

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
Joseph & Mary Tavalsky
Offered by family**



FROM FR. AMAL

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple”

Jesus offers a series of challenging statements in today's Gospel. These are words which grab our attention and grate against our sensibilities. First, Jesus asks us to hate our own families. Then he asks us to hate our own lives. Finally, he asks us to renounce all our possessions. These, he explains, are the conditions of discipleship. These are the costs we must take into account as we prepare to follow him.

These things Jesus asks us to renounce are good, so we should not understand his admonitions in today's Gospel as tyrannical calls for the rejection of loved ones or the condemnation of private property. Family is meant to be a school of holiness, a place in which we can exercise Christ-like love. Certainly, our lives are good, too – God himself created them! Finally, our possessions are necessary to us; they make it possible for us to live, contribute to society, serve each other, and worship God.

It is possible, however, to be so consumed by any of these things that we stop looking at Jesus and orienting our lives toward him. And a life of discipleship is a life that is oriented toward God and striving to be faithful to him. The key, therefore, is not that we are literally asked to give up our family or our possessions, but that we are willing to give these things up for love of God. It is our willingness that makes all the difference.

Ultimately, what Jesus is getting at is what it means to be a disciple. Discipleship requires sacrifice, he is saying. It requires the willingness to give up everything for love of God. And although we are not all asked to give up our possessions or our families, we are all called to make smaller sacrifices each day in order to train ourselves to say “yes” to God. Whether it's getting up a little early to pray or being patient with our children, we learn, by our smaller sacrifices, what Jesus means when he asks us to hate even our own lives in order to love him.

Fr. Amal sdc

Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering

Sunday, August 31 \$7,002.00
(\$3,492.00 envelopes / \$2,785.00 online / \$725.00 loose)

Envelope count was 68 out of 338 parishioners who receive envelopes. Online givers was 35.

Other collections

Capital Improvement.....	\$ 11.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 562.00
Mission Appeal	\$ 50.00
Altar Flowers.....	\$26.00

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, September 6th

8:30 am + Ingrid Evans
3:00-4:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm + Walter Margul (Jim & Barb Margul)

Sunday, September 7th

7:30 am Rosary
8:00 am For the People of the Parish
10:00 am Rosary
10:30 am + Chuck DeBoe– 9th Ann. (Dianne DeBoe)

Tuesday, September 9th

8:30 am + Candace Voris (Jeff & Barb McEllis)

Wednesday, September 10th

5:00-6:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm + Bernard J. Parzych (Judy Cunningham)

Thursday, September 11th

8:30 am + Millie Warner (family)

Friday, September 12th

8:30 am + Fr. Eduardo Lorenzo
9am-10am Adoration

Saturday, September 13th

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm + Wanda Maryanski (Theresa O'Dell)

Sunday, September 14th

7:30 am Rosary
8:00 am For the People of the Parish
10:00 am Rosary
10:30 am + Dale Fisher (Bob Tavalsky)



The Rosary is prayed before each daily Mass (7:55am) for the intention of the deceased for whom the Mass is being offered that day.

PRAYERS NEEDED

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Danny Hart, Pat Ray

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FATIMA

September

7th Parish Picnic, 11:30am to 3pm
 14th K of C Breakfast 9:00am
 19th Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class 9:30am
 21st Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am
 26th Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class 9:30am

October

1st Saints and Scholars Campaign Volunteer training 6:45pm
 3rd Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class 9:30am
 5th Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am
 7th K of C Meeting 7:00pm
 10th Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class 9:30am
 12th K of C Breakfast 9:00am
 17th Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class 9:30am
 18th Craft show 9-3pm
 19th Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am
 19th Confirmation Mass, 2pm
 21st Parish Corporate Mtg 2:50 pm
 24th Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class 9:30am
 26th Trunk or Treat

November

1st K of C Drawdown
 2nd Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am
 4th K of C Meeting 7pm
 7th Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class 9:30am
 9th K of C Breakfast 9am

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

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



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 on Sunday, September 21st from 9-10:15am

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.

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSfBCQCuDRQft9_wUVqD2Q6ZTsBQ30UdKZ6vN7JePXChC4h6tA/viewform?usp=header

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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



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

- ◆ 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 Parish Office or email amy@fatimaparish.net

The following link is for registration for CGS only.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSf1_vbTWbwmXkB4YifG-raNea0vICX0x8wq4mFV5HsCah20xw/viewform?usp=header

WOMEN'S RETREAT - JANUARY 9-11, 2026

We have organized a women's retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, Mi for any women of the parish who is interested.

Please and let Laurie Brown lauriebrown@mainandcompany.com know if you are interested in attending.

A Virtuous Woman...

GROWING IN VIRTUE THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

PROV. 31

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Need Assistance? Let us help! Call 764-4180

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SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Applesauce, Pancake Syrup, Canned Chicken

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MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 14TH @ 9:10AM

(notice date change)

CONFERENCE ROOM OFF THE HALL

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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!



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

The Need for Sacrificial Giving

Jesus asks us to make our mark on this world and to serve the Lord by sharing His gifts with others. A pledge to the **Stewardship for Saints and Scholars** campaign is a wonderful way of doing so. Your pledge to the campaign will:

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

Funding each of these initiatives with the financial resources we have been blessed with will, in turn, multiply those blessings back to us and to God. The Diocese of Lansing is fortunate to have thousands of Catholic families who actively participate in the stewardship way of life. We have an obligation to make our diocese, and our world, better for those who follow us. The diocese will soon invite all to participate as missionary disciples and impact future generations.



COFFEE HOUR

BETWEEN THE MASSES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 22ND.

LOOKING FOR SETUP VOLUNTEERS. BEFORE 8AM MASS, ALL SUPPLIES ARE PROVIDED, JUST NEED HELP.
CALL PARISH OFFICE 517-764-2088

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Come Join Us! TODAY!

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025**

11:30 am - 3:00 pm

(food service begins at 12:00 noon)



**Meat & Beverages are provided-
Please bring a dish to pass**

**Lawn Games — Tug of War
K of C Soccer Kick Contest**

**Baking Contest:
YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT**



FUN FOR EVERYONE!

**All entrees for the Baking Contest need to be
brought to the main kitchen by 10:15am.**

**Senior Appreciation
Mass & Luncheon**
with Bishop Earl Boyen



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



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

PILGRIMS OF HOPE—SENIORS GROUP

WILL NOT MEET IN SEPTEMBER.

SEE YOU ALL BACK ON THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER!



Save the Date: *Faith in Action* Fundraising Event

Tuesday 9/23:

Mass and Dinner to Follow

Free Admission

RSVP Required

Call 517-262-0466 or

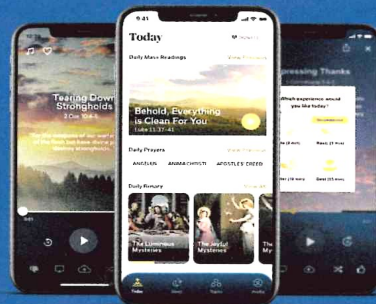
Email bcraft@catholiccharitiesjlhc.org
to reserve your spot today



Guest Speaker: Adam Janke
COO at St. Paul Street Evangelization

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Living THE Promise

TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR
OWN UNDERSTANDING.
IN ALL YOUR WAYS
ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND
HE WILL MAKE YOUR
PATHS STRAIGHT.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

OCTOBER 11
9am-5pm

LANSING CENTER, LANSING, MI



Emily Wilson-Husert



Meg Hunter-Kilmer



Fr. Mathias Thelen



Sheri Wohlfert



Erin Looby Carlson



Malania Res

Register: WWW.MICHIGANCWC.ORG

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DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS • DIOCESE OF LANSING



**Attention:
Families with children!**

Be sure to visit the
"Kids Corner"

table in the narthex before Mass...pick up an activity page that reflects on the liturgy to keep your little one busy while learning at the same time! Please return the crayons to the basket after Mass!