



Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016

Mission Statement

We, the people of the Catholic Community of St. Jude, are followers of Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of our bishop and pastor, we strive to use our diverse skills and unique vision to build the kingdom of God in our hearts and in our world. We strive to live the Gospel and reflect the compassion and love of Jesus to all people.



Men's Afternoon Retreat

All men (18 years and older) of our parish community and throughout the Diocese of Lansing area are invited to attend the first annual Men's Retreat.

This retreat will be held on

Saturday, November 5

12:00 Noon until 6:00PM

in the Community Center. The retreat focus is

"Being a Man of Faith".

Registration cost is only \$20 before November 1 and \$25 after that. Pick up a registration form in the Gathering Space on the table by the clock or sign up through the parish website www.stjudedewitt.com

Last chance to sign up for ARISE Together in Christ. Season 3 groups, even though the groups have already begun, new members are welcome to join in prayer, study and discipleship with Christ. Sign up online at our website by clicking on the link provided on the opening page.



October is Respect Life Month

See page 11 to see what the Dresser Ministry and the Marys and Marthas are doing to help! And read Fr. Bob's column with a special message from Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston.

**WITNESS TO HOPE
 THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JUDE**



Don't be left out on building a legacy for our parish community. Be counted among those who have sacrificially made a pledge from the heart to make our building addition a reality.

Upon receiving your packet, please **return the pledge form** so that your pledge will be credited to our parish community.

For more information or to make your pledge through electronic transfer, go to <http://witness-to-hope.net>.

Would you like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister?

Training for new ministers will be held after all the masses **October 22 and 23**.

To register visit our webpage or go to

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A44A4A92CA5FF2-neweucharistic



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Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00PM, Sunday, 8:30AM, 11:00AM

Weekday Masses

Tuesdays at 6:00PM (Sept-May)

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 8:00AM

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:00PM-4:30PM or by appointment

Other Area Reconciliation Opportunities

St. Thomas Aquinas (E. Lansing) Saturday 3-4PM & following 4:30PM Mass

St. John the Evangelist (MSU) Mon., Wed. & Fri. 11AM-Noon, Tues. 8-9PM

St. Therese of Lisieux (Lansing) Saturday 3:30PM

St. Joseph (St. Johns) Saturday 4PM

St. Gerard (Lansing) Saturday at 9AM-10AM

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Mass Intentions & Events for the Week

Sunday, October 9, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

8:30AM Mass: People of St Jude

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Wee Believers

9:30AM Parish Social, Elementary Faith Formation

11:00AM Mass: Emily Ann Phillips

by the Parish Family

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Wee Believers

Noon Parish Social

Noon Confirmation Workshop

Monday, October 10, Weekday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32

7:00PM St. Cecilia Bell Choir Rehearsal

K of C Officers & Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, Saint John XXIII, Pope

Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

Noon Senior Luncheon

3:30PM St. Peter Praise Band Rehearsal

6PM Mass: Women who are considering, being coerced into, or are suffering from an abortion by 40 Days for Life of Lansing

7:00PM Baptism Prep

RCIA Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, Weekday

Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

8:00AM Mass: Marie and Ben Klinkhamer by

Gene and Kay Russell

6:15PM Elementary Faith Formation

7:00PM St. Gregory Choir Rehearsal

Witness to Hope Cabinet Meeting

8:00PM K of C Meeting

Thursday, October 13, Weekday

Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54

8:00AM Mass: William Hunt by the Hunt Family

5:30PM Finance Council Meeting

6:30PM Reconciliation Workshop

Friday, October 14, Saint Callistus 1, Pope and Martyr

Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

8:00AM Mass: Pat Price by Jerry & Kathy Jackson

Saturday, October 15, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

4:00PM Reconciliation

5:00PM Mass: For all those buried at St. Joseph Cemetery

by St. Joseph Cemetery

Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, October 16, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

8:30AM Mass: Butch Myszak by Larry & Suzanne White

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Wee Believers

9:30AM **Anointing of the Sick**, Elementary Faith Formation

11:00AM Mass: People of St Jude

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Wee Believers

Noon **Anointing of the Sick**

3:00PM Youth Fusion

4:30PM Infused

7:00PM CYC



"Every Life is Worth Living"

Reflections for Respect Life Month
October 2015

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.,
Chairman USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities



My dear friends in Christ:

One of the deepest desires of the human heart is to discover our identity. So often, as a society and as individuals, we identify ourselves by what we do. We base our worth on how productive we are at work or at home, and we determine our lives to be more or less good depending on the degree of independence or

pleasure. We may even begin to believe that if our lives, or those of others, don't "measure up" to a certain standard, they are somehow less valuable or less worth living.

Respect Life Month is a fitting time to reflect on the truth of who we are.

Our worth is based not on our skills or levels of productivity. Rather, we discover our worth when we discover our true identity found in the unchangeable, permanent fact that we are created in God's image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with him.

Because of this, absolutely nothing can diminish our God-given dignity, and therefore, nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives. Others may fail to respect that dignity—may even try to undermine it—but in doing so, they only distance themselves from God's loving embrace. Human dignity is forever.

Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love.

An elderly man whose health is quickly deteriorating; an unborn baby girl whose diagnosis indicates she may not live long; a little boy with Down syndrome; a mother facing terminal cancer—each may have great difficulties and need our assistance, but each of their lives is worth living.

When we encounter the suffering of another, let us reach out and embrace them in love, allowing God to work through us. This might mean

slowing down and taking the time to listen. It might mean providing respite care or preparing meals for a family facing serious illness. It might mean simply being present and available. And of course, it always means prayer--bringing their needs before the Father and asking him to work in their lives.

Experiencing suffering—or watching another suffer—is one of the hardest human experiences. Fear of the unknown can lead us into the temptation of taking control in ways that offend our dignity and disregard the reverence due to each person.

But we are not alone. Christ experienced suffering more deeply than we can comprehend, and our own suffering can be meaningful when we unite it with his. Especially in the midst of trials, we are invited to hold fast to the hope of the Resurrection. God is with us every step of the way, giving us the grace we need.

In times of suffering, let us have the courage to accept help that others genuinely want to give, and give the help that others need. We were made to love and be loved; we are meant to depend on one another, serving each other in humility and walking together in times of suffering. Our relationships are meant to help us grow in perfect love.

Let us learn to let go of our own standards of perfection and instead learn more deeply how to live according to God's standards. He does not call us to perfect efficiency or material success; he calls us to self-sacrificial love. He invites us to embrace each life for as long as it is given—our own lives and the lives of those he has placed in our paths. Every life is worth living.



Did you know that a baby born after a miscarriage or loss of a baby is often referred to as a Rainbow baby.

Let us pray and remember all babies born sleeping, or were carried but never met, those we've held but couldn't take home, the ones that came home but didn't stay.

You are invited to join in the **40 DAYS FOR LIFE: DAILY PRAYER VIGIL and FAST ends November 6** with both St. Mary's and St. Martha's Parishes combining efforts to fill the vigil calendar for every Tuesday, **DAILY VIGIL LOCATION** - across from the Frandor Planned Parenthood on Clippert St. **Register at** <https://40daysforlife.com/lansing>.

Next Sunday's Scriptures

A reflection on the readings for Mass next Sunday, October 16

Trusting in and relying upon God gives us strength to persevere during trials, and live as more faithful disciples of Jesus. Many people in our world think they are self-sufficient and do not need God. As believers in Jesus, however, we are called to trust and rely upon him. We know God is our strength and salvation, and the more we rely on him, the more we will receive the strength we need to face life's challenges.

In the reading from Exodus, 17:8-13, the Israelites, led by Joshua, defeat Amalek in battle with the help of Moses. The Second Letter of Timothy, 3:14-4:2, reminds us to study sacred Scripture so that we may be *equipped for every good work*. In Luke's Gospel, 18:1-8, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow, helping us to see that God gives us what we need when we place our trust in him.

In Loving Memory

Anniversaries of deceased friends and family from our parish

Nancy Seifert October 10, 1977
Joseph Wrzesinski October 10, 2004
Ronald Morris October 10, 2012
Steve Horvath October 11, 2004
Nancy Towne October 12, 1995
Therese Olance October 14, 1994

Theresa Spanuolo October 14, 2009
Ann Clay October 15, 1980
Bertha Lenneman October 15, 1995
Benard Tice October 15, 1998
Gina Poirier October 15, 2006

We remember in prayer . .

All who are sick may be healed in body and spirit, especially: William Steinman, Doris Welsh, Fr. Charlie Irvin, Deacon Ted Heutsche, Fr. John Fain, David Hanses, Larry Garagiola, Bill Pearson Jr., Jean Cramner, Bruce Ely, Sarah Swank, Ken Jensen, Sharon Hunt, Pam Becka, June Dennany, Jim Wilson, Connie Kwiek, Barbara Bernardo, James Irish, Irene Gilbreath, Don Williams, Steve Kelly, Jerry Strayer, Cathy Smith, Becky Schafer, Brian Byelich, David Starn, Larry Starn, Therese VanWormer, Robert Steinman, Barbara Katch-Smith, Brian Shellberg, Jackie Hunt, Penni Sweeney, Mary Jo Piecuch, Mary Therese Swanson, Robert Ataman, Samantha Sontich, Deanna Hartwell, Sarah Grondin, Jeff Church, Steffi Kracko, Tom Reid, Pat McCrackin, Camilla Smith, Kari Quimby, Cheryl Corr, Greg Gillispie, Peg Schmid, Kathleen Gladding, Mary Erickson, Rose Parks, Elizabeth Downie, Cathy Koski, Carol Haege, Daniel Thelen, Judy Welling, Ken Mohnke, Bethany Ames, Mary Montcalm, John Baibak, Jordan Ramos, Nick Robinson, Jean Wirick, Claire Block, Fred & Patricia Strouse, Thomas Lynch, Stephanie Dorr, Julie Biergans, Gordon Rogers, Jack Marten, Vickie Bedard, Laurie Wrzesinski, Paul Slyver, Katie Frayer, Maria Bevard, Joan Jackson, Michael Krohn, Matt & Elijah Kost, Janet Cousineau, Barb Smith, Myrtle Daugherty, Helen Hoffman, Ted Courter, Melodie Barber, Harold Moody, Joel Broderick.

If you have someone listed here who has recovered please contact Tina at 669-8335 x13 so their names can be removed.



Greetings Corner Birthday Blessings to Sally Locher

Happy Anniversary on the occasion of their
40th to Gary & MaryJo Hagerman
25th to Nicholas & Lisa Yetsko



Celebrating a milestone anniversary, a milestone birthday, a notable accomplishment?
If you happen to be celebrating a milestone birthday, 65 and older (we automatically print those who are celebrating 65, 70, 75, 80 and over) and we know about it, we will congratulate those folks. Contact the parish office at 669-8335 x 13 if you have someone to add.

Parish Sacramental News

Parish Sacramental Policies

Baptism: To schedule a baptism or register for the baptismal preparation program, parents may contact Laurie Seybert or Deacon Ted. Baptisms may be celebrated during the Masses on the second weekend of each month, except during Lent.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made with Fr. Bob at least one year in advance of your proposed wedding date. No weddings are celebrated during Lent.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Please call the parish office if you are hospitalized or at home and would like a visit from a Eucharistic minister to the homebound, Fr. Bob, or to receive the Anointing of the Sick.

Anointing of the Sick: is also celebrated after each Mass the weekend of the third Sunday of each month.

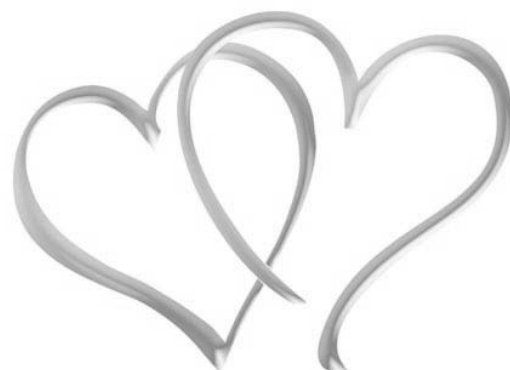


**The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held
Tuesday, December 13th at 7PM at the Parish Offices
at 409 Wilson Street.**

Please contact Laurie Seybert at 669-8343 ext. 16 or by email at laurieseybert@stjudedewitt.com to register or for information about preparing for your child's Baptism.

Wedding Banns. . .

I Morgan Fedewa
and Donald Rademacher



Please remember in prayer our parish members and their families that are serving in our armed forces.



Brett, Chandra, Christopher, Stephen, Matt, Vann, Kara, Robert, Tyler, Kyle, Michael, Joseph, Erin, Matt, Michael, Ryan, Tamara, and Dalton.

Dear God, we pray to give all of our soldiers the courage and strength to do the duty that is required of them. May they always remember our appreciation for the sacrifice they are making for us. We are thankful for the men and women who are willing to risk their lives to protect our freedom. We ask you to go with each one of them and protect them wherever they go. Amen



Liturgical Ministry Schedule for October 15th and 16th

5:00PM Mass

Altar Server: Haley Schafer

Eucharistic Ministers: Geri Krohn Schultz, Bev Nichols, Tina Sharkey, Rob & Sue Strouse, Chris Thelen

Lectors: GERALYN ROOT

Mass Coordinator:

Terry Schaefer

Ushers: Dick Byelich, Bruce Miles, Tom O'Connell, Gordon Vanderwier

8:30AM Mass

Altar Servers: Caiden McDonald, Madison McDonald, Paige Thelen

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Balderson, Lois Blanchard, David Buick, David Dainton, Melissa Kramer, Craig Schubert

Lectors: Melissa Kramer

and Erica Martin

Mass Coordinator:

Dave Koenigsknecht

Ushers: John Blanchard, Gordon Bogner, Ron Knapp, Pete McKinnon

11:00AM Mass

Altar Servers: Rylie Stevens, Jane Thomas, Ellen Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: Isabelina Amor, Roni Beck, Amy Miller, Bob & Lisa Schroeder, Kathy Thelen

Lectors: Roni Beck

and Amy Miller

Mass Coordinator: Bob Nieman

Ushers: James Sigmon, Bob Swanson, Ray Taylor, James Wilson

Faith Formation News

Grades Pre-K through 8th: Mary Lippert, Director , 669-8341 ext. 17 • marylippert@stjudedewitt.com

Veterans and First Responder's Special Event

The Youth Fusion and Infused Program students are hosting an "All American Meal and Celebration" in your honor.

**Sunday, November 6
4:15-5:30pm**

RSVP by Nov. 1 to Mary Lippert, 669-8341 x17



The 3rd grade students in Mrs. Buckmaster and Mrs. Rumsey's class learned more about The Lord's Prayer last week!



Catholic Churches and schools throughout the United States are mandated to present safety programming that deals with the tough issues of sexual harassment and safe touch.

Safe Sheep in our Flock

On Sunday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 19, the children in Faith Formation will be viewing and discussing "Safe Sheep in our Flock". This video-based program was written by Todd Gale, a Director of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Lansing, and addresses the concept of the dignity of the human person and the three concepts that God created us to be holy, healthy and happy. It will help to identify safe adults in their lives, define safe touch, summarize unsafe situations and behavior and learn some points of safety when using the Internet.



If parents have any questions about the material that will be used or would like to opt-out of the Safe Sheep in our Flock curriculum, please contact the Office of Faith Formation.

Praesidium Called to Protect for Youth

Each family with children in grades 5-8 was mailed a packet of information explaining the Praesidium program.

The three part session includes:

- I. Three types of boundaries
- II. How to handle a variety of situations
- III. How to tell parents and other trusted adults.

The students in 5th and 6th grade will receive the information from the Director of Faith Formation while the 7th and 8th grade will watch interview style video through the Praesidium program on Sunday, October 16th

Faith Formation News

Grades 9-12th: Hallie Card, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, 669-8335 ext. 14 • halliecard@stjudedewitt.com

Adult Enrichment: Terry Humenik, Pastoral Associate, 669-8335 ext. 18 • terryhumenik@stjudedewitt.com

Youth Group Wrap Up

Thank you to all who came out to Youth Group on Sunday. We had another amazing turnout! In the course of two hours, we ate some healthy and not so healthy food (the cake was amazing! Thanks, Mrs. Kahler!), got to know each other better through icebreakers and forced questions, guessed the artist, and explored the relationship between Christianity and care for the environment.

With St. Francis of Assisi's Feast day being on October 4th, the theme of the meeting had to do with animals, nature, and Pope Francis's encyclical "Laudato Si". Do you experience God in nature? How can caring for animals and nature affect our spiritual life? What can we do, as Christians, to help our environment? Why are puppies so cute? We invite you to join us on **Sunday, October 16 at 7:00 pm** for our next meeting! Bring friends!

Facebook Ch-ch-changes

Our CYC Facebook presence is changing! Facebook has undergone many changes since the St. Jude CYC page was created. We are currently transitioning over to the Facebook "page" format and away from the "group" format which is currently being used. While it may appear to be a subtle change from the outside, this switch provides many more options to easily connect with events going on around the area (such as diocesan sponsored and/or regional Youth Group events) as well as a broader reach to people who may have once been in St. Jude Youth Group and want to find out what has been going on.

What does this mean for you? If you are a current member of the St. Jude CYC Facebook page, please go to www.facebook.com/StJudeYouth/ and "like" the page to stay connected. The current St. Jude CYC Facebook page will be shut down by the end of October.

If you have not yet become a member of the current St. Jude CYC Facebook page, that is alright! There is no need to do so. You can simply visit the new page: www.facebook.com/StJudeYouth/ and click "like" to follow the news, events, and photos of our Youth.

Adult Faith Enrichment



Men's Afternoon Retreat

Coming to St. Jude

Mark your calendar now to attend the first Men's afternoon Retreat that will take place here at St. Jude on **Saturday, November 5** from noon - 6pm. The retreat theme is "**Being a Man of Faith**" and is open to all

men. Registration cost is \$20 before November 1 and \$25 after that. Registration is available in the gathering space and on the parish web site.

This is a time for all men to take an afternoon and spend some time with God. We all need to make a special place for God in our lives and listen to what He is calling us to be. Make sure you register early and invite the men in your life to join you.

Your Invitation to Help Someone You Know to Return to the Catholic Church



The name of this conference is Called By Name – because we're all called by name to have a personal relationship with Jesus, and because God calls all of us in a special way to help him reach

out to others for Christ. Join us for two days of nationally renowned speakers, hands-on training, Catholic fellowship, plus opportunities for prayer and sacraments.

The Called By Name on October 21-22 conference will:

- Help you speak with a loved one about your faith.
- Help you share your experience of God's love and His Church in your personal style.
- Encourage you to live your faith in a way that inspires others and learn to invite them back to the Church.

We all find it awkward to talk to loved ones or friends about why they aren't going to the Catholic Church any more. But we miss them at church and we know what they are missing that cannot be found elsewhere.

Come to the Assembly and get excited and learn about how you can help bring them home to the Church. There really are simple, non threatening ways to help them return regardless why they have left the love and hope found in the Catholic Church. See the website :

www.dioceseoflansing.org to register

Music Notes

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Gratitude in Community

The beginning of today's responsorial psalm (taken from Psalm 98) praises God's mighty deeds for the people of Israel. But although God has chosen the Jews as his own special people, his love cannot be limited to any one group or nation. The prophet Elisha's experience with Naaman in the first reading is an example. Naaman is a Syrian army commander who is struck with leprosy. On the advice of his wife's maid, a young Israelite girl, he goes to the prophet Elisha in search of healing. Elisha gives him a simple formula which he follows, and he is healed, so that he may know "that there is a prophet in Israel" (2 Kings 5:8). Naaman offers to pay the prophet for his cure, but as a true prophet Elisha refuses. So Naaman returns to Syria carrying earth from Israel, the land that belongs to the God who healed him.

Following this, in the psalm we sing, "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power." In the Old Testament, "the nations" means "everyone who is not of the people of Israel." The psalm speaks of God's saving deeds for Israel which are witnessed by the nations. But in Naaman's case, God's saving act is for a non-Israelite. Not only awareness of salvation, but salvation itself, overflows from the chosen people to all peoples.

Luke's story of the grateful Samaritan gives us another example of one who is outside the covenant, yet acts with covenant virtue. Only the Samaritan returns to give thanks for his healing. Jesus uses the Samaritan's goodness to chide those who are so complacent in their chosenness that they fail to give praise to God, the source of their salvation. Although, as the psalm says, "the ends of the earth have seen," the children of the house have forgotten.

This is a day for gratitude. Even the psalmist deserves our thanks for giving us the words of this prayer, so we will not forget that God's salvation has been made known to the whole world. In typical Hebrew fashion, we do not attempt to give thanks alone. Rather, we summon the whole world to "shout to the Lord ... break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise" (Psalm 98:4), for the victory has been won for us by God's faithful love.

Pastoral Associate's Notes

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The Catholic and Public Life

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

states that the Catholic faithful have an obligation to participate in promoting the common good. While this participation begins first and foremost in taking charge of a person's own areas of personal responsibility, Catholic citizens "should take an active part in public life."

The USCCB echoes the Catechism in labeling responsible citizenship a virtue and explicitly calling participation in political life a moral obligation. This obligation finds its root in the "baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do."



DID YOU KNOW...

The Catholic Church **does not** instruct Catholics to vote for or against a particular candidate or party. The USCCB is clear on this point in "Faithful Citizenship": "we bishops do not intend to tell Catholics for whom or against whom to vote. Our purpose is to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with God's truth. We recognize that the responsibility to make choices in political life rests with each individual in light of a properly formed conscience, and that participation goes well beyond casting a vote in a particular election."

HOW TO CAST A VOTE WHEN NEITHER CHOICE IS RIGHT?

All too often, Catholics can feel disenfranchised as no political party and few candidates fully share the Church's commitment to the life and dignity of every human being. This reality underscores the need to vote according to a well-formed conscience. However, when all candidates in a given election hold positions that promote one or more intrinsically evil acts (like abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior), the Catholic voter faces an even more difficult dilemma.

In such cases, according to the USCCB, the voter may "decide to take the extraordinary step of not voting for any candidate or, after careful deliberation,

may decide to vote for the candidate deemed less likely to advance such a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic human goods." Put another way, there is no easy, ready-made answer. Ultimately, each Catholic must make his or her own decision, preferably guided by a conscience formed by Catholic moral teaching.



Other News in Our Parish

Events, Reminders and Announcements of Activities in our Parish and others

What's Happening with the Marys & Marthas! We would like to encourage all the ladies to read the book "*Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*" written by Joanna Weaver. You can find this book easily through Amazon or we have a member with an extra copy too. Our first discussion was great! We did some planning for the fall. Join us **Tuesday, October 18 at 6PM (note the earlier time)** to do some rehab on the religious formation holiday costumes. Bring your glue guns and or portable sewing machines. Creative talent not required. This will be a dinner potluck. To learn more check out the parish website.

Dear Catholic Community of St. Jude

Thank you for your generous gift of \$635.89, which will support grieving children and their families at Ele's Place. Your support helps children throughout Mid Michigan to cope with the death of a parent, sibling, or other loved one. Before coming to Ele's Place, these children are devastated by their loss and often keep their feelings inside, not wanting to burden their grieving family or share with friends who don't understand if they haven't had a similar loss. They feel very alone until they come to Ele's Place, where over 200 children meet each week with new friends who really understand how they feel. In addition over 200 grieving children this year will connect with each other in their schools through our Ele's Place school based program. You are making it possible for Ele's Place to help all these children find hope and begin to heal. Again on behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and families at Ele's Place, thank you for caring enough to make a generous gift.

Kate Powers and Kristine Huhnert

Other Area Announcements

FOCUS ON LIFE DINNER: Monday, October 10 at 6:30pm Chisholm Hills Banquet Center, 2395 Washington Rd. Lansing. Cost \$42 per person <http://joinforlife.org/>. Featured Speakers: Chris Veneklas (40 Days for Life) & Cecilia Tombelli (New Life Center).

"For 40 years, two abortion clinics operated in the Lansing area destroying the lives of thousands of unborn children and devastating the lives of their mothers. Then a miraculous, divinely-woven string of events led to the closing of both clinics within a few years!

Come hear the story behind the story - how faithful people, committed to local action, can accomplish what seems impossible."

Christian Services: We are a week away from our phones ringing off the hook from families in need of Thanksgiving food. Last year we cleared over 2,500

requests in 3 weeks! To be able to field these calls requires additional volunteers to man the phones, we still have spots needing to be filled! This is a great hands-on opportunity for people to serve on a short term basis answering phones in the Christian Services office. Phone calls will begin **Tuesday, October 11-Thursday, October 27**. Shifts are 9am – 12:30pm and 12:30 – 4pm. Please call our office at 394-5413.

ATTENTION SINGLE MEN & WOMEN (mid 30s&up): Lansing Catholic Singles invites you to join us on **October 16** to attend the 11 am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Lansing followed by brunch and fellowship at Grand Traverse Pie Co. on Washington Square in downtown Lansing. Meet in the back of the cathedral at 10:40 am; before leaving the cathedral we'll be sure to pass through the Holy Door designated for the Year of Mercy. For more information phone (517)321-7886 or email lansingcatholicsingles@live.com. New members always welcome!

Lansing Catholic High School is hosting its fall Family Night on **Wednesday, October 19** from 6:30-8:30pm. This event is open to families with children of any age to learn more about what LCHS has to offer. Families will be taken on a school tour, attend breakout sessions (on curriculum, tuition, college planning, and extracurricular and athletic activities), and attend a question and answer session. Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Contact the admissions office to register at 517 267-2102 or admissions@lansingcatholic.org.

Have You Been Thinking About Becoming a Foster Parent? Clinton County DHHS is hosting a foster parent Orientation on **Tuesday, October 25th**. This will be held at Clinton County DHHS; 105 W. Tolles Dr. in St. Johns. Orientation will begin at 1pm. If you are unable to attend this orientation and would like to schedule a different time call (989)224-5500.

All Catholic women are invited to the **Catholic Women's Club's** annual Card Party on **Thursday, October 20** with the fun beginning at 1pm. This annual fund raiser benefits local charities. Tickets are available at the door (\$5) and include dessert, coffee, and door prizes. The event will be held at St. Mary Cathedral Hall, 226 N. Walnut St., Lansing. The Catholic Women's Club is open to all Catholic women. Please join us and bring your friends. For further information, call Michele at 706-9198.

From the Operations Managers Desk

Rob Strouse, 669-8341 ext. 10 • robstrouse@stjudedewitt.com

Continuing from last week's bulletin the second thought I wanted to share with you is the importance of a sacrificial gift. A sacrificial gift is a gift that changes the way we live. It may mean delaying an addition to your house you were planning or an extended trip to another country or maybe Hawaii. It may be something simpler like altering the type of clothes you wear or the food you eat. Whatever it is, it will involve some type of sacrifice by you and your family, a gift freely given to God and his Church. A gift from your substance, not your excess. After all, doesn't everything belong to God anyway? A sacrificial gift simply returns love to the one who loved us first. My first reaction, and maybe yours, is to fear that if I give too much, I will short myself and suffer the consequences. However, in my entire life, God has always looked out for me and through His grace and the blessings of His people, I have never been destitute. On the contrary, He has blessed me and when I have stepped out in faith and given from my substance to others, I have always received greater blessings in return. I guess what I am saying is trust in God. Talk to Him, listen to Him, respond to Him, thank Him for His blessings to you.

Parish Offerings

Sept. 26– Oct. 2 Contributions

Budgeted Expenses:	\$13,592.00
Offertory:	-9,542.00
On-Line Offertory:	-5,017.00
Non-Offertory Income:	<u>-1,663.99</u>
Surplus	2,630.99

Building Fund Collection
\$2,475.00

Fiscal YTD 7/1/16-6/30/17

YTD Budgeted Expenses:	\$190,288.00
YTD Offertory:	-113,862.12
YTD On-Line Offertory	-56,127.66
YTD Non-Offertory Income	<u>-18,013.44</u>
YTD Deficit:	(\$2,284.78)

YTD Building Fund (Phase II)
\$17,228.00

Counter Schedule: **October 10 — Team #7** **October 17 — Team #1**

Food Pantry
Update

The food pantry is in need of:

Jelly, rice, toilet paper, shampoo and laundry detergent

FOOD DELIVERY SCHEDULE

October 10 — Todd Thelen October 17 — Nancy & Mike Zamiara

The Council still needs help filling the Customer Service Representative at **MSU home football games**. **We now have some positions in the Tower that do not require standing.** This is one of our major fundraisers for the Council, it's a great opportunity for you, your family members, and friends to spend some quality volunteer time together and participate in the excitement of MSU football. Volunteers do not need to be Council members - you must be 18 years old and pass a standard MSU background check. The form is available for downloading from this site under documents. If interested in helping us out and being part of the Big 10 football experience, please contact Jim Kurt at JimKurt@comcast.net or 517-256-8400.

K of C Corner

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for 8th-12th grade students

Topic: "The Importance of Religious Freedom"

500-750 Word requirement—deadline October 15th to Hallie Card or Deacon Kevin Orth

CASH PRIZES! See the bulletin board for an entry form.

Any Catholic man that's interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight, John Urbain at 517-669-5060.

See our website www.DeWittKofC.com for additional Council information.

The Dresser Ministry

BABY FOOD DRIVE

October is *RESPECT LIFE MONTH* and what better way to celebrate than with a Baby Food Drive.

The Dresser Ministry together with The Marys & Martha's of St. Jude is hosting this event.

We invite all of you to bring your donations to the church gathering space and place them in the Pack-N-Play that is in front of the window's overlooking the Grotto.

Please be mindful of expiration dates on any sale items you may purchase.

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For more information about the Dresser Ministry please contact Leslie Feldpausch at [517-669-9264](tel:517-669-9264) or by email lpfzoo@aol.com.



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