

The Catholic Community of St. Jude

Mission Statement

We, the people of the Catholic Community of St. Jude, are followers of Christ, striving to live the Gospel and reflect the compassion and love of Jesus to all people.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017



Season 4 - New Heart, New Spirit

Need a new outlook on your life; both spiritual and personal? Join a small group of parishioners in **ARISE Together in Christ**. Sign up on our website or if you need more information, call Terry Humenik (517) 669-8335 ext.18

Have you ever considered having a Mass offered for a loved one? In honor of their birthday, anniversary or a special intention or for a loved one who has passed. We currently have many weekday morning Mass intentions open in February and beyond. The suggested stipend for a Mass intention is just \$10 (but any amount is accepted). To learn more or to schedule a Mass intention please contact Tina at the parish office, 669-8335 ext.13 or stop by during regular business hours.



Witness to HOPE Building Campaign Update

Here are the most recent numbers for our **Witness to Hope** building campaign to raise \$2.5 million for the classroom and office addition to our Church and Community Center. Total raised: **\$2,285,000** or **91%** of our goal. **453** or **33%** of households have made a contribution to this goal. The good news is that more pledges or one-time contributions are still coming in and I believe that by the end of the five year pledge cycle we will exceed our goal of \$2.5 million. God is Good!

Please read my column for what happens next.
Fr. Bob



**Blessings on
our 25 newly
confirmed!**

Two Retreat Opportunities for Men of the Parish

You are encouraged to take time out of your busy schedules and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit calling you to gather together in prayer and discussion. **See page 9 for details.**

Mass Intentions & Events for the Week

Church & Community Center:

801 N. Bridge St. (517) 669-6049 Community Center

Parish Offices are located at 409 Wilson Street

Phone (517) 669-8335 **Fax** (517) 669-8343

Religious Formation Office Phone (517) 669-8341

After Hours Emergency phone (517) 803-0911

Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Bulletin Deadline is 10:00AM Wednesdays

- Contact Tina Simon

Other Parish Staff & Phone Extensions



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Helping Hands Ministry phone (517) 930-1383

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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Visit us on our Parish and Youth Facebook pages



Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

8:00AM K of C Rosary

8:30AM Mass: People of St Jude

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Wee Believers

9:30AM Faith Formation Program

9:45AM Adult Faith Update

11:00AM Mass: Clifford Bedford by Edie Wilcox

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Wee Believers

3:00PM Youth Fusion

4:30PM Infused

7:00PM CYC Rooted

Monday, February 6, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56

7:00PM St. Cecilia Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00PM K of C Officers and Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, Weekday

Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

Noon Senior Luncheon

3:30PM Praise Band Rehearsal

6:00PM Mass: Jerry Brocker by Greg and Margaret White

Wednesday, February 8, Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23

8:00AM Mass: A. Richard Ash by Parish Family

6:15PM Faith Formation Program

7:00PM St. Gregory Choir Rehearsal

8:00PM K of C Meeting

Thursday, February 9, Weekday

Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30

8:00AM Mass: Shelter and Food for the Homeless

5:30PM Finance Council Meeting

Friday, February 10, Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37

8:00AM Mass: Living Immediate Family of Clayton & Pat

Smith by Clayton & Pat Smith

Saturday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes; BVM

Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10

10:00AM Medication Disposal

4:00PM Reconciliation

5:00PM Mass: Hallie Dutcher by her Family

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

8:30AM Children's Mass: People of St Jude

9:30AM Faith Formation Program

9:45AM Adult Faith Update

11:00AM Children's Mass: Gaile Ann Simmons

by the Thelen Family

7:00PM CYC Rooted



The **FBI** Report
 Father Bob Irish, Pastor
 669-8335 ext. 11

What's Happening?

This is what almost everyone wants to know!

Even though pledge cards and one-time donations are trickling in, I believe that by the time we end with the five year pledges, we will have exceeded our goal. But as it stands now, **453** of our 1350 plus registered households have made either a pledge or donation of **\$2,283,000.00** towards our overall goal of \$2.5 million. I am overwhelmed by the prayerful and sacrificial generosity that has been given by only **33 %** of our registered households. ***But pledges and one-time donations are still coming in and I believe that by the end of the five year pledge cycle, we will exceed our goal of \$2.5 million!***

With the guidance of Rob Strouse (Operations Manager) along with the oversight of our Parish Finance Council members, we will be moving forward in pulling together a Building Committee of those parish members who have the knowledge and skill in construction, to oversee the final plans to be presented to the Diocesan Building Commission for approval. This process will take about 4 months to complete and once that has been accomplished, we hope to open it up to bids. It will take another month to look over the bids and select the best one that meets our needs. Then, once we select a bid, we are hopeful for 'ground breaking' in the Fall of this year, thereby completing the project over the Winter months and opening in the late-Spring or early Summer of 2018. What a glorious thing that will be for us now and in the future. Together we are stronger. Together we are family! Together we are and will build the future! God is indeed good!

Blessings on our newly confirmed!



What a wonderful and blessed event it was this past Tuesday with our Bishop, Earl Boyea bestowing the Sacrament of Confirmation upon 25 of our young adults. I was struck by the names that these young men and women prayerfully chose to guide them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I wish to thank all those who helped in the mentoring or in the volunteering these past several months to prepare them for this Sacrament. Also a special thank you to both Mary Lippert and Hallie Card. I also wish to thank those parishioners, who even thought they did not have a child or relative being confirmed, came to support these people in prayer and song.

To our young people who received this Sacrament of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I encourage you to use those gifts in your daily life as well as to share them with your parish family by becoming a lector, Eucharistic Minister, usher or greeter at our weekend Masses or continuing as an altar server.

World Marriage Day

This next weekend (February 11 & 12) we will celebrate World Marriage Day and give God thanks and praise for the gifts of this blessed and holy vocation for all who are celebrating a wedding anniversary. Then, each month thereafter, on the first full weekend of each month, I will recognize all those who are celebrating an anniversary in that particular month with a blessing for their continued commitment and love for each other.



Lent will soon be upon us and so will our next season of **ARISE Together in Christ** (beginning February 26th). If you have not taken part in this program, I encourage you do so this year and if you have been a participant, I hope you will continue. I believe that you find this program most rewarding, not only your spiritual life but for your personal life as a whole. To learn more about **ARISE** or to sign up, contact Terry Humenik (517) 669-8335 ext.18 or via our website www.stjudedewitt.com.

Next Sunday's Scriptures

A reflection on the readings for Mass next Sunday, February 12



God gave us commandments because he loves and cares for his people. Throughout human history, one of the norms that guided people was that their word was their bond. Although more people today feel free to not honor a commitment when it no longer suits them, we are called to live differently. For Jesus teaches clearly that our "yes" is to mean yes and our "no" is to mean no.

The first reading, Sirach 15:15-20, exhorts us to freely choose to keep God's commandments, for they help keep our feet planted on the path to life. The second reading, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, reminds us of the importance of seeking true wisdom from God. In the Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37, Jesus teaches that he has come to fulfill the law – not to abolish it. He came to show us how to live and love.

In Loving Memory

Anniversaries of deceased friends and family from our parish

Steven Schafer February 5, 2014
Eleanor Cummings February 6, 2006
Grace Lotre February 7, 1990
Thomas Price February 7, 2011
Gertrude Stevens February 8, 1973
William Pearson February 8, 2011

Anna Powell February 9, 1977
Lloyd Powell February 11, 1986
Patricia Biergans February 11, 1998
Robert Stewart February 11, 2005
Gordon Powers February 11, 2008

We remember in prayer . .

All who are sick may be healed in body and spirit, especially: Roy Peterson, Barb LaLonde, Patricia Strouse, Stephanie Dorr, Joanie Eckhart, Debbie Platt, Tom Adams, David & Eileen Church, William Steinman, Doris Welsh, Deacon Ted Heutsche, David Hanses, Larry Garagiola, Bill Pearson Jr., Jean Cramner, Bruce Ely, Sarah Swank, Ken Jensen, Sharon Hunt, June Dennany, 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, Mary Jo Picuch, Mary Therese Swanson, Robert Ataman, Samantha Sontich, Deanna Hartwell, 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, Jordan Ramos, Nick Robinson. ***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 Barbara Diamond and Tom O'Connell

Happy Anniversary on the Occasion of their
56th to Robert & Mary Warmington
40th to Florian & Cindy Lenneman



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, February 21 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.

In the Peace of Christ ...

William Bickert, age 79, died on Wednesday, February 1st. A funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Robert Irish on Saturday, February 4th. William is survived by his wife Rosie and their children Julie, Gretchen, Michael and Daniel.

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

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 February 11 and 12

5:00 PM Mass

Greeters: Rob & Sue Strouse, Marie & Larry Ciolek
Altar Server: Emma Bunce
Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Ciolek, Janet Irrer, Geri Schultz, Denise Pratt, Sue Strouse, Chris Thelen
Lector: Denise Pratt
Mass Coordinator: Rob Strouse
Ushers: Dick Byelich, Bruce Miles, Paul Schaefer, Gordon Vanderwier

8:30 AM Mass

Greeters: Don & Sharon Carlock, Johnson family
Altar Servers: Michelle Johnson, Alexis Schubert, Ava Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: David Dainton, Norma Koleda, Amy & Jim Kraus, Kay Russell, Shelby Schubert
Lectors: Alex Johnson and Amy Kraus
Mass Coordinator: Paul Koleda
Ushers: Joshua Johnson, Eric Schafer, Fred Strouse, Tom Walter

11:00 AM Mass

Greeters: Torrence family
Altar Servers: Samantha Dickens, Kaitlyn Dickey, Drew Dickey
Eucharistic Ministers: Ken & Tina Ashbrook, Christy Callahan, Theresa Cowgill, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Ginny Ramirez
Lector: Hallie Card
Mass Coordinator: Bob Nieman
Ushers: Doug Cook, Bob Ramirez, James Taylor, Ray Taylor

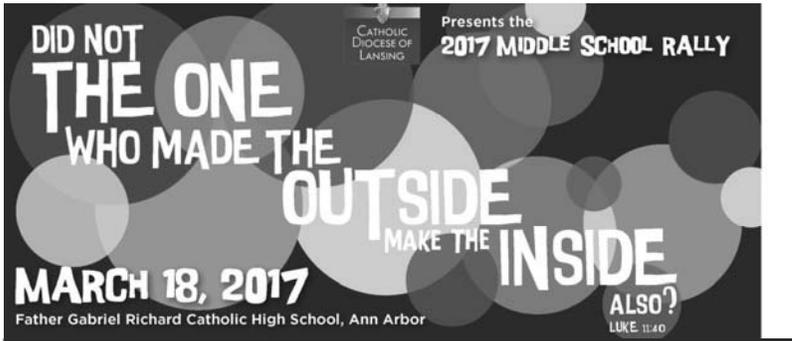


Faith Formation News

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

The Middle School Rally is a Diocese of Lansing event for students in grades 6-8. This event is separate from Youth Fusion and Infused and is meant to enrich the faith of Middle School students and connect them to the larger church. Doors open at 1pm and the day includes Mass with Bishop Boyea, dinner, inflatables and music!

Visit the website for all information:
http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/youth_ministry



Youth Fusion and Infused February 5 PRE-SUPER BOWL PARTY Tailgate Style

Wear your Spirit Wear!

Meal Set Up (3:00-3:45)

Susan Hall
Melissa Corr
Deidre Krause

Clean Up (5:00-5:45)

Renee Stirrett
Bill Hidlay
Tammy Smith
Bryan/Amanda Van Ess

Server (4:15-5:00)

Karen Popowitz
Janis McCrackin
Karrie Krapohl
Christy Vostrizansky
Liberty Torrence
Carin Stevens

WHAT IS A RALLY?

A day of fun, food, friends and faith! Jackie Francois will use music, stories and humor to share her important message with us.

WHY COME?

The Rally is an excellent way to meet new friends, learn more about ourselves and God.

WHO CAN COME?

All middle school youth and their friends can join us for this great day.

JACKIE FRANCOIS



is a full-time speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader from Orange County, CA. In 2006, she became an artist with SpiritandSong.com and in 2008 she released her debut album titled "Your Kingdom is Glorious." She has been involved in youth ministry since she graduated from high school, and she now travels the globe speaking to young people about God's love and leading worship for various events and ministries.

She is friends with people who are passionate about God, food, and coffee and perhaps saints, spiritual books, volleyball, quoting stupid things, the beach, accents, and bowling.



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Faith Formation News

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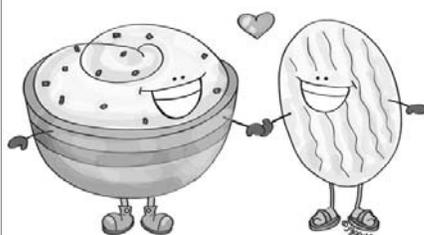


Super Bowl Sunday

While the country is watching the Big Game, you can be hanging with the Big Guy and your Rooted friends. Join us this **Sunday, February 5th**, for our Sports



Themed "Spirit Spirit Meeting" at 7:00 pm. Last time we gathered, we had a pajama theme; this time we will be meeting supporting our favorite teams! From colleges to professional sports, our even our own DeWitt Panthers, come to our meeting in your team gear!



In the spirit of a Super Bowl party, bring your favorite dip or small treat to share, and we will snack it up while playing games and exploring our Faith.

We have another meeting next Sunday, **February 12th, at 7:00**. Mark your calendars now!

Steubenville Applications—Extended

If you were interested in going to the Steubenville Youth Conference, but did not make the February 1st deadline, you are in luck. The deadline for turning in your Attendee Applications has been extended until **Valentine's Day, February 14th**. Get those applications in! They can be found on the parish website or picked up from the parish office during regular business hours.

Considering God's Call?

Young Men of St. Jude who are open to God's call to religious life, did you know that there is a group of guys your age that meets (with pizza!) to discuss topics and help figure out God's call in their life? The group, called Jeremiah 1:7, meets once a month at St. Gerard parish. Going to the meetings does not lock you into anything but it does allow for the opportunity to talk about how God is working in your life. See the flier in the Youth Room or the church bulletin board for more information.

Participation

In recent decades, we Catholics have often been reminded of our call to participate in the Mass. We are told that this participation goes beyond our mere presence, and we are often invited to serve in particular roles. These can range from roles involving significant time commitments—proclaiming the scriptures as a lector, singing in the choir—to the simple act of bringing forward the gifts of bread and wine. But clearly, not everyone is filling one of these special roles at every Mass. So what should our participation look like as average churchgoers?

In their recent letter on music in worship, *Sing to the Lord*, the US Catholic bishops remind us that the Church affirms the role within worship of the entire liturgical assembly: bishop, priest, deacon, servers, lectors, music leaders, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and the congregation. Through grace, we as an assembly take part in the life of the Blessed Trinity, which is itself a communion of love. Just as the Persons of the Trinity remain perfectly themselves even as they share all that they are, so "we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another" (Romans 12:5-6).

The role of the congregation—those not serving in special roles—is described by the bishops as "especially important." They quote the Second Vatican Council document on the liturgy, saying "The full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else, for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit."

But participation doesn't simply mean "doing stuff." We are called to both internal and external participation. When we listen to the prayers, the readings, the choir, we continue to participate actively: we unite ourselves interiorly to what is said or sung, so that by listening we may raise our minds to God. To complement this, our internal participation is reinforced by actions, gestures, postures, and by our singing acclamations, responses, and songs.

The bishops' observations about participation conclude with an honest assessment that it is not easy. "Our participation in the Liturgy is challenging. Sometimes, our voices do not correspond to the convictions of our hearts. At other times, we are distracted or preoccupied by the cares of the world. But Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice for the honor and glory of the Most Blessed Trinity."



Adult Faith Enrichment and Pastoral Associate's Notes

Terry Humenik, R.N., B.S.N. M.P. S.
517 669-8335 ext. 18 terryhumenik@stjudedewitt.com

Adults Desiring Confirmation

There are many reasons that an adult might have missed being confirmed during their youth. If you have not been confirmed, please take advantage of this opportunity to complete your full initiation into the Catholic Church. The abundant graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit await you in Confirmation. Preparation for adults who seek Confirmation involves 4-5 sessions. A time will be worked out according to the needs of those who are interested in receiving the Sacrament. Please contact Terry Humenik for more information and to attend the classes that begin in early March.

Prayer Partners in Flint Matched

We have matched the first 8 individuals/families from St. Jude with someone in Flint as Prayer Partners. There is still plenty of room for more parishioners to take part in this fun and prayerful ministry. Jesus told us that "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto Me" taking part in this ministry is one way to show our care and compassion for these isolated people in their difficult situations.



ARISE Together in Christ returns !

We are preparing for the 4th season of ARISE -New Heart - New Spirit that will begin the week of February 26. It is important that we get everyone who wishes to participate in ARISE to sign up no later than February 13 in order to get the books to you before your first gathering so you can be prepared for the discussions. **You can sign up now but you MUST sign up by February 13th.**

I am looking for 1 more leader for a Thursday night group. Please call ASAP if you are interested.

Safe Medication Disposal Event

Saturday, February 11 from 10am - 2 pm at St Jude Protect your family, pets, the community and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications.



Do not put medications "down the drain" or in the trash. They can end up in surface waters and negatively impact local ecosystems. The preferred disposal option is through special events which ensure safe disposal through incineration. *Please keep your medications in their*

*original containers but be sure to **black out** any personal information.* Do not black out the name of the medication. Unused medicines including narcotics are accepted. No needles or inhalers please !

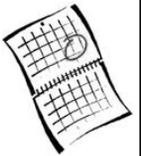


For the Women's Evening of Reflection

I need 3 or 4 ladies who will coordinate the dinner for the Women's Evening of Reflection on Tuesday, March 14. Please email me if you are interested and available.

More Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

February 10-12 at St. Francis Retreat Center - a special weekend retreat for those who have been through divorce to draw close to Our Lord. This event recognizes that after divorce people are much more aware of the deep thirst that needs quenching in all their relationships. Check the retreat center web site for registration information www.stfrancis.ws



March 7 at 6:45pm All parishioners are invited to an explained Mass at church with Fr. Dave Rosenberg. Get to know the inside details of the Mass, the history of its development and how each person is invited into the life of Christ during every Mass. There is no consecration at an explained Mass so you might still want to come to the 6pm Mass that evening.

March 14 at 6pm is the Women's Lenten Evening of Reflection beginning with Mass and continues with dinner and speaker Mary Dillon from St. Mary parish in Flint. Her topic will be "How is Dorothy Day's Catholic Worker Movement relevant in today's church?"

March 20 at 2pm Bishop Boyea will celebrate a Mass for families who have experienced miscarriage and child loss at St. Patrick Church in Brighton. Any family and their friends who have experienced these tragedies are invited to attend.

April 22 - Women's Retreat Day at St. Jude. Our Speaker will be Sr. Diane Zerfas from the Dominican Center for Spirituality in Grand Rapids. Save the date to focus on enriching your relationship with Christ. Invite your family and friends to join us.

Other News in Our Parish

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

Welcome to the St. Jude Parish Family
Mark & Cherie Reynolds and children
Gabriel, Tyler and Mila

Kyle Schmitt
Patricia Datko
Michael Hitchcock

Other Areas Announcements

Job Openings: St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt has part time positions open:

Housekeeping: hours vary. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and available to work some weekends.

For more information please call Chris at [517-669-8321](tel:517-669-8321), x 15.

Kitchen: Nights and weekends are required. Interested please call Lisa at [517-669-8321](tel:517-669-8321), x 25.

Lansing Catholic High School Events:

Prospective Family Night, Wednesday, February 8, 6:30pm-8:30pm. This event is open to prospective families with children of all ages to learn more about what LCHS has to offer. Families will be taken on a school tour led by a student, attend breakout sessions (on curriculum, tuition, college planning, and extracurricular and athletic activities), and attend a question and answer session.

Shadow Students: Is your student thinking about attending Lansing Catholic High School? Middle school or potential transfer students interested in finding out what it's like to be a Lansing Catholic High School student are welcome to shadow a current student for a school day.

Lansing Catholic High School is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications, tuition worksheets, and financial aid information are available on the school's website: www.lansingcatholic.org. Families who would like more information on any of these events please contact the office at [517-267-2102](tel:517-267-2102) or go to admissions@lansingcatholic.org.

Take Action Against Human Trafficking: Register for February 11th Conference in Lansing: Pope Francis has challenged people of goodwill to take action against human trafficking and new forms of slavery. In collaboration with the Diocese of Lansing, St. Vincent Catholic Charities, Livingston County Catholic Charities, and Michigan Catholic Conference will host ***From Darkness to Light: Human Trafficking and Our Response*** on **February 11**. The all-day conference will be held at Lansing Catholic High School. Participants will interact with experts and organizations that work to combat the crime and learn how to become involved in anti-trafficking efforts. Breakfast and lunch are included, \$25 registration, pre-registration is required. Registration details can be found at www.micatholic.org/fromdarknesstolight/. Contact Annie Bennett at abennett@micatholic.org or [517-316-3588](tel:517-316-3588) with questions.

The Association of Catholic Women will have their monthly luncheon **Saturday, February 11th** at noon in the St. Mary Parish Hall, Elizabeth Seton Room, 219 Seymour Avenue, Lansing. The speaker will be Suzy Khoury from the Attorney General's Office. The Topic - Identity Theft. The cost of the meal is \$12.00. Please contact Jeanette @ 627-5370 before Monday, February 6th if interested in attending.

"Becoming a Saint: Our Deepest Desire," a retreat offered at St. Francis Retreat Center on **Thursday, February 16** from 9am-3:30pm. The cost is \$30. Tony Sperendi is the director. The Lord invites us to be His blessed ones. Become who God made you to be! Register [517-669-8321](tel:517-669-8321) or stfrancis.ws.

The **Catholic Women's Club** will host a luncheon **Thursday, February 16** at Coral Gables in East Lansing. We begin at 12:30 and the cost is \$18.00. All Catholic women of the Lansing Diocese are invited to join us. For further information, please contact Michele at 706-9198.



Two Opportunities for Men of the Parish

February 10 - 12 at St. Francis Retreat Center right here in DeWitt. This year's theme is **"Mass Matters: We are Called to Glory"** and will focus on the Mass as the source and summit of our Catholic Faith. Men can register at www.stfrancis.ws or by calling the retreat center at 517 669-8321. The suggested offering for the retreat is \$175. If you have any questions, you can call Bob Nieman at 668-0528.

Lansing Diocese Catholic Men's Conference featuring Deacon James Keating, Ph.D. Mass with Bishop Boyea, Fr. Tim MacDonald & Brian Flynn

THE 2017 MAN EVENT February 25 10am-5pm

PIG ROAST \$40 (adults) **\$30** (students)

register at www.theMANevent.org

Our Lady of Fatima
911 Napoleon Rd - Michigan Center, MI

Bishop Boyea invites all men to **The MAN EVENT**. This is a great opportunity to reflect and prepare for Easter. The featured speaker is Dr. James Keating – renowned Catholic author and inspiring speaker on men's issues. Music by Brian Flynn and band. Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration will also be available throughout the day. The conference will conclude with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Boyea. **Open to all men 12 years old and above**. Men, please invite your sons and neighbors.



From the Operations Managers Desk

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

By now anyone who has contributed a minimum of \$75 during 2016 to the Catholic Community of St. Jude should have received a contribution statement for tax purposes along with a letter from Father Bob and a financial report for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. We have historically included this information together indicating the financial condition of the parish. Please review your contribution statement for accuracy. It's not beyond reason that with entering thousands upon thousands of contributions annually, an error is possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either myself or Rosie Starn to respond to your question. If you made a financial contribution to the Witness to Hope Campaign and it indicates \$0.00 on your statement from St. Jude, please don't be concerned. The Diocese of Lansing is processing and mailing to you a contribution statement for contributions to the Witness to Hope Campaign during 2016. If you have not received your statement from the diocese within a couple of weeks, please contact Lisa Weber at 517-342-2535 for assistance. Also if you have any questions regarding the financial report from our most recent fiscal year, please contact me and I would be happy to respond to your questions. The parishioners of the Catholic Community of St. Jude are very generous with their support of our parish and it is a pleasure to serve you as Operations Manager, thank you!

Parish Offerings

January 23-29 Contributions

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Budgeted Expenses: | \$13,592.00 |
| Offertory: | -7,728.00 |
| On-Line Offertory: | -5,112.00 |
| Non-Offertory Income: | <u>-1,355.48</u> |
| Surplus | \$603.48 |

Building Fund Collection
\$2,623.00

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

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| YTD Budgeted Expenses: | \$421,352.00 |
| YTD Offertory: | -280,918.12 |
| YTD On-Line Offertory | -134,279.58 |
| YTD Non-Offertory Income | <u>-30,783.99</u> |
| YTD Surplus | \$24,629.69 |

YTD Building Fund (Phase II)
\$43,111.71

Counter Schedule: February 6 — Team #3 February 13 — Team #4

Food Pantry
Update

The food pantry is in need of:

Tuna Helper, and laundry detergent.

FOOD DELIVERY SCHEDULE February 6 — Dave & Joyce Bordui
February 13 — Norbert & Darlene Simon

Wednesday, February 8th – Council Business Meeting in the Community Center at 8PM
Saturday, February 18th – Fish Fry Appreciation Dinner in the Community Center at 6PM
Sunday, February 19th – K of C Family Fun Night in the Community Center at 6PM

K of C Corner

Knights, families and friends are invited to the Fish Fry Appreciation Dinner. Please sign up in the gathering space or call John Urbain to let us know you are coming.

The Knight of the Month for December is Bill Pearce for his work on the blood drive.
The Family of the Month for December is Susan Rogoszewski and family for her Giving Tree work.

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.

Dresser Ministry

The diaper drive is in full swing now. We will be collecting



diapers and/or wipes until the weekend of February 25. All the diapers collected in this pack-n-play will be donated to the students at Lansing

Community College who have chosen life for their babies and are still trying to get a college education. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If anyone knows of an individual or family that would benefit from the Dresser Ministry please contact Leslie Feldpausch at lpfzoo@aol.com.

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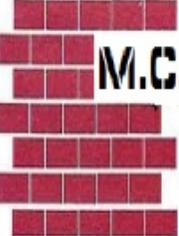
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