

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

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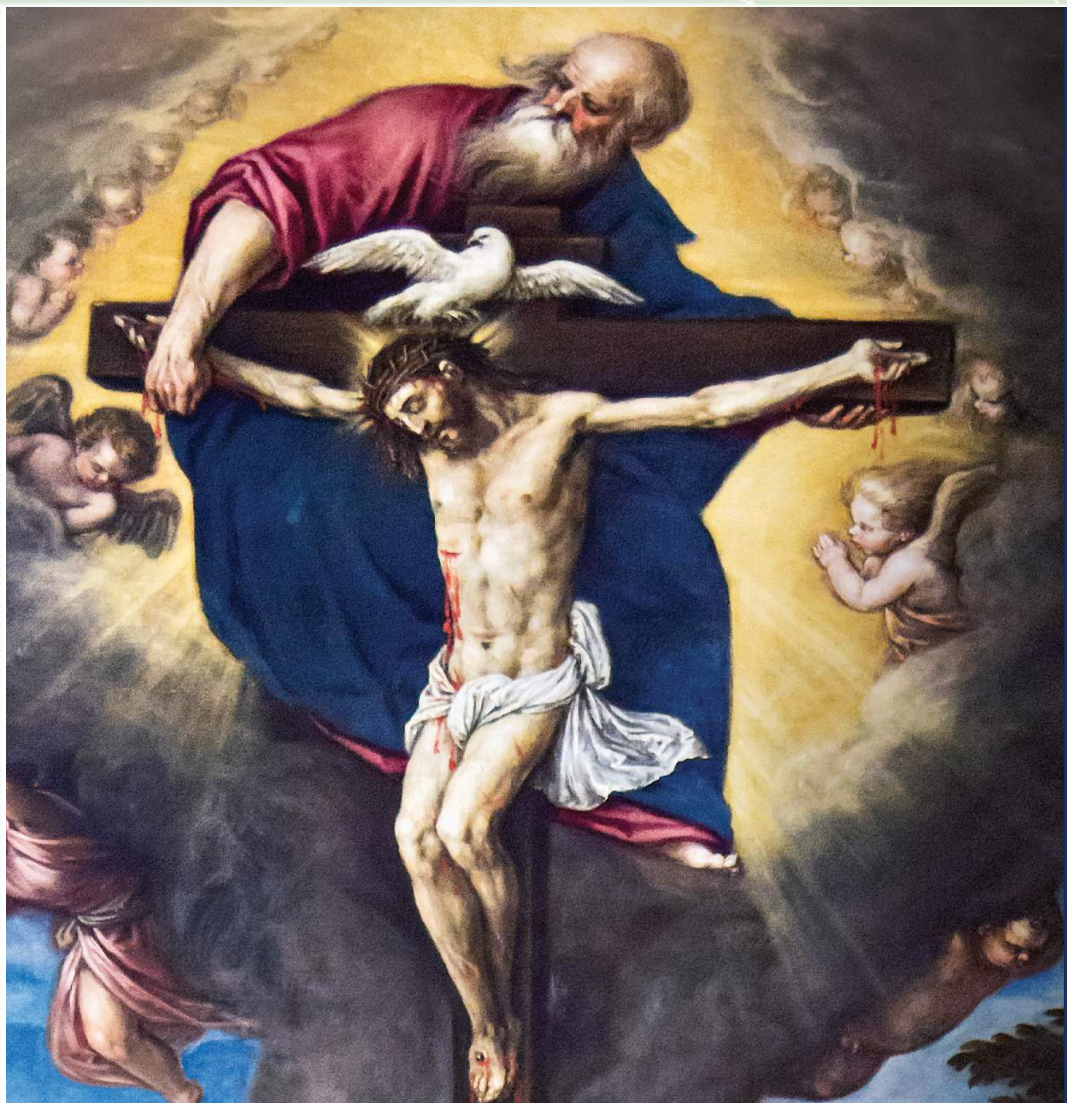
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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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
Fri 12:15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon & Wed 4:00pm-5:00pm
Fri 11:00am-12:00pm

WELCOME



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

This weekend, we celebrate the **Most Holy Trinity**. As it states in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them" (para., #234).

Although we do not know everything about the interior life of God, we rejoice in the revelation that God is Trinity, a community of divine persons and prototype of the family. And so, it follows that we are made for family and communal life as we are made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As Heaven is the perfection of our relationship with God and neighbor, let us ask Jesus, Mary and Joseph (The Holy Family of Nazareth) for help in our struggling relationships and family conflicts, as a preparation for that which is to come in the afterlife.

This is the last week of classes for our elementary school. Enjoy the summer break and safe travels! And, if you are traveling this summer and looking for a parish to visit, please consult **www.MassTimes.org** for information on local Mass availability.

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. When our hearts are broken, we can come to Jesus and know that he understands our pain. There are lots of Sacred Heart devotions to explore, and—as a start—I recommend learning about St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and the 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart. Plus, we have added a 7pm Mass on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart at St. Thomas on Friday, June 12, in addition to the usual daily Mass schedule.

Next Saturday morning is the **Diocesan Ordination Mass** at St. Thomas. There will be NO 9:00am Mass that day. Please pray for those who are to be ordained on June 6! And my First Saturday Presentation – on the topic of Heaven – will be postponed until Saturday morning, June 13, after the 9:00am Mass at St. Thomas.

Next Sunday is Corpus Christi! As we celebrate the gift of the Blessed Sacrament, there will be a Eucharistic Procession and potluck reception after the 11:00am Mass at St. Thomas next Sunday. Sign up if you would like to bring something for the potluck at <https://elcatholics.org/corpuschristi>. Everyone is welcome!

To complete our Diocesan Services Appeal before the new fiscal year in July, we will distribute more DSA envelopes this weekend. If you haven't made a pledge yet, please do consider a gift to support the many programs and charities of our diocese. And thank you to all who have already contributed. Visit **www.dioceseoflansing.org/DSA**.

Similarly, with the high gas and cost of living expenses of late, our weekly offertory has not been keeping up with expenses. If you can help us to finish the year in the black, that would be a tremendous gift to Fr. Karl as he comes to the parish in July. Thank you! May the Holy Spirit renew us in faith and guide us in mission!

Fr. Gordon



Attention Seniors - Starting Wed, June 3

Free of charge but donations are accepted.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church Downstairs in Fr. Mac Hall
Wednesdays, June 3 - July 22 | 10:00am - 12 noon

To register: Call Tri-County Office on Aging at
517-887-1465 or e-mail Christine at histedcetcoa.org.

The Time Has Come to Say **"Auf Wiedersehen"**
to Fr. Gordon & Fr. Corey!

Friday, June 19

Pig Roast | Biergarten | Live music

FREE! Pig Roast & Chicken Dinner 6-8pm
Live Music 7-8pm

**Music
Provided
by the
Lansing
Concert
Band**



**Finish the
Year Strong!**

(fiscal)



GOAL \$150,000

We are **JUST** shy of the annual offertory goal.
Consider an extra gift before June 30 to help
St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Student Center!

The offertory not only helps day-to-day operations,
it funds our parish school and faith formation
programs, pays a living wage for parish staff,
and shares the love of Christ with our community
through our many ministries!

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**CORPUS CHRISTI
EUCCHARISTIC
PROCESSION**

Sunday, June 7
after 11:00am Mass
at STA

**Come to the Potluck Luncheon
Afterwards!**

St. Thomas Parish School Gym

Learn more
and sign up
to bring a dish

**[elcatholics.org/
CorpusChristi](http://elcatholics.org/CorpusChristi)**

ORDINATION

Holy orders

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DEACON JACOB DERRY
DEACON RYAN FERRIGAN
DEACON PETER RANDOLPH

Diaconate




JAMES BONAR
PAUL KEENAN

Saturday, June 6 at St. Thomas Aquinas

There will be **no 9:00am Mass** at St. Thomas on June 6 as preparations for the Ordination Mass at 10:30am will have begun.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Ordination Mass. Bishop Boyea will be here to ordain four men as priests and two men as transitional deacons.

Please pray for these young men and other men and women to follow in devoting their lives to Jesus through the Church.

St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for them!
Mother Mary, Queen of Clergy, pray for them!

First Saturday is Actually Second Saturday June 13: Heaven

Join Fr. Gordon for his final Saturday Presentation at St. Thomas Aquinas downstairs in Fr. Mac Hall at 10:00am on June 13. Refreshments will be served.

Heaven is where souls live in endless union with God, loving and praising Him and praying for souls not yet in heaven... Until Jesus died on the cross, heaven was not opened to mankind because of the eternal effects of our sins which would have kept us separated from God.

Heaven is a big deal because you are an eternal being; your soul will live forever. God created you because He wants you to live with Him forever in heaven. Continue at lifeteen.com/heaven-catholic-cheat-sheet/



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PARISH

WE'RE HIRING



Perform a multitude of custodial duties such as

- Work on basic facilities upkeep
- landscaping and outdoor upkeep
- Set up for activities and events
- Other duties may be assigned on a project basis.

SUMMER HELP

Working with the Facilities Team

Must be 18 years old. If you are interested, please contact Israel at ivazquez@elcatholics.com

Reminder: Flag Collection Box Available at STA Through June 12

With Memorial Day and Flag Day approaching, now is the time to bring your flags. Max Hondorp, a scout with BSA Troop 293 of St. Thomas Aquinas, has designed and placed a collection box at St. Thomas Aquinas Church for the respectful retirement of worn and damage flags as part of his Eagle Scout project. The box is located outside the Cana Chapel.



Max will present the collected flags to the Fr. Mac East Lansing Council Knights of Columbus, who will conduct a Flag Day retirement ceremony on June 14.

Children's Business Fair Saturday, Aug 1 | 4pm-7pm | STA

Sanctuary Academy of Dewitt is hosting our 5th Annual Children's Business Fair! Children ages 5-17 are encouraged to participate. The cost is \$10 to rent a booth with an option to have this reimbursed through a business sponsorship. Scan this code to sign up and register a booth. There will be cash prizes awarded for each age group. Registrants will create a product to sell, and design and run their booth from start to finish.



To receive updates & reminders about this event, scan here:





St. John Food Cupboard Needs

During the first 2 weeks of May, we were able to serve almost 300 people because of your generosity. We are in need of: toilet paper, canned corn, salt and pepper, and canned chicken. Any fabric tote bags would be appreciated.

Volunteer at: foodcupboardsj@gmail.com.

Donation Wall at St. John

What is a Donation Wall? Members of the St. John St. Vincent de Paul collect and deliver desperately need items to Cristo Rey Community Center and the Returning Citizens and Walking with Moms groups. Because of your generosity, many people have had their emergency needs met.

Some things to consider donating:

- Non perishable food items for the St. John Food Cupboard (see above)
- Diapers (especially larger sizes), wipes and other baby or young children items
- Men's pants and shirt
- NEW Men's and women's underwear & socks
- Washable blankets and bath towels
- Simple kitchen tools - can opener, spatula, clock
- Hygeine equipment like gloves, hairnets and aprons for the Community Kitchen.

*New or gently used are welcome.

Thank you for helping your neighbors in need!

Catholic Charities Ingham & Eaton Counties Annual Golf for Giving

Catholic Charities IEC invites parishioners to participate in our annual Golf for Giving fundraiser on **Wednesday, June 24**, at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course. (1600 Linn Rd, Williamston, MI 48895) Lunch and dinner are included.



Proceeds from the event will help provide basic necessities such as food, clothing, and personal care items to local families in need. For more information, please contact Emily Sabourin at 517-323-4734 ext. 1207 or ESabourin@CatholicCharitiesIEC.org. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Young Adults

June 3 | 6:15pm
Cookout on the back patio
at St. Thomas Aquinas



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

We always welcome new friends to join us. For more info, please email frirley@elcatholics.org. Or text "GSYP" to 517.306.4204 for event updates and reminders.



As the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, let's pray for our Nation to be One Nation Under God.

More information is available at elcatholics.org/america250



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Volunteer Team

- ✓ Are you looking for ways to fill your summer?
- ✓ Are you passionate about helping others?
- ✓ Do you want to give back to your community?

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Sophia Morales | Service Coordinator

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Alternative Spring Break Reflection

Every year, the Tupelo ASB trip works alongside Northeast Mississippi Habitat for Humanity to build a house for a financially disadvantaged community member. This year's tasks included measuring and cutting wood, nailing up deadboards and other planks for drywall, and painting and installing siding. We could definitely tell which task each person was assigned to by the end of the day; our hands were covered in paint and our hair was full of sawdust, but we were so grateful to be able to serve. This group of students in particular enjoyed growing in friendship. Instead of going on social media during free time, we made an unspoken rule to be present to each other at every moment we could. Many a night was spent playing Codenames or chess, teaching dances, playing charades, learning wild stories from each others' lives, teaching each other how to cook tasty evening snacks, and asking questions of each other and Fr. Corey. As the week progressed, our knowledge of each other and love for this community grew. Moreover, this group of students had a particular zeal for the Lord, desiring to go on rosary walks or spend free time in prayer, unapologetically reading our bibles and praying whenever given the chance. This was a compounding effect; as we saw each other doing these pious things, our individual desire to do pious acts increased.

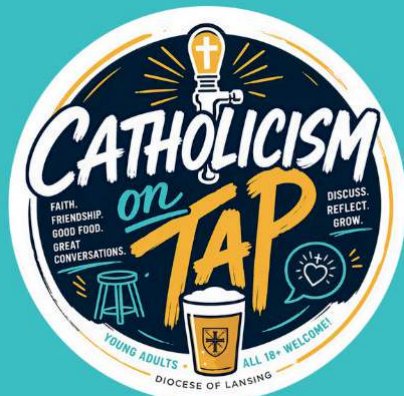
The people of Tupelo were incredibly generous; we started off the week believing that we would need to provide most of our own meals; however, this did not end up being true in the slightest. It seemed like every day brought a new gift of generosity, from being given more pizza than we could have hoped for one night to a local priest typing out a list of things to see before we left Tupelo. I'd like to believe that this can be compared to the generosity of the Lord; He gives us so much more than we could ever desire or imagine. Often, it might be hard to understand why He does this; but over time, as we ponder these actions, we become more like Him.

This year, we got the opportunity to join the Tupelo Catholic community often, especially by attending a Lenten penance service, a youth group campfire, and a young adult group. Our group also had the unique opportunity of starting every day with Mass with Fr. Corey. Often, people worry that a spring break spent in service will lead to burnout. St. John's ASB trips are particularly impactful because they are centered around Jesus; they are not just opportunities to serve and get a task done, but they are opportunities to learn how to live a life of intentional selflessness. By traveling to a new place and being faced with tasks that were new and unfamiliar, we were able to reflect on our responses and seek to make them more Christ-like; and the next day, we got an opportunity to face a similar challenge and seek to implement this plan! And all of these challenges and struggles are enveloped by morning mass and evening prayer reflection, allowing us to abide in the Lord.

To be able to attend ASB Tupelo was an incredible gift; I sincerely thank all those that provided for this trip, especially in prayer and financial support. I'm sure the lessons, experiences, and friendships gained on this trip will continue to impact us for the rest of our lives.

Colleen Blackwood '27
Tupelo Student Leader





**Saturday
June 13
6:30PM**

**Lansing
Brewing
Company**

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to join us for an evening of faith, friendship, good food, and great conversation featuring Catholic Answers speaker Steve Ray. He plans to share his testimony of conversion to the Catholic faith and answer any apologetic questions that are asked.

Cost: \$15 per person

Food is included. Drinks are not included and may be purchased at the bar for those 21+.

We look forward to spending the evening together—invite a friend and join us!

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/COT>

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OCTOBER 10
9am-5pm

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Ministry Opportunity

Hannah's House of Lansing is seeking men and women who are passionate about helping pregnant women in crisis. Hannah's House is a homeless shelter for homeless, pregnant women and their babies, and they are in need of your support. Whether you're interested in volunteering, becoming a recurring donor, or supporting through prayer, the board and staff are eager to connect with you. To learn more, go to hannahshouselansing.org.

"TO BE A GENTLEMAN, YOU FIRST HAVE TO BE A MAN"
-John Wayne

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A Camping Retreat for Young Men Ages 13-16

Retreat Features New & Favorite Activities, Including:

- Outdoor Survival & Safety
- Basic auto maintenance
- Woodworking Construction
- Proper Etiquette & Hygiene
- And many more....

Please see our web page for complete details!

Talks will focus on this year's theme: "Why Being a Gentleman Matters"

- What being a gentleman means
- Jesus - The Ultimate Gentleman
- Christ-Centered Leadership
- Respecting Women
- Our 3 key Virtues: Trust, Perseverance, and Courage!

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SAINT FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER Presents



Cougar Claw Robotics Mentors

Lansing Catholic's robotics team is looking for new mentors to be a part of their team this coming year!

If you enjoy or have experience working with CAD, workshop tools, electrical wiring, or computer programming we would love to have you join us and help train our students in the exciting world of robotics and engineering. All ages are welcome to be a mentor.

Email cole.goodman@lansingcatholic.org or call Cole at 517-885-5189 if you want to learn more.

Ladies it is Time for our Next Monthly Catholic Women's Club Luncheon

The Catholic Women's Club is women joining together to foster friendship, spiritual enrichment and to provide assistance to those less fortunate regardless of their faith. Our luncheon this month is on June 11 at 12:30pm at Tony M's, 3420 S Creyts Lansing MI. We will have installation of Officers and time for fellowship. You can RSVP to Trudy Longezel at 517 646-0922 by June 5.

See you all there!



Summer Lovin' is Here!

Rekindle your romance and your faith at a Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." Come learn to listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Visit wwme.org to learn more about these dates.

June 15-17 Center for Ministry - Saginaw Twp
 July 24-26 Augustine Center - Petoskey
 August 7-9 St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center - Detroit



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Email admissions@lansingcatholic.org or call 517-267-2113 to set up your shadow or tour today!

OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory 5/17/26

Budget Amount:	\$40,000.00
Actual Amount:	\$54,358.91
Matthew 25:	\$1,552.72

For Shared Pregnancy, Week 1

Your donations are important and Your generosity is appreciated!



Now is the time to look at your giving. Help us finish the Fiscal Year in the black! Since it's summer time and travel season, maybe you would like to set up a recurring gift?

Denise Zakerski, Database Administrator, would be happy to help you! Please contact her at dzakerskie@elcatholics.org or 517.351.7215. The offertory not only helps day-to-day operations, it funds our parish school and faith formation programs, pays a living wage for parish staff, and so much more.

Matthew 25 | Salesian Missions May 17 & May 24

For 75 years, the Salesian missionaries have served impoverished youth and their families in 130 countries around the world especially in Asia and Africa. The Salesians work tirelessly to break the shackles of poverty which remains a stubborn adversary. They also train youth and adults in modern and appropriate farming technologies, thus enabling them to improve crop yields, achieve food security and generate income.

"Whatever you do for the least of my people, you do for me."

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 1

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Melissa Pawelec on the 1 Year Anniversary of Her Death
req. by the Parish Family

5:30pm (St. John)

Int. of Fr. Gordon req. by Mercedes Luis

Tuesday, June 2

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†Lawrence & Maxine Giacoletto
req. by Carol Giacoletto

Wednesday, June 3

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Don Fedewa req. by EL Knights of Columbus

5:30pm (St. John)

Fr. Bernard L. Tyler req. by the Parish Family

Thursday, June 4

8:15am (St. Thomas)

†Robert Mooney req. by the Mooney Family

Friday, June 5

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Bill & Ruth Parsley req. by the Friday Breakfast Group

8:15am (St. Thomas)

Int. of St. Thomas Aquinas Students, Teachers and Staff

12:15pm (St. John)

Int. of Fr. Gordon req. by Monica Boyer

Saturday, June 6

No Morning Mass because of Ordination

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

†Holy Family First Saturday Memorials and Intentions

Sunday, June 7

8:00am (St. John)

Dennis Mooney req. by Lee and Cindy Lemon

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†James K Gray req. by Stephanie Murdoch

10:00am (St. John)

†Fr. Dennis Howard req. by People of the Parish

11:00am (St. Thomas)

†Diane Burch req. by Dennis and Jeanne Meyer

12:00pm (St. John)

Elaine Weber req. by The Family

7:00pm (St. John)

People of the Parish

CALENDAR

Monday, June 1

10:00am

Quilt Group (STA)

4:00pm

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Tuesday, June 2

Wednesday, June 3

10:00am

Bible Study (STA)

10:00am

Matter of Balance Class (STA)

4:00pm

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

6:15pm

GSYP (STA)

7:00pm

St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (STA)

Thursday, June 4

10:00am

Painting Class (STA)

6:00pm

St. Thomas Music/Choir Rehearsal (STA)

7:00pm

Boy Scouts Troop 293 Meeting (STA)

Friday, June 5

11:00am

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

First Friday

Saturday, June 6

9:00am

Food Cupboard (SJSC)

10:00am

DOL Ordination Mass (STA)

3:00pm

Confession (STA)

Sunday, June 7

Noon

Feast of Corpus Christi

Procession at St. Thomas Aquinas

Volunteer Opportunities at Loaves and Fishes Shelter

Volunteers are needed to help serve a prepared meal, perform light kitchen duties, and visit with guests during the evening hours of 5:45 to 9:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to support those without a place



to call home. Married couples and friends are welcome to volunteer as a team of two. If you would like to learn more, email st.john.svdps@gmail.com or call or text Chuck at 517.281.4372.

A second volunteer opportunity to support the Shelter is to prepare a home-cooked meal for the residents of the Shelter. The meal is cooked at your home and then delivered to the Shelter. If you have questions or wish to sign up, email Tim at dempseythd@gmail.com.

HOLY FAMILY FIRST SATURDAY MEMORIAL AND INTENTIONS

Aben & Arsenault Families	Cervi Family	Gallagher/Goodwin Families	Kishler & O'Connor Families	Joseph & Elizabeth Pachut Family
Clarence & Beatrice Ainslie Family	Int. of Lawrence Chadzynski	Ruth & Gus Ganakas Family	Kline Family	Passage Family
Albrecht Family	Chai Family	Gillis Family	Brandon Kline	Passanante Family
Anderson Family	Chi Family	Guno Family	Knudson Family	William Patrick Family
John & Jean Anton Family	Chirillo Family	Neil & Jean Harte Family	Norman Kreeger	Peterson Family
Harley Aylor	Lawrence Cianciosi Family	Heberlein Family	Kuchta Family	Jerome (Jerry) Phillips
Matthew & Helen Bach Family	Cichy Family	Doug & Lucy Hedley Family	Carol Kuchta	R.P. Ramsey Family
Dr. Robert F. Banks	Cooper Family	Heidemann Family	Paul & Emelda Kuchta	David Rector Family
Behen Family	Cousineau Family	Long Hien Family	Sp. Int. of Sandra Kuchta	Richard Reid Family
Kristine Bens	Cunningham Family	Don & Mary Hillman Family	Kupec & Pojeta Families	Sarkisian Family
Benjamin Family	Debremaier Family	Mary Young-Hee Hoffman	Lloyd Keith Lewis	Scott Family
Berners & Schmit Families	Defever Family	Mike & Madelyne Holoweiko Family	Levande Family	Shellhorn Family
Blaxton/Schuler Families	Bennett & Louise Deal Family	John Ingraham Sr.	Int. of Victor Loomis Family	Stuart Family
Bonk Family	Robert & Dorothy Derengoski Family	Kathleen Ingraham	Enrique Lopez Jr. Family	Subhi/Bassa Family
Bouman Family	William Derengoski	Pamela Ingraham	Fr. Mac & All Priests that served at STA/SJSC	Sondag Family
Bourque Family	Dillon Family	Dr. Ronald Jakubiak	Nathan & Ellen Maher Family	Tremblay Family
Jason Bryans	Chester & Mitzi Dominick Family	Enrique Javier Family	Martin Family	Joseph M. Vargas
Bryans Family	Conrad L. Donakowski	Gloria Johnson	Mathein Family	Jason Edward Wilson
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