

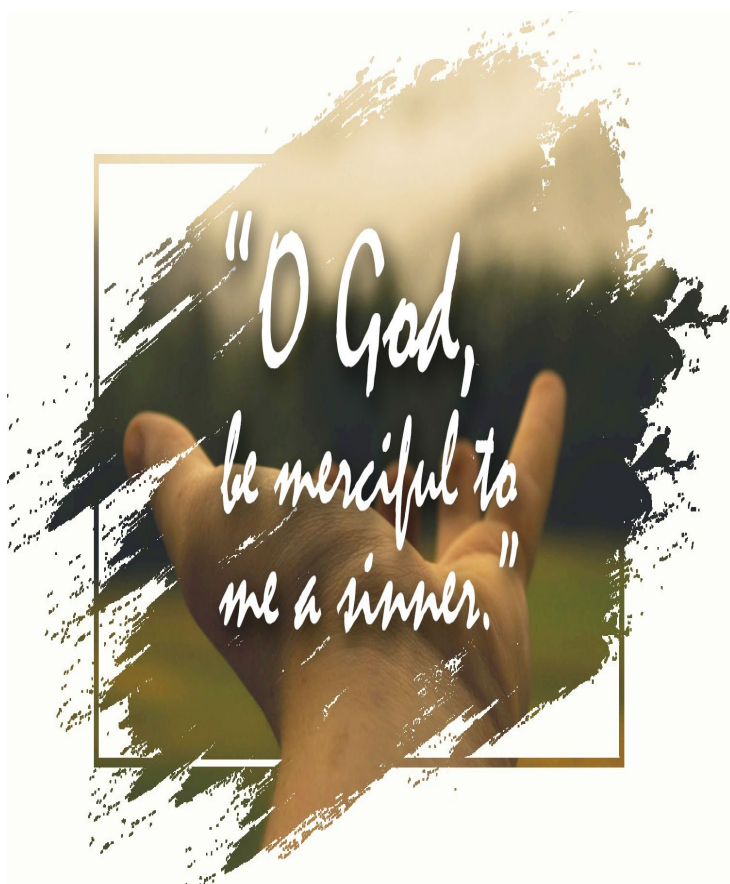
Our Lady of Fatima

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."

Parish Office 764-2088

Linda Weber, Administrative Assistant
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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
Janice Penchoff
Offered by Pat & Linda Weber**



FROM FR. AMAL

***"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."***

Liturgy today invites us to reflect on one of the most important aspects of our spiritual life: the attitude of the heart in prayer. In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus teaches us about humility, mercy, and the danger of self-righteousness. The Pharisee stands confidently. He thanks God, yes - but his prayer is more about boasting: The tax collector stands far off. He does not raise his eyes. He beats his breast and says, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Two prayers, two radically different outcomes. One leaves the temple justified. The other does not. Jesus is not saying we should stop doing good things. Fasting, giving, and moral living are all good and necessary. The Pharisee's problem was not his actions - but his pride. He thought he was righteous enough. He believed his deeds made him better than others. He trusted in himself rather than in God. Pride is subtle. It can wear the clothing of religion. It can disguise itself as holiness. But it shuts the door to grace, because when we think we're already perfect, we no longer seek God's mercy. In contrast, the tax collector comes with nothing. He doesn't pretend. He doesn't perform. He simply admits the truth: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This is the prayer that touches the heart of God. He is not interested in polished performances, but in hearts that are real. Humility doesn't mean thinking we are worthless. It means seeing ourselves truthfully - as sinners in need of grace, as children in need of a Father, as broken people in need of healing.

In the first reading from Sirach, God's concern for the humble is also emphasized. The prayer of those who are most vulnerable - the lowly - is described as being prioritized. It does not stop until it reaches the *Most High*. They might be overlooked and downtrodden now, but God is listening to them. In the same way, the tax collector might have been overlooked by the world and afraid to even ask God for mercy, but God was waiting for him.

Where Do I Stand?

This parable invites us to ask some honest questions:

- When I pray, am I like the Pharisee—comparing myself to others and listing my "achievements"?
 - Or do I come like the tax collector—acknowledging my need for God?
 - Do I sometimes treat others as "less holy" or "less worthy" than myself?
 - Do I find it hard to admit my faults—to God, to others, even to myself?
- Am I more concerned with looking holy than actually being humble?

***"True humility is accepting who I really am
rather than who I think I am"***

Fr. Amal sdc

Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering

Sunday, October 19th..... \$7,271.00
(\$4,338.00 envelopes / \$2,345.00 online / \$588.00 loose)

Envelope count was 69 out of 329 parishioners who receive envelopes. Online givers was 34.

Other collections	
Capital Improvement.....	\$ 27.00
Altar Flowers.....	\$ 12.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 10.00

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 25th**

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm + John Zemer—3rd Ann. (family)

Sunday, October 26th

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am + Dianne DeBoe (Bob Tavalsky)

Tuesday, October 28th

8:30 am + Janice Penchoff—10th Ann. (Pat & Linda Weber)

Wednesday, October 29th

5:00-6:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm + Marilyn Watt (Bill & Dolores Walsh)

Thursday, October 30th

8:30 am + Pat Tavalsky (Scott & Ann Kueffner)

Friday, October 31st

8:30 am + Dale Fisher (Bill & Dolores Walsh)

9am-10am Adoration

Saturday, November 1st

8:30 am + Deceased members of Our Lady of Fatima

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm + Ron Konopacki (Jim & Connie O'Connor)

Sunday, November 2nd

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am + Carmelyn Loveland (family)

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am For the People of the Parish



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	Carol Schwartz
Nancy Buchin	Dave & Fran Laughlin	Jo Smith
Gert Burzynski	Ava Lindsay	Ray & Maria Sowa
Rodney Cropsey	Anna Loegering	Bill & Laura Stoewer
Lance Cunningham	Jim Margul	Carol Stygles
Ruth Daley	Pat McGaskey	Terry Stygles
Sandra Dandrow	Wendy (Schweda)	Pam Towler
Chet Eicher	Oakley	Bill Turner
Jerry Havens	Therri Oberdick	Tom Turner
Levitucus Haw -	Theresa O'Dell	Pat Tuthill
thorne	Frankie Parzych	Bill & Dolores Walsh
Naomi Hill	Anne Pelton	Bill & Nancy White
Margie Horsch	John Pienta	MaryAnn Wilson
Howard Kaak	Fr Bob Pienta	Bob Wolfe
Geri King	Debbie Poole	Rosa Wright
Nancy Koon	Harriet Robb	Chris Zemer
	Joseph Siller	Don Zenisek

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

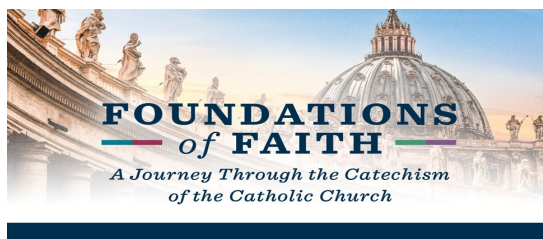
1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

November 2nd ~ Class 9am to 10:15am

November 16th ~ Class 9am to 10:15am

**OCIA***Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*

&

ADULT FORMATION

SUNDAY ~ 9-10:15AM

(see calendar on this page for dates)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FATIMA**October**

21st Parish Corporate Mtg 2:50 pm

26th O.C.I.A. 9-10:15am school library

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

O.C.I.A. 9-10:15am school library

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

O.C.I.A. 9-10:15am school library

Coffee Hour after 8am Mass

18th Parish Council mtg 7pm

20th Finance Council mtg 7pm

23rd O.C.I.A. 9-10:15am school library

December

2nd K of C Meeting 7pm

7th Children's Faith Formation Class 9-10:15am

O.C.I.A. 9-10:15am school library

Coffee Hour after 8am Mass

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

13th Christmas Caroling 1 pm

14th K of C Breakfast 9am

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

O.C.I.A. 9-10:15am school library

24th Christmas Eve Masses 4:30pm & Midnight

25th Christmas Day Mass 9:00am

PARISH LIFE APOSTOLATE**HAPPENING TONIGHT! OCTOBER 26TH!****FATIMA FALL FUN NIGHT**

Trunk or Treat & Food Served @ 4pm
(hot dogs, hamburger, cider & donuts)

BON-FIRE 6-9pm

in back on dirt parking lot ~ Bring a lawn chair

All are welcome to join the fun!!

Decorated cars, trucks, SUV's please be parked in front of the school by 3:30pm and ready to go at 4pm!

Thank you for treating the kids! Pre-wrapped treats only.

"True humility is accepting who I really am rather than who I think I am"**PILGRIMS OF HOPE—SENIORS GROUP****Thursdays—9 am to 11 am**in the **St. Clare Room** (next to the Food Pantry)

(You may enter through the back pantry door or the parish office)

You are welcome to stay as long as you want to meet with Fr. Amal and 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.

WHAT BETTER WAY TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE...

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
"MEMORIAL BRICK WALKWAY"****COST: \$250****CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE
INFORMATION****LAST ORDER UNTIL SPRING GOING IN
NOVEMBER 3RD**

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!

**Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:05am
in the Conference room off the hall.**

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

It is time for our Thanksgiving Food Drive!

On Sunday, November 23rd we will once again be delivering everything you need to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal to all those in need in our community. If you would like to request a Thanksgiving basket for you or someone you know please call the St. Vincent de Paul Helpline at 764-4180 by November 16th.

Thanksgiving Basket Food List: (PLEASE RETURN BY NOVEMBER 16th)

2 boxes turkey stuffing	1 lrg can of Yams
1 lrg box of orange jello	2 cans green beans
1 bag mini marshmallows	1 can fried onions
1 can mandarin oranges	1 lrg jar or 2 cans turkey gravy
1 can cream of mushroom soup	1 can cranberry sauce
1 can of chicken broth	

We are also looking for VOLUNTEER TEAMS to help deliver the Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday, November 23rd after the 8:00am Mass in the gym. We will deliver after Fr. Amal blesses the baskets and the volunteers. Please call Alicia McEllis (517-745-0104) by November 16th if you are able to help. If you are unable to help, please keep us in your prayers! Please pray for those we serve, our volunteers, and the members of St. Vincent de Paul.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

God Bless you all!

Pictured below: Fr. Amal SdC, Maddison Brown,
Cole Hohn, Madalyn Parrish, Bishop Earl Boyea



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

Our Lady of Fatima

Knights of Columbus

29th ANNUAL "DRAWDOWN"

Saturday Nov. 1st, 2025

1st Prize \$3,000, 2nd Prize \$2,000, 3rd Prize \$1,000

4th Prize \$500, 5th 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 # R82396

Buffet Dinner starts at 6:00 PM

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

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
AFTER ALL MASSES AND IN THE PARISH OFFICE.**

First Saturday Celebration

Join Us - next Saturday, November 1



**8:30 am Mass
followed by**



Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions



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You are invited to
VETERAN COFFEE HOUR

Coffee, Conversation, Connection & Comradery

1st Saturday of the month

November 1, 2025

11:00am—12:00pm

Queens Church—Vincintian Hall

Enter through the double doors from
the parking lot behind the church.

Questions all or text Jennifer Simmons @ 517-513-1004



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!

Our Lady of Fatima is again helping
this year with the Priceless
Gift Store Program.

We will be collecting toys from now until November 24th.
Collection boxes are in the narthex.
Please contact Renee Nelson @ 517-416-0539 w/ questions

How can you help?

Join us from 11/28-12/15 at the Toy Store in the Westwood
Mall near J.C. Penny.



STEWARDSHIP for
**SAINTS &
SCHOLARS**

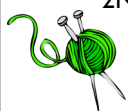
Parish Goal: \$620,000

The Campaign is now underway! You should have already
received your letter from Bishop Boyea. The letter includes
a specific amount to prayerfully consider.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A PACKET IN THE MAIL
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND ONE WILL BE
SENT TO YOU.**

In the coming weeks you will receive a phone call from a fellow
parishioner who is helping as a *campaign volunteer*. They
are available to answer any question you may have and to
help you fill out your pledge card if needed.

If you have not done so already, please take a *campaign prayer
card* from the pew home and continue to pray for the success
of this campaign!



2ND ANNUAL CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW
MICH CENTER BIBLE CHURCH
NOVEMBER 15TH ~ 9AM TO 3PM
\$1 ADMISSION FEE

Soup Flights— 4 choices for \$2, KidZone-crafts and vendors,
Baked Goods-50/50 Raffle, Unique vendors

Questions or vendor inquiries?
craftshow.michigancenterbible@gmail.com

TIM 4:12 PRESENTS

HARVEST BALL

FREE EVENT

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26

OUR LADY OF
FATIMA

6:00PM
9:00PM

Join us for a evening of square
dancing, swing dancing,
refreshments, and fun!

Event Highlights
2 HOURS OF INSTRUCTED
SQUARE DANCING, AND
1 HOUR OF SWING DANCING.

913 NAPOLEON RD, MICHIGAN
CENTER, MI 49254

DRESS NICELY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
GERRINGTHOMAS@GMAIL.COM

Widows-Widowers Invited to Pre-Advent Retreat



HORIZONS

A social group for
Widows & Widowers
moving forward in spirit and hope
Queen of the Miraculous Medal Parish
Jackson, Michigan

The Horizons Social Group for Widows
and Widowers at Queen of the Miracu-
lous Medal Parish invite others in neigh-
boring parishes who have lost a spouse
to join us for a retreat, "Spiritual Hugs
for the Holidays" this Wednesday, No-
vember 5, beginning with Mass at 8:30
a.m. in Queens Church, 1111 Carlton
Blvd., Jackson.

After Mass, breakfast will be served in
Vincintian Hall (lower level of the
church). Father Mike Murray, senior
priest of the Diocese of Lansing and former pastor of St. Martha,
Okemos, will present to the group. Father Mike, a widower himself,
was ordained to the priesthood following the death of his wife.

The day will end with lunch served at 12:15 p.m. There is no cost for
the retreat, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

To reserve a spot at the retreat, please email beth.philo@gmail.com
or call the parish office during business hours, 517-783-2748.

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prayers, daily mass readings, calendar and much more!