

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.

The Ascension of the Lord

May 28, 2017



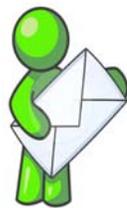
Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Join us for Memorial day
Mass in the Cemetery on
Monday, May 29th at 9am

Please bring a lawn chair.

There will be refreshments served in the
community center following Mass
compliments of Ruth & Roger Pline.

- ◆ The Tuesday evening Mass is now on summer vacation but will resume after Labor Day.
- ◆ The Parish and Formation offices will be closed on Memorial Day.
- ◆ AND the Parish office will resume its summer office hours beginning June 9th: Open Monday through Thursday from 9am to 5pm and will be closing early on Fridays at 1pm.



Contribution envelopes for 2017/2018 are now available for pick up in the community center. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not find a set with your name, please contact Rob Strouse at the parish office. By picking up your envelopes we save hundreds of \$ in postage.



Dinner is on US!

The staff of the Catholic Community of St. Jude would like to invite ALL Ministries and Programs volunteers to enjoy dinner prepared by your grateful

parish staff on **Tuesday, June 13 at 6pm.**

To make sure we have enough food please sign up at the Parish Information Center in the gathering space or on the parish website.

St. Jude's VBS children are traveling to Rome!

Registration is now open for students in Kindergarten - 4th grade

&

Volunteers 5th grade - adult!

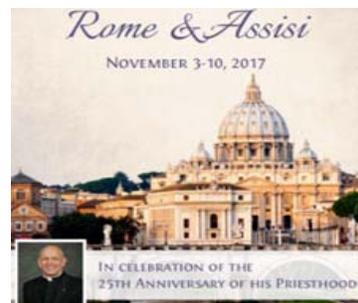
Get all of the details on our parish website!

www.stjudedewitt.com

They'll know we are Christians by our LOVE!



Baccalaureate Service for details see page 7



And for the adults a real trip to Rome!

This pilgrimage includes visits to Rome and Assisi.

Join Fr. Bob's on his celebratory pilgrimage to Italy!

Spots are still available, its not too late to join the group on this amazing trip. For complete details go to our website and click on the link.

Help our Youth Programs Win \$5,000

see page 7 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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Director of Music: Patrick Paddock Ext 21

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Maintenance: Ray Taylor

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, Youth & K of C Facebook pages



Sunday, May 28, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 /Mt 28:16-20

8:30AM Mass: Marie Northrup by Eileen Church

11:00AM Mass: William Bickert by Parish Family

Monday, May 29, Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Parish Offices are closed

9:00AM Mass in the Cemetery

Reception in the Community Center

Tuesday, May 29, Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Noon Senior Luncheon

NO 6:00PM Mass

Wednesday, May 30, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-56

8:00AM Mass: William Bickert by Jerry & Kathy

Jackson and Mr. & Mrs. Ted Spagnuolo

Thursday, June 1, Saint Justin, Martyr

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

8:00AM Mass: Michael Penta

by Frank & Nancy Manning

Friday, June 2, Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

8:00AM Mass: Bishop James Sullivan

by Greg & Margaret White

Saturday, June 3, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

4:00PM Reconciliation

5:00PM Mass: Lydia Donlon

by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Doyle

Sunday, June 4, Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

8:00AM K of C Rosary

8:30AM Baccalaureate Mass: People of St Jude

Baccalaureate Breakfast

11:00AM Mass: Roger Overway

by St. Jude Parish

1:00PM 50th Ordination Anniversary

celebration for Fr. Irvin and Fr. Swiat



The **FBI** Report

Father Bob Irish, Pastor
669-8335 ext. 11
frbob@stjudedewitt.com

Day Mass—Monday, May 30th



Please join us this Memorial Day in the DeWitt City Cemetery for our annual Mass to honor and remember those who dedicated and gave their lives for our freedoms. The **Mass begins at 9:00AM on Monday, May 29** and is held (weather permitting) in the old section of the cemetery. If rain is forecast, then we will hold it in the Church. After the Mass, coffee, juice and donuts will be provided in the Parish Center by the generosity of Roger and Ruth Pline.

God bless America and may God protect our current military men and women, our first responders, as well as all of us from harm!

The History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

FAITH Fest—Come Holy Spirit!

A family festival of Faith—Saturday, June 24 on the grounds of the St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt. The first FAITH Fest was held last year and over 5000 people attended and, I must say, everyone walked away energized by the Holy Spirit of that gathering. Don't miss out on this year's event and remember to purchase your tickets and use the code **Stjudedewitt** so that our youth programs may get a chance to win \$5000.00.

This is a one-day contemporary Christian music festival with a food court of a variety of restaurants and vendors, activities for families and children, highlighted with a twilight Mass with Bishop Boyea and dozens of priests, deacons and religious from around the Diocese and all ending with a fireworks display hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Tuesday 6:00PM Mass - is on vacation

Just a reminder that the Tuesday evening Mass is now on Summer vacation until after Labor Day!

Next Sunday's Scriptures

A reflection on the readings for Mass next Sunday, June 4



Jesus sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to protect and guide the Church in carrying out his saving mission. The feast of Pentecost reminds us that the work of the Holy Spirit guides and protects the Church and enables her to carry out her mission. The gift of the Holy Spirit gives us, as disciples, the grace and strength to move forward and live out our call of faith.

The reading from Acts,2:1-11, speaks of the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples, which enables them to go forward and preach the Gospel. In the first Letter to the Corinthians, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, we learn of the many gifts the Holy Spirit imparts to the Lord's followers. In the Gospel, John 20:19-23, Jesus bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples by breathing upon them, so they might go forward to preach the Gospel and lead the Church.

In Loving Memory

Anniversaries of deceased friends and family from our parish

Robert Thimmig May 28, 1999
Ralph Tront May 29, 2013
Patricia Armstrong May 30, 2006

Albert Dutzy June 3, 1989
Charles Hunt June 3, 2000
Glynneita Moody June 3, 2009

We remember in prayer . .

All who are sick may be healed in body and spirit, especially: Donna Baibak, Donald Earley, Fedele Spadafora, Addison Martin, Shawna Boyle, Barb LaLonde, Patricia Strouse, Stephanie Dorr, Joanie Eckhart, Debbie Platt, Tom Adams, Eileen Church, William Steinman, Doris Welsh, Deacon Ted Heutsche, 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 Piecuch, Mary Therese Swanson, Robert Ataman, Samantha Sontich, Deanna Hartwell, Jeff Church, Steffi Kracko, Tom Reid, Pat McCrackin, Camilla Smith, Kari Quimby, 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 Greetings to Maria Bevard, Rosalie Nitzche, Mary Louis Binge and Linda Fitzpatrick

Happy Anniversary on the occasion of their
63rd to Arden and Barbara Pierson
45th to Michael and Sharon Karber
30th to Michael and Kathleen Stiffler
30th to Robert and Margaret Wegener



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 on June 6 at 7pm at the Parish Offices at 409 Wilson Street.

Please contact Laurie Seybert at 669-8341 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 ...

Cheryl Corr, age 84, died on Wednesday, May 24th. A funeral Mass is being planned for this week. Please check our website www.stjudedewitt.com for details.

*“Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.”*

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 June 3 and 4

If you are able to fill a position that has “sub requested” listed, please log in to Ministry Scheduler Pro.

5pm Mass

Altar Server: Sub Requested
Eucharistic Ministers:

Audrey Fabus, Lisa Grost, Janet Irrer, Dennis & Sally Locher, William Prince

Greeters: Andrew & Teresa Angwin, Theresa Fedewa-Wells, Rosemary Fuller

Lector: GERALYN ROOT

Mass Coordinator: Denise Pratt

Ushers: John Baibak, Brian Ballinger, Richard Byelich, Mitchell Maher

8:30am Mass

Altar Servers: Sub Requested, Caiden McDonald, Madison McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: John & Lois Blanchard, Elizabeth Braun, Gregory Brya, Susan Garmo/Braun, Amy Kraus

Greeters: Sharon & Donald Carlock, Lynn Fiedler

Mass Coordinator:

Kathleen Bishop

Ushers: Dennis Bassett, Sub Requested, Michael Botke, Hans Braun

11am Mass

Altar Servers: Noah Behovitz, Olivia Behovitz, Molly Brya

Eucharistic Ministers: Ken & Tina Ashbrook, Roni Beck, Michael Brya, Christine Callahan, Theresa Cowgill

Greeters: Carolyn Drake, Sharon Kus, Diana & Raymond Piggott

Lector: Michael Logan

Mass Coordinator:

Robert Nieman

Ushers: Gary Brya, Bruce Cowgill, Scott Despina, Robert Gilbreath



Youth Fusion and Infused Faith Formation

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

June 26-29
(Monday - Thursday)
9-11:45am



VBS is 4 days packed full of faith and fun, including service projects, outdoor games, cool crafts, yummy snacks, awesome music, and of course, hearing from God's true word; the Bible. This year campers (Kindergarten - 4th Grade) are transported to ancient Rome where they'll explore Roman marketplaces, tiptoe past watchful Roman guards, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God's love. You don't want to miss this amazing week!

Adults and Older Children (5th - 12th), you are invited to join the fun, by helping as a Group Leader (shepherding kids from station to station), a Group Assistant, a Station Leader (crafts, games, service projects, or snacks), or a Station Helper.

Campers and Volunteers register on our website:
www.stjudedewitt.com/vacation-bible-school

Introducing NEW for Fall of 2017 *Family Faith Formation*

Family Faith Formation, an alternative to traditional Faith Formation, is a strong, parent-lead program for children in grades 1 through 4 or children who have special development challenges through 8th grade.

Families complete each unit at home using provided lesson plans and online resources before joining the large group of registered families for monthly (8) sessions. This allows for children to receive instruction at home and still be in community with other Catholic families and peers.

Large group activities include a healthy snack, service projects, prayer services, games, special guests and unit review.

Solve the puzzle by putting the letters in the numbered blanks.
Matthew 28:19

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
15	23	5	4	22	21	24	11	1	25	6	9	7	17	14	20	12	3	2	13	8	10	16	18	19	26

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17 15 13 1 14 17 2



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Formation Assistant: Lynda Roof
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Phone: 669-8341 ext. 19



ROOTED Faith Formation

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



We had our final Rooted Meeting of the School Year last Sunday in the Community Center. During this meeting, we jumped into activities and discussion related to how our perspective can affect our perception of others. We talked about how we need to realize that the people we encounter have had entirely different life experiences than us and may perceive things very differently than we do. We also discussed how misinterpretations can blow up into rumors very quickly.

After our perception/perspective talk, we jumped back into a Q & A about Faith, what the Church teaches, and moral dilemmas. The discussion went so well that several teens opted to continue the Q & A as part of the Senior Send Off Game Night the following Wednesday.

Speaking of Seniors...

It has been a fantastic year getting to know, serve, and work with this bunch of graduating seniors. Their passion and drive for their academics, extracurriculars, and, most of all, their Faith has been inspirational to say the least. They meet all challenges head on and carry many skills that will serve them very well in their future studies, relationships, and vocations.

Thank you, parents and guardians, for loaning me your wonderful children this year.



Not pictured: Hannah Fogel, Elena Lippert, Russell Shellberg

Help our Youth Programs Win \$5,000

We need your help in winning \$5,000 to go toward our Pre-K - 12 Youth Faith Programs! All you have to do is enter the promo code: **STJUDEDEWITT** when purchasing your tickets for Faith Fest 2017.



Faith Fest 2017 will be held on Saturday, June 24, on the grounds of the St. Francis Retreat Center. This fun-filled day of Christian music and activities is family friendly and even includes Mass with the Bishop! Go to www.faithfest.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Please pass our promo code on to your family and friends. The group with the most entries wins \$5,000!

If you are a local business owner and wish to sponsor Faith Fest, your sponsorship dollars help us, too!

Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast

• Baccalaureate Mass will be at the **8:30 Mass on Sunday, June 4**, with the breakfast immediately following



• Graduates are asked to bring their caps and gowns to wear for the Mass and to arrive by **8:15am**

• RSVP to this event by visiting the link on our webpage or emailing Hallie Card

• *We are looking for each participant to submit a photo of the graduate (from this year or childhood, your choice!) as well as their future plans (college, military, vocation, etc.) to be used in the celebration. These can be emailed or dropped off at the parish office during regular business hours.*

• We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the event in various ways. If interested, please contact Hallie Card by emailing halliecard@stjudedewitt.com or calling (517) 669-8335 x 14.

Parents of Juniors are encouraged to participate



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

Fr. Charlie Irvin and Fr. Jim Swiat
were ordained priests 50 years ago on
June 3, 1967

YOU ARE INVITED
TO AN OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE AND
HONOR THEM FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
GOD'S PEOPLE
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JUDE
801 N. BRIDGE ST.
DEWITT MI 4880

1:00 PM—MASS OF PENTECOST
A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

PLEASE RSVP to ccarlson@faithcatholic.com
Via email by May 30, 2017

As we celebrate this special event with both priests please consider helping by donating your favorite large salad or some favorite baked goods (no pies please) to help feed the crowd. Approximately 350 people are expected so we really appreciate your help. Please sign up at the Parish Information Center.



Homeless Women Need Your Assistance

An organization called Helping Women *period* collects feminine products and personal wipes in order to supply food banks, shelters within Michigan. These products are given to homeless teens and single Moms who are unable to afford these items. Dr. Alexa Vitek's office in the Schavey Road Center is collecting items for this project through the end of May. You can drop off any donations there to help maintain the health and dignity of women in need.



Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound



There are many people in our parish who are unable to get to Mass to worship Jesus and receive him in Eucharist. There are more than any single person can care for and so the ministry requires the effort from trained fellow parishioners. This is a beautiful ministry needs more parishioners to meet the needs of the homebound in our parish. You can serve whenever you wish and can see as many or few people as you desire.

Contact Terry Humenik to be trained as a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound. The blessings you receive will more than make up for the time you donate. If you know of someone who needs to have Communion brought to them at home please call Terry Humenik to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit. Please consider this note from a parishioner who has served as a Eucharistic Minister to the homebound of the parish for several years: **"EM is the most rewarding service, think about administering the BODY of Christ to the needy ! WOW how powerful !"**

Low Gluten Hosts

Sharing the Eucharist at our Lord's table is what makes us Catholic. But how many of us take this privilege for granted? A person with *celiac disease* cannot tolerate a plant protein found in wheat, barley and rye. As more people are being diagnosed with *celiac disease* or *gluten intolerance*, more products are being developed that are low gluten or gluten free. At St. Jude we have low gluten hosts available for any parishioner or visitor who cannot tolerate hosts made with wheat flour. There is a special pyx for these low gluten hosts that are included in the consecration and then distributed by the priest during Mass. We want to ensure that you are able to receive Communion at the Lord's table in a manner that does not compromise your health. Please see the priest or Mass Coordinator before Mass to learn about the process the first time you need it and then you can follow the process in the future. Simply tell the priest when you come to receive Communion "low gluten please" and you will be given the low gluten host.



Other News in Our Parish

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

Welcome to the St. Jude Parish Family

Mark Costigan
Arthur and Patricia Padot
Mike & Erin Murphy and sons Mason and Brooks

Meijer *Simply Give*: This program has been an incredible boost to our food pantry. Last year the parish received \$15,440 in food cards from the *Simply Give* program and has received over \$70,000 in food cards since we began participating in 2010. This program is successful due to your participation! This year's program runs **May 14 and continues through June 16**. The **Double Match days will be June 2 and 3**. Cards will be available in the gathering space and in the DeWitt Meijer. Take a card to a cashier, Meijer will then match your \$10 with another \$10 for a total \$20 donation to our food pantry. On the Double Match days, your \$10 donation becomes \$30. Thank you for your participation in this worthy venture.



Other Area Announcements

i.d. 9:16 Disciples' Night For Young Adults: Attention all young adults in their 20s and 30s! Join us for our June Disciples' Night on **Thursday, June 1**, beginning at 6:30pm at Church of the Resurrection in Lansing. We'll have Mass, dinner & drinks and a live-streamed talk. Our speaker this month is Iris Proctor, whose talk is called, "I'm Pro-Life, Now What?" i.d. 9:16 is a community of young adults -- single, married or in any vocation -- seeking to be formed as intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. Please find our event on the Facebook group "i.d. 916 Lansing" and RSVP there, or email us at id916lansing@gmail.com.

LANSING CATHOLIC SINGLES (mid 30s & up) to join them **June 10** for MSU Summer Circle Theatre FREE production of '**See Rock City and Other Destinations**'; a collection of small musicals of varying styles set at tourist destinations across America. Main show begins at 8pm but you're welcome to come early for the 6:30pm show '**The Amazing American Road Trip**'; a comedy about a family who decides they need to take a driving vacation across America and along the way meet a collection of colorful characters. Performances are outdoors on the MSU campus in the courtyard behind the Main Auditorium. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. You may also want to bring a picnic to enjoy before the show. Concessions also are available for a fee on site. Performance held rain or shine; in case of rain it will be moved inside to Fairchild Theatre. **Please RSVP by June 9**. For details & to RSVP phone [517321-7886](tel:517321-7886) or email lansingcatholicssingles@live.com.

"Mary, Blessed Are You Among Women" is a new one-day retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center on **June 13** from 9am-3:30pm given by Tony Sperendi. It will highlight Our Blessed Mother's role in our lives, seen from Scripture, Tradition, the Saints, and her apparitions at Fatima and Guadalupe. The cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and over and includes morning snacks, lunch, Mass, and materials. Register and info at [517-669-8321](tel:517-669-8321) or www.stfrancis.ws.

Lansing Catholic High School 29th Annual Cougar Classic Golf Outing: Friday, June 16th Forest Akers West-MSU, 10a.m. Shotgun, Player Fee: \$135.00 As a participant in this special event, your support directly benefits the more than 500 students at our high school! For more information, contact Paula Wilcox at 267-2121 or paula.wilcox@lansingcatholic.org. The Cougar Classic sells out quickly, so be sure to register early!

Summer Scripture Days 2017: The host of Summer Script Days this year will be St. Francis Retreat Center. They will help us discover how to "Live to Inspire", as we attempt to gather the "Lost Sheep". Attend **August 15 – 17** at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Registration is open until August 4. Space is limited. Brochures are available in the church vestibule or contact Sheila Rogers at [517-669-8321](tel:517-669-8321) or srogers@stfrancis.ws

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
THE GOSPEL OF FAMILY - JOY FOR THE WORLD
BEING YOUR FAMILIES ON A CULTURAL & FAITH-BASED TOUR TO IRELAND!
WITH THE DIOCESE OF LANSING

IRELAND
AUGUST 19-28, 2018

BIG FAMILY! BIGGER DISCOUNTS!

KNOCK SHRINE • KILLARNEY • GALWAY • DUBLIN
(Airfare not included, please see the "Visitors" topic on page 4 for more information)

Join us for an information night in your area!
ALL INFO NIGHTS WILL BEGIN AT 7PM

June 7th - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lansing
June 12th - Holy Spirit, Brighton
June 21st - Christ the King, Ann Arbor
June 28th - St. Joseph, Adrian



From the Operations Managers Desk

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

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY! As we welcome this unofficial gateway to summer we give thanks and pay our respect to all men and women who have served our nation, defending our freedom and way of life, many with their lives. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Please join us Monday morning at 9am in the DeWitt cemetery across from the church, honoring those who have served us. Speaking of memorials, our new memorial bricks have been installed so in your travels please take a moment to view our tributes to our friends and loved ones who grace our walkway and patio.

Finally, our annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic is coming up on June 13 at 6pm. Please sign up at the parish information center in the gathering space if you are able to attend so that we have an adequate supply of food on hand. Come and allow the parish staff to thank you for all your service to our parish!

Parish Offerings

May 1-7 Contributions

Budgeted Expenses:	\$13,592.00
Offertory:	-6,849.00
On-Line Giving:	-4,795.00
Non-Offertory Income:	-915.00
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Building Fund Collection: \$1,120.00

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

YTD Budgeted Expenses:	\$638,824.00
YTD Offertory:	-425,755.02
YTD On-Line Offertory	-202,145.58
YTD Non-Offertory Income	- 52,840.71
YTD Surplus	\$41,917.31

**YTD Building Fund (Phase II)
\$68,675.59**

**Counter Schedule: May 30 (Tuesday) — Team #5
June 5 — Team #6**

**Food
Pantry
Update**

The food pantry is in need of:

Mac and cheese and laundry detergent.

**FOOD DELIVERY SCHEDULE: May 30 (Tuesday) — Cindy Klaus
June 5 — Karen & Greg McClure**

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day Mass in the DeWitt cemetery at 9am
- Sunday, June 4 - K of C Rosary in church at 8 am
- Saturday, June 17 - K of C Grand Knight/Appreciation Dinner - after the 5pm Mass (by invitation only)
- Saturday, June 24 - Faith Fest 2017

Interested in becoming an Officer in the council? Contact GK John Urbain for information about the officer training sessions on June 7 and June 10.

Special Thanks to the Knights (family) that worked on the brush cleanup at the Church: Lady Amy & Jim Kraus; Kevin Orth and son, Jacob; Dan Reuter; Lee & Gladys Stauffer; Todd & Toby Brown; Pat & Susie Schneider; Jerry, Steve & Phyllis Terrell; John Urbain; Gordy Bogner; Jim Harte; Jim Mahoney; Ray Taylor Tom Nitzsche Lynda, Zachary & William Roof; and Paul Koleda. The chipper ran from 9am till 2pm, only stopping for a change of trailers to fill. Awsome work! I'm still in pain. Thank you.

The St. Francis Assembly #2982 monthly raffle winners for May are: \$100 – Scott T. Thelen, \$75 – Renida Taylor, \$50 – Ted Courter, \$25 – Larry Schaefer. Thank you for supporting the Knights of the Patriotic Degree in the DeWitt area. Tickets are on sale for the 2017-2018 monthly raffle, the first drawing will be in July. See a member of 4th Degree for a \$20 ticket with 48 chances to win. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

Any Catholic man that's interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please contact our Membership Director, Chris Thelen at 517 489-8675. See our website www.DeWittKofC.com for additional Council information.

K of C Corner



Dresser Ministry

**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN!
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The Dresser Ministry is back from vacation! There is a new dresser in the gathering space just waiting to be filled! There is a wish board next to the dresser with tags on it with items for the current dresser. Please take one or several, purchase the item(s), and return to the dresser. Once the dresser is stuffed so full that we can't get another thing in it, I will take it to a Christian based center for women and men who have decided to keep their baby.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Leslie Feldpausch at lpfzoo@aol.com or at [517-669-9264](tel:517-669-9264). If you or anyone is in need and would benefit from one of our dressers, please don't hesitate to contact me. Confidentiality is strictly enforced. **GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!**

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