THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JUDE



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

December 16, 2018



Third

Soup and The Wild Goose

Join us the final Tuesday of Advent for a simple meal and a session of "The Wild Goose."

- † Begins with 6:00pm Mass
- † Enjoy delicious soups
- † Build your Faith
- † Engage in meaningful discussion
- † Focus on the reason for the season

December 18 Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire: Presented by Rob Strouse All soups provided by parishioner donation.

Parishioners are asked to return your gifts under the tree THIS WEEKEND.



The building will be open after 4pm on Sunday if you need to return.

Points to remember

- It is necessary to return the ornament with the gift.
- All Gift Cards please return VIA the collection basket!
- Please do not wrap the gifts, donations of gift wrap, tape and tags are welcome instead. Thank you so much for your generosity!



Advent

Reconciliation Services

Sunday, December 16 at 2PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in **East Lansing**

and St. Gerard Church in Lansing



To make your holiday planning easy we have 4 Masses to offer Christmas Eve at 5pm, 8pm and 11pm and one

Mass Christmas Morning at 11am. Bring the whole family and the in-laws!

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 Thursday 9:00AM to 5:00PM Friday 9:00AM to 1:00PM Bulletin Deadline is 10:00AM Wednesdays - Contact Tina Simon

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Maintenance: Ray Taylor



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 Aguinas (E. Lansing) Saturday 3-4PM & 5:30-6PM
- St. John the Evangelist (MSU) M/W/F 11AM-12PM & T/Th 8-9PM
- St. Therese of Lisieux (Lansing) Saturday 3:30-4PM
- St. Isidore (Laingsburg) Saturday 6-6:30PM
- St. Joseph (St. Johns) Tuesday 6:30-7PM & Saturday 4-5PM
- St. Gerard (Lansing) Monday 7-7:50PM & Saturday 9AM-10AM

Diocese of Lansing

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Mass Intentions & Events for the Week

Sunday, December 16, Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk3:10-18

8:30AM Mass: Robert Bashore by Rick & Lisa Aungst John Baibak by Honora Perry

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Wee Believers Anointing of the Sick

9:30AM Faith Formation, RCIA

11:00AM Mass: Marty Masterson by St. Jude Parish John Baibak by St. Francis Assembly

Anointing of the Sick

2:00PM Lansing Area Reconciliation Services

4:30PM Rooted Adventapolooza

6:00PM Women's Group (20s-40s)

Monday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Mt 1:1-17 10:00AM Giving Tree Distribution

7:00PM Hands of Grace Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

10:00AM Little Lambs Story Hour

Noon Senior Citizen Luncheon

5:00PM Joyful Sounds Choir

Reconciliation

6:00PM Mass: Odilla Perez by Roger & Ruth Pline Kristina Laurent by St. Jude Parish

6:30PM Soup and the Wild Goose

Wednesday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:26-38

8:00AM Mass: Odilla Perez by Arden and Barb Pierson

6:30PM St. Jude Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

8:00AM Mass: Intentions of Terry Humenik

by Roger & Ruth Pline

6:30PM Family Faith Formation

Friday, December 21, St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

8:00AM Mass: Patrick McCrackin by St. Jude Parish

8:30AM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

4:00PM Reconciliation

5:00PM Mass: Steven Rothwell by St. Jude Parish

Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/ Heb 10:5-10/kmla Lk 1:39-45

8:30AM Mass: Brandon Gordon

by Grandpa & Grandma Williams

Janet Armbrustmacher

by The Armbrustmacher Family

11:00AM Mass: Fr. Francis Mossholder by St. Jude Parish

Noon Church Decorating





Congratulations to our young people who celebrated their First Reconciliation last Thursday evening as they continue to prepare to receive their First Eucharist in 2019 on May 5th.

Also I give my thanks & appreciation to everyone who extended birthday wishes to me!

3rd Sunday of Advent—
—The Saving Love of God the Father
(by Fr. Richard DeLillio OSFS)

Megan decided to walk home from school not waiting for her dad. She knew the way, and it wasn't too far. Soon rain, lightning and darkness overcame Megan She was cold, wet, tired and lost. Through her tears,

she heard a car horn. It was her father. She expected to be punished for disobeying. Instead her father swooped her up saying, "Here's my little girl. I thought I lost you. Let's go home and dry off". Advent season is like finding a lost child. Instead of punishment, God shows joy in bringing us home.

There is great cause for rejoicing today: God is coming for his people – not for expected judgement, but to show his *faithfulness*. God promised them a savior to free them from endless wanderings and to lead the way from darkness.

This Messiah is the son of this loyal God. He comes to these often faithless people not in judgement but to liberate them from their self-indulgence. Despite these imperfections, the Savior devotedly comes to redeem them.

However Advent season shouts joyfully despite their fickleness. God still loves them unconditionally and wants to begin again. Our readings announce the good news revealing that the Messiah is God's son, who is pitching his tent among us. John the Baptist proclaims, "I am not worthy to loosen the throngs of his sandals" as he brings this joyous good news to the people.

Another reason to rejoice is because the Lord comes not as judge, but as Savior. God, who would rather forgive than punish, is giving them a second chance. The babe born in Bethlehem is coming like a shepherd to guide his flock home.

The Advent season always demonstrates God's wonderful goodness and his desire that creation achieve eternal happiness. Advent also reminds believers how God works constantly to make this happen and how he wants all creation to do the same.

Jesus' teachings will provide all the words, all the examples and all the graces necessary. However, every believer is responsible to accept joyfully and choose faithfully what Jesus offers. Advent gives God our Father hope that creation hears again his desire and vigorously will accept it.

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the <u>faithful</u> God Who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to the thousand generations."

(Deuteronomy 7:9)

Reflection on this weeks reading!



I Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Comino

To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy?

What acts of kindness could you do this week?

Next Sunday's Scriptures: A reflection on the readings for Mass next Sunday, December 23.

Jesus has come to us as our King and Shepherd.

In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world and as the majestic King – but also as a Shepherd who cares deeply and personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God's gift to us.

In the first reading, Micah, 5:1-4a, prophesies that tiny Bethlehem will be the birthplace of the Messiah, a great ruler for all time. Paul, Hebrews 10:5-10, reflects on Jesus' offering of himself and his obedience to God's will, through which we are consecrated. The Gospel, Luke 1:39-45, depicts Mary's visit to Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary's role as Mother of God.

Parish Sacramental Policies

Baptism: To schedule a baptism or register for the baptismal preparation program, parents may contact Laurie Seybert.

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.

Parish Sacramental News



The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held Tuesday, February 5, at 7pm. Please contact Laurie Seybert at 669-8335 ext. 16 or by email at laurieseybert@stjudedewitt.com to register or for information about preparing for your child's Baptism.

We remember in prayer . .

All who are sick may be healed in body and spirit, especially: Gary Brya, Anna Konecki, Bob Fedewa, Julie Gordon, Terry Peiffer, Fedele Spadafora, and all our chronically ill parishioners.

This list is refreshed on the first of each month. Only parishioners will be listed in the bulletin but your friends and family members may be added to the parish prayer line when needed, contact Tina at 669-8335.

Our parish members and their families that are serving in our armed forces.



Kerri, Matt, Richard, 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



In Loving Memory

Anniversaries of deceased friends and family from our parish

Michael Pyelich	December 16, 1989	David Lotre	December 18, 2014
Michael Byelich	•	Larry Fitzpatrick	December 20, 2015
Ernest J. Thelen	December 16, 1995	LaVern F. Lerg	December 21, 1997
Michael Farley	December 16, 2007	Alice Stankula	December 21, 1997
Celestino Suarez	December 16, 2016	Adeline R. Huhn	•
Alton Cairns	December 16, 2017		December 22, 1983
John Flores	December 17, 2012	Edward Pettit	December 22, 2009



Worship Central

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The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:

come and save man, whom you formed from

come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

—From the <u>Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers</u>

To All Liturgical Ministers...Consider signing up to serve at one of our four Christmas Masses. You may login to Ministry Scheduler Pro to sign up or contact Tina at the Parish Office.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for December 22 & 23

If you are able to fill a position that has "sub requested" or "opening" please log in to Ministry Scheduler Pro.

5:00PM Mass

Altar Server: SUB REQ

Eucharistic Ministers: James Kurt, Deacon Kevin, Denise Pratt, Tina Sharkey, Susan & Robert Strouse

Lector: Leslie Feldpausch

Mass Coordinator: Audrey Fabus Greeters: Theresa & Andrew Angwin, Theresa Fedewa-Wells,

Robert Strouse

Ushers: Brian Ballinger, Mark Feldpausch, Mitchell Maher,

Thomas Nitzsche

8:30AM Mass

Altar Servers: Aidan Schafer, Kendall Schafer, SUB REQ Eucharistic Ministers: Ken & Cynthia Armbrustmacher, Kathleen Bishop, Gregory Brya, Deacon Kevin, OPENING Lectors: Rosie Bickert, OPENING

Mass Coordinator: Alex Johnson Greeters: Talia Platte, Jeff Platte, Cheryl & Thomas Townsend

Ushers: John Blanchard, Robert

Gilbreath, Daniel Smith

11:00AM Mass

Altar Servers: Aaron Ellsworth, Julia Ellsworth, Jane Thomas Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Bayless, Christine Callahan, Michael Ongena, Deacon Kevin, Eileen Phillips, Elizabeth Schroeder

Lector: Stacey Ongena Mass Coordinator: Michael Muehlenbeck

Greeters: Kim Jorns, Bonnie Rios, Mercedes Ward, OPENING Ushers: Mark Kromer, Robert Schroeder, Stephen Ward,

Keaton Ward

Pre-K—8th grade Faith Formation, Youth Fusion, Sacrament Prep

Mary Lippert, Child and Family Ministry Coordinator, 669-8341 ext. 17 marylippert@stjudedewitt.com

The third week of Advent we remember the gift of Joy we have in Christ.

We remember the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her

- a child who would save and deliver all people.

Joy is the gift we all receive from the unconditional love Christ has for us.



A Christmas letter that Pope Benedict XVI wrote to Baby Jesus when he was seven years-old:

"Dear Baby Jesus, quickly come down to earth. You will bring joy to children. Also bring me joy.

I would like a Volks-Schott (a Mass prayers book), green clothing for Mass (clerical clothing) and a heart of Jesus.

I will always be good. Greetings from Joseph Ratzinger,"

Not many seven year old children may be as devoted to the Sacred Heart as young Joseph, but we can be mindful, especially during the hustle and bustle of the next couple of weeks, of the reason for the season!



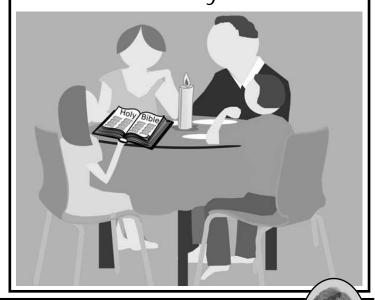
Dear Baby Jesus,

Make us ready for your coming into the world! You are the greatest gift.

Amen.



Family Faith Formation Thursday, December 20, 6:30 PM in the Community Center



Formation Administration Assistant: Laurie Seybert

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High School and Young Adult

Hallie Card, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, 669-8335 ext. 18 halliecard@stjudedewitt.com



Advent - Palooza

THIS Sunday, **December 16**, we will be having our annual Advent-palooza service and fun extravaganza for our high school youth.

- ♦ 4:30 9:00 pm
- ♦ Dinner provided!
- Giving Tree sorting
- ♦ Free gift wrapping for parishioners
- Service for terminally ill children
- Service for our church
- ◆ Epic Lip Sync Battle!
- White Elephant exchange (if you wish to participate, bring something from your house to give away - silly or serious!)
- Fun Christmas movie!



Free Gift Wrapping for Parishioners!!

As part of our Advent - Palooza, we are offering **FREE GIFT WRAPPING** to any and all parishioners from **4:30** - **6:00** pm this Sunday, December 16.



Bring your gifts and we will provide the wrapping paper, tags, and labor!

Our teens are eager to help!

Advent Reflections

If you are looking for an easy way to help your faith this Advent, follow our St. Jude Youth on Instagram for a daily Advent reflection. Continue to follow after the season for updates on what our amazing teens are up to with our Rooted Youth Group.



Follow us! @stjudedewittyouth



Steubenville Youth Conference

June 28 - 30, 2019, St. Jude will be taking 12 students to the Steubenville Youth Conference. This amazing conference has been inspiring American Catholic teens for decades.

Held at Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH, and other satellite locations, these conferences feature well known and engaging Catholic speakers and live music that will knock your socks off.

Only **ONE** spot is available for next summer's trip. If you are interested in attending or would simply like to hear more, please contact Hallie Card.



RCIA



Hallie Card, 669-8335 ext. 18 halliecard@stjudedewitt.com

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers for our catechumen and candidate, Amber and Emily, who were welcomed into the parish with our Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming last Sunday. We ask for your continued prayers and support as they continue on their walk towards Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist.

If you are interested in sharing your faith story with our class, please contact Hallie Card.

Interested in RCIA?

If you are interested in receiving information on how to become Catholic or to catch up on missed Sacraments - for yourself or for someone you know - contact Hallie Card.



Our program has changed a bit since last year and we would love to tell you all about it!

Parish Life

Thank you to all those who prayed for me, encouraged me, and sent cards during my recent illness and surgery. Your prayers are what got me through it all. Thank you, Jackie Urbain

Please note that the Parish and Formation Offices will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25.



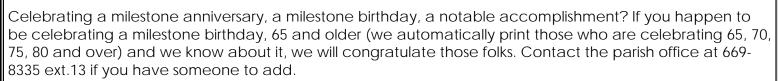
Greetings Corner

Birthday Blessings to Daniel DiPietro, Clarita Fedewa, Daniel Fedewa and Beverly Mohnke



Happy Anniversary

on the occasion of their 50th to Robert & Janet Griffin 25th to Larry & Carol Rademacher





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Join the Knight of Columbus for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 30 after the 8:30am Mass.





Any Catholic man who is interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please contact our Grand Knight Andrew Rademacher at 517 819-8692.

Visit www.beWittKofC.com or https://www.kofc.org/join

Other News in Our Diocese

<u>Just in Time For Christmas!</u> Give yourself and that special woman or man in your life the gift of a retreat.

Annual Women's Retreat is January 4-6 at St. Francis Retreat Center: "From Chaos to Order: A Scriptural Guide". Join us to gain new scriptural insights on ways to bring order into your own life and community.

Annual Men's Retreat is February 8-10 at St. Francis Retreat Center: "FROM CHAOS TO ORDER: A SCRIPTURAL GUIDE". Order can replace chaos when we apply some basic "rules", mapped out in 12 "Rules for Life" across our six talks, for daily living that include prayer time with Jesus and joyful living with our family and community. Our

joyful living with our family and community. Our goal is to give you hope - hope that rises from interior order in an otherwise chaotic world. If you have any questions, please call Bob Nieman 517-668-0528.

What happens on a weekend retreat? On Friday night, we all share dinner, followed by an opening conference and night prayer. Throughout the weekend, there are several spiritual presentations by the pastoral retreat team. Mass is celebrated on both Saturday and Sunday. There is a reconciliation service, and priests available to celebrate the sacrament for those who choose to participate. There is ample free time for walking the grounds, reflection, visiting the chapel, private prayer, and meditation. The suggested donation for a weekend is \$175 but no one will be turned away. You can register at http://www.stfrancis.ws/ or call the retreat center at 517-669-8321.

Don't miss the party of the year...the fundraiser that brings together our entire Lansing Catholic community! Lansing Catholic's Corks & Cuisine will showcase palate-pleasing food from local restaurants and sips of wine and beer from area distributors and brewing companies. Save the date! Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 7:30 pm to 11:30 p.m. at Impression 5 Science Center. or more info: https://lansingcatholic.org/content/corks-cuisine.

Applications & Acceptance Letters for Lansing Catholic High School: now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Acceptance letters are mailed on a weekly basis. If you have questions about admissions at Lansing Catholic High School or would like an application contact the admissions office at 517-267-2102 or admissions@lansingcatholic.org.

THE MAN EVENT 2019: Diocese of Lansing Catholic Men's Conference: Men, come to grow in your faith at the annual Diocese of Lansing's Catholic Men's Conference. In carrying out the tradition of providing an atmosphere of support and helping the Catholic men among us to courageously live a Christ-centered life in today's world, this year's theme will focus on how to 'wear the armor of God'. Ephesians 6:10-18

February 23, 2019 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church at 913 Napoleon Road, Michigan Center, from 10AM – 5PM, Ticket Prices are Adults \$40 / Students \$30 What to Expect: Motivating messages from Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Fr. Tim MacDonald, Adoration and confessions, A mouth-watering pig roast BBQ lunch from Stick-A-Pig-In-It, Music by Brian Flynn & Band, Mass with Bishop Boyea (4PM). Registrations are now open. For more information or to purchase your tickets, visit www.themanevent.org.

From the Operations Managers Desk



Rob Strouse, 669-8335 ext. 10 robstrouse@stjudedewitt.com

As I continue to transition into my new role as Pastoral Associate and word is traveling within our parish, I am being asked, "Who is going to take over your position?" Fr. Bob has recently asked Laurie Seybert, the Faith Formation Administrative Assistant to consider the position and she has said Yes. I will be working with Laurie after the first of the year to provide training and support as she transitions into the role. Laurie's responsibilities will focus on financial oversite as she has previous experience in that role and a strong educational background in computers, so she will assist us with IT concerns as well. Laurie has been on staff for 3 years now and has performed very well in her role as an Administrative Assistant. Let's all offer her our support as she moves into her new role for our parish.

This is the time of year when we have several opportunities to financially support diocesan and parish collections. I would like to update you on some of the results of those collections. The World Mission collection received \$830 and the Campaign for Human Development collection received \$760. Our collection for the DeWitt Community Christmas has already received \$1551 and our Warm Hearts/Warm Homes collection has already received \$2933. Please keep in mind that our capital campaign for our new building continues through 2022. If you are in a position to make an additional donation for the building or if you were unable to make a contribution previously, please consider doing so. We will naturally experience pledge losses from people moving outside the parish, or to eternal life, economic situations, etc. and we would like our loan repayment obligations to be as short as possible. Thank you all for your generosity.

Parish Offerings

<u>December</u>	3-9	Contributions

Budgeted Expenses	\$14,470.00		
Offertory	- 9,225.00	Building Fund:	
Holy Day	- 745.00	\$3,510.00	
On-Line Offertory	- 4,912.00		
Non-Offertory Income	<u>- 3,901.00</u>		
Surplus	\$4,131.00		

Fiscal YTD 7/1/18-6/30/19

YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$347,280.00
YTD Offertory	-199,224.93
YTD On-Line Offertory	-108,250.00
YTD Non-Offertory Income	<u>-39,053.10</u>
YTD Deficit	(\$751.97)

YTD Building Fund (Phase II): \$35,695.00

Counter Schedule: December 17— Team #2

December 26 (Wednesday) — Team #3

The food pantry is in need of:

Rice, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, spaghetti, and toilet paper.

Food Pantry Undate

FOOD DELIVERY SCHEDULE

December 17 — Doug Simon December 26 (Wednesday) — Sandie Ciloksi

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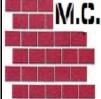
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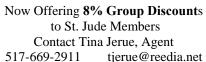
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