# Our Lady of Fatima Parish

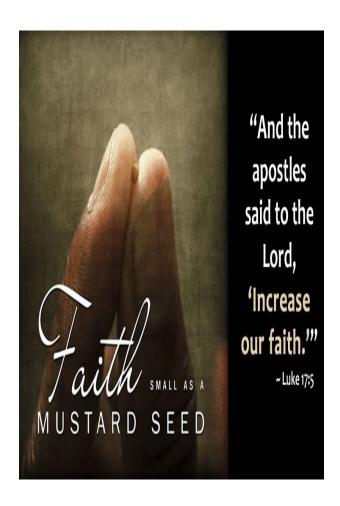
913 Napoleon Road Michigan Center, Michigan 49254

## **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**

## **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 Leo Renne

Offered by Lee & Chris Butler



## FROM FR. AMAL-

## Lord, "Increase our faith."

This week, the holy mother church invites us to reflect on one of the most important Christian and theological virtues – Faith. It is the foundation of our Christian life. Faith gives us a new vision and version of life. Without faith, we see only the ugly and dark side of life. Without faith, we remain helpless and slaves to despair and hopelessness. Faith liberates us and helps us to see the power and love of God at work in our lives.

In the first reading of this Sunday, the church reminds us of this famous verse from the book of Habakkuk, "The just shall live by his faithfulness." As human beings, at times in life, we find ourselves in the shoes of the prophet Habakkuk. We find ourselves helpless, and everything goes dark, and hope appears hopeless to us. It is part of the process of Christian growth and maturity. The good news is that God will not fail us if we remain faithful during such moments. He will break his silence at his appropriate time to reassure us that he is there for us. Through these words, "The just shall live by his faithfulness, God encourages us to remain faithful in good deeds and actions. This faith in question is saving faith. The Just here is the one who still perseveres in good deeds. He is the one who still trusts in the saving power of God. He is the one who still prays to God.

In the second reading, Paul strikes the same note by admonishing us thus: "Fan into flame the gift that God gave you. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from us, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." Here, the Apostle calls us to action. He awakens us to realize who we are. He reminds us of the power of God at work in us through the sound teachings we have received.

We must live this faith through our steadfastness and perseverance. This faith must be demonstrated through actions because: "Faith without action is dead" (James 2:26). So, the type of faith we are talking about here is not the type

So, the type of faith we are talking about here is not the type that is blind and always asleep. No, it is the faith that sees good opportunities and takes advantage of them. It is not like the faith that most of us preach today that suggests that we should go to sleep every second and expect God to assume our responsibilities and solve all our problems. On the contrary, it is faith that moves us into action.

Let's humble ourselves each day to say: "Lord, increase our faith."

Fr. Amalor sde

## Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering

Envelope count was 83 out of 329 parishioners who receive envelopes. Online givers was 40.

#### Other collections

Capital Improvement	\$ 72.00
Altar Flowers	\$ 32.00
Help Spread the Faith	\$ 157.00

## 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, October 4th

8:30 am For the intentions of Mr. & Mrs. A. Donoso (Carol & Terry Stygles)

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm + Leo Renne (Theresa O'Dell)

## Sunday, October 5th

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am + Eddie Buksar—4th Ann. (family)

## Tuesday, October 7th

8:30 am + Madeline Maino (family)

## Wednesday, October 8th

5:00-6:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm For the Sick and Suffering- Pious Union of St. Joseph

## Thursday, October 9th

8:30 am + Frank & Dorothy Marzec (MaryAnn & Chet Czubko)

## Friday, October 10th

8:30 am + Pat Tavalsky (Tom & Chris Gutkowski)

9am-10am Adoration

## Saturday, October 11th

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm + Ed & Millie Blissick (family)

## Sunday, October 12th

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am + Debra Beaudry (Don)



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
Nancy Buchin
Gert Burzynski
Rodney Cropsey
Lance Cunningham
Ruth Daley
Sandra Dandrow
Chet Eicher
Jerry Havens
Levitucus Haw -

thorne Naomi Hill Margie Horsch Howard Kaak Geri King Nancy Koon Jerry Kulpinski Dave & Fran Laughlin Ava Lindsay Anna Loegering Jim Margul Pat McGaskey

Wendy (Schweda)
Oakley
Therri Oberdick
Frankie Parzych
Anne Pelton
John Pienta
Fr Bob Pienta
Mike Pienta
Debbie Poole
Joseph Siller

Carol Schwarts Virginia Smith Ray & Maria Sowa Carol Stygles Terry Stygles Pam Towler Bill Turner Tom Turner Pat Tuthill Bill & Dolores Walsh Bill & Nancy White MaryAnn Wilson Bob Wolfe Rosa Wright Chris Zemer Don Zenisek

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT FATIMA**

#### October

5th Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am Coffee Hour between the Masses

7th K of C Meeting 7:00pm

12th K of C Breakfast 9:00am

18th Craft show 9-3pm

19th Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am Coffee Hour between the Masses Confirmation Mass, 2pm

21st Parish Corporate Mtg 2:50 pm

26th Fatima Fall Fun Night / Trunk or Treat 4 pm-9pm

#### **November**

1st K of C Drawdown

2nd Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am Coffee Hour after 8am Mass

4th K of C Meeting 7pm

9th K of C Breakfast 9am

16th Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am

Coffee Hour after 8am Mass 18th Parish Council mtg 7pm

20th Finance Council mtg 7pm

## December

2nd K of C Meeting 7pm

7th Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am Coffee Hour after 8am Mass

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

13th Christmas Caroling I pm

14th K of C Breakfast 9am

21st Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am

24th Christmas Eve Masses 4:30pm & Midnight

25th Christmas Day Mass 9:00am



## Saint Louis Guanella Caravan— Order of the Alhambra

Is seeking Catholic men and women over 18 years of age who are interested in putting smiles on the faces of those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and enjoying new friends who share

your interests.

For more information contact: Kim Miller at kimmiller62aol.com / call 517-474-3296

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



IST & 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

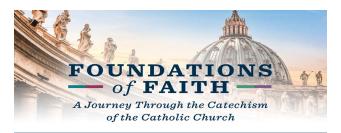
October 5th ~ Class 9am to 10:15am October 19th ~ Class 9am to 10:15am November 2nd ~ Class 9am to 10:15am November 16th ~ Class 9am to 10:15am



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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## ADULT FORMATION



Join us!
SUNDAYS ~ 9-10:15AM
STARTING TODAY OCTOBER 5TH
SCHOOL LIBRARY

If you are interested in joining the Church or if you would like to learn more about the Church—this class is for you.

If you have any questions, please see Amy Parrish or email amy@fatimaparish.net or call the Parish Office 517-764-2088

WHAT BETTER WAY TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE...

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
"MEMORIAL BRICK WALKWAY"
COST: \$250

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION



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!



Follow us on *Facebook* 

Daily messages, prayers, and much more! Need help? Call the parish Office 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 and on our website!

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Need Assistance? Let us help! Call 764-4180

OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
Applesauce, Pancake Syrup, Small jars of Peanut Butter,
Small canisters of Oatmeal

New members are always needed and welcomed!

The next meeting will be held on

Sunday, October 19th @ 11:45am in the

Conference room off the hall.

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



Everyone will be asked to consider a sacrificial gift. The campaign is coming, and we hope to reach out to every person in the Diocese of Lansing, as we know each of us can help to accomplish so much. When asked to do something big, whether a project or donation, it is often easiest to take the biggest piece and divide it into smaller parts. Making your gift into a pledge can help maximize your ability to support the worthy initiatives of the campaign. Breaking down payments into annual, semi-annual, quarterly, or even monthly installments can help you budget your gift.

Each family will need to decide on their own what is appropriate and meaningful for their specific situation. Soon, Bishop Boyea will ask each of us to consider a gift in the hopes that all of us pledge to support the campaign's important initiatives in some way. He will ask us to ask ourselves: What can we sacrifice for the next five years in order to make a lasting impact in our Catholic schools and our community?

## PARISH LIFE APOSTOLATE

## FATIMA FALL FUN NIGHT



Sunday, October 26th ~ 4-9pm Trunk or Treat & Food Served @ 4pm (hot dogs, hamburger, cider & donuts)

BON-FIRE 6-9pm ~ Bring a lawn chair.



Everything will be set up in the front lot and courtyard. **We need decorated cars with treats for the kids!** Only prewrapped treats please.

## 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

## **CRAFT SHOW**

Saturday, October 18th ~ 9am-3pm Contracts are available in the narthex. Spread the word! Vendors needed to make this a successful show!

**Our Lady of Fatima** 

**Knights of Columbus** 

## 29<sup>th</sup>ANNUAL "DRAWDOWN"

Saturday Nov. 1st, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$3,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$2,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$1,000

4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$500, 5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$250 and in addition

6 - \$100 Prizes & 8 - \$50 Prizes

Donation \$ 75 per Ticket (2 People)

2nd Chance -\$25 Per Ticket

PLACE: Our Lady of Fatima Fr. Dunne Hall

913 Napoleon Rd Michigan Center

Tickets: Contact Any KofC member or the OLF Parish Office (764-2088)

Raffle License # R82398

Buffet Dinner starts at 6:00 PM

Time of Event is 7:00PM-9:30PM

Tickets on sale now!!
After all Masses or in parish office.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### 7th Annual Diocesan Eucharistic Rosary Congress ~ October 5TH—12th 2025

Joining with all the parishes from our Diocese for a 24/7 Adoration/Rosary Rally. We will have adoration and recitation of the rosary for the intention of the Unborn.



Today, Sunday, October 5th from 9-10:20 am

We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the rosary recitation at 10am.

Wednesday, October 8th

Adoration from 5-6pm the rosary will be at 5:30pm.

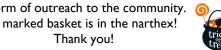
Friday, October 10th

Adoration from 9-10am Divine Mercy at 9:05am and Rosary at 9:30am.



We will be collecting **HALLOWEEN CANDY** again this year to make up goody bags to hand out at our TRUNK OR TREAT

Goody Bags will also include info about Fatima as a form of outreach to the community. A marked basket is in the narthex!



## A Virtuous Woman ...

GROWING IN VIRTUE THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

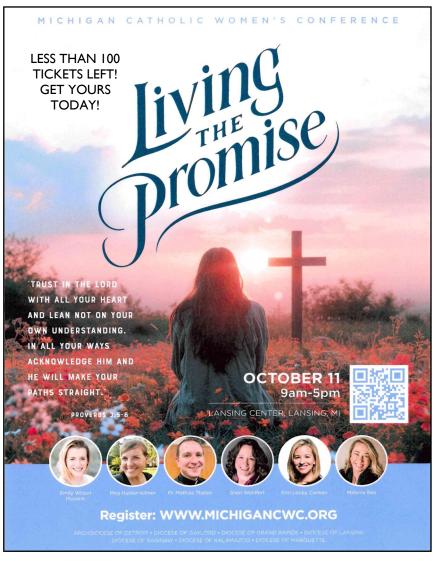
## Women's Retreat - January 9-11, 2026

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

Contact Amy Parrish @ amy@fatimaparish.net

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.







JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL PUBLIC ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, AND **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED** SACRAMENT!

Sunday, October 12th, 2025 ~ 2-3pm Horace Blackman Park 200 W Michigan Jackson, MI

Join our priests in praying for our church, our city, our nation, and our persecuted brothers and sisters.

Bring a lawn chair or something to sit on.

In event of inclement weather, the PUBLIC RO-SARY will be held at : Oueen of the Miraculous Medal Church.



Catholic Charities ILHC wishes to express gratitude for our generous sponsors and donors who helped make our 9th annual Faith in Action

fundraiser a success. It was an inspiring evening of mass, testimonies, presentations, and great food. We could not be the hands and feet of Jesus without your support!

If you missed the event but would like to help, visit GiveToCatholicCharities.com.