners, through the coordination of our St. Vincent de Paul Society, prepare and serve a meal on the third Saturday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering please visit the website [elcatholics.org/st-vincent-de-paul-1](http://elcatholics.org/st-vincent-de-paul-1).

## This Week's Advertiser Spotlight

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, February 23

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Deacon Peter Gudaitis

5:30pm (St. John)

†Alice Fortin req. by Jay Olaguer

### Tuesday, February 24

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†David Martell req. by The STA Family

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of Campus Ministry

### Wednesday, February 25

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Kenneth Orr, Sr.

5:30pm (St. John)

†Evelyn Weilbaecher req. by Al & Janet Weilbaecher

### Thursday, February 26

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†Eileen Dunne req. by The Dillon Family

8:45pm (St. John)

Int. of Campus Ministry

### Friday, February 27

6:30am (St. Thomas)

Int. of Karen Hayes req. by Carolyn Arnold

12:15pm (St. John)

People of the Parish

### Saturday, February 28

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Patrick Wiltse req. by Bon & Mary Van Poppelen

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

†Ken Hasenfratz req. by Connie Hasenfratz

### Sunday, March 1

8:00am (St. John)

†John Czarnecki req. by East Lansing K of C

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Art Irish req. by Mary Beth Lieder

10:00am (St. John)

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

11:00am (St. Thomas)

†Brandon Klein req. by The Family

12:00pm (St. John)

†Matthew McKenna

req. by Brian, Joyce & Oonagh McKenna

7:00pm (St. John)

People of the Parish

## CALENDAR

### Monday, February 23

10:00am

Quilt Group (STA)

4:00pm

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

### Tuesday, February 24

6:00pm

Priesthood Discernment Grp (SJSC)

7:30pm

Adoration and Confession (SJSC)

7:30pm Fr. Mac East Lansing K of C Officers Mtg (STA)

### Wednesday, February 25

10:00am

Bible Study (STA)

6:15pm

GSYP (SJSC)

7:00pm

St. John SVdP Meeting (SJSC)

7:00pm

St. John Choir Rehearsal (SJSC)

### Thursday, February 26

10:00am

Painting Class (STA)

5:30pm

Lenten Vespers Service (STA)

6:00pm

STA Music/Choir Rehearsal (STA)

7:00pm

Boy Scouts Troop 293 (STA)

7:30pm

Adoration and Confession (SJSC)

### Friday, February 27

7:00am-3:30pm

Adoration (STA)

11:00am

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

12:45pm

Stations of the Cross (SJSC)

3:30pm

Benedicton (STA)

4:00pm-7:00pm

Fish Fry (Gym)

7:00pm

Stations of the Cross (STA)

### Saturday, February 28

3:00pm

Confessions (STA)

### Sunday, March 1

9:30am-3:30pm

African Mass Day of Reflection (STA)

1:30pm

Deacon Discernment Grp (STA)

3:30pm

African Mass (STA)

5:30pm

African Mass Potluck (STA)

## Listening and Fasting

“...I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.”

LEO PP. XIV

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## DRAW

Draw you and two friends saying, "No" to evil temptation.

## GOSPEL

Three times the devil tempted Jesus. Three times Jesus said, "No." When you are tempted to say, "Yes," to something you know is wrong, ask God to give you the power to say, "No." Imagine an angel sitting on your shoulder chanting: Say, "No." Just say, "No. No. No." There are many more good ways to get something than there are bad ways. Ask God to show you the good way.



## PUZZLE

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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