

# ST. GERARD PARISH

4437 W. WILLOW HWY.  
LANSING, MI 48917-2180



## SUNDAY LITURGIES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.  
9:00 A.M. also livestreamed

## WEEKDAY LITURGIES:

Monday - Friday: 6:30 A.M.

Tuesday - Saturday: 8:10 A.M.

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday: 5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

Also by appointment

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesday: 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

## SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Children ages 4 years to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & DONUTS

Immediately after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Please call (517) 323-2379 for an appointment.

## PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Robert Bacik.....Pastor  
Rev. Mark Martin.....Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Jim Corder.....Pastoral Associate  
Deacon Phil Guyeskey.....Deacon  
Deacon Ray Rzepecki.....Deacon and Adult Faith Formation  
Mary Peacock.....RCIA  
Jeff Corder.....Youth Ministry and Communications  
Theresa Bosman.....Middle School Ministry and Confirmation  
Kathy Warriner.....Religious Education (K-6)  
Ben Koval.....Music Ministry  
Karla Reilly.....Pastoral Ministry  
Sara Wade.....School Principal  
Brian Droste.....Operations Manager  
Jon Jackinchuk.....Accountant

## PHONES - E-MAILS

Parish Office.....323-2379  
Parish FAX.....886-1394  
School Office.....321-6126  
Religious Education.....321-4179  
Child Care.....853-0744  
RCIA.....mpeacock@stgerard.org  
Religious Education.....kwarriner@stgerard.org  
Marriage Preparation.....jcorder@stgerard.org

**BAPTISMS:** Call the office for baptism workshop information. Baptism preparation is necessary for parents and can be done at any time prior to the birth of the child. Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact a parish priest or deacon at least nine months in advance.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Call the parish office when someone is ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome to our parish community. Please call a pastoral associate for an appointment to register.

## St. Gerard Mission Statement

Led by the Word and centered on the Eucharist, we are a community of hope, called to proclaim our faith, inspire God's people, and serve the needs of others in all we do.

[www.st.gerard.org](http://www.st.gerard.org)



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

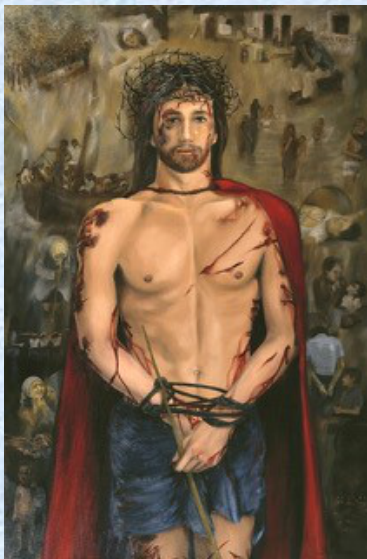


Dear Parish Family,

In this fourth week of Lent, we continue our journey of renewal and transformation, trusting in God's mercy and grace. We are now halfway through Lent. How have you focused on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this year? Keep it up, or start all over again - there is still time to have a great Lent!

In the Gospel of John, we encounter the story of Jesus healing a man blind from birth. Through this miraculous act, Jesus not only restores the man's physical sight but also opens his eyes to the truth of who Jesus is. The man's journey from blindness to sight mirrors our journey of faith, as we are called to see and understand God's presence and love in our lives. We pray that God will help us open our eyes and see his presence.

**"Behold the man!":** these are words with which Pilate presented Jesus, beaten and crowned with thorns, to his accusers (John 19:5). This is the scene depicted in the stunning painting displayed in the back of our church near the St. Anthony statue. In the background, you will notice depictions of the many sufferings that people experience in their lives today,



reminding us to unite our sufferings with Christ and that He is present with us through them. This painting typically hangs in the south confessional room but has been brought to the main Church for Lent. I came across this image online in 2015 and wrote the artist (Irene Thomas) requesting to purchase a small copy of the painting. To my surprise, she sent me the original and asked only for prayers for her family.

**Faith of a child:** I met with the 2nd graders preparing for First Communion and their parents last weekend. It gives me so **much hope** to see the excitement in their eyes as they get closer to the day they will be able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist (April 20). I am thankful to our parents and catechists for their commitment to nurturing the spiritual lives of these young ones.

**Cabrini:** This new major motion picture, which tells the story of the first American-born canonized saint, was released this past week. This movie is getting great

reviews, and I look forward to watching it. Cabrini is playing in all the major Lansing area theaters. Tickets are encouraged in advance; visit [angel.com/tickets](http://angel.com/tickets) to see all local showings.

**Usher/Greeter Ministry:** The role of ushers and greeters is an integral part of the Sunday experience. These ministries are all the more essential for a parish the size of St. Gerard. Please consider joining our usher or greeter teams; **we need additional volunteers**. All current ushers/greeters or those interested in these ministries are asked to attend one of two upcoming meetings: Wednesday, March 13, or Thursday, March 14, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This ministry is open to men, women, and families. Contact Deacon Jim Corder for more information.

May this fourth week of Lent be a time of deepening our commitment to God and allowing Him to renew and transform us from within.

Have a blessed week!

*Fr. Robert C Bacik*

*Fr. Bob Bacik*  
Pastor



*Fr. Bob with the Second Graders*



## MEN'S MINISTRY/COR

Our monthly Men's Ministry meeting/COR will NOT take place this month on Saturday, March 16, it will resume meeting on Saturday, April 20. This is to allow the men of our parish the opportunity to attend the Diocesan Men's Conference, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, on Saturday, March 16 from 9 am to 5 pm. For more information and to register for the Diocesan Men's Conference please visit the Diocese of Lansing website or [acceptthechallenge.org](http://acceptthechallenge.org). If you are interested in ride sharing to the conference please contact Deacon Ray Rzepecki at 517-908-4737 or email at [rrzepecki@stgerard.org](mailto:rrzepecki@stgerard.org).

## RCIA THE SECOND SCRUTINY



Today at the 11 am Mass, the adults preparing for baptism (called "the Elect") participate in the second of three "Scrutiny Rites". Scrutiny Rites are ceremonies by which the

Elect examine their lives in order to be free to fully accept the Lord's saving power in the waters of baptism. The word "scrutiny" means a close examination or study. The Elect will closely examine their lives in light of God's Word. What might need to be changed in order to follow Him better? What is getting in the way of having a solid relationship with Him? What are they already doing well that should be affirmed? The Gospel we will hear this weekend is of John's account of the Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41). Though the man persists in telling the truth of his story that Jesus healed him, the Pharisees remain 'blind' to the idea that Jesus could actually be the Messiah. Though it is the Elect who directly participate in this Rite, the rest of us can benefit by examining our own lives. What blessings are you missing out on because of 'blindness' in your life? Let us take some time to pray and closely examine our lives so we can grow together in Christ with the Elect.



## Communal Penance Service

### St. Gerard Church

### Sunday, March 10

### 2:30 pm



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

### IN THE PARISH HALL

### AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES

## Join Our Welcome Team

For All Current Ushers/Greeters or Those  
Interested in Becoming an Usher/Greeter

### 2 MEETING OPTIONS:

WEDNESDAY,  
**MARCH 13TH**

6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Parish Hall

THURSDAY,  
**MARCH 14TH**

6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Parish Hall

We Need You!  
We encourage  
individuals, couples and  
families to get involved  
in these ministries

If you are planning to  
attend, please sign up



More information?  
Contact Deacon Jim Corder  
[jcorder@stgerard.org](mailto:jcorder@stgerard.org)  
517-323-2379

## RCIA PRAYER PARTNERS

Would you like to become a Prayer Partner for RCIA? Check out the poster board of our RCIA class in the back of church. Below it is a basket that contains each of the names of those individuals who have been in RCIA or Sacrament preparation classes. They all have been preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Choose a name or two and pray daily for that person throughout the Lenten Season (or contact Mary at [mpeacock@stgerard.org](mailto:mpeacock@stgerard.org) and I will assign you someone to pray for). You can leave them a note if you wish; just follow the directions on the slip of paper you pick up. Thank you for your prayers!



## Soup And Substance

Following Evening Prayer, join us on  
Tuesdays at 6:30pm for dinner, a  
presentation with discussion

February 20 - Fr. Bob Bacik - Presentation  
on the Holy Land

February 27 - Forgiven - Video & Discussion

March 05 - Forgiven - Video & Discussion

March 12 - Forgiven - Video & Discussion

March 19 - Forgiven - Video & Discussion

March 26 - Tony Cherniawski - Shroud of Turin



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 15  
12:05 pm and 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 19  
Shadow Stations  
6:00 pm

Friday, March 22  
12:05 pm and 5:30 pm

Good Friday, March 29  
2:15 pm



## OTHER PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesdays of Lent  
(except for March 19  
due to Shadow Stations)  
Liturgy of the Hours  
6:00 pm

Wednesdays of Lent  
Adoration  
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Adoration will be paused from  
5:45 pm to 6:30 pm for Mass

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays of Lent  
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Wednesdays of Lent  
During Adoration  
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Saturdays of Lent  
9:00 am - 10:00 am

Sunday, March 10  
Communal Penance Service  
2:30 pm

Or call the Church Office  
(517) 323-2379  
for an appointment





## BLOOD DRIVE ST. GERARD CHURCH SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 8 AM TO 1:45 PM

Walk-ins are always welcome; an appointment will expedite the process for both you and the Red Cross team. To schedule an appointment, log onto [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code StGerard or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

## SEEKING RAFFLE SPONSORS FOR FESTIVAL RAFFLE ON MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, St. Gerard Parishioners will once again gather for the annual Parish Festival. This event is an annual highlight for our entire parish family. Many people gather to enjoy the good food, lively games and wonderful company of friends. Along with these social benefits, the annual Festival also provides a major source of revenue for the parish and school.

The proceeds of the Festival help offset costs in all sectors of the parish. From defraying school tuition to sponsoring community outreach and providing religious education, the Festival has become a critically important component of the parish budget.

The raffle is the source of the greatest revenue among the many festival activities. Would you consider supporting the 2024 Festival Raffle with a \$500 - \$2,000 contribution toward the Cash Prizes?

If you can help, please contact Brian Droste, the Parish Business Manager, at (517) 323-2379 or [bpdroste@stgerard.org](mailto:bpdroste@stgerard.org).

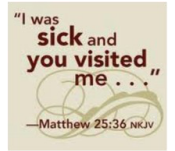
## JOB OPENINGS AT MOTHER THERESA HOUSE



Lansing location  
next to the Cathedral  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Care Manager (afternoons)  
Overnight Caregiver (female)  
Full and Part Time  
Caring for one to three people  
at the end of life

Apply [motherteresahouse.org](https://motherteresahouse.org)

## HELP NEEDED FOR OUR SUNDAY HOMEBOUND MINISTRY!



I am in need of volunteers willing to be a part of the beautiful ministry of bringing the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist to the homebound. I currently have two 'part time' vacancies: one would visit two assisted living facilities, and the other visits three individual homes. This would be a once every four week commitment on a Saturday or Sunday during the months of May through October. Training is provided.

I also have an opening to bring Eucharist to the Catholic residents at Dimondale Nursing Care Center the first Sunday of the month. A background check is required and training is provided at the facility.

Please contact Mary Peacock at 517-323-2379 or [mpeacock@stgerard.org](mailto:mpeacock@stgerard.org) if you feel called to this ministry in any capacity. Consider giving back to those who are unable to come to Mass by extending the Table of the Altar to them!



At almost the midpoint of our 40 Days for Life spring campaign **the number of confirmed babies saved from abortion so far is 76** as reported at the vigils, announced by the moms and dads themselves who chose life for their babies. Although this is only the tallied number of confirmed life decisions, only God knows the complete number of lives spared. The three-fold formula of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil during the 40 Days for Life campaign goes hand in hand with Lent: Prayer, where you give directly your words to God; fasting where you sacrifice yourselves for the benefit of others; and tithing, where in this case, you give your time to defend the baby in the womb.

Though we may not see the results ourselves, our Heavenly Father who created us hears our prayers and is delighted to know our concern for the innocent unborn children whom He created into existence out of total love. Consider coming out for an hour, even just once, to pray at the vigil site to end abortion. It's not too late to be a part of this. You may sign up online at [40daysforlife.com/lansing](https://40daysforlife.com/lansing) or call Jenny Nicholson at 517-321-1597.

**Consider doing something extra special this Lent.  
Be an advocate for the innocent unborn children.**

## EASTER SUNDAY DINNER

The St. Gerard Social Ministry Commission is sponsoring a sit down Easter Sunday Dinner in a friendly atmosphere for those who will be alone on Easter.

**When:** Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024  
at 12:30 pm

**Where:** Fr. Weber Hall  
located behind the school  
at 4433 W. Willow Hwy.

**Call:** (517) 323-2379 to reserve a place  
and, if needed, to arrange for  
transportation

Reservations will be taken  
through March 22  
or until meals run out  
so please call soon!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. GERARD EASTER SUNDAY DINNER

Volunteers needed on Easter Sunday,  
March 31, 2024  
for the following shifts:

### 9:30 am to Noon

Set up chairs, tables, dishes

### 10 am to 3 pm

Drivers to pick up guests at their homes for  
dinner and take them home, too.

Instructions will come from the  
transportation coordinator.

### Noon to 3 pm

Serve food, tear down, clean up

Any questions,  
please feel free to email  
[dsgehle@comcast.net](mailto:dsgehle@comcast.net)  
or call (248) 225-7240.

To sign up to help,  
use the QR code below or  
see the St. Gerard website:  
[stgerard.org/community-dinners](http://stgerard.org/community-dinners)



## EASTER Season Creative Bible Study workshop and Bible Journaling

MARCH 18TH  
6:30 PM  
St. Gerard  
Parish Hall

An Easter season creative Bible study and Bible Journaling workshop focusing on the Stations of the Light, with Ingrid Blixt. A visual and artful approach to studying the Word of God.  
All art supplies will be provided. Admission is \$20. Admission waived with purchase of full Journaling kit (\$39) which includes devotional booklet, stickers and more to help you journey with God's word through the Easter season.

**How to sign up:**  
You may sign up by email  
[womenofstg@gmail.com](mailto:womenofstg@gmail.com)  
or call the office at  
(517) 323-2379.  
Cash, check or Venmo accepted at the door.

THE  
WOMEN  
OF ST. GERARD

## SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

St. Gerard Parish Hall ~ Mondays  
10:30 am - 11:30 am

## PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

In these troubling times we need to turn to the Lord more than ever to ask Him to bless, protect and restore our country and cause a spirit of repentance and renewal to sweep across our land. **Please join us Thursdays from 5:15 pm to 5:45 pm** in the church to pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy for our country. Prayer is powerful and effective. It is one of the most important things we can do.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 ~ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Parish Center, Room 135  
All are welcome!



# **St. Gerard Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 am sharp!**

- **Register by Tuesday, March 26th.**
- **Invite your friends and neighbors!**
- **Children 5th grade and younger!**
- **Groups divided by age.**
- **Meet by Fr. Weber Hall with your Easter basket.**
- **A surprise guest will be visiting!**
- **We are asking for donations of small individually wrapped candy that can fit into plastic eggs. Please drop off candy at the parish office by Tuesday March 26th.**

**To register: go to our website, follow the QR code, or call the parish office!**



## ST. GERARD SCHOOL NEWS



St. Gerard School registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. Blackbaud will automatically re-enroll current families. Please look for the registration packet that went home with your child.

If you are a **new family** interested in kindergarten through grade eight, please call the school at (517) 321-6126 to make an appointment to tour our school with Sara Wade, Principal of St. Gerard School. Parents enrolling a new student will need birth and baptismal certificates, along with the dates of first Eucharist and reconciliation.

**Please note age requirements:**

Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1 to enroll in the kindergarten program.



## ST. GERARD PRESCHOOL NEWS

**New Family Registration Meeting will be March 19, 2024.  
Please call for details.**



Please contact: [kgracik@stgerardlansing.org](mailto:kgracik@stgerardlansing.org) (517) 321-6126

We are happy to answer questions, offer you a tour and give you a 2024-2025 registration packet.  
A childcare tour can also be included.

Visit [stgerardpreschool.org](http://stgerardpreschool.org) for more information about preschool and childcare.

**Please note age requirements:**

Students must be 3 years old on or before September 1, 2024 to enroll in the 3 year old preschool program.  
Students must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2024 to enroll in the 4 year old preschool program.

## ST. GERARD KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 AT 8:30 AM.

Round-up will include a student portion  
along with an important parent meeting.

Preregistration is required!

Call the school Office at (517) 321-6126



## EARN MONEY TOWARDS TUITION OR THE 8TH GRADE DC TRIP

**MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

Earn money towards St. Gerard or LCHS tuition by working at the St. Gerard concession stand at the MSU football or men's basketball games. Eighth grade parents can also designate money earned at the football concession stand to go towards the DC trip.

This past year, individuals earned an average of \$127 for each football game worked and \$80 for each basketball game worked.

Students aged 14+ can work with a parent to earn money or service hours. If you are interested in being added to the volunteer list or if you have any questions, please email [stgmsuconcessions@gmail.com](mailto:stgmsuconcessions@gmail.com).

All volunteers are required to complete a background check each year, on or after July 1. Please utilize the link below to submit your background check.

<https://concessions.rhs.msu.edu/volunteer-application-and-background-check-authorization-form>

2024 football games: 8/31, 9/14, 9/28, 10/19, 11/2, 11/23, 11/30



# FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

## ST. GERARD SCHOOL, LANSING

St. Gerard School is seeking applicants for a Full-Time Administrative Assistant. Responsibilities include; answering phones, data management, record keeping, filing, and basic accounting/banking skills. Employee will work closely with administration to support staff, students, and their families. A busy office environment where teamwork is important and responding to student needs is a priority. Qualified candidates will have experience working in an office setting, good communication skills, able to multitask, familiar with Microsoft Office, Quicken, and basic office equipment. A full time position, August through June, with a generous benefits package. Please email resumes to [swade@stgerardlansing.org](mailto:swade@stgerardlansing.org)

# DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)

## ST. GERARD PARISH, LANSING

Full time position with benefits. The Director of Religious Education has oversight in all areas of catechesis, with children grades preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as their parents. They are responsible for forming and coordinating religious education programs, classes, and sacramental preparation programs. They oversee additional programs as listed in the job description found on the Diocese of Lansing website [www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers) and they report to the Pastor. They will work collaboratively with our school principal and staff regarding catechetical formation in our school and be a resource for parish programs in catechesis, especially for formation into different stages of development. Position to be filled no later than June 30, 2024. Please see the Diocese of Lansing website (see link above) to apply.



## ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LANSING, MI

### 2024 St. Gerard Athletic Commission Golf Outing

Saturday May 11th— Registration and Donuts 8:00 AM— Shotgun Start 9:00 AM  
Ledge Meadows Golf Course, 1801 E Grand Ledge Hwy

### Sponsorship Information

*Proceeds will support the St. Gerard Athletic Program. Sponsors can be corporate or individual/family.*

#### The St. Gerard Cup Hole-in-One Sponsor: \$1000.00

- Free Golf Team for Outing
- Recognition on the hole

#### The Masters: \$500

- Signage at registration, breakfast, and lunch
- Recognition on the St. Gerard Athletic Commission Facebook page

#### The Open: \$300

- Signage at registration and breakfast

#### The PGA: \$100

- Signage on hole

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship amounts enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to St. Gerard Athletic Commission and return to the school or parish office – Attn: Athletic Commission – by May 3rd.**

Questions? Contact Ashley Crosser at [ashleysimrau@gmail.com](mailto:ashleysimrau@gmail.com)



## ST. GERARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LANSING, MI

### 2024 St. Gerard Athletic Commission Golf Outing

WHEN: Saturday May 11th, 2023

- Registration and Donuts at 8:00 A.M
- Shotgun start 9:00 A.M

WHERE: Ledge Meadows Golf Course - 1801 E Grand Ledge Hwy

WHY: To benefit Athletic Programs at St. Gerard Catholic School

COST: \$70 per golfer / \$280 per team (NOTE: Max of 72 golfers for this event)

FORMAT: Four-person scramble

*Lunch will be served at the turn. Many **PRIZE** holes will be featured; including a special mystery hole!*

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain Phone / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed registration form with payment to the parish office by May 3rd.**

**Please make checks payable to St. Gerard Athletic Commission**

Questions? Contact Ashley Crosser at [ashleysimrau@gmail.com](mailto:ashleysimrau@gmail.com)

## Service Saturday

### Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:30am-11:30am Meet in Adult Ed Rooms

The Greater Lansing Food Bank will be at St. Gerard on Saturday, March 23rd to deliver food to the needy. Volunteers are needed to assist food bank staff and guests.

The **DRIVE-THROUGH** Mobile Food Distribution is a **FREE** program intended to distribute food to the disadvantaged and vulnerable. This includes senior citizens on fixed incomes, families or individuals with low income jobs, etc.

**Who Can Participate?** Families, students in need of service, groups of friends, individuals who would like to build friendships and help others. We just ask that children 14 or younger are accompanied with an adult.



You can find the sign up on our website or follow the QR Code



Questions?? Contact Theresa Bosman: 517-323-2379

## DIOCESE OF LANSING YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

EMBODYING YOUR FAITH

IN A SECULAR WORLD

MARCH 22-24, 2024

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

Young adults aged 18-39 are invited to learn practical and newly graced ways of seeing and experiencing 'the ordinary' workday, dinner parties, leisure activities, fasting and feasting with extraordinary faith.

For more information, use the QR code below or go to:

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/event/embodying-your-faith-secular-world>



APPLY NOW

LANSING CATHOLIC  
IS A PLACE FOR YOU

Applications are open for Lansing Catholic 2024-2025. Please visit our website and go to Admissions to choose Apply Now. Acceptances are already going out, so be sure to Apply Now! If you have any questions, contact our Admissions Office at [admissions@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:admissions@lansingcatholic.org).



MID-LIFE SINGLES

(MID-30S TO 50S)

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 5-7, 2024. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.michigan@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.michigan@gmail.com), or call (586) 770-1772 for details.



## THE NOTRE DAME CLUB OF LANSING

Presents a

## PREPARATION FOR EASTER

Monday of Holy Week

**March 25, 2024**

**6-9 P.M.**

**ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER**

**703 E. MAIN ST., DeWITT**

**DINNER** begins at 6:00 p.m.

FOLLOWED BY

**MASS, HOMILY & PERIOD OF REFLECTION**

Conducted By: Fr. Mike Kuchar

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Cost: \$15.00 per person (pay at event by cash, credit card or check)

**RSVP:** Bob Telfer @ H: 517-372-5474

C: 517-281-7319

Or e-mail: [ndlansing@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:ndlansing@alumni.nd.edu)





## MINISTRY SCHEDULE MARCH 16 - 17

### 4:30 P.M.

**SERVERS** **USHER #2**

1. Abel Hunt
2. Jacob Killian
3. Haley Miller

**READER:** Diane O'Boyle  
**MASS COORDINATOR:** Brown

### 7:30 A.M.

**SERVERS** **USHER #11**

1. Alex Mayoral
2. VOLUNTEER

**READER:** Dennis Platte  
**MASS COORDINATOR:** Rathbun

### 9:00 A.M.

**SERVERS** **USHER #3**

1. Serafina Fedewa
2. Harper Riley

**READER:** Marcia Maiville  
**MASS COORDINATOR:** Egan

### 11:00 A.M.

**SERVERS** **USHER #6**

1. Eli Gracik
2. Ethan Gracik

**READER:** Turney Gratz  
**MASS COORDINATOR:** Reilly

### 6:00 P.M.

**SERVERS** **USHER #8**

1. Nathan Wonch
2. Grace Wonch
3. Collin Payne

**READER:** Religious Education  
**MASS COORDINATOR:** Reedy

## HOMEBOUND PRAYER PARTNERS

**We ask that you please add the following intentions for the events going on at St. Gerard Parish during your prayer time. You may use the following prayer if you wish:**

*God, the Father of love and source of all life and unity, you are always present to us just as we are. Throughout this Year of the Eucharist, we pray that you strengthen the faith of your beloved people. Grant us a renewed sense of your Son's presence in Holy Communion and may we become what we receive, being Jesus' hands, feet and body through which you bless the world. Amen.*

### **Week of March 10**

- ◆ For those in the RCIA program: we pray specifically for those adults preparing for Baptism as they celebrate the Second Scrutiny Rite today at the 11 am Mass.
- ◆ For our youth group events: may the youth grow in relationship with Jesus as they interact with their peers. We hold in prayer those teens on retreat this coming weekend.
- ◆ Prayer Shawl Ministry: may the shawls made with love by these ministers be filled with prayer so that those who receive a prayer shawl, might feel God's love wrapped around them.
- ◆ May those attending Bible Studies be enlightened in knowledge and grow in their faith, and may the Spirit guide the teams who facilitate these experiences.
- ◆ For all who participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lenten Season: may they feel the Lord's forgiveness and mercy.
- ◆ For those who gather for meetings this week: may they be open to where the Spirit is leading them.
- ◆ For the success of the Blood Drive on March 16.

**American Sign Language  
Interpretation Mass  
March 16, 2024 ~ 4:30 pm  
April 13, 2024 ~ 4:30 pm**

**Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesday 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Confession 5:00 pm to 5:40 pm  
Mass at 6:00 pm  
Adoration will be paused  
from 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm for Mass**

## IN MEMORIAM

*May the angels welcome you to paradise.  
May the martyrs greet you on your way.  
May you see the face of the Lord this day.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Please pray for

**Kerry Lohr**

who passed away recently.  
Our sincere sympathy to his family.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

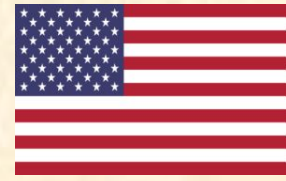
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## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 11

6:30 am Joelle Oberski - Mom & Dad Ditzhazy

### Tuesday, March 12

6:30 am Frank Laverdiere - Michelle Pollack

8:10 am Richard & Marjorie Dunn - Family  
(School Mass)

### Wednesday, March 13

6:30 am Randy Taliaferro - Tim & Cathy Earl

8:10 am Richard & Donna Milliman - Family  
(School Mass)

6:00 pm Dorothy Schneider - Family

### Thursday, March 14

6:30 am Bridget Krohn - Bev Sanches

8:10 am Anne Kwart - Gene & Joanie Dunnington

### Friday, March 15

6:30 am Sr. Joanne Fedewa - The Tenbusches

8:10 am Ben Sanches - Maria, John, Ryan & Sean Fisher  
(School Mass)

### Saturday, March 16

8:10 am Mary J. Klein - Family

4:30 pm James Pohl - James Pohl Family

### Sunday, March 17

7:30 am Parish Family

9:00 am Rita Pecora - Anna & Sam Migaldi  
(Livestreamed)

11:00 am Sheryl Buntin - Mary Peacock

6:00 pm Tony Fedewa - Phyllis Fox

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 11

#### Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 65:17-21

John 4:43-54

### Tuesday, March 12

#### Lenten Weekday

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

John 5:1-16

### Wednesday, March 13

#### Lenten Weekday

Isaiah 49:8-15

John 5:17-30

### Thursday, March 14

#### Lenten Weekday

Exodus 32:7-14

John 5:31-47

### Friday, March 15

#### Lenten Weekday

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday, March 16

#### Lenten Weekday

Jeremiah 11:18-20

John 7:40-53

### Sunday, March 17

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

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*tongue*  
BE  
*silenced,*  
IF I EVER  
*forget*  
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