

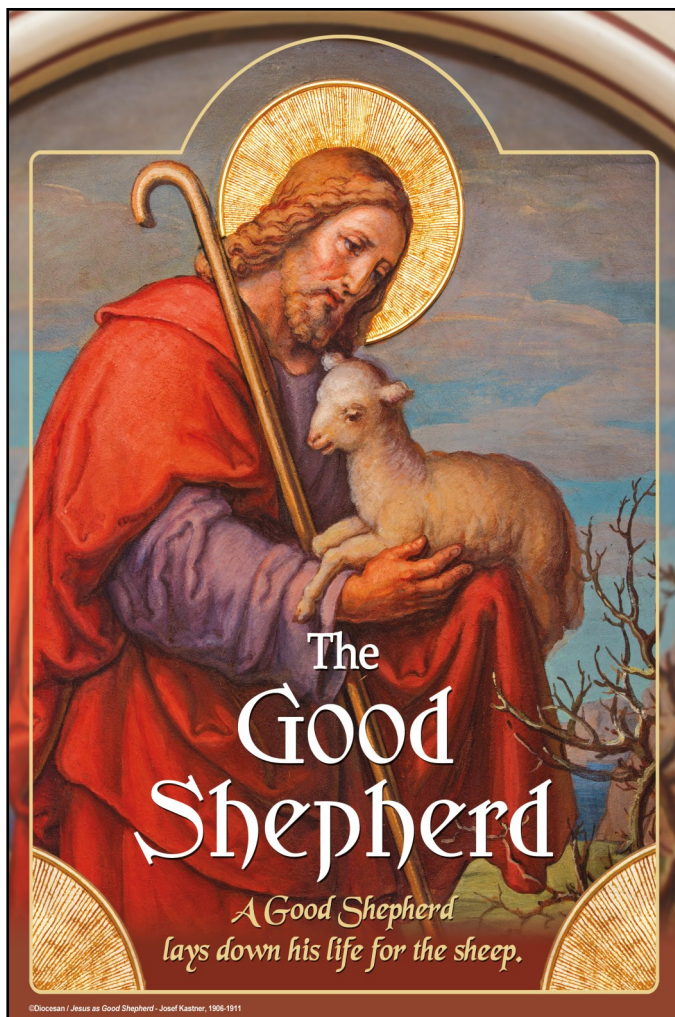
Our Lady of Fatima Parish

913 Napoleon Road
Michigan Center, Michigan 49254

Parish Website:
www.fatimaparish.net

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Amal Rayapillai, SdC, Pastor



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"Called by the Spirit, Our Lady of Fatima is a loving, caring, sharing, Christian community of the followers of Jesus Christ, practicing discipleship and ministry according to the Good News."

Parish Office 764-2088

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30 p.m. - Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass: Tue, Thurs & Fri 8:30 a.m., Wed 6:00 p.m.

Holy Days: Please see bulletin.

Confessions Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00p.m.

Wednesday 5:00-5:45p.m.

Adoration Wed 5:00-6:00 p.m., Fri 9:00-10:00 a.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome! All parishioners should be registered in the Parish. Registration is important for the better care of souls, for the administration of the Sacraments, for sick calls and for administration of the Parish. Registration packets can be found on the Welcome Table in the narthex.

All registered parishioners can receive Offertory Envelopes monthly by mail or give online. Only donations received in an offertory envelope or online will be recorded for tax purposes. The obligation to support the Parish rests on all parishioners.

Parishioners are urged to affiliate themselves with Parish activities and societies.

Those who change address or leave the Parish should notify the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

In an effort to strengthen married life, the Diocese of Lansing has adopted a policy for wedding preparation to begin at the time of engagement. Please contact the Parish Office soon after engagement.

Baptism:

Parents are required to be practicing Catholics and registered members of the parish. Baptism Prep classes are also required.

Ministry To The Sick and Homebound:

If you or a member of your family are hospitalized, homebound or convalescing and wish to be seen by a priest or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday 12 Noon.

Download our app at myparishapp.com

Follow us on Facebook

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning
In Memory of Leroy & Lois May
Offered by The Aiuto Family**



FROM FR. AMAL

***"My sheep hear my voice; I know them,
and they follow me."***

Since 1963, the Church Universal has used this Good Shepherd Sunday to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest." Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He left the paradise of Heaven to seek out and save us who are lost sheep, who have mired ourselves in our sins. The entire Season of Easter is about celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death. But on this Fourth Sunday of Easter in particular, we reflect on what this means for you and me on a daily basis.

In today's second reading, from the Book of Revelation, we hear St. John the Evangelist describe his vision. He points out that "the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water." In fact, three times in today's second reading — and forty times in the entire Book of Revelation — the word *lamb* is used by St. John. But in this sentence from today's second reading, he uses this word in an unusual way. This "lamb" is also a "shepherd": "the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water."

This "lamb," of course, is the Risen Jesus. This lamb is our Good Shepherd, the God who chose not only to become man, but also to offer His Body and Blood along with His soul and divinity on the Cross for you. This crucified and risen God-man is a sheep like you, but also your divine shepherd. Here is the source from which we must draw the strength to live the Christian life of self-sacrifice. That strength is our Good Shepherd, who became the Lamb of God to take away your sins, and who calls you to the fullness of His Supper.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, never leaves his Church unattended. He uses the voices of people in the family of faith to be his voice today, to share the great promise that makes all the difference in our lives. In a particular way, he uses the voices of priests, religious women and men, and deacons to care for those who belong to his flock.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has declared this Good Shepherd Sunday to be a World Day of Prayer for Vocations — for all vocations in the Church, but in a particular way for vocations to the ordained ministry of priesthood and diaconate and to the consecrated life of religious women and men. We also reflect on our responsibility — a responsibility that belongs to each and every member of the Church — to foster vocations. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that many will be inspired to show true love, to the point of sacrificing many other attractive options to become priests of Jesus, to follow him in religious life.

Happy Mother's Day

Fr. Amal sdc

Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering

May 4, 2025

Sunday, April 27th..... \$10,227.00
(\$7,058.00 envelopes / \$2,797.00 online / \$372.00 loose)

Envelope count was 89 out of 349 parishioners who receive envelopes. Online givers was 40.

Other collections

Capital Improvement.....	\$ 700.00
Altar Flowers.....	\$ 243.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$ 30.00
DSA (104% of \$48,468 goal).....	\$ 50,889.00

Online Giving
is simple and easy!

SIGN UP TODAY!
www.fatimaparish.net

MASS SCHEDULE / CHURCH CALENDAR**Saturday, May 10th**

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm + Charlie Plaga (family)

Sunday, May 11th

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am + Jean Denney (Members of Fatima's SVDP)

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 13th—Feast Day Celebration

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm + Charlene Podgorniak (family)

Wednesday, May 14th

5:00-6:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Special Intention (Bernie Czubko)

Thursday, May 15th

8:30 am + The deceased members of Jill Johnson's family

Friday, May 16th

8:30 am + Carmelyn Loveland (family)

9:00-10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, May 17th

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm + Dick Haines—Ist Ann. (family)

Sunday, May 18th

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am + Carlton Maino (family)



The SANCTUARY CANDLE can burn in memory of your loved one or for your intentions.

Please call the parish office to schedule.

Suggested donation is \$20

PRAYERS NEEDED

Chris Allen	Mark & Pauline	Landen Silveus
Rebecca Bahlau	LaRocque	Bob Smith
Janet Beilfuss	Ava Lindsay	Virginia Smith
Janet Best	Anna Loegering	Ray & Maria Sowa
Darren Blodgett	Jim Margul	Pat Swain
Howard Blodgett	Ronald May	Dan Stanton
Amy Brown	Pat McGaskey	Carol Stygles
Nancy Buchin	Ken & Connie Michaud	Terry Stygles
Gert Burzynski	Hai Najor	Pat Tavalsky
Greg Cagney, Sr	Gertrude Nelson	Pam Towler
Jo Corder	Therri Oberdick	Bill Turner
Rodney Cropsey	Josh & Jessica Osley	Tom Turner
Lance Cunningham	Chelsea Parrish	Pat Tuthill
Ruth Daley	Frankie Parzych	Teresa Ward
Dale Fisher	Anne Pelton	Bill & Dolores Walsh
Jerry Havens	Fr Bob Pienta	Elise Walter
Naomi Hill	Debbie Poole	Bill & Nancy White
Louann Holt	Dave Romberger	MaryAnn Wilson
Howard Kaak	Harriet & Alex Robb	Bob Wolfe
Geri King	Brad Schleicher	Rosa Wright
Jerry Kulpinski	Karen Schwartz	Chris Zemer
Dave Laughlin	Joseph Siller	Don Zenisek

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Need Assistance? Let us help! Call 764-4180

MAY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Pancake Syrup (12oz bottle), Peanut Butter (18oz jar)
Canned Chicken

(Please note the sizes requested)

New members are always needed and welcomed!

Please call the parish office 517-764-2088 if you would like more information or have questions!

Our meeting are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:05am (immediately after the 8am Mass) in the conference room off the hall.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP
JUNE 13, 2025**

Do you have questions about faith, or about Jesus, or about the Catholic Church?

Please sign up for Theology on Tap at the Clark Lake Golf Course, Friday June 13 from 5:30-7:30 PM. We'll have a panel of

priests, good snacks, and a full menu and bar from which you can order! Space is limited, so please use the QR code to register today! If you have questions, please reach out to Dcn. Todd at 734.604.6907 or at todd.dahlberg@outlook.com.

Hope to see you there!

K of C NEWS

All men of the parish 18 years of age or older who are interested in becoming a Knight or information about the Knights should contact:

Jim Miller 734-718-8563 or
GK6687@MIKofC.org

K of C Breakfast TODAY
Happy Mother's Day!
Please join us!

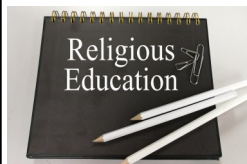
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

MAY

11th—NO Class, Happy Mother's Day!

18th—End of Year Celebration



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SURVEY

After much prayerful consideration we have decided to change our Religious Education Program. To be able to serve your family's needs better we ask that you take this short survey.

<https://forms.gle/wfgB9dJThVDSE9a26>

Please complete the survey by May 15th, 2025

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

St. John's Cemetery

Monday, May 26th

9:00 am

Please bring a lawn chair for seating. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Please join the

Jackson Assembly #2186 of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in commemorating and honoring the Nation's War dead on Memorial Day May 26th immediately following the Mass at St John Cemetery at the Fallen Soldier Monument. There will be a special ceremony honoring those lost in World War !! on the 80th Anniversary of the end of the Wars in Europe and Japan and those lost in the Viet Nam War on the 50th Anniversary of the end of that War in Southeast Asia. We invite all, especially our Veterans, to come to the Cemetery on Memorial Day to honor America's fallen heroes.

PARISH LIFE APOSTOLATE

BIRTHLINE DRIVE

begins this weekend!

A pack-n-play will be placed in the narthex to put the requested baby items in:

Diapers sizes 4-6 (open pkg ok)	Swaddle
Formula: Parent's Choice	Sleep Sacks
New baby clothes (18mos-3T)	Sheets for Crib
Bibs	Baby Towels/Wash Clothes
Onesies	Receiving Blankets
Hats	Baby Shampoo/Wash/Lotion
Socks	Nail Clippers
Jackets	Baby Wipes
Pajamas	NO baby powder
Shoes (sizes 0-8)	Safety Outlet Plug Covers
High Chair	Dishes (fork/spoons)
Bassinet	Baby Monitor
Seeing	Diaper Bag
Car Seat (2016 or newer)	Modern books on pregnancy
Potty Seat	Modern books on child rearing
Stroller,	Children's Books (infant to toddler)
Changing Table	NO Knitted or Crocheted items
Baby Sling	

Volunteers for all types of jobs. Financial Support one time or cans provided. Checks: to Birthline of Jackson.



ALASKA—Cruise & Land Tour
or &7500.00 cash

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100

Proceeds directly benefit the Intellectually Developmentally Disabled Residents of St. Louis Center, a registered 501 © 3 non-profit corporation.

Drawing date: June 23, 2025

Scan the QR code with the camera app on your smartphone or tablet to purchase your ticket today!

For more information call

St. Louis Center (734) 475-8430 or go to
www.stlouiscenter.org



COMMENTATORS, LECTORS, &
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!!

WE ARE IN **DESPERATE** NEED OF PEOPLE TO COMMENTATE, LECTOR AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AT THE 4:30PM AND 10:30AM MASS!

TRAINING PROVIDED!!

IF INTERESTED PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE!

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S

FEAST DAY Celebration

MAY 13, 2025

5:30 pm
Rosary and Procession

6:00 pm
Mass presided by **Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, SdC**
(Superior of the Servants of Charity and CEO of St. Louis Center)

Dinner will follow in Fr. Dunne Hall

RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday, May 5th

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KNIGHTS WARM UP Project



THE KNIGHTS ARE ORGANIZING A SPRING-FALL PROJECT TO ENSURE FAMILIES IN THE GREATER JACKSON AREA STAY WARM THIS FALL AND WINTER!

WHEN: WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS STARTING THIS SPRING AND AGAIN IN THE EARLY FALL.

► DONATION IDEAS:

Coats	Gloves	Scarves	Sweatshirts
Vests	Mittens	Socks	Hats
Boots	Hoodies	Sweaters	



► WHERE:
DROP OFF DONATIONS AT YOUR PARISH

Box will be located near the SVDP food baskets.



Not receiving our monthly newsletter via email?
Go to our website and sign up or call the parish office!
We also have copies on our
Welcome Table in the narthex!

Please join
**Jackson Right to Life/Sidewalk
Partners for Life**

in a

joyful prayer service and celebration of the
closing of Planned Parenthood in Jackson!



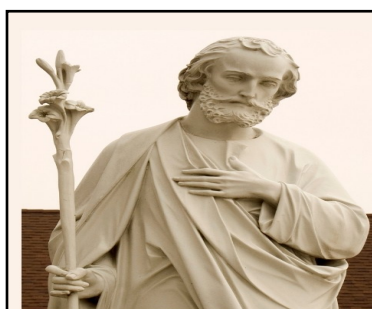
Fr. Tim MacDonald and Fr. Tim Nelson will lead our prayer service in praising and thanking God for this blessing, as well as continued prayer for all pregnant mothers facing unplanned pregnancies needing support, hope and love.

We will gather in front of Planned Parenthood, **Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 3 pm.** Light refreshments to follow.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE—SENIORS GROUP

Thursdays, 9 - 11 am in the new St. Clare Room.
(next to the food pantry)

You are welcome to stay as long as you want to meet with other seniors of the parish and together cultivate a deeper relationship with Jesus, play card games, do puzzles, start a book club or simply visit.



**Fatima Men's
Prayer Group**

Join us— May 24th!

**9:00 am - 10:00 am
in the
Parish Office**

**FATIMA
WOMEN'S
PRAYER
GROUP**

Join us!
May 24th

4th Saturdays of the Month
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
in the Library

Marriage and the Blended Family Retreat
St. John the Evangelist, Jackson ~ May 23-24, 2025

Engaged and married couples preparing for a blended family or who have already blended their families are invited to the Marriage and the Blended Family Retreat at St. John the Evangelist in Jackson, May 23-24. This retreat, based on the Smart Stepfamilies program by Ron L. Deal, addresses the unique challenges of stepfamily life—co-parenting, step-parenting, loss, finances, and more—while providing practical tools for success. Led by experienced facilitators who have navigated their own blended family journeys, this retreat offers a supportive space to learn, share, and grow together.

Visit dioceseoflansing.org/blendedfamilies to view more information and register.



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