

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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**Jesus said
to his disciples:**

**“I have come to
set the earth on fire,
and how I wish
it were already
blazing!”**

Luke 12:49

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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

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.”

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning
in memory of
Joe Oleksy, Jr
Offered by Nancy Jo**



FROM FR. AMAL

“Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us”

We are to courageously live out our religious convictions and principles in our lives, as Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus did, even if doing so should result in our martyrdom and turn society upside down. If no one is ever offended by the quality of our commitment to Christ, that commitment may not be authentic, and if our individual and communal living of the Good News casts no fire and causes no division, then perhaps we are practicing “inoffensive Christianity.”

When we live out our faith, we might run against the values of society, and this can lead to problems. This is very clear in the first reading when Jeremiah is lowered into a cistern full of mud – possibly to die of hunger – because the message he brings the people of Israel from God is “weakening the resolve” of the soldiers and the people. He is not telling them what the princes of Israel want them to hear, so the princes try to have him killed. In the end, it is a court official, a man of integrity and honesty, who pleads for Jeremiah’s release, and he was drawn out of the cistern before he should die.

In the Gospel, Jesus explicitly says that he has come to bring about division – not always political, but often much deeper and more difficult: a division among family members. In striving to carry out the teachings of Jesus, we may be called to behave in ways that conflict with the understanding of the people we love or of society. As we know, Jesus was often in conflict with the Pharisees because he placed love and care for people over the sabbath law. He warns us that as we follow him and put his teachings at the center of our lives, we may also come into conflict and face division.

How do we best navigate this joyous path of discipleship when it brings conflict and division? The second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews offers us insight and hope, saying, *Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us.*

This great cloud of witnesses is the saints, our brothers and sisters in faith who have shown by their example that the gift of faith can withstand the tumult and difficulties of this life. We can also add to our cloud of witnesses the people we loved who have gone before us. Their encouragement, in addition to the graces we receive in the sacraments, strengthens us for the journey.

The way we live is often more convincing than the words we say

Fr. Amal

Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering

Sunday, August 10..... \$9,649.00
(\$6,044.00 envelopes / \$2,835.00 online / \$770.00 loose)

Envelope count was 79 out of 349 parishioners who receive envelopes. Online givers was 39.

Other collections

Capital Improvement	\$ 310.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 30.00
Mission Appeal	\$ 1,185.00

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, August 16th**

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm + Joyce Haines (family)

Sunday, August 17th

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am + Dale Fisher (Dave & Fran Laughlin)

Tuesday, August 19th

8:30 am + Elaine Taylor (Phyllis Hazeres)

Wednesday, August 20th

5:00-6:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm + Sharon Braun

Thursday, August 21st

8:30 am + Karen Withington (Ann Kueffner)

Friday, August 22nd

8:30 am + Pat Swain (Bob & Pat Tavalisky)

9am-10am Adoration

Saturday, August 23rd

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm In Thanksgiving for 50 years—Dennis & April Byrne

Sunday, August 24th

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am + Kellie Bell (family)

PRAYERS NEEDED

Janet Beilfuss	Jerry Kulpinski	Karen Schwartz
Darren Blodgett	Dave & Fran Laughlin	Josephine Smith
Howard Blodgett	Ava Lindsay	Virginia Smith
Amy Brown	Anna Loegering	Ray & Maria Sowa
Nancy Buchin	Jim Margul	Dan Stanton
Gert Burzynski	Pat McGaskey	Carol Stygles
Rodney Cropsey	Wendy (Schweda)	Terry Stygles
Lance Cunningham	Oakley	Pam Towler
Ruth Daley	Therri Oberdick	Bill Turner
Chet Eicher	Chelsea Parrish	Tom Turner
Jerry Havens	Frankie Parzych	Pat Tuthill
Levitucus Haw -	Anne Pelton	Bill & Dolores Walsh
thorne	John Pienta	Theresa Ward
Naomi Hill	Fr Bob Pienta	Bill & Nancy White
Louann Holt	Mike Pienta	Bob Wolfe
Margie Horsch	Debbie Poole	Rosa Wright
Howard Kaak	Harriet & Alex Robb	Chris Zemer
Geri King	Joseph Siller	Don Zenisek

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FATIMA**August**

19th Parish Council mtg 7pm

21st Finance Council mtg 7pm

September

2nd K of C Meeting 7pm

3rd Saints and Scholars Campaign Volunteer Meeting 6:45pm

7th Parish Picnic, 11:30am to 3pm

14th K of C Breakfast 9:00am

October

1st Saints and Scholars Campaign Volunteer training 6:45pm

7th K of C Meeting 7:00pm

12th K of C Breakfast 9:00am

18th Craft show

19th Confirmation Mass, 2pm

21st Parish Corporate Mtg 2:50 pm

26th Trunk or Treat

November

1st K of C Drawdown

4th K of C Meeting 7pm

9th K of C Breakfast 9am

18th Parish Council mtg 7pm

20th Finance Council mtg 7pm

December

2nd K of C Meeting 7pm

8th Holy Day of Obligation Masses 8:30am & 6:00pm

13th Christmas Caroling 1 pm

14th K of C Breakfast 9am

24th Christmas Eve Masses 4:30pm & Midnight

25th Christmas Day Mass 9:00am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Need Assistance? Let us help! Call 764-4180

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**AUGUST FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

Applesauce, small jars of Peanut Butter,
single wrapped Toothbrushes, Shampoo

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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!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**Classes Start Sunday September 21st.**

We are preparing for Faith Formation for the children of our parish for the upcoming school year. **We are in need of teachers/assistants. Catechism classes for Grades K-8 will start in September.**

We will be meeting twice a month (1st and 3rd Sundays) in between the masses. If you would like to help, please see Amy Parrish amy@fatimaparish.net or call the office 764-2088.

We will also be starting our Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30am masses starting September 21st. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please see Amy Parrish amy@fatimaparish.net

Here is the link for registering for Sunday Youth Formation Classes:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBCQCuDRQft9_wUVqD2Q6ZTsBQ30UdKZ6vN7JePXChC4h6tA/viewform?usp=header)

[e/1FAIpQLSfBCQCuDRQft9_wUVqD2Q6ZTsBQ30UdKZ6vN7JePXChC4h6tA/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBCQCuDRQft9_wUVqD2Q6ZTsBQ30UdKZ6vN7JePXChC4h6tA/viewform?usp=header)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the
**GOOD
SHEPHERD**
"Let the little children come"
Matthew 19:14

classes will continue here at Fatima on Fridays at 9:30am on September 19th.

◆ Level 1 is for ages 3-6

◆ Level 2 for ages 6-9.

If you have any questions about these classes, please call Amy Parrish at the

Parrish office or email amy@fatimaparish.net.

The following link is for registration for CGS only.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfI_vbTWbwmXkB4YifG-raNea0vICX0x8wq4mFV5HsCah20xw/viewform?usp=header)

[e/1FAIpQLSfI_vbTWbwmXkB4YifG-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfI_vbTWbwmXkB4YifG-raNea0vICX0x8wq4mFV5HsCah20xw/viewform?usp=header)

[raNea0vICX0x8wq4mFV5HsCah20xw/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfI_vbTWbwmXkB4YifG-raNea0vICX0x8wq4mFV5HsCah20xw/viewform?usp=header)

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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Mass for the deceased K of C members will be held on Saturday, August 30th—beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm

Names of the deceased Knights will be read and a family member can light a candle in their memory.

All are welcome to join us!

Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19th @ 7pm in the Parish Office.

Registered members of the parish are invited to attend.



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

What is the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign?

The campaign is an extraordinary opportunity for all parishioners to play a role in strengthening the Catholic Church diocesan-wide.

The campaign will focus on raising \$70 million to address these priorities:

- ♦ Strengthening our Catholic schools by enhancing teacher and administration compensation.
- ♦ Increasing the financial aid capacity to serve more families by growing the financial aid endowment.
- ♦ Attending to special needs of some of our scholars in our Catholic schools.
- ♦ Supporting each of the four diocesan high schools that each may attend to local needs.
- ♦ Supporting our parishes to attend to their local needs for their school and faith formation programs.

Bishop Boyea will call on the entire diocese to make a gift to the **Stewardship for Saints and Scholars** campaign. Your support for this campaign will impact the future of the Diocese of Lansing for years to come.

Parishioners will be asked to consider making a gift above and beyond their existing support for their parish and the annual appeal.

Our parish will soon participate in this campaign, and we need a few more volunteers for us to be successful. **You may be wondering if you would make a good volunteer, the answer is YES! We will provide you with training to be successful and develop how you can best help with this effort.**

Please contact Father Amal or Linda Weber at the Parish Office 517-764-2088 and we can provide you with additional details.

Senior Appreciation Mass & Luncheon

with Bishop Earl Boyea



 **Friday, September 19th, 2025**

11 AM Mass at Queen of the Miraculous Medal 

 **Luncheon following the Mass**

Donations accepted for the Catholic Charities Linen closet:
Cash donations, laundry detergent, toilet paper, soap (hand, bath, dish), shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors/shaving cream, feminine hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, new or gently used linens, blankets, towels

 **Catholic Charities**
OF JACKSON, LANSING & HILLSDALE COUNTIES

Sign up by calling your Parish office, or email ecrosby@queenschurch.com



COFFEE HOUR
BETWEEN THE SUNDAY MORNING MASSES
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 22ND.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

LOOKING FOR SETUP VOLUNTEERS. BEFORE 8AM MASS,
ALL SUPPLIES ARE PROVIDED, JUST NEED HELP.

CALL PARISH OFFICE 517-764-2088



ATTENTION: LADIES OF FALLEN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF THE 3RD AND 4TH DEGREE....

You are invited to the 4th degree monthly potlucks. Beginning in September 2025 thru May 2006 at Our Lady of Fatima, in the Fr. Dunne Hall. 1st Thursdays of each month beginning at 6pm. For more details, or to RSVP, call Tim Hill 517-414-5006 or timothyhill@yahoo.com.

This is a great way to renew friendships and fellowship.



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!

The Survey Results are in! A report with the results is available to pick up on the round table in the narthex. If you would like a report mailed or emailed to you please call the parish office. The summary will guide pastoral planning, ministry development, and parish communication as we move forward in serving Our Lady of Fatima's vibrant community.

ROSARY PROJECT DEDICATION

WITH BISHOP BOYEA

Mon, Sept 15 | 5:00 pm Mass

@Pious Union of St. Joseph

**Reception to follow*

For more details or to RSVP,
please scan the QR code, visit
pusj.org, or call the Shrine office
at 517-522-8017.



HORIZONS
A social group
for Widows
&
Widowers
@ Queen's

Celebrate the Horizons' **One-Year** Anniversary!

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 27th

6:00 p.m. Mass in church

6:30 p.m. Ice Cream in
Vincentian Hall
(lower level of the church)

Reserve your
spot today!

Email
rmason@queenschurch.com
or
call 517-783-2748



JACKSON CATHOLIC PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 18th 12:00 noon to 5:45pm

St. John's Parish Center

To schedule an appointment, long on to **Red-CrossBlood.org** and enter sponsor code: **jacksonchurches** or call **1-800-RED CROSS 1-800-733-2767**. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting **Red-CrossBlood.org/RapidPass**

WOMEN'S RETREAT

We are trying to organize a women's retreat for any women of the parish who is interested. For additional information use the QR Code, see the dates provided, and let Laurie Brown lauriebrown@mainandcompany.com know if you are interested in attending. Once we have interest from other women, we will finalize a date and go together. If you have any questions, you can see Amy Parrish or email amy@fatimaparish.net

A Virtuous Woman...

GROWING IN VIRTUE THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

WOMEN'S RETREAT DATES:

Sept. 12-14, 2025 Nov. 14-16, 2025 March 20-22, 2026
Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2025 Jan. 9-11, 2026 April 17-19, 2026

From Aquinas and Bonaventure through today, the principles of a virtuous life remain essential and unchanged. Video presenters include Dr. Andrew Abela and Bishop Earl Boyea. Special guest presenters will join us at the retreat. The weekend also includes Mass, Confession, Adoration, and individual reflection time.



BIBLE FOUNDATIONS



GET THE **REAL STORY**



FROM **REAL TEACHERS**



WITH **REAL PEOPLE**



When? Mondays 7-9pm St. John the Evangelist (Jackson)



Is there a cost? All are welcome, regardless of ability to pay. We suggest \$600/yr for the duration of the class. Some give more and some give less.



What next? Class starts Sept 15th. Register by Sept 3rd.

Unlock the Bible as an essential part of your Catholic faith and prayer life with engaging presentations from a live, expert teacher!

Connect with others and get answers to your questions as we dive into all the **foundational** books of the Old Testament in this weekly course from September to May.



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Learn More at an Open House Info Night

Sun, Jun 22, 8-9pm (online- cbsmich.org/infonights)
Sun, Aug 24, 8-9pm (online- cbsmich.org/infonights)
Mon, Aug 25, 7-8pm, St. John the Evangelist, Jackson
Tue, Sep 2, 8-9pm (online- cbsmich.org/infonights)

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