

# Our Lady of Fatima

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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:

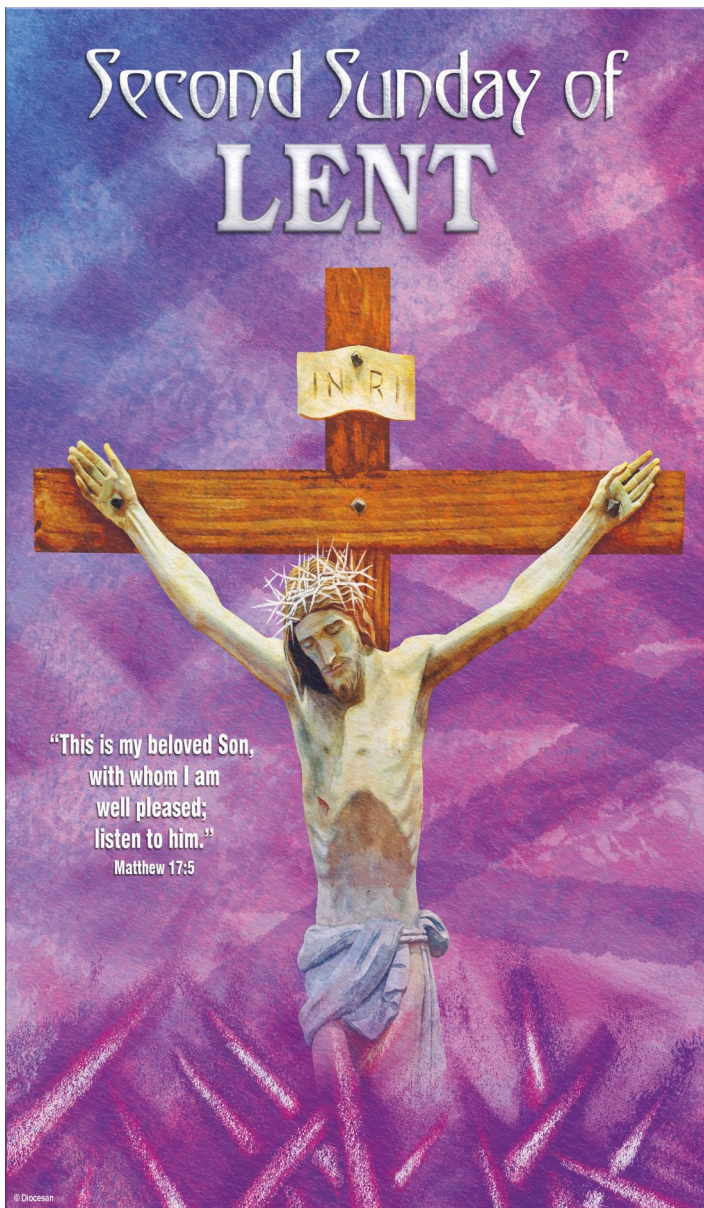
Parents are required to be practicing Catholics and registered members of the parish. Baptism Prep classes are also required.

## 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.

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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.”

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning  
In memory of  
Keith Smith  
Offered by: Family**



**FROM FR. AMAL**

**“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.”**

In his 2026 Lenten message, *Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion*, Pope Leo XIV begins with a simple but profound invitation: *Listening*. He reminds us that true conversion begins when we allow the Word of God to touch our hearts. Listening is the foundation of every meaningful relationship. In our families, communities, workplaces, and in the wider world, we can listen well only if we first learn to listen to God our Father. On the mountain of the Transfiguration, the Father’s command is clear: “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*” In a world filled with noise; opinions, arguments, and constant distractions, we are called to listen to Jesus. We listen in Sacred Scripture, where His voice continues to speak. We listen in the teachings of the Church, which faithfully preserve His truth. We listen in the quiet of conscience, where the Spirit gently guides us.

On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel takes us to the mountain of the Transfiguration. There we see a powerful contrast between the Mount of Transfiguration and Mount Calvary. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus is revealed in radiant glory before Peter, James, and John. His face shines like the sun, and His garments become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah stand beside Him, representing the Law and the Prophets, showing that Jesus fulfills the story of Israel. It is a foretaste of the Resurrection, a glimpse of heaven breaking into our world.

Mount Calvary presents a stark contrast. Instead of radiant light, darkness covers the land. Instead of dazzling garments, Jesus is stripped and wounded. Instead of standing between Moses and Elijah, He hangs between criminals. Instead of the Father’s voice proclaiming delight, there is silence, broken only by the cry, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” On the mountain of glory, Peter wants to remain. On Calvary, most of the disciples flee. One mountain reveals who Jesus is; the other reveals what He came to do.

Yet these two mountains are inseparable. The glory of the Transfiguration prepares the disciples for the suffering of the Cross. The Cross fulfills the promise revealed in glory. The shining face of Christ is the same face marred by suffering. The beloved Son is also the obedient Servant who gives His life for the world. Together, they teach us that true glory is found in self-giving love.

The Transfiguration also reveals our calling. We are destined to share in Christ’s glory. Lent is not only about sacrifice; it is about transformation. As we continue our journey, let us not fear the crosses we carry. It is good for us to be here, but it is even better to listen to Him and follow wherever He leads.

*Fr. Amal sdc*

**Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering**

Sunday, February 22..... \$8,298.00  
 (\$5,662.00 envelopes / \$1,940.00 online / \$696.00 loose)  
 70 out of 324 parishioners who  
 receive envelopes. Online givers was 32.

Other collections  
 Black & Native American..... \$ 446.00  
 Altar Flowers..... \$40.00

**Contribution Statements are available.  
 You must contact the parish office to receive one.**

Online Giving  
 is simple and easy!

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

**MASS SCHEDULE / CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Saturday, February 28th**

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Rosary  
 4:30 pm + Ginger Healy—5th Ann. (Jim)  
 - For the intentions of Sandy Cunningham & family

**Sunday, March 1st**

7:30 am Rosary  
 8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Rosary  
 10:30 am + Jean Maino (family)  
 + Anna Loegering (family)

**Tuesday, March 3rd**

8:30 am + Bud & Mary McCaslin (Barb & Jeff McEllis)

**Wednesday, March 4th**

5pm-6pm Adoration  
 6:00 pm + Regis Marshall (Bob Tavalsky)

**Thursday, March 5th**

8:30 am + Deceased members of the Pancercz Family  
 (Leona Vandenburg)

**Friday, March 6th**

8:30 am + Millie & Bob Warner (family)  
 9am-10am Adoration  
 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 7th**

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions  
 4:00 pm Rosary  
 4:30 pm + Tammy Turner (Jim & Barb Margul)

**Sunday, March 8th**

7:30 am Rosary  
 8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Rosary  
 10:30 am + Kelli McGaskey (family)  
 + David Sherwood (Bob Tavalsky)

**PRAYERS NEEDED**

Gaye Bivins	Leviticus	Fr. Bob Pienta
Darren Blodgett	Hawthorne	Debbie Poole
Nancy Buchin	Margie Horsch	Harriet Robb
Helen Buksar	Naomi Hill	Dale Roberts
Rodney Cropsey	Howard Kaak	Joseph Siller
Lance Cunningham	Geri King	Carol Schwarts
JR DeLaRosa	Pauline LaRocque	Jo Smith
Ruth Daley	Shirley Lantis	Ray & Maria Sowa
Sandra Dandrow	Dave Laughlin	Bill & Laura Stoewer
Peggy Doerr	Ava Lindsay	Carol Stygles
Donald Draper	Jim & Barb Margul	Terry Stygles
Chet Eicher	Jack Melling	Pam Towler
Eineder family esp.	Pat McGaskey	Tom Turner
Baby Girl Eineder	Wendy (Schweda)	Bill & Dolores Walsh
Kristen Eineder	Oakley	Bill & Nancy White
Liam Eineder	Therri Oberdick	Rik Wilkinson
Craig Fiarine	John O'Shea	Bob Wolfe
Dcn. Gene	Frankie Parzych	Chris Zemer
Hausmann	Anne Pelton	Don Zenisek
Jerry Havens		

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**



1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
 March 1st, 15th ~ Class 9am to 10:15am  
 First Holy Communion/First Reconciliation Dates

**Parents Meeting March 1st at 9:00am** in the Father Dunne Hall . At least one parent should be present. Meeting will be about 20minutes.

**First Penance March 15th 9-10am**

**First Communion Retreat/Practice Sunday, April 26th,** at 11:45 in Father Dunne Hall (Lunch will be served)

**First Holy Communion Sunday, May 3rd @ 10:30 Mass**

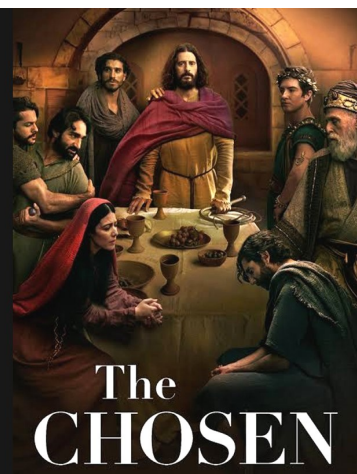
**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FATIMA—MARCH**

- 1st** Religious Education 9am Parent Meeting in hall. O.C.I.A. Class 9am  
 The Chosen @ Noon in the hall
- 3rd** K of C Meeting 7pm
- 5th** Lectio Divina 9-10am St. Clare Room  
 Seniors Group 9-11am St. Clare Room  
 4th Degree K of C Meeting 7pm
- 6th** Lenten Fish Fry 4-7pm  
 Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
- 7th** 1st Saturday Mass and Adoration 8:30am
- 8th** Daylight Savings Time  
 DSA commitment weekend  
 No K of C Breakfast  
 The Chosen @ Noon in the hall  
 Confirmation 2026 candidates meeting in library 9-10am
- 11th** Parish Life Apostolate Meeting 7pm
- 12th** Seniors Group 9-11am St. Clare Room  
 Lectio Divina 9-10am St. Clare Room  
 Lenten Penance Service 7pm
- 13th** Lenten Fish Fry 4-7pm  
 Stations of the Cross 7:30pm  
 No 13th of the Month Rosary
- 15th** Religious Education 9am  
 O.C.I.A. 9-10:15 library  
 First Reconciliation in Church for 2nd grade  
 St. Vincent de Paul meeting 9am in conference room  
 The Chosen @ Noon in the hall.
- 19th** Lectio Divina 9-10am St. Clare Room  
 Seniors Group 9-11am St. Clare Room  
 Safety and Security Meeting 5pm in parish office
- 20th** Lenten Fish Fry 4-7pm  
 Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
- 22nd** O.C.I.A. 9-10:15am Library  
 The Chosen @ Noon in the hall
- 26th** Lectio Divina 9-10am St. Clare Room  
 Seniors Group 9-11am St. Clare Room
- 27th** Lenten Fish Fry 4-7pm  
 Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
- 28th** NO Women's or Men's Prayer Group  
**LENTEN RETREAT at Pious Union of St. Joseph in Grass Lake 9-Noon**

The Chosen Watch Party  
 Sundays in Lent – NOON

SEASON 5 – The Holy Week

Lunch provided & NO RSVP needed



The  
**CHOSEN**

**PARISH LIFE APOSTOLATE**

All had a great time at the “50’s Dinner and Dance”



Sierra Finstrom  
 Fran Laughlin  
 Lin Fisher  
 Arnelle Drouillard  
 Pam Roller  
 Nancy Fabian



Bill Roller  
 Bob Bacon

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**



Need Assistance? Let us help! Call 764-4180  
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**MARCH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**  
Mac & Cheese, Frosting, Spaghetti Sauce in jar  
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New members are always needed and welcomed!  
**Our next meeting today Sunday, March 15, 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!

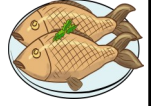
**K of C NEWS**



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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**LENTEN FISH FRYS**  
Fridays during Lent 4-7pm



Desserts are always needed! If you would like to bring a dessert, please drop it off to the kitchen on Friday afternoon.



**CAKE MIXES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PICK SOME UP TO MAKE FOR THE FISH FRYS.**



**DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY IS OPEN!**

Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS!**

**Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today.** The survey will assess our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen Our Lady of Fatima and better prepare us for the future!

To take the survey online:  
<https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/pcg17p>

If you prefer a paper copy they are available on the Welcome Table in the narthex. Completed surveys can be return to the basket on the Welcome Table.

**Survey ends March 31st.**

- Your input helps strengthen our parish.
- Results help leadership prepare for the future.
- A report of the finding will be shared in May.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

Our Lady of Fatima  
Thursday, March 12th @ 7pm

St. Mary  
Saturday, March 14th @ 10am

St. John  
Thursday, March 19th @ 7pm

St. Rita  
Monday, March 23rd @ 7pm

Queen's  
Tuesday, March 24th @ 7pm

**St. John Catholic Cemetery**

Whether you choose in-ground burial or an option for cremation, there are so many reasons to purchase your cemetery burial space in advance.

During the month of March, save 10% on all burial spaces *paid in full* at the time of purchase.

Call the cemetery at 517-783-1728 for more details and to schedule an appointment.

“What we GIVE is what we have FROM the Lord”  
1 Chronicles 29:14



Please scan the QR Code or visit [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal) to make a life-changing gift to DSA today!  
Envelopes are also available in the pews.



**THE GREAT 50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS FEBRUARY 2026**

#0215  
Gerald Terry

#0813  
Nancy Katarsky

**Join Us - next Saturday, March 7th**  
**First Saturday Celebration**

**8:30 am Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions**



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Stay connected w/ our parish with instant notifications, prayers, daily mass readings, calendar and much more!



**Stations of the Cross**  
**Fridays @ 7:30 PM**



**Thursdays in Lent**

**Second Sunday of Lent (A)**  
**Matthew 17:1-9**

9 am - 10 am

St. Clare Room



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
**ANNUAL LENTEN –2026**

**Fish Fry**

**ADULTS—\$15.00**  
**SENIORS 65+ \$14.00**  
**ACTIVE MILITARY & VETERANS \$13.00**  
**CHILDREN 6-12 ARE \$8.00 AND 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE**

**All You Can Eat Fish Dinners Include:**  
**Fried and Baked Fish, Baked Potato & French Fries,**  
**Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread & Desserts**

**Every Friday starting on Feb. 20th thru March 27th**  
**Times are from 4PM to 7PM (Credit Cards Welcomed)**

Location: Our Lady of Fatima-Fr. Andy Dunne Hall  
 911 Napoleon Rd. , Michigan Center, Mi.

Sponsored by Bishop Zaleski Council #6687

**Summary of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 7:00 pm**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with an Opening Prayer led by Jim O’Sullivan. Two new members, Tom Zenisek and Trent Aiuto, were welcomed to the Parish Council. Guests in attendance included Jim Daley and David Latoszewski.
- A report was presented from the Finance Council and the St. Vincent de Paul Society noting that 392 cans of soup were donated in February and 100 individuals were served during the past month. Appreciation was expressed to parishioners for their continued generosity and support. It was also noted that the Finance Council will now meet on the second Tuesday of each month to provide an updated report to the Parish Council.
- Amy Parrish, Director of Faith Formation, reported that 45 students are currently enrolled in Religious Education Classes. This includes 7 students preparing for First Holy Communion, 7 candidates preparing for Confirmation, 5 adults preparing to receive the Sacraments.
- Jim Daley reported on behalf of the Safety and Security Team. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 19, with local police officers to discuss church security, including procedures for locking the church during Mass. The Emergency Response Team (ERT) currently has 21 members. Initial training has been completed.

Fr. Amal provided a written report outlining upcoming parish events and projects. Highlights include:

- ◇ **Regional Confirmation:** Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m.
- ◇ **Highlands Latin School:** plans to use the school facilities on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- **Upcoming Maintenance Projects:**
  - ◇ Repair the cupola lights
  - ◇ Repair of support bricks around the church
  - ◇ Installation of a culvert on the southeast driveway and repairs to the northwest driveway
  - ◇ Painting of the library wall and several classrooms to address peeling paint.
- **Future Project:** Parking lot replacement scheduled for Summer 2028 in preparation for the parish’s 75th anniversary in 2029.
- Jim O’Sullivan encouraged Parish Council members to consider joining a parish ministry to serve as liaisons between the Council and parish organizations. The Council discussed restarting small-group home Bible studies beginning in August or September. A Parish Council member will assist the host group with coordination. Fr. Amal will provide parishioners with an update on the recent parish survey results. Jim O’Sullivan and another Parish council member will meet with Fr. Amal every other month to review and revise the parish goals and strategies. A copy of the current goals and strategies is attached to this weekend’s bulletin.
- The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**