# Our Lady of Fatima Parish

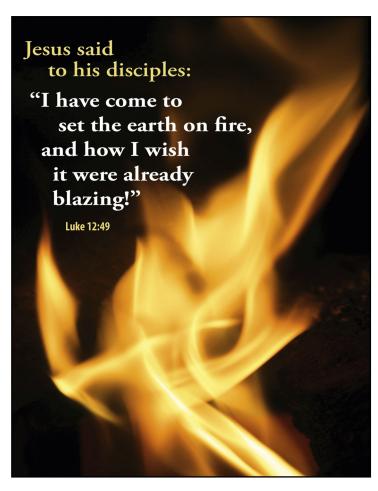
913 Napoleon Road Michigan Center, Michigan 49254

#### **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."

Linda Weber, Administrative Assistant linda@fatimaparish.net

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Kathy Gostola, Music Director (contact through parish office)

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

#### **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 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. Amalor sde

## Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering

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 Tavalsky)

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
Darren Blodgett
Howard Blodgett
Amy Brown
Nancy Buchin
Gert Burzynski
Rodney Cropsey
Lance Cunningham
Ruth Daley
Chet Eicher
Jerry Havens
Levitucus Haw thorne

thorne Naomi Hill Louann Holt Margie Horsch Howard Kaak Geri King Jerry Kulpinski Dave & Fran Laughlin Ava Lindsay Anna Loegering Jim Margul Pat McGaskey Wendy (Schweda)

Oakley
Therri Oberdick
Chelsea Parrish
Frankie Parzych
Anne Pelton
John Pienta
Fr Bob Pienta
Mike Pienta
Debbie Poole

Harriet & Alex Robb

Joseph Siller

Karen Schwarts Josephine Smith Virginia Smith Ray & Maria Sowa Dan Stanton Carol Stygles Terry Stygles Pam Towler Bill Turner Tom Turner Pat Tuthill Bill & Dolores Walsh Theresa Ward Bill & Nancy White Bob Wolfe Rosa Wright Chris Zemer Don Zenisek

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT FATIMA**

#### August

19th Parish Council mtg 7pm 21st Finance Council mtg 7pm

#### **S**eptember

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 I 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



### AUGUST FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

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

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 (I<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays) in between the masses. If you would like to help, please see Amy Parrish amy@fatimaparish.net or call the office 764-2088.

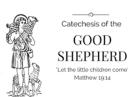
We will also be starting our Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30am masses starting September 21st If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please see Amy Parrish amy@fatimaparish.net

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/

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# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



classes will continue here at Fatima on Fridays at 9:30am on September  $19^{\text{th}}$ .

- Level I 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.

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#### 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.

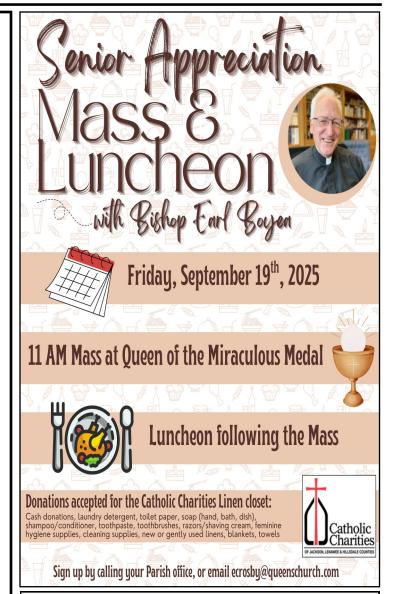
Please contact Father Amal or Linda Weber at the Parish Office 517-764-2088 and we can provide you with additional details.

# 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. Ist Thursdays of each month beginning at 6pm. For more details, or to RSVP, call Tim Hill 517-414-5006 or timothyehill@yahoo.com.

This is a great way to renew friendships and fellowship.





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



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.





### 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: jack-sonchurches or call I-800-RED CROSS I-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 <u>lauriebrown@mainandcompany.com</u> 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 <u>amy@fatimaparish.net</u>

# 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.



