

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

In Memory of Pat Tavalsky

Offered by: Bob Tavalsky



FROM FR. AMAL

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed”

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we hear the beautiful and challenging words of Jesus to Thomas: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” These words are not only addressed to Thomas, but to each one of us.

Thomas often gets a bad reputation. We call him “Doubting Thomas,” as if his doubt defines him. But in truth, Thomas is honest. He expresses what others may have felt but were afraid to say. He wanted to see, to touch, to be certain. He longed for a personal encounter with the risen Lord. And when Jesus appears, He does not reject Thomas. Instead, He meets him with compassion and invites him: “Put your finger here... do not be unbelieving, but believe.”

This moment teaches us something essential: faith is not the absence of doubt, but trust in the midst of it. Thomas moves from doubt to one of the deepest confessions of faith: “My Lord and my God!” His journey becomes our own. We, too, seek signs. We want clear proof of God’s presence. We may say, “Lord, show me that You are there.” Yet Jesus reminds us of a greater blessing—to believe without seeing. This is not blind faith, but a deeper trust rooted in love and openness to God’s grace.

We encounter the risen Christ not in extraordinary visions, but in ordinary moments: in the Eucharist, in the Word of God, in acts of kindness and forgiveness, and in the community of believers. Like the disciples behind locked doors, we also carry fears and uncertainties. Yet Jesus enters those closed spaces and says, “Peace be with you.”

Today, we also celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**. It reminds us that God’s mercy is greater than our doubts, sins, and weaknesses. When Thomas touches the wounds of Christ, he encounters not only proof, but love—a love that suffers, forgives, and restores. The mercy of God sustains us, even in a world marked by suffering and tragedy. Often, we try to understand everything, asking why events happen as they do. While seeking understanding is natural, we must also learn to trust that God, in His wisdom, knows what is best. His mercy holds us, even when we do not understand.

Divine Mercy Sunday, established by St. John Paul II, calls us to trust in that mercy. St. Faustina reminds us of Jesus’ words: “Look into My Heart... and see the love and mercy I have for humankind.” When people fail to recognize this love, the world suffers deeply. But we are called to be witnesses of that mercy. As we celebrate today, let us strive to sow mercy in our daily lives—through patience, kindness, and forgiveness. It takes effort, but grace will guide us. As St. Faustina says, “Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God.”

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Fr. Amal sdc

Sharing Our Treasure—Weekly Offering

Sunday, April 5th.....	\$5,622.00
(\$785.00 envelopes / \$4,015.00 online / \$822.00 loose)	
11 out of 324 parishioners who receive envelopes. Online givers was 39.	
Other collections	
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 285.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$55.00
Altar Flowers.....	130.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$90.00
Easter Offering.....	\$4,741.00
Good Friday.....	\$1,031.00
DSA.....	\$38,704.00

80% OF DSA Parish Goal: \$47,933.00

If you have not donated yet....Please consider giving today!
Envelopes are available at the entrances.

Online Giving
is simple and easy!

SIGN UP TODAY!
www.fatimaparish.net

MASS SCHEDULE / CHURCH CALENDAR

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)

Tuesday, April 14th

- 8:30 am + Moreen Kellogg (Sandy Cunningham)

Wednesday, April 15th

- 5pm-6pm Adoration 
- 5:05pm-5:45pm Confessions
- 6:00 pm + Dennis Ray—2nd Ann (family)

Thursday, April 16th

- 8:30 am + Dorothy Obuchowski (Bob & Kathy Kinch)

Friday, April 17th

- 8:30 am + Helen Powell & Genia Smith (Leona Vandenburg)
- 9am-10am NO Adoration

Saturday, April 18th

- 3:00-4:00 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Rosary
- 4:30 pm + Theresa O'Dell (Dan & Mary Kistka) + Alicia Job (Bob Tavalisky)

Sunday, April 19th

- 7:30 am Rosary
- 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
- 10:00 am Rosary
- 10:30 am + Bud Wright (family) + Pat Tuthill (Debbie Rooker)

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 Schwarts
Rodney Cropsey	Mary Kistka	Linda Schultz
Lance Cunningham	Shirley Lantis	Paula Shovels
JR DeLaRosa	Dave Laughlin	Jerry Smith
Ruth Daley	Ava Lindsay	Ray & Maria Sowa
Sandra Dandrow	Jim & Barb Margul	Bill & Laura Stoewer
Peggy Doerr	Jack Melling	Carol & 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

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



April 19th Religious Ed 9am / OCIA 9:15am
 April 26th OCIA 9am
First Communion Retreat/Practice
 11:45 in Father Dunne Hall (Lunch will be served)

May 3rd **First Holy Communion Sunday@ 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 BREAKFAST TODAY 9AM

K of C Free Throw Contest
TODAY! Sunday, April 12th
 12 Noon — lunch will be served— in the gym
 All ages are welcome!



Fish Fry Appreciation Dinner (in gym)
 Friday, April 24th 6:00pm refreshments / 6:30 pm dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FATIMA—APRIL

12th— Sunday of Divine Mercy
 - K of C Breakfast
 - No Religious Education
 - K of C Free Throw Contest @ Noon in gym
13th—13th of the month Devotion, 6:30pm
15th – 17th — SdC Ongoing Formation
16th — NO Seniors Group
17th — Memorial Mass for Fr. Joseph Rinaldo SdC, St. Louis Center at 11 am
18th—SdC Vicar General visit
 -Jackson Area Catholic Special Religious Education mass, 4:30pm
19th—Third Sunay of Easter
 -Religious Education Class, 9am
 -OCIA, 9:15-10:15am
 -St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 9:05am Conference Rm
23rd—Seniors Group, 9am
 -Safety & Security Meeting, 5:15pm
24th—K of C Appreciation Dinner, 6pm in gym
 -Men's and Women's Prayer Group, 9am
26th—Fourth Sunday of Easter
 -OCIA, 9-10am, Library
 -First Communion Retreat, 11:45am
30th—Seniors Group, 9am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Need Assistance? Let us help! Call 764-4180
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APRIL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
 Canned Chicken, Canned Pasta with Meat,
 Frosting, Peanut Butter
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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!

Priests Vs. Seminarians

SPECIAL GUEST ANNOUNCERS - FR. JOE KRUPP & FR. TIM MACDONALD!

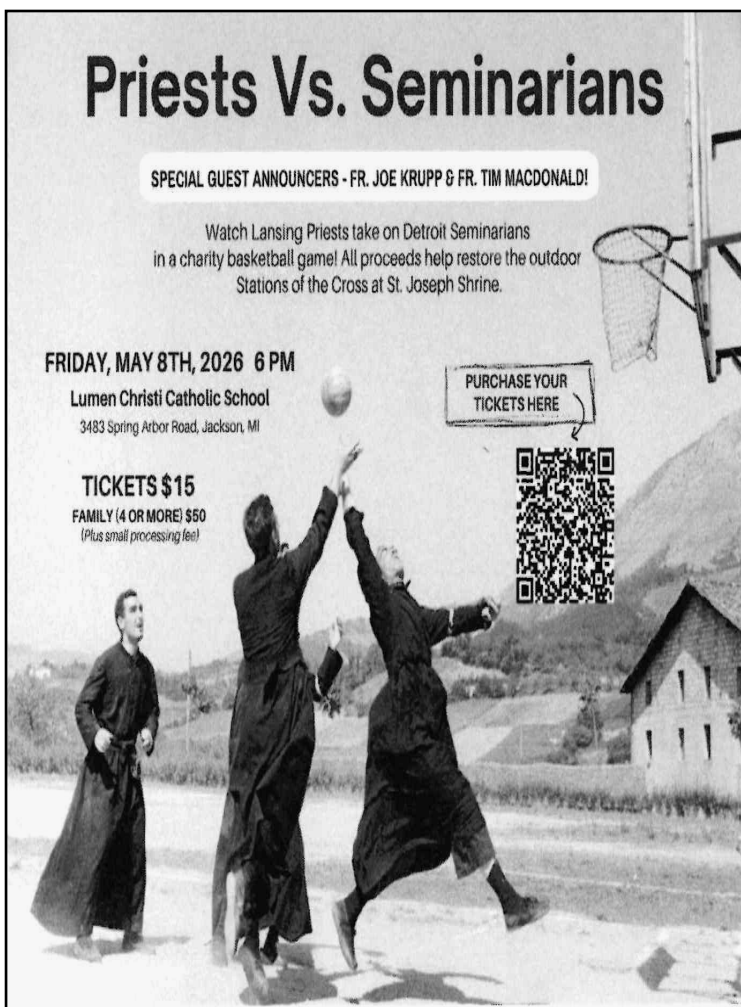
Watch Lansing Priests take on Detroit Seminarians in a charity basketball game! All proceeds help restore the outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Shrine.


FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, 2026 6 PM

Lumen Christi Catholic School
 3483 Spring Arbor Road, Jackson, MI

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE

TICKETS \$15
FAMILY (4 OR MORE) \$50
 (Plus small processing fee!)






focus on life
Life. The Other Choice.
2026 Annual Benefit Dinner & 13th Annual Silent Auction
May 19, 2026
Country Club of Jackson
Jackson, MI

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)

**EVENT IS FILLING QUICKLY!
DID YOU REGISTER YET?**



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!
Our **Senior Transportation Program** helps Jackson area seniors get to their important medical appointments. This program is "driven" by our amazing volunteer drivers, logging thousands of miles to help dozens of seniors make it to their appointments each year.
Want to get involved as a volunteer?
We invite you to use your life experience and skills to become a volunteer driver.
To get started email: transportation@CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org or call 517-783-6102.
You can make a difference. Find out more at www.CatholicCharitiesJLHC.org/senior-transportation.




Dear Grandparents,
What if the most important thing you will ever do in your life is still in front of you?
Many grandparents are concerned about the spiritual welfare of their grandchildren. If you are one you can find inspiring and helpful information by attending the **Do It Grandly™ seminar to be held on five consecutive Thursdays beginning April 23rd at 9:00am in the St. Clare Community room (next to the food pantry) as a part of the Pilgrims of Hope, senior's group meeting.**
The **Do It Grandly™** seminar is an exciting innovation in grandparenting and in youth work. It brings over 50 years of youth-work expertise together with hundreds of years of experienced grandparenting to craft a bold vision for how grandparents can become effective "youth workers" with their own grandchildren.
Here is how you can be a part: See Tim DeWaters or call him at 517-740-6008 or **just show up on April 23rd at 9:00am at the St. Clare Community room and be surprised what you can do to point your grandchildren to the faith you have in Christ.**
For more information visit the website: www.grandly.org




DIVINE MERCY
Sunday
April 12th | 2:00-4 p.m.
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
COME EXPERIENCE THE DEPTHS OF GOD'S LOVING MERCY
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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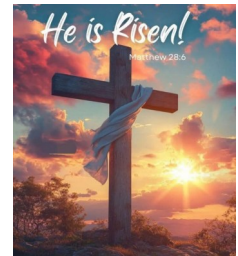
Follow us on **Facebook**
Daily messages, prayers, and much more!
Need help?
Call the parish Office 764-2088

HE IS RISEN!

WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



L-R: Roger Downey, John Stolaruk, Fr. Amal, Michelle Stolaruk, Elizabeth Meyers, Johnathan Meyers, Carter McBride, Eric Terrian, Lisa Fiero



Altar of Repose



Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper



JACKSON CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS - Tim 4:12

TIM 4:12 YOUNG ADULT GROUP **PRAYER HIKE**
 Thursday, April 16th
7PM

Wear comfortable shoes!
 Bring bug spray!

As long as the April showers hold off for the evening... join us out at MacCready Nature Reserve!

TIM 4:12 YOUNG ADULT GROUP **APRIL events**

Thursday, April 16th
 Hoping the April showers hold off, for an evening of hiking & prayer this week! Join us at McCready Nature Reserve, starting at 7PM.

Thursday, April 23rd
 NO weekly meeting this week.

Thursday, April 30th
 It's Game Night! Stop by from 7-9PM at Queen's parish office, the St. Catherine room, for games, pizza, and soda!

Scan to join the GroupMe chat!