

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2026

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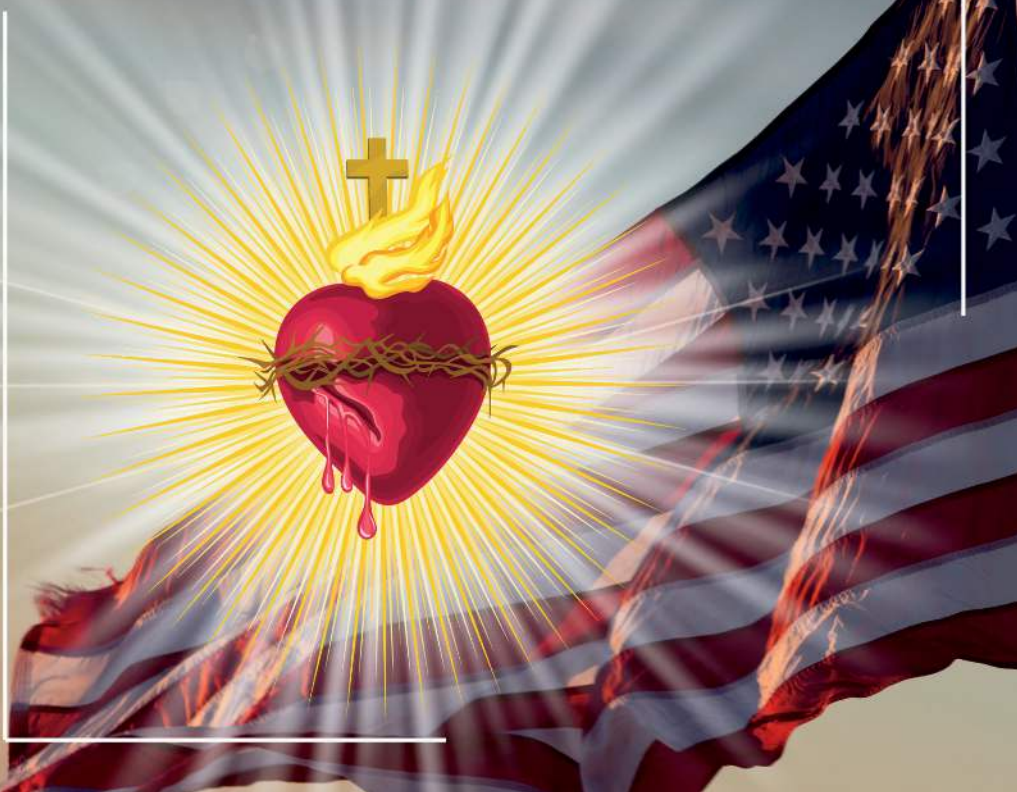


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TO THE

SACRED HEART



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



Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

As we pray for laborers in the vineyard, we are thankful for our newly ordained who will begin formal ministry in July. And yet we are all disciples, all missionaries, all responsible to seek the salvation of those around us. I'm sure we all pray for the conversion and needs of those close to us, our family and friends, but do we pray for our co-workers, neighbors, and even those who dislike us? Consider picking five people in your life that you never pray for and at least pray an Our Father for each of them this week as an act of surrendering that relationship to the Lord.

The US Bishops consecrated the United States of America to the Sacred Heart on July 11 ahead of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Please join this national consecration by praying:

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you. From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Thank you to all who contributed to or attended last Sunday's Eucharistic Procession & Potluck Reception on **Corpus Christi**. It was a beautiful celebration of the Blessed Sacrament! **Please join us for a farewell concert and pig roast this Friday evening, June 19.** No gifts please!

Fr. Corey and I will be packing, cleaning and getting ready to move, so we will have fewer and fewer office hours this month. As Fr. Riley will remain here through the clergy transition, please reach out to him if you need to meet with a priest this month.

Our elementary school year has finished, and summer vacation has begun. In addition to summer cleaning, Wieland Construction will be building a new and more secure vestibule for the school office. They will also be reinforcing the central beam in the gymnasium to re-support a gym divider curtain. Plus, there will be more parking lot repairs to come. Please be patient with the construction this summer!

May God guard us in our summer travels and keep us safe from all harm!

Fr. Gordon

The Time Has Come to Say "Auf Wiedersehen" to Fr. Gordon & Fr. Corey! FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Pig Roast | Biergarten | Live music

6-8pm **FREE Pig Roast & Chicken Dinner**
7-8:30pm **Live Music**

**Special Performance
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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Are you interested in Supporting Catholic Education for the Students at St. Thomas Aquinas School?

If so, please consider signing up for Raise Right—Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP) to help families save money on their school tuition.

What is this? Your regular spending on groceries (Meijer), gas (Speedway), coffee (Biggby), home improvement (Home Depot), clothing (Macy's), dining



out (Chipotle), travel (VRBO) and 1,000 other merchants can earn families significant credit towards STA tuition.

To do: Create an account on raiseright.com. Pair your bank account or credit card to your account. Insert (1) your organization (St. Thomas Aquinas - East Lansing) (2) your student beneficiary's name, and (3) STA's enrollment code (D7EC5957239) when prompted.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, contact STA parents Pat and Lindsay O'Brien (STATRIP26@gmail.com).



5th Annual Acton Children's Business Fair

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St. John Food Cupboard Needs

Your donations make a real difference in our neighbor's budgets.

This week we are in need of spaghetti, canned fruit and cloth

bags. Cloth bags make transporting the groceries so much easier!

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.

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!

Young Adults

June 17 | 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.



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- Set up for activities and events in the school

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- **Must have a valid driver's license.** Practicing Catholic preferred.
- **Must be able to move and load equipment and supplies** that weigh 50 pounds or more. Must be able to work independently without direct supervision. Must be able to bend, stoop, squat, reach, and climb ladders.

If you are interested, email a resume to ivazquez@elcatholics.org



**VOLUNTEER
THIS SUMMER AT
THE ST. JOHN
FOOD PANTRY**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM 8 TO 11
- FRIDAY MORNINGS (TRANSPORTING ITEMS FROM MEIJER OR THE GREATER LANSING FOOD BANK)

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**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

Our **Freshman Plant Project** is now in its 17th year!

Do you have a spider plant or aloe that is producing “baby plants”? Put those babies in some water and start growing them for the fall.

During Welcome Week, all the plants donated to St. John are given to Freshmen to remind them to “grow in their faith” while on campus, with a sticker on the side that has SJSC Mass times and contact info. Last year we gave away over 600 plants!

If you are interested in participating, please contact Anna (annas@elcatholics.org) about picking up some pots (we appreciate you using ours!).



SUMMER
CAMPUS
MINISTRY

Bible Study

Thursdays @ 6:30pm
in the St. John Newman Lounge



Please join us in praying
for the 4 FOCUS
missionaries that will
arrive in August to help us
increase our presence on
campus: Kobe, Megan,
Caroline, and Jon.

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SAINT FRANCIS
RETREAT CENTER

invites you to join us in celebration of the
Jubilee Year for St. Francis of Assisi

celebrations
include:

10:30 a.m. walking rosary

11:00 a.m. confession

noon mass

(including praying for the intentions of the pope)

followed by:

adoration of the

blessed sacrament &

veneration of relics of

the true cross & st. francis

PILGRIMAGE DATES:

JULY 16TH

AUGUST 25TH

OCTOBER 3RD

NOVEMBER 11TH



boxed lunches are available for purchase via pre-ordering for those wishing to picnic after mass - or you may bring your own lunch



rsvp here or visit stfrancis.ws/jubilee

Pope Leo XIV has granted the opportunity to obtain a Plenary Indulgence under the ordinary conditions of Sacramental Confession, Communion, and offering prayers for the Pope's Intentions, for those who make a pilgrimage to any place of worship dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi.

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Heart of Feminine Holiness

The Church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine 'genius' which have appeared in the course of history... and all the fruits of feminine holiness.

Mulieris Dignitatus #31

OCTOBER 10
9am-5pm

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Hannah's House of Lansing is seeking men and women who are passionate about helping pregnant women in crisis.

Hannah's House in Lansing goes far beyond providing homeless, expectant mothers with food and shelter. We provide them an opportunity to gain the emotional, physical, and spiritual strength to raise children in a loving, supportive, and positive way, or to follow an adoption plan if they so choose. Women live free of charge at Hannah's House through pregnancy and up to six months following the birth of their baby. They leave with a promising new life ahead of them.

Your support is needed! 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.

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of Ingham, Eaton & Clinton Counties



Monthly Volunteer Opportunity at Loaves and Fishes Shelter

Loaves and Fishes Shelter in Lansing houses 12 single men and women for up to 30 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 or text or call 517.281.4372.

ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus is "moved with compassion" for the crowd, for they were "like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world. (cf. *Lumen Gentium* 4 & 12)

These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

— Father John Muir

JESUS YOU ARE *the bread* THAT GIVES ME LIFE

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Anointing of the Sick Third Saturday of the Month

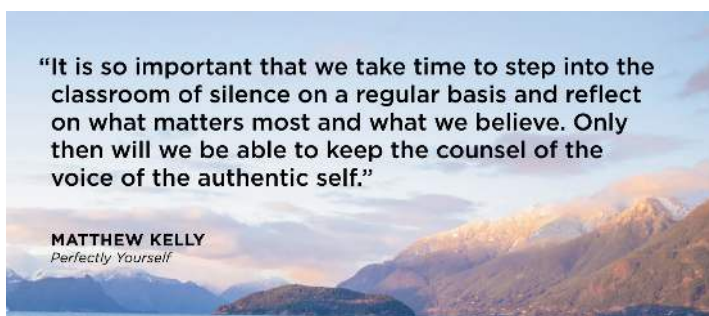
When we are sick or dying we must face the fact of our mortality. In this time of difficulty Jesus does not abandon us. He gave us priests who bring us the graces of the sacrament of the sick, called Anointing of the Sick because the principle sign is anointing with oil consecrated by the bishop.

Every third Saturday of the month, Anointing of the Sick is held **after the 4:30pm Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas**. Anyone who is seriously ill, preparing for surgery or in need of spiritual or emotional healing is welcome to receive this sacrament. Following Vatican II, people can receive this sacrament at will and more than once.

Come and receive spiritual strength, peace and grace.

"It is so important that we take time to step into the classroom of silence on a regular basis and reflect on what matters most and what we believe. Only then will we be able to keep the counsel of the voice of the authentic self."

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OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory 5/31/26

Budget Amount:	\$40,000.00
Actual Amount:	\$ 27,708.82
Matthew 25:	\$ 2,778.74
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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 | June 14 & 21 Manna Community Meal

Manna Community Meals has served the homeless and others in need in the Corktown area of Detroit since 1976. It's mission is to offer sanctuary from the harsh realities of the street and to foster human dignity. They serve approximately 120 guests daily, five days a week. They also offer their guests showering and laundry facilities through their Corner Shower Laundry. Manna Community Meal is affiliated with the Day House Catholic Worker and is co-sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The soup kitchen is co-managed by Fr Tom Lumpkin and Marianne Arbogast.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 15

9:00am (St. Thomas)

*Int. of Fr. Riley O'Shea on the Anniversary of his Ordination
req. by the Parish Family*

5:30pm (St. John)

†Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, June 16

8:15am (St. Thomas)

Int. of Mary Reid req. by Rick & Julie Bryce

Wednesday, June 17

6:30am (St. Thomas)

*Int. of Fr. Corey Bilodeau on the Anniversary of His
Ordination req. by the Parish Family*

5:30pm (St. John)

†Deceased Members of Browne/Sullivan Families

Thursday, June 18

8:15am (St. Thomas)

*Int. of Fr. Gordon Reigle on the Anniversary of his
Ordination req. by the Parish Family*

Friday, June 19

6:30am (St. Thomas)

†Rita Haddad req. by John & Jean Anton

12:15pm (St. John)

*In Thanksgiving to St. Anne for Prayers Answered
req. by Judy Polaskey*

Saturday, June 20

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Joseph Shingola req. by Judy Polaskey

4:30pm (St. Thomas)

†Enrique Javier, Jr. req. by the Javier Family

Sunday, June 21

8:00am (St. John)

People of the Parish

9:00am (St. Thomas)

†Aurora Igtiben req. by April Pohl

10:00am (St. John)

†Polly Brennan req. by Lee and Cindy Lemon

11:00am (St. Thomas)

†Brandon Klein req. by the Family

12:00pm (St. John)

†Barb Vargo req. by the Vellom & Strouse Families

7:00pm (St. John)

†Jason Bryans req. by the Family

CALENDAR

Monday, June 15

10:00am

Quilt Group (STA)

4:00pm

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

Tuesday, June 16

Wednesday, June 17

10:00am

Matter of Balance Class (STA)

4:00pm

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

6:15pm

GSYP (SJSC)

6:30pm

Cub Pack Boy Scouts (STA)

7:00pm

STA St. Vincent de Paul (STA)

Thursday, June 18

10:00am

Painting Class (STA)

6:30pm

Summer Campus Ministry for all College
Students (SJSC)

7:00pm

Boy Scouts Troop 293 Meeting (STA)

Friday, June 19

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

11:00am

Confessions & Adoration (SJSC)

6:00pm

FREE Pig Roast and Concert in the Parking Lot
Side parking lot, near the school play ground (STA)

Saturday, June 20

3:00pm

Confession (STA)

5:30pm

Anointing of the Sick (STA)

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

Special Blessing for all Father at Mass.

*God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all
things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened
as Christian fathers.*



MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Think of countless T-shirts and bumper stickers: "I (big red heart) a city/pet/candidate/whatever." The heart is truly the universal symbol of love. Catholic tradition pictures Jesus' heart as living token of redemptive love.

The devotion's "apostle" was the humble nun Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-90), who envisioned Jesus, pointing to his burning, wounded heart and lamenting the world's indifference: **"Behold the Heart that has loved people so and is loved so little in return!"** This cherished Catholic devotion reminds us that, no matter how sophisticated the theology in our heads, discipleship is also, perhaps more so, a matter of the heart. —Peter Scagnelli

HOLY FAMILY FIRST SATURDAY MEMORIAL AND INTENTIONS

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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	Debrenaker Family	Mary Young-Hee Hoffman	Lloyd Keith Lewis	Scott Family
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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/SJC	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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