

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 5:05-5:45p.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:

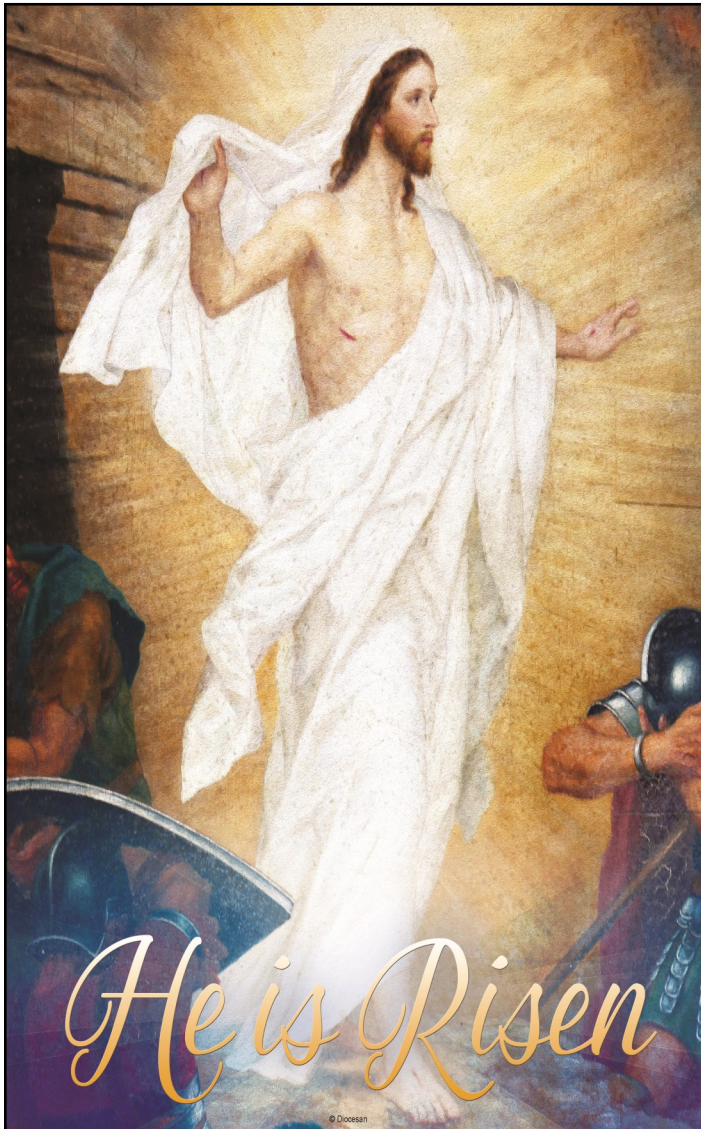
Parents are required to be practicing Catholics and registered members of the parish. Baptism Prep classes are also required.

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.

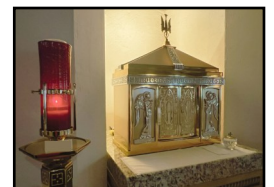
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“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
For the deceased members of the
Drongowski Family
Offered by: Family**



FROM FR. AMAL

“Do not be afraid!

**I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.
He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said”**

How comforting the words of the angel to the women who went to see the tomb where Jesus was buried. On that first Easter morning, the disciples were not celebrating; they were afraid, confused, and grieving. The tomb seemed to confirm their worst fears—that death had won. But when they encountered the empty tomb and the Risen Lord, despair was transformed into courage, fear into faith, and sorrow into joy. The Resurrection was not just a miracle; it was a new beginning for humanity.

Today is not simply a remembrance of an event long ago; it is the foundation of everything we believe. If Christ is not risen, then Christianity collapses. But because He is risen, everything changes: our lives, our suffering, our hope, and our future. Easter tells us that God has the final word and that word is not death, but life.

In our own lives, we often experience “Good Friday” moments—times of pain, loss, disappointment, and uncertainty. We face struggles in our families, health, work, and faith. Sometimes, like the disciples, we feel that hope is buried and the stone is sealed. But Easter assures us that no stone is too heavy for God to roll away. Easter reminds us that life is worth living. God has acted beyond human expectation. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as to our common prayers. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. The prayer of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, reads: *“Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part.”*

The Resurrection of Christ is not just about Jesus; it is about us. It means that sin does not have the final say. It means that failure is not the end of our story. It means that even in the darkest moments, God is working to bring forth new life. St. Paul reminds us that our faith is not empty because Christ is truly risen. And if He is risen, then we are called to live as people of the Resurrection. This means living with hope when others despair, showing love when it is difficult, forgiving when it hurts, and trusting God even when we do not understand.

The empty tomb is not just a sign of what happened to Jesus; it is a promise of what God wants to do in each of us. He wants to raise us from fear to faith, from sin to grace, from death to life.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Fr. Amal sdc

Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering

Sunday, March 29th.....	\$8,601.00
(\$4,943.00 envelopes / \$2,725.00 online / \$933.00 loose)	
79 out of 324 parishioners who receive envelopes. Online givers was 36.	
Other collections	
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 33.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$412.00
Altar Flowers.....	\$32.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$1,105.00
DSA.....	\$31,035.00
64% OF DSA Parish Goal: \$47,933.00	

**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

MASS SCHEDULE / CHURCH CALENDAR

Holy Saturday, April 4– Easter Vigil

12:30 pm Food Basket Blessing
9:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Easter Sunday, April 5th

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am + Jim, Jimmy and Scotty Buchin (family)

Tuesday, April 7th

8:30 am For the intentions, health, and well being of
Sandy Cunningham

Wednesday, April 8th

5pm-6pm Adoration
5:05pm-5:45pm Confessions
6:00 pm + Deceased members of the Czubko family

Thursday, April 9th

8:30 am + The deceased poor

Friday, April 10th

8:30 am + Millie & Bob Warner
9am-10am Adoration



Saturday, April 11th

3:00-4:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm Rosary
4:30 pm + Deceased members of the Joseph DiVietri Family
(Mark & Raquel Cross family)

Sunday, April 12th

7:30 am Rosary
8:00 am For the People of the Parish
+ Fr. Leo Cachat, S.J. (Fr. Amal)
10:00 am Rosary
10:30 am + Pat Tavalisky (David Jodis)
+ Al Cielan (Bob Tavalisky)



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

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

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Richard Cunningham

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FATIMA—APRIL

- 1st — Rehearsal for Easter Vigil OCIA candidates, 6:40 pm, Church
- 2nd – Holy Thursday**
 - No Morning Mass
 - No Seniors Group
 - Chrism Mass in Lansing, 10:30 am
 - Last Supper Mass with washing of the feet, 7 pm
 - Adoration, 8 pm to 10 pm
- 3rd — Good Friday** (fasting and abstinence)
 - Stations of the Cross, 12 noon
 - Good Friday Service, 12:30 (followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet)
- 4th — Holy Saturday**
 - Blessing of the Food Baskets, 12:30 pm
 - Easter Vigil, 9 pm
 - Easter Vigil Celebration, Father Dunne Hall following the Vigil
- 5th — Easter Sunday**
 - Mass, 9 am
 - No Religious Education Class
- 6th — Parish Office Closed
- 7th — K of C Meeting, 7 pm
- 8th — Parish Life Meeting, 7 pm
- 9th — NO Seniors Group
 - K of C 4th degree Meeting, 7 pm
- 10th— Lumen Christi Vocation Retreat
- 11th — Boys Group Retreat, St. Louis Center, 8:15 am
 - Girls Group Retreat, Pious Union, 8:30 am
- 12th— Sunday of Divine Mercy**
 - K of C Breakfast
 - No Religious Education
 - K of C Free Throw Contest @ Noon
- 13th—13th of the month Rosary
- 15th – 17th — SdC Ongoing Formation
- 16th — NO Seniors Group
- 17th — Memorial Mass for Fr. Joseph Rinaldo SdC, St. Louis Center at 11 am

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

First Holy Communion

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

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

K of C Free Throw Contest
 NEXT Sunday, April 12th
 12 Noon — lunch will be served— in the gym



All ages are welcome!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Need Assistance? Let us help! Call 764-4180

APRIL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
 Canned Chicken, Canned Pasta with Meat,
 Frosting, Peanut Butter

New members are always needed and welcomed!
Our next meeting is Sunday, April 19, 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!



THANK YOU to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA). **If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in the narthex or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal.** Through your generosity, we live out our faith in action, demonstrating charity as a reflection of God's love.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday's 5:00pm—6:00 pm
 Friday's 9:00am—10:00am

Come spend some time with Jesus.



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CEMETERY REMINDER

PLEASE REMOVE ALL WINTER GRAVE DECORATIONS BY APRIL 1ST.

POTTED FLOWERS ARE ALLOWED FROM MAY 1ST UNTIL OCTOBER 1ST.


FRESH FLORAL BOUQUETS ARE PERMITTED YEAR ROUND.

**focus
life**

2026 Annual Benefit Dinner
& 13th Annual Silent Auction

May 19, 2026

Country Club of Jackson
Jackson, MI



Life. The Other Choice.

Don't Miss an Evening to Promote LIFE!

Join **Jackson Right to Life** for our annual **Focus on Life** benefit dinner and silent auction on **Tuesday MAY 19th** at the Country Club of Jackson.

For more details and to register/pay visit Jacksonforlife.org

Deadline to register if May 11th (or when we sell out)

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Heart of Feminine Holiness


The Church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine 'genius' which have appeared in the course of history... and all the fruits of feminine holiness.

Mulieris Dignitatus #31

OCTOBER 10

9am-5pm

LANSING CENTER, LANSING, MI



DIVINE MERCY

Sunday

April 12th | 2:00-4 p.m.



COME EXPERIENCE THE DEPTHS OF GOD'S LOVING MERCY

Join us at St. Joseph Church for our Jackson-wide celebration of the Lord's Divine Mercy!

- *Selections from St. Faustina's Diary
- *Divine Mercy Chaplet
- *Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions for the duration

St. Joseph Church | 705 N. Waterloo, Jackson

Please note: Confessors are limited this year. A friendly reminder that any confession made about 20 days before or after the feast's observance can be applied toward the indulgence. 5:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated as usual.



NEW FAMILY GRANT

Thanks to your generosity to the *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars* campaign, Bishop Earl Boyea is delighted to announce that all Catholic families who newly enroll in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Lansing are now eligible to receive a New Family Grant of up to \$1500 per family.

The New Family Grant is available to any Catholic family who has not previously had a child enrolled in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Lansing.



SCAN ME



TO LEARN MORE

Scan the QR Code or visit tinyurl.com/NewFamilyGrant

For more info contact Kathy Ruddock, Admin. Assistant, Office of Catholic Schools ~ kruddock@dioceseoflansing.org



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Need help?
Call the parish Office 764-2088



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

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



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Memory of

Aiuto, Russell & Bernita
 Arnold, Jackie
 Barker & Hoppes Families
 Berry, John L.
 Blissick, Ed & Millie
 Blissick, John & Sophie
 Buchin, Jim & Jimmy
 Buksar, Edward A.
 Buksar, Mr. & Mrs. Andy Sr.
 Chrapek, Patricia
 Cook, Ed & Pat
 Cox, Joseph & Shirley
 Coy, Thomas
 Cunningham, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald
 Faitel, Elizabeth
 Hart, Danny
 Hartley, Jerry

Jones, Patricia Harding
 Jozwiak, Ted
 Juckett, Carolyn
 Kellogg, Mrs. Moreen
 Kinch, Raymond "Joe"
 Kistka, John & Agnes
 Ledwidge, Norman
 Long, Harry & Tom
 Long, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
 Long, Mr. & Mrs. William
 Ludwig, Tony
 May, Leroy & Lois
 Mokosh, Margaret
 Paddock, Veronica
 Pickell, Kayle & Dorothy
 Podgorniak, Charlene
 Powell Families
 Rich Families
 Roller, William & Ann

Shuman, Clara & Clarence
 Sierminski, Frank & Ann
 Snock, Mary
 Sprangel, Mr. & Mrs. Joe
 Strickland, Judy
 Tavalisky, Pat
 The Koziol Family
 Thomas & Ambs family deceased
 Trevarthen, Colette
 Van Woert, Earnest & Marjorie
 Van Woert, Ronald
 Volgstadt, Kay & Harold
 Warner, Millie & Bob
 West, Rose Ann
 Wrozek, Lucille
 Wrozek, Michael
 Wrozek, Walter
 Younglove, Jack & Kay

In Honor of
 Father Amal
 St. Joseph

JACKSON CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS - Tim 4:12

TIM 4:12 PRESENTS

SPRING DANCE

AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

913 NAPOLEON RD, MICHIGAN CENTER
 MI 49254 | OLD GYM
 6PM-9:00PM

Activities Includes:

- Instructed Square Dancing
- An hour of Swing Dancing
- Refreshments
- Social time with Young Adults!

Join us for a fun-filled evening at our Spring Dance

Semi-formal Attire Recommend

For more information, Email gerringthomas@gmail.com

Men's & Women's Small Groups

Looking for intentional discipleship? Community? A time set apart to pray with others?

Join a small group today!

Scan the QR code to join the Tim 4:12 GroupMe to get group updates!

Young Adults Ages 18-35