

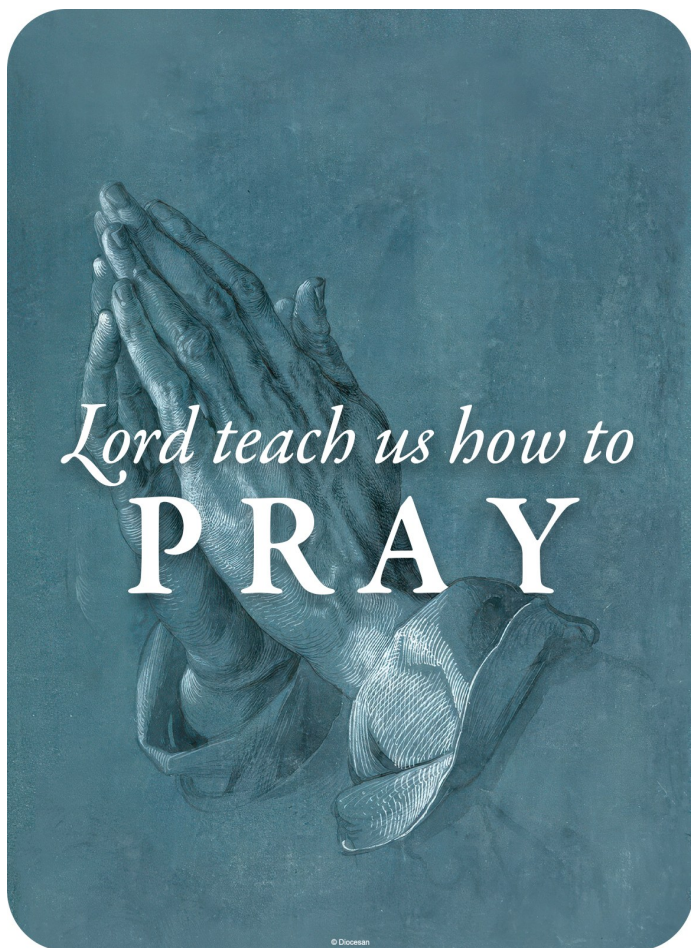
Our Lady of Fatima Parish

913 Napoleon Road
Michigan Center, Michigan 49254

Parish Website:
www.fatimaparish.net

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

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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."

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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 as soon as you are engaged.

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

Lucille Wrozek

Offered by family



FROM FR. AMAL

**“For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”**

The liturgy this weekend provides us with guidance on what to pray for and how to pray. Many of us have likely struggled to understand the ways God answers prayer. We have asked for something – healing for a loved one, freedom from a particular vice, or maybe clarity in discernment – and perhaps God’s answer seemed to be no ... or even worse, nothing. This is a common experience, and the good news today is that our Sacred Scriptures show us that this is a deep human experience throughout all of time.

In the Old Testament, we repeatedly see how God’s people fall short and even complain against God, yet God remains faithful; He responds to our cries when we turn back to Him and seek Him. Abraham intercedes again and again on behalf of the innocent, and God replies with mercy every time.

“Prayer doesn’t change God; it changes me.”

A colleague asked C.S. Lewis if he really thought he could change God with his prayer for the cure of his wife’s cancer. Lewis replied: *“Prayer doesn’t change God; it changes me.”* William McGill summed it up this way. *“The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us but that we will finally hear God.”* Keep in mind that Jesus has taught us to address God as *Our Father*. A loving Father listens to his child, but does not blindly endorse every request. Instead, the loving Father provides what is needed, including discipline. Venerable Servant of God Bishop Fulton J. Sheen has this comment on prayer: *“The man who thinks only of himself says prayers of petition. He who thinks of his neighbor says prayers of intercession. He who thinks only of loving and serving God says prayers of abandonment to God’s will, and that is the prayer of the saints.”* To pray is not to impose our will on God but to ask God to make us open to His will; in other words, we pray not to change God’s mind but for God to change ours.

Through the Our Father, Jesus is giving us a new vision of human relationships: that we all, irrespective of our color, creed, or social background, are the children of God and thereby brothers and sisters. When we love each other and forgive each other’s failings, God also will love us and forgive us. Like Abraham, we are encouraged to intercede for others, persistently asking God for what is good and, even if we do not understand why things happen the way they do. Like the disciples in the Gospel, we are taught to pray with confidence, knowing that our Father will give us what we need especially the gift of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to live as faithful children of God.

“When life gets to be more than you can stand... KNEEL”

Fr. Amal sdc

Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering

Sunday, July 20..... \$7,532.74
(\$4,219.74 envelopes / \$2,490.00 online / \$823.00 loose)

Envelope count was 86 out of 349 parishioners who receive envelopes. Online givers was 37.

Other collections

Capital Improvement	\$ 65.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 105.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 60.00
Mission Appeal	\$ 4,825.16

Online Giving
is simple and easy!

SIGN UP TODAY!
www.fatimaparish.net

Need help getting set up with online giving?
Call the Parish Office and speak with Ann.

MASS SCHEDULE / CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, July 26th

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm + Deceased members of the Koziol family (family)

Sunday, July 27th

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am + Deceased members of the Marvin & Jurewicz Families (family)

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 29th

8:30 am + Charlie Ridenour (Kaye)

Wednesday, July 30th

5:00-6:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm + Mr. Piergiorgio de Nard

Thursday, July 31st

8:30 am + Kellie Bell (family)

Friday, August 1st

8:30 am + Darrell Whitaker (Bill & Dolores Walsh)

9am-10am Adoration

Saturday, August 2nd

8:30 am + Fr. Mike Petrowski

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm + Lillian & Sharon Braun (family)

Sunday, August 3rd

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am + Bud Wright (family)

PRAYERS NEEDED

Rebecca Bahlau	Ava Lindsay	Josephine Smith
Janet Beilfuss	Anna Loegering	Virginia Smith
Darren Blodgett	Jim Margul	Ray & Maria Sowa
Howard Blodgett	Pat McGaskey	Dan Stanton
Amy Brown	Ken & Connie Michaud	Carol Stygles
Nancy Buchin	Jackie Miller	Terry Stygles
Gert Burzynski	Hai Najor	Pam Towler
Greg Cagney, Sr	Gertrude Nelson	Bill Turner
Rodney Cropsey	Wendy (Schweda)	Tom Turner
Lance Cunningham	Oakley	Pat Tuthill
Ruth Daley	Therri Oberdick	Bill & Dolores Walsh
Chet Eicher	Chelsea Parrish	Elise Walter
Jerry Havens	Frankie Parzych	Theresa Ward
Naomi Hill	Anne Pelton	Bill & Nancy White
Louann Holt	Fr Bob Pienta	Bob Wolfe
Howard Kaak	Debbie Poole	Rosa Wright
Geri King	Harriet & Alex Robb	Chris Zemer
Jerry Kulpinski	Joseph Siller	Don Zenisek
Dave Laughlin	Karen Schwartz	

PARISH LIFE APOSTOLATE

The RUMMAGE SALE is quickly approaching!



Thursday, August 7th ~ 9-5pm
Friday, August 8th ~ 9-5pm
Saturday, August 9th ~ 9-1pm

DROP-OFF DATES: Friday, August 1st ~ 3-7pm
Saturday, August 2nd ~ 9-1pm
Sunday, August 3rd ~ 9-1pm

WE NEED HELPERS TO PUT THIS SALE ON!
If you can spare some time, please sign-up on the sheets in the narthex.

Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FATIMA**August**

1st Rummage Sale Drop off 3-7pm
2nd Rummage Sale Drop off 9am-1pm
3rd Rummage Sale Drop off 9am-1pm
5th K of C Meeting
7th-9th Rummage sale
10th K of C Breakfast
13th Prayer Service
15th Holy Day of Obligation Masses 8:30am & 6:00pm
19th Parish Council mtg 7pm
21st Finance Council mtg 7pm

September

2nd K of C Meeting
7th Parish Picnic, 11am to 3 pm
14th K of C Breakfast

October

7th K of C Meeting
12th K of C Breakfast
18th Craft show
19th Confirmation Mass, 2 pm
21st Parish Corporate Mtg 2:50 pm
26th Trunk or treat

November

1st K of C Drawdown
4th K of C Meeting
9th K of C Breakfast
18th Parish Council mtg 7pm
20th Finance Council mtg 7pm

December

2nd K of C Meeting
8th Holy Day of Obligation Masses 8:30am & 6:00pm
13th Christmas Caroling 1 pm
14th K of C Breakfast
24th Christmas Eve Masses 4:30pm & Midnight
25th Christmas Day Mass 9:00am

PILGRIMS OF HOPE—SENIORS GROUP

Thursdays, 9 - 11am 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Need Assistance? Let us help! Call 764-4180
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JULY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Peanut Butter, Applesauce, Canned Chicken Broth
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New members are always needed and welcomed!
Please call the parish office 517-764-2088 if you would like more information or have questions!



Thank you to those who have turned in their survey! If you still have not please take a few moments and do so.

Thank you for being an active part of our parish family!

First Saturday Celebration

Join Us - next Saturday, August 2nd



**8:30 am Mass
followed by**



Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions



STEWARDSHIP for SAINTS & SCHOLARS

*The campaign for Catholic education
in the Diocese of Lansing*

As you may have heard, Our Lady of Fatima will soon participate in the **Stewardship for Saints and Scholars Campaign**. This exciting effort is the result of many months of prayer and preparation following a successful planning study that concluded in spring 2023. All 70 churches in our diocese will take part in this historic campaign, designed to benefit Catholics diocesan-wide.

The focus of the campaign will be to strengthen our schools, faith formation programs and our parishes. Detailed information about campaign priorities and initiatives will be sent to every registered household in the months ahead.

Our parish is participating in one of three waves of the campaign, which we plan to formally announce later as the time draws nearer. **We need many volunteers to assist our parish for this campaign to be successful.** If you are interested in volunteering and helping our parish with this extraordinary project, please contact Father Amal or Linda Weber at the parish office and we can provide you with additional details.



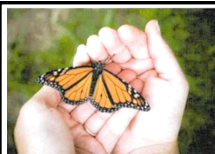
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Life Chain '25 in Jackson, MI

Sunday, October 5th ~ 2:30-3:30pm

After Life Chain we will have an event to observe 50 YEARS of faithful work by Jackson Right to Life, and more importantly, God's faithfulness in providing so many blessings amidst of great challenges and persecutions.

More info to follow.....



A.D.A.M. Memorial Butterfly Release

August 21, 2025

5:30—7:00pm

St. Rita's Catholic Church

Deadline: must Register by August 17th

Register: 517-782-2551 or

lveenstra@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org

FREE EVENT—a hot dog dinner with sides will be provided, along with a butterfly to release.

Grief Support provided through



A program of



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 Daley 734-904-9525 or
GK6687@MIKofC.org

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**25th Knights Family Night
To Celebrate Vocations!**

Friday, August 1st @ 7:05pm

Tickets: \$14

Tickets on sale now!

**Contact Knight Gerald Brown to
Order your tickets!**

Come early (5pm) for fun!



**October 11
9am-5pm**

**Lansing Center
Lansing, MI**

**Registration forms in
narthex**



**Michigan Catholic
Women's Conference**

Register: www.michigancwc.org



**JACKSON
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**July 2025
50/50 Raffle Winners**

0183 The Leo Renne Family

0317 Joan McCluskey

Jackson Young Adults
TIM 4:12
July Events

Thursday, July 24th
Board Game Night!
7-9 PM
 at Queen of the Miraculous Medal
 in Seton Hall

Thursday, July 31st
Holy Hour & Bonfire
7-9 PM
 at St. Rita's, bring a chair or blanket!

Join our
 GroupMe by
 scanning the
 QR code!



JULY 27TH
SWINGIN' SUNDAYS

Bring a
 Friend!

@Our Lady of
 Fatima, Old Gym.
 Refreshments will
 be provided.

6pm-
 8pm

HOSTED BY TIM 4:12

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN

BIBLE FOUNDATIONS



Mondays 7-9 pm
St. John the Evangelist
Jackson
starting September 15th
classes also offered fully online

get the **real** story
 from **real** teachers
 with **real** people

Learn More at an Info Night
 Sun, Aug 24, 8-9pm (Online)
 Mon, Aug 25, 7pm (St. John) | Tue, Sep 2, 8-9pm (Online)
web: cbsmich.org | call/text: 586-438-3085



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 Daily messages, prayers, and much more!
 Need help? Call the parish Office 764-2088



Download our **Parish App** now!
 Search your phone's app store for **myparish**
 Stay connected w/ our parish with instant notifications,
 prayers, daily mass readings, calendar and much more!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the volunteers who gave our kitchen a much needed cleaning last week! It takes many people to keep our building up to par....and we are so grateful for those who step up and take on big projects!

May God bless you all!

