

Old St. Patrick
February 6, 2022

Synodum Episcoporum - Synod 2022 - An Invitation to a Conversation

The Holy Father invites the whole Church to listen, discuss, and reflect over 2 years:

"By walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience which processes can help it to live communion, to achieve participation, to open itself to mission"

- Pope Francis

Our Bishop more specifically wants us to hold a conversation with someone away from the Church:

"This is an invitation to LISTEN! We want to be sensitive to wounds, anger, or negative perspectives. We want to listen as Jesus would—open to what the Holy Spirit is revealing in this encounter."

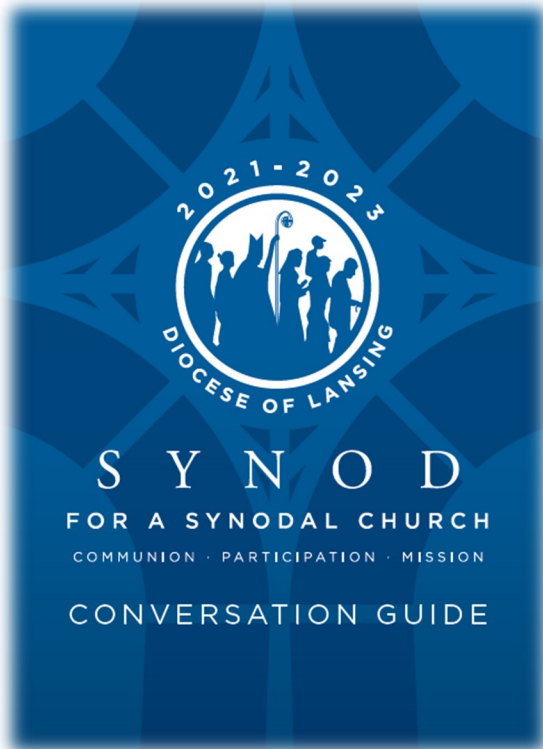
-Bishop Boyea

Give Feedback from your conversation to the Diocese: dioceseoflansing.org/synod Click on "**Synod Individual Conversation Feedback**" and fill out form.

Thank you!

-Fr Tom





WHAT IS A SYNOD?

In May 2021, Pope Francis invited bishops from every diocese in the world to begin a process, called a synod, to spend time with the entire People of God reflecting upon communion, participation, and mission. It will culminate in a meeting of bishops in Rome in 2023.

The term “synod” means to be on the same path with other disciples who follow Jesus Christ, the Way who leads us to abundant life.

“By walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience which processes can help it to live communion, to achieve participation, to open itself to mission,” said the Pope at the launch of the synod process. Thus, the Holy Father wishes us:

- To listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church;
- To listen together to the Word of God in Sacred Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church;
- To listen to one another, and especially to those at the margins, in discerning the signs of the times.

Given this, Bishop Boyea is asking us to have conversations with those in our lives who are struggling with the practice of their Catholic Faith; those who are disconnected or, even, lapsed from the Faith; and those who have never been Catholic. We want to hear what they have to say too. This short guide has been created to assist you with those conversations. Thank you. God bless you.

SYNODAL CONVERSATIONS

What the Synodal process asks:

- To be open to what the Holy Spirit is revealing in this encounter;
- To prayerfully encounter the other person who, sadly, may be living far from the teachings of the Church;
- Dialogue with that person in a way that is cooperative and with the purpose of building relationship and exchanging perspectives;
- Acknowledge with sensitivity any trauma, abuse, or a deep hurt that person has suffered as the result of previous encounters with members of the Church;
- Be patient with that person who may be speaking out of woundedness.

“Humility in listening must correspond to courage in speaking: Everyone has the right to be heard, just as everyone has the right to speak. Synodal dialogue depends on courage both in speaking and in listening. It is not about engaging in a debate to convince others. Rather, it is welcoming what others say as a way by which the Holy Spirit can speak for the good of all (1 Corinthians 12:7)” Section 2.3, Vademecum (Guidebook for the Synod)

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATIONS:

Prior to asking the individual the following questions please note their age, sex, zip code, race or ethnicity, marital status, faith of origin and present faith identity. Suggested conversations then include:

1. How would you describe your present relationship with God?
2. How much of a connection do you presently feel towards the Catholic Church? This could refer to your connection to ordinary Catholics in your life, your local parish, your local diocese, the Universal Church or other Catholic entities.
3. Tell us about a positive experience you've had with the Catholic Church?
4. Tell us about any times when you've had a negative experience with the Catholic Church?
5. Would you say that the Catholic Church helps you or has helped you to understand the Good News of Jesus Christ? If so, in what way?
6. How could the Catholic Church better help you grow closer to Jesus Christ and His Church?
7. Is there anything you would like the bishops of the Church, or other Church leaders, to know about you?
8. Is there anything I didn't ask that you think would be helpful for me to know?

Feel free to ask any further questions that seem necessary or appropriate.

If you are comfortable, close your time of conversation by asking if there is any intention that person would like you to pray for.

ADSUMUS PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong
path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that
we may journey together to eternal life and
not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time, in the
communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit to be prayed
before synod conversations.**



Scan the QR code to upload your conversation
feedback to the diocesan synod portal.

www.dioceseoflansing.org/synod

Old St. Patrick Youth

★ **Come learn about different Religious Orders and Spiritual traditions of the Church.**

This Weekend:

February 6th– Opus Dei– Spirituality talk by Mike and Stephanie Saylor.



Next Weekend:

February 13th– Join us for a zoom call with Brother Nathanael of Jesus OCD a Discalced Carmelite from Holy Hill Monastery in Wisconsin! Brother Nathanael is from Milan, MI and studied with Legionaries of Christ before settling on a Carmelite vocation. He will speak to us on Carmelite spirituality, community life, and the joy of being a Religious!

February 20th– Movie: The Flowers of St. Francis (The Criterion Collection)

February 27th– Dominican Spirituality Dominican Sisters of Mary

March 6th– Talk by Sisters of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity

Help Pack Lunch for Those in Need

Looking for a great way to serve our community? In addition to hot dinners six nights per week, Hope Clinic gives out around 250 sack lunches per week to those need meals. This is a constant need and a great way to feed the hungry in our community. Details can be found at www.tinyurl.com/hopesacklunch. This makes a great small group or family project!



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel Vineyard Weekends are a beautiful opportunity for anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope and love. Our next retreat in the Ann Arbor area will be March 25-27th. Contact Beth Bauer call/text (734) 879-0427 email:

toheal4give@outlook.com



MASS INTENTIONS

- TUE 7:00** Anne Deemer
- WED 8:15** Kely Franzonello
- THU 8:30** Barbara Papp
- FRI 8:15** Sandra Glassford †
- SAT 4:00** The Sick of the Parish
- SUN 8:00** Parishioners
- 10:30** Married Couples
- 12:30** Elsie Freije †

• **Please pray for those in need, including:**
 Patricia Fuller, John LaRock Sr., Phil Rutledge, Sandra Adams, Pete Siebertz, Jim Stephensen, Mason Rutledge, Ron Fuller, Wayne DeForest, Ann Mary "Nancy" Phillips, Katie Hutton, Betsy & Charlie Rodgers, Pam Wiitala, Emma Thompson, Bryan Eaton, Phillip Campbell Sr., Magdalene Trabanino, Clara Peterson, Teri Kuzniar, John LaRock

TO PRAY IS TO LOVE

Jr., Glenn Klecker, Alice Walsh, Henrik Wayne Sidwell, Ginny Kolander, Carla Pariseau, Yvonne Wardle, Laurine Meeker, George Roth, Nicole Brcic, Helen Petrie, Alexander Wardle, Pat Krzesowik, Melissa Godfrey

• **Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

• **Please pray for those in the military, including:**
 Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Mike Porter, Chas Carter

ST. PATRICK PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 6

8am Mass
 9:00 Fish Fry Leaders Meeting
 9:15 Religious Education
 10:30 Mass
 Donut Sunday 10:30 Mass Only
 6:30 Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, February 9

8:15 Mass
THURSDAY, February 10
 8:30 Mass
 6:30 American Heritage Girls
 7:00 Choir Practice
 7:00 Pro-Life Committee Meeting

MONDAY, February 7

7:00 RCIA Meeting

TUESDAY, February 8

5:30 Confessions & 7:00 Mass

FRIDAY, February 11

8:15 Mass
 6:00 Married Couples Night

OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH DIRECTORY

Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM
 Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; Don't hesitate to call for an appointment!

Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass

Saturday 4:00PM
 Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

TLM Latin Mass

2nd Sunday of Month 12:30pm

Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass

Tuesday 7:00PM
 Wed. & Fri. 8:15AM School Year, 8:30AM Summer
 Thur. 8:30AM
 First Saturdays 9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:45PM
 First Friday 7:00PM - Saturday 8:45AM

Baptisms

Contact Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email fjppapp@umich.edu to arrange a preparation class and Baptism date.

Marriages

Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

Funerals

Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

Parish Registration

Contact the office for a registration form.

Office hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Office: 734-662-8141

Emergency: 734-663-1851

Address: 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd, Ann Arbor, 48105

Website: www.stpatricka2.org

E-mail: info@stpatricka2.org

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RCIA

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Facilities and Maintenance Manager

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Knights of Columbus Council 10963

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Ladies of St. Brigid of Ireland

Marti Willacker, mwillacker@yahoo.com

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Prayer Requests

ospintentions@gmail.com

Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing to bulletin@stpatricka2.org by Monday at noon and will be edited at the discretion of the editor and/or pastor.

What is the Snowman's favorite food?



Brrrr - itos!

What two letters of the alphabet do snowmen prefer?

I-C!

How do snowmen greet each other?

Ice to meet you!

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY 4:00/Feb 12

J. Hiester

SUNDAY 8:00/Feb 13

A. Hehmann

SUNDAY 10:30/Feb 13

J. Wild
 C. Wild
 S. Wild
 A. Barrantes



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

February News

Parishioners were generous with donations during our Choose Life Candle distribution in January. We were able to send a \$400 gift to aid in the pro-life work of Guadalupe Partners.

A big thanks goes to Gerry Wierzgac, wife of our Program Director Gene. She created a beautiful new Council display board for the glass case just inside the door of the parish hall.

Boys and girls of the parish (ages 9 through 14) are invited to the Knights Free Throw Championship on February 19 at St. Joseph church in Howell. Our Council contest starts at 11:00 and District competition at noon. Call Matt Wierzgac at 734-323-5888 for details.

Two Council members have volunteered to take on new responsibilities to help us thrive. Vince Brighton is our new Family Director and Cole

Van Camp is our new Community Director. Thanks brothers Vince and Cole!

Everyone is invited to watch an excellent documentary produced by the Knights "St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father". Click on the banner at the top at www.kofc.org.

Stay on top of KofC activities and info around the State. On Facebook, search for and follow: @michigankofc

Become a Knight Today. You can be part of changing lives and saving lives by joining us. Go to www.kofc.org/joinus and become a Knight today. Online membership is free if you use promo code MICGIVNEY2020. After joining us Online, OSP Council 10963 will contact you so you can transfer into our Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Willacker at 810-991-1331 or swillacker@coveniro.com

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Pray for the repose of the souls of: **Gary Wiseman** (Father of Don Wiseman), and **Rose Wenderski** (Mother of Robert Wenderski). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

OSP Married Couples Night

On the second Friday of each month, we meet for a fun night of fellowship, prayer, teaching and dinner. Bring your kids to a holy half hour at 6pm in the church, after we will meet in the parish hall for dinner. Our next night is: Friday, February 11th, 5:45-8:45pm. Babysitting will be provided (with a \$5 donation requested).

For more details and to RSVP contact Meredith Tyler at meredithdunlevy@gmail.com

Pro-Life Committee Meeting

Join us for the next meeting of the Pro-Life Committee on Feb. 10th, 2022 at 7pm, downstairs in the parish hall. OSP's Pro Life Committee is a group of creative parishioners who support and promote Pro Life activities at the parish. Our next project will involve a contest for a friendly Pro Life Billboard that can be displayed on our sign post in the cemetery to drivers on US 23. If you're an artist or interested in working on Pro Life projects get involved! For more information contact Eric Strauss at strausshaus@chartermi.net

Last Year's Palms



Do you have palms from last year? If so, please consider bringing them in so we can burn them to use on Ash Wednesday. Please place the palms in the basket in the back of church.

My House Livingston Group

We are a Catholic men's group, meeting at OSP, serving men who keep repeating, repenting, then repeating over and over sexual activities which go against their desire to act with moral integrity. We are for men looking to walk in freedom from pornography and sexual addiction. Please contact Rob at rcarpenter125@yahoo.com



Job Opening

St. Joseph Parish, Dexter is seeking a new Finance Manager. This position is full time with benefits. Responsibilities include managing payroll, bill payment, personnel files, Festival/Silent Auction committee staff liaison, attending staff meetings, and contributing to the good of St. Joseph Parish as an invested parish staff team member. Salary commensurate with experience. Background in accounting, finance, and computer software essential. For more information or to apply, please contact Fr. Brendan Walsh at Brendan_walsh@stjos.com or St. Joseph Parish, 3430 Dover St. Dexter, MI 48130.

Catholic Young Adult Singles Trivia Night with a Twist

Feb. 18, Friday at 6:30pm

Holy Family church in Novi

Food & Drinks provided

\$5 at the door.

RSVP with Name, Email & Age

To email hncyagroup@gmail.com or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lets-get-trivial-catholic-young-adult-singles-trivia-night-with-a-twist-tickets-254619201887>

Do you have a Facebook account?



If so check out the **Old St. Patrick Catholic Church** page. It is updated often with events, pictures, and parish information!



If you or anyone you know has been the victim of child sexual abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, contact appropriate law enforcement. You may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. We will listen to your needs and support you. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing.

Diocese of Lansing Victim Assistance Coordinator
Cheryl Williams-Hecksel, LMSW
1-888-308-6252, or via email: cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org

Holy Family

February Devotion



February is a time of transition from Christmas celebrations to the fasting of Lent, between Jesus' birth and his public ministry. The time that He would have spent growing up in the Holy Family. Our picture for the month is by Catholic artist Jason Janicke, from Northern Kentucky. Jason's art is inspired by prayer and God's creation, with a special focus on the human person as the core of his work. His art has been featured in churches and private collections. He is married to Jennifer, and they have three children.

Disciples Together on the Way

This year, join Bishop Boyea as Disciples Together on the Way! Each week, the bishop will text or e-mail you a specific challenge focusing on a particular habit of authentic Christian discipleship. To join text **ONTHEWAY** to **84576** or register at dioceseoflansing.org/on-the-way



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TOGETHER ON THE WAY
WITH BISHOP BOYEA

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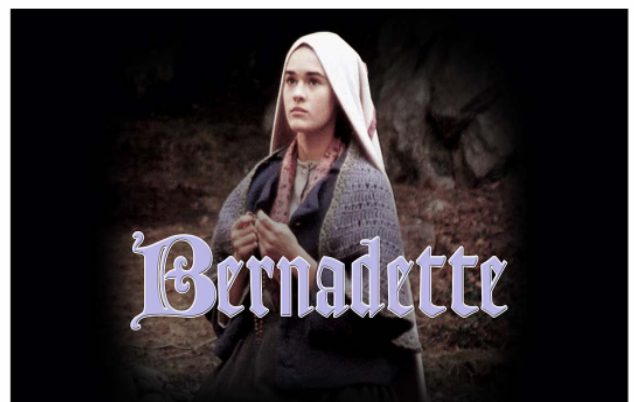
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



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