

# Our Lady of Fatima

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**Parish Website:**  
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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](http://myparishapp.com) / Follow us on Facebook**



**They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

– Matthew 2:11b

## 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  
Dale Fisher  
Offered by Joyce Howe**



**FROM FR. AMAL**

**“We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.”**

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the nations. While Christmas reminds us that God has become human in the person of Jesus, Epiphany reveals that this salvation is meant for all people, not just a select few. The Magi—wise men from the East—serve as the first Gentile visitors to encounter the newborn King, showing that Christ came for everyone, crossing the boundaries of race, culture, and geography.

The journey of the Magi is a powerful symbol of faith. They were guided by a star, a sign from God, but the path was long, uncertain, and full of challenges. Similarly, the journey of faith in our own lives often requires effort, discernment, and trust. The Magi remind us that seeking God is an active process; we must be willing to leave comfort zones, ask questions, and follow the light wherever it leads. Their determination shows us that encountering Christ demands both commitment and courage.

Upon finding the child Jesus, the Magi offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—gifts that carry deep meaning. Gold symbolizes kingship, recognizing Jesus as the King of the universe. Frankincense, used in worship, honors Him as God. Myrrh, associated with burial, points toward His ultimate sacrifice for humanity. These gifts remind us that our worship and devotion to Christ should involve our whole selves—our recognition of His authority, our reverence and prayer, and our willingness to participate in His redemptive mission. The Magi’s journey also teaches humility and discernment. They encounter King Herod, a ruler consumed by jealousy and fear, who attempts to manipulate them. The Magi’s obedience to God’s guidance rather than human pressure allows them to return home by another way. In our own lives, we are called to listen to God’s voice above the distractions, fears, and pressures of the world, making choices that reflect our faith and integrity.

Finally, the feast calls us to reflect on the universal mission of Christ. Just as the Magi brought the message of God’s revelation back to their own lands, we too are invited to bear witness to Christ’s love, justice, and mercy in our daily lives. Epiphany challenges us to see Christ in every person, to reach beyond our comfort zones, and to respond to God’s light with generosity, worship, and courage.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, may the example of the Magi inspire us to seek Jesus with diligence, honor Him with the gifts of our lives, and bring His light into the world, revealing the glory of God to all people, everywhere.

*Fr. Amal sdc*

**Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering**

NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING  
Need help getting set up with online giving?  
Call the Parish Office and speak with Ann.

**Online Giving**  
is simple and easy!

**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
[www.fatimaparish.net](http://www.fatimaparish.net)

**Stewardship for Saints and Scholars Campaign**  
**Fatima Parish Goal: \$620,000.00**

Total Gifts & Pledges as of 12/19/25      \$249,425.00  
40 % of goal  
15% participation

Stewardship for Saints and Scholars Total: \$60,340,868

**MASS SCHEDULE / CHURCH CALENDAR****Saturday, January 3rd**

8:30 am + Gertrude Burzynski (Bud & Pam Moull)

3:00-4:00 pm *Confessions*

4:00 pm *Rosary*

4:30 pm + Mike & Teri Pienta (The Kueffner Family)  
+ Theresa O'Dell (Todd & Alicia McEllis)

**Sunday, January 4th**

7:30 am *Rosary*

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:00 am *Rosary*

10:30 am + Kelli McGaskey (family)  
+ Diane DeBoe (Virginia & Bill)

**Tuesday, January 6th**

8:30 am + Pat Tavalisky (Sharon Wheaton)

**Wednesday, January 7th**

5pm-6pm *Adoration*

6:00 pm + Pat Swain (Virginia Smith)

**Thursday, January 8th**

8:30 am + Joseph Stalin (Fr. Amal)

**Friday, January 9th**

8:30 am The 4 intentions of the St. Vincent de Paul Society—  
the Church, the U.S.A., the Pope, the Society

9am-10am *Adoration*

**Saturday, January 10th**

3:00-4:00 pm *Confessions*

4:00 pm *Rosary*

4:30 pm + Tina Schweda (Linda Schweda)

**Sunday, January 11th**

7:30 am *Rosary*

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:00 am *Rosary*

10:30 am + Dianne DeBoe (Ann & Scott Kueffner)  
+ Anna Loegering (family)



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	Howard Kaak	Joseph Siller
Nancy Buchin	Geri King	Carol Schwarts
Helen Buksar	Dave Laughlin	Jo Smith
Rodney Cropsey	Ava Lindsay	Ray & Maria Sowa
Lance Cunningham	Jim Margul	Bill & Laura Stoewer
Ruth Daley	Pat McGaskey	Carol Stygles
Sandra Dandrow	Wendy (Schweda)	Terry Stygles
Peggy Doerr	Oakley	Pam Towler
Chet Eicher	Therri Oberdick	Tom Turner
Liam Eineder	John O'Shea	Bill & Dolores Walsh
Dcn. Gene	Frankie Parzych	Bill & Nancy White
Hausmann	Anne Pelton	MaryAnn Wilson
Jerry Havens	John Pienta	Annemarie Wilson
Levitucus	Fr Bob Pienta	Bob Wolfe
Hawthorne	Debbie Poole	Rosa Wright
Naomi Hill	Harriet Robb	Chris Zemer
Margie Horsch	Dale Roberts	Don Zenisek

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**



1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
 January 4th, 18th ~ Class 9am to 10:15am  
 February 1st, 15th, 22nd ~ Class 9am to 10:15am



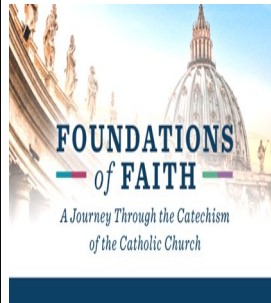
*Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month  
 9-10:15AM

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**

**January 1, 2026** New Years Day Mass 9:00am only  
 Holy Day of Obligation

**3rd** First Saturday Mass 8:30am Adoration 9-10am

**4th** Children's Faith Formation 9-10:15am  
 O.C.I.A. 9-10:15am in school library

**8th** 4th Degree Meeting 6pm

**9-11th** Women's Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center

**10th** Boys Group Retreat, St. Louis Center 8am

**11th** K of C Breakfast 9am  
 Confirmation candidates/sponsor or parent meeting 9:15-10am in school library

**13th** 13th of the Month Rosary

**14th** Parish Life Apostolate Meeting 7pm

**18th** Children's Faith Formation 9-10:15am  
 O.C.I.A. 9-10:15am in school library  
 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 9:05am Conference Room off hall

**23-25th** Confirmation Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center

**24th** Men and Women's Prayer Groups 9am

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**



Need Assistance? Let us help! Call 764-4180  
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JANUARY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:  
 Applesauce, Peanut Butter (small jars), Canned Chicken  
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New members are always needed and welcomed!  
**Our next meeting will be January 18, 2026 @ 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!

*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.



**COMPANION SAINT 2026**

**Would you like to have a new, trusted friend to accompany you through 2026?**

Our Lady of Fatima would like to help you find that new companion. A basket with Saint names is in the narthex. Pray a Hail Mary, and then randomly draw a slip of paper with a Saint's name.

*The Saint whose name is on the piece of paper has chosen you!*

The Saint will be with you throughout the year to share spiritual gifts with you, guide you on the right path, and show you his or her way of loving Jesus Christ. Befriend them. Learn about them. And pray for their intercession and guidance.

**There is a separate basket for children to pick from!**

This tradition comes from St. Faustina Kowalska's convent in Poland.

WHAT BETTER WAY TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE...  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
**"MEMORIAL BRICK WALKWAY"**  
 COST: \$250  
 CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE—SENIORS GROUP**

This group won't meet again until Fr. Amal gets back from India. See you all again on January 29th.

**All our Tim 4:12 weekly events are open to Jackson area young adults, ages 18-35!**

# Charity social night!

Looking to meet other Catholic Young Adults in the Jackson area? Have some lightly used clothes you'd like to donate?

**This is the night for you!**

Jackson Young Adults (ages 18-35) are welcome to join us for our first meeting of the 2026 year!

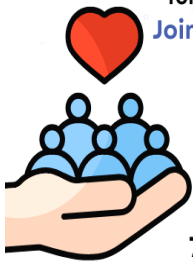
**Join us for our Charity Social Night!**

We'll have boxes to collect any new & lightly used warm clothing you'd like to donate.

**Plus!** Light refreshments to share with others... **Come join us!**

**7-9PM | Queen's Seton Hall**

**JOIN US THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH!**



**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

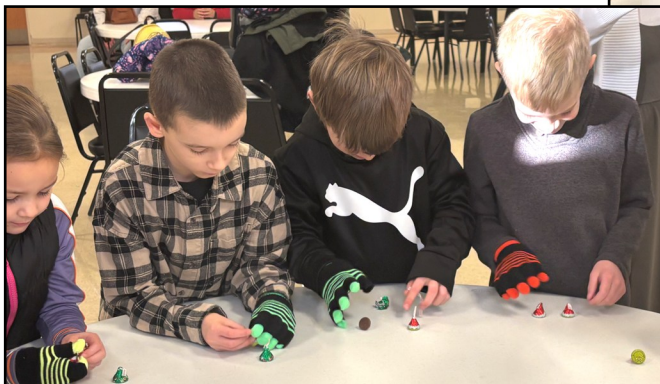
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**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST**

Jim Daley (Grand Knight) Vivienne Cronkhite, Isabella Palmer, (winner, not pictured) Evelynn Eineder



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST



A good time was had by all!

God Bless you in the new year!



# AN EVENING WITH DR. DAVID ANDERS

JOIN GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC RADIO FOR AN EVENING WITH DR DAVID ANDERS,  
HOST OF THE EWTN SHOW, 'CALLED TO COMMUNION.'



Lumen Christi Catholic School  
**JANUARY, 31<sup>ST</sup> 2026**

MASS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPEL (SEATING IS LIMITED) AT 5:00PM.  
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 6:00PM.

TICKETS: \$500 PER TABLE (8) OR \$100 EACH.  
PURCHASE THEM HERE:  
[HTTPS://GOODSHEPHERDCATHOLICRADIO.ORG](https://goodshepherdcatholicradio.org)



## GOOD NEWS!

BETHANY HOUSE IS PLANNING TO RE-OPEN AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. WE ARE IN NEED OF A FEW DIRECT CARE WORKERS.

IF YOUR HEART IS TO SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE AND YOU'RE INTERESTED IN A FULL OR PART TIME POSITION

PLEASE CALL  
PAM @  
517-937-8000

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED  
DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!



O Come, O Come  
Emmanuel



## CONNECT WITH US



Follow us on **Facebook**  
Daily messages, prayers, and much more!  
Need help?  
Call the parish Office 764-2088



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!



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!

### THE GREAT 50/50 RAFFLE 2026 TICKETS: \$100

To order tickets call: 517-787-0630  
or  
get them after Mass from any Usher or in the  
Parish Office during business hours  
See flyer in the narthex for additional info  
All proceeds support  
Jackson Area Catholic Schools