



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

A CARING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

MARCH 12, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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2nd Sunday OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:2

Parish Directory

Parish Office.....694-4891

Hours.....M-T 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
W-Th-F 8 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Fax 694-1583

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Pastor, **Msgr. Jerry Vincke**
Parochial Vicar, **Fr. Gary Koenigs knecht**
Deacon, **Dennis Pennell**
Seminarist, **Alberto Nickerson**
Music Director, **Dr. B. Simon Lee**
Liturgy Coordinator, **Lorri O'Dea**
Business Manager, **Brian Kita** (interim)
Evangelization/Discipleship, **Larry Blondin**
Bookkeeper, **Beth Sabolish**
Parish Secretary, **Theresa Dyer**
Bulletin Editor, **Linda Doyle**
Special Projects Coordinator, **Nicole Urbanik**

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 p.m.;
Sunday 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Children's Liturgy of the Word (no summer) - during
10 a.m. Mass - *For children four years old - 2nd grade*
Weekday: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.,
Sat. 8 a.m.
Holy Day: As announced in bulletin.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Mon. - Fri. 5 - 5:30 p.m., Saturday
11 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. and
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., and by appt. with a Parish Priest.
Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance.
Marriage: Please make arrangements with Parish
Priest at least nine months in advance.

Prayers & Devotions

Rosary: 7:15 am MWTF / 4:45 pm Tue / 8:30 am Sat
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday..... 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help DevotionTue. 6 p.m.
Fatima Prayer Cell Wednesday 4:40 p.m.

Ministry to the Ill & Bereaved

Linda Waggoner, Linda Blondin 694-4891

Social Outreach Ministry.....771-7279

Hours M-F 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Deacon **Jack Daunt (retired)** / **Brian Holyfield**

Holy Family School..... 694-9072

School Day 7:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Principal, **Theresa Purcell**
Assistant to Principal, **Donna Delaney**
Administrative Assistant, **Lisa Harvey**
Secretary, **Chasity Campbell**
School Receptionist, **Shelley Corcoran**

Religious Education.....694-9072

Religious Education Classes (Pre-school - Adult)
Children's Liturgy of the Word... during Sun. 10 am Mass
Grades K-6 Mon. 5 - 6:15 pm or Sun 11:30 am -12:45 pm
Grades 7-8.....Tues. 6:30 - 8:30 pm in St. Joseph Center
Grades 9-12.....Confirmation prep (once per month, Sundays)
Special Education Contact the RE office
Director, **Janet Gravel** ext. 151
Secretary, **Sheila Konieczny**..... ext. 101
RCIA/Baptism Director, **Maddie White**.....ext. 154

Youth Ministry 694-9072

Coordinator of H.S. Youth Ministry, **Jennifer Giddings**
Essenmacher, ext. 153, meets Wednesday (during the
school year), 6 - 8 pm (with an optional half hour social
time until 8:30) in the St. Joseph Center.
Coordinator of M.S. Youth Ministry, **Jan Gravel**
Meets once a month - Friday, 6:30-9:00 pm

Event/Facility Coordinator 694-9013

Carrie Pilarski
Meeting and Event Facilities: Father Bush Parish Center,
St. Joseph Center, and all other venues

Pastoral Council

Chairperson, **Matthew Williams**
Vice Chairperson,
At-Large Members:
Rel. Ed./Youth - **Tiffany Minder**
Athletic Boosters - **Jayson Richert**
School/PTO - **Melissa Mannor**
Communications/Events - **Carrie Pilarski**

Commissions:

Christian Service Commission

Facilitator, **Michelle Furman**

Evangelization Commission

Facilitator, **Randy Petrides**

Finance Commission

Facilitator, **Jim Distelrath**

Parish Life Commission

Facilitator, **Connie Lesley**

Worship Commission

Facilitator,

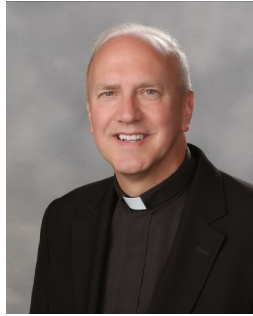
To contact any Facilitators, please call parish office

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for each Sunday
is the previous **Monday by noon**. Watch the bulletin for
holiday early deadlines. Submit to:
ldoyle@holyfamilygrandblanc.org



Msgr. Jerry's Journal

Transfiguration: On this second Sunday of Lent the Gospel is on the Transfiguration of Jesus. Our Savior had talked to his disciples about the cross—not only His cross but taking up their cross as well—and they must have been afraid. So Jesus does something beautiful. He takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain and is transfigured before them. This is a glimpse of heaven. It helps to know our destination. Trials, tribulations, crosses, and even our Lenten observances are paths that are upon us. But if we know where we are going it makes it all worth it.



Witness to Hope: WE DID IT!!! We have surpassed our four million dollar goal. Thank you everyone for your generosity and sacrifice for our Church. There are some others that are still willing to contribute, so we will keep moving forward. We especially want to make some capital improvements outside, including work on the Outreach Center so we can still use all the help we can get. We still want to reach the 700-participant goal.

Quest: Recently I met with a staff member of Quest. This organization leads virtue-based sports camps during the summer. We are hoping to host volleyball, basketball and football camps. More details to follow.

Healing: This evening, March 12, I am talking about the two Sacraments of Healing, Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation, to our RCIA group. I love these Sacraments! They are encounters with Jesus, who is alive, is God and is with us! You are welcome to attend the talk. It's at 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph's Center.

Heartbeat Dinner: Before speaking at RCIA I will be attending the fundraising dinner in our parish hall for Heartbeat, which provides support in cases of crisis pregnancy. It's a wonderful organization and I'm glad to support them.

8th grade Living Stations: This Wednesday evening, March 15, our 8th graders will be doing the Living Stations in our Church at 7 pm. Hope to see you there.

First Communion Interviews: This week Fr. Gary and I will be conducting First Communion interviews with our second graders. I always enjoy seeing the children's joyful anticipation in receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.

St. Patrick's Day: This Friday, March 17, is a lot of people's favorite day! I will be attending a 12:02 pm Mass

at St. Michael's in downtown Flint to celebrate the day. Sometimes we forget the story of St. Patrick. As a youth Patrick was carried off as a slave from Britain to northern Ireland, where he tended his master's pigs. After six years he escaped and returned to his family. But one night in a dream he had a vision that encouraged him to go back to Ireland. He did and established the Catholic Church in Ireland. In his twenty-nine years he transformed Ireland, replacing an ancient paganism with a vibrant Christian Church.

Daylight Time: Don't forget to put your clocks forward!

A First: On Friday, March 3, the school had a pep rally. One of the events is the faculty and staff taking on the 8th grade boys basketball team. Fr. Gary made a layup. He was so happy and told me afterward that it was the first basket he's scored in a game. I was happy for him too, but told him to stick with his day job just in case he wanted to try out for the NBA.

Blessings on your Lenten journey.

With love and prayers,

Msgr. Jerry

Saint quote of the week:

*"Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me."*

— St. Patrick



Stewardship & Worship

Receive God's gifts gratefully - Cherish & tend to them responsibly - Share them in justice & love - Return them to God

Black & Indian Mission Collection

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 134th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S. A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support! An envelope may be found in your packet or you may choose online giving.

Stewardship of Treasure March 4th & 5th

Registered Families	1755
Envelopes received this week	487
Online givers this week	141
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 24,436.00
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 15,287.83
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 1,882.55
Total weekly offerings	\$ 41,606.38

Tithing Thank You

You saved lives and kept families together in Haiti after the devastation of Hurricane Matthew by bringing medicine, water purification kits and emergency supplies to those in need. Thank you to your parish for your selfless generosity as a medical missionary in Christ's love.

Catholic Medical Mission Board

LENT SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. / March 3 – April 7

March 17 - **Mary's Way of the Cross**
(Stations of the Cross through Mary's Eyes)
led by Deacon Denny Pennell

March 24 - **Living Stations**
A very moving and prayerful presentation of the Stations by 8th grade Holy Family School students.

Lenten Fish Fry for Youth Mission Trips



Come join us for our next Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, March 17th!** We will be serving fried cod, gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, and a full salad bar! Bring your family and join us in the Fr. Bush Parish Center from 4 – 7 p.m. Cost is \$8 for a 1-piece fish dinner or grilled cheese dinner and \$10 for a 2-piece fish dinner. All dinners include the full salad bar and a soft drink. There will also be dessert items available at the bake sale table for an extra donation. All of the proceeds from the dinners go toward our annual summer Mission Makeover and High School Mission Trip.

Eucharistic Adoration Every Tuesday

8:30 am - 8:00 pm

(through April 11th
Eucharistic Adoration
is being extended
to 8:00 p.m.)

Come rest in the presence
of the Lord...
if only for a moment.



"You will find that your day, your week, your month, your life will begin to be transformed under the rays of his Eucharistic light ."

- Manual for Eucharistic Adoration

Fasting and Abstinence

Those who are physically capable are called to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and during the Fridays in Lent. Fasting (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) consists of one full meatless meal and other limited meatless meals as required to maintain strength. The young, the elderly, and those with health issues are not required to fast. The discipline of fasting and abstinence should be done in a spirit of prayer and with the goal of making a sacrifice in order to draw closer to the Lord.

What's Happening Here

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is Back! **Thursday, March 16th**, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Fr. Bush Parish Center Please join us as we welcome Larry Blondin and Alberto Nickerson as our guest speakers. They will be exploring the topic of Cultural Wars and Morality. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast, followed by the presentation with time for questions and answers. This is a very casual enjoyable morning. We hope you can join us!



March Small Group Teaching

Seminarian Alberto Nickerson's March Small Group Teaching titled, "Reflections on the Last Seven Words of Christ - Word Six - Disappointment" is available to listen to or read on our website by following the link under the "Resources & More" link. Click on "small group teachings." These are also available on our app under Resources.

Opening the Word

Bible Study - Sunday Readings, Year A

Live your Catholic faith in a more powerful way. Obtain a deeper insight into the Sunday Mass readings. This an open study group currently in session (come when you can). All are welcome. Tuesdays: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. in the St. Joseph Center.

For information, call Larry Blondin (810) 694-4891, ext. 254. Study also available online at FORMED.org.

55 & Over Group

Each day provides its own gifts.
Marcus Aurelius



It's the Wearing of the Green. Join us for our St. Patrick's lunch on **Tuesday, March 14th**, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (we eat at noon).

Ladies, think about baking for the Garage and Bake Sale this April. We will need baked goods for two days. We also need pies for Pie-by-the-Slice.

HFS Coke Rewards Program

Please note that the Coke Rewards Program is ending on March 22nd. **Please do not send any more Coca Cola caps to the school.** Any caps that you have already collected can just be recycled at home. Thank you!

Living Stations of the Cross

Our eighth grade Holy Family School students will be presenting the "Living Stations of the Cross" in the Church on the following dates: **Wednesday, March 15th**, at 7:00 p.m. and **Friday, March 24th**, at 7:00 p.m.

On **March 15th** the Knights of Columbus will be having a spaghetti dinner in the large hall from 5 - 7 p.m. and on **March 24th** the youth are hosting a fish fry to raise money for the summer mission projects from 4 - 7 p.m. Why not enjoy a great meal before attending this very moving presentation!

Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY - April 9

Masses 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil,
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - April 13

(No morning Mass or reconciliation on this day)
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
(Non-perishable food items may be donated
as you enter the church)
Eucharistic Adoration (Parish Center)
after Mass until midnight
Night Prayer - 11:30 p.m. Parish Center large hall

GOOD FRIDAY - April 14

(No Masses or reconciliation on this day)
Morning Prayers - 9:00 a.m.

Passion of the Lord - 1:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena Prayer -
after the Passion service (approx. 3 p.m.)
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY - April 15

(No morning Mass or reconciliation on this day)
Blessing of Easter food - 3:00 p.m.
(No Mass at 5:00 p.m.)

Mass of the Easter Vigil - 9:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 16

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.
Reconciliation: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
and 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

HFS Preschool JOY

(pictures removed for web publication)

The best thing about being part of Holy Family School is the sharing of our faith and learning our prayers. Devotions are a daily, integral part of the curriculum in Preschool and Kindergarten Prep classes.

We pray the rosary, special graces, special prayers and even a good portion of our Creed. Our “special person” brings a prayer cross with intentions for those they care about.

We are so blessed to experience the JOY of our church. The mission statement for Mrs. DiFalco’s classes for the 2016-2017 school year is:

J is for Jesus, O is for Others, Y is for Yourself.

J-O-Y is JOY!!



Call the school office to meet with the principal or to take a tour of the school at any time, day or evening (810) 694-9072, Ext. 0 or email lharvey@hfsgb.org

Website: www.hfsgb.org



What's Happening Here

Easter Baskets for North End Soup Kitchen and for the Center for Hope

The Youth Group will again be putting together Easter Baskets for Catholic Charities to pass out to the children who will be served a meal during Easter at their soup kitchens. If you can donate a bag or two of wrapped candy (no nuts or peanut butter, please!), plastic eggs, a small new Easter-related toy or book (bubbles, kites, stuffed animals, stickers, etc.), please drop them off to the Religious Education office **by Thursday, March 30th.**



55 & Over Garage Sale

Our garage sale is coming up on **April 28th and 29th (Friday and Saturday)**. At this time we are beginning to collect items (furniture, clothing, household items, etc.) for the sale. Please call Barb Rachor 694-8209 or Earl Hagen 694-0909 to donate to our garage sale.

Funeral Dishes

We have a lot of funeral dishes and pans that have not been collected. They are in the Small Hall kitchen. The FBPC is open through the week and during coffee and donuts. Dishes and pans from funerals that are still left on April 24 will be put in the garage sale. We just don't have enough room for all the dishes currently in the small kitchen.

Evangelion Young Adult Ministry

Discipleship. Community. Living Faith.

Tuesday, March 14th

Join us to delve deeper into the Catholic Social teachings at 7:00 p.m. at the McBride's. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, March 21st

Join us as we pray with the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings at 7:00 p.m. at the Jansen van Galen's. Hope to see you there!

Visit our website for future meeting details at
www.Evangelionmichigan.weebly.com
Email: evangelionmichigan@gmail.com

Did You Know...

Every year the parish of Holy Family baptizes youth and adults at the Easter Vigil? Because we have "Elect" in our RCIA process, we will be using the readings from Liturgical Cycle Year A on the **3rd Sunday of Lent at the 12 pm Mass (Mar 19th)**, on the **4th Sunday of Lent at the 10 am Mass (Mar 26th)**, and on the **5th Sunday of Lent at the 12 pm Mass (Apr 2nd.)** The Church has designated these to be the readings when the Elect, and in solidarity with them, all of us, participate in the "Scrutinies" on these particular Sundays.

To scrutinize means to look at closely, to see all the details. During Lent we are called to take careful note of our lives and how we live them in response to God's gracious love and mercy toward us. Thus, on the third Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of Living Water that only Christ can give. Only God the Son can provide the grace and redemption that provides us with life everlasting. In solidarity with the Elect, on the 3rd Sunday of Lent, let us acknowledge all of our graces and blessings that only come from God and call us to a full response of faith, just like the Samaritan Woman.

On the 4th Sunday of Lent, along with Elect, we acknowledge that we are blind to our own faults and failings. Just as the blind man is healed by Christ, only Christ can give us the sign needed to honestly look into our hearts and lives and see what must be changed in order to more freely follow Him.

On the 5th Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus, Jesus' beloved friend, from the dead. The Elect have journeyed throughout the period of the Catechumenate and this time of Purification and Enlightenment, seeking the deepest possible relationship with Jesus.

Jesus wants to become our beloved; He wants all of us to be transformed to new life. In solidarity with the Elect, we seek our Beloved Jesus and pledge our deep desire to "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." We know that conversion/transformation can only take place when we die to our own willfulness and selfishness.

Bishop Earl Boyea, at the Rite of Election on March 4th, explained to the Catechumens that they have been called by God to be part of His Church they are responding to *God's call*, not a summons by a friend, a spouse or their own inclination. What does God seek in response to His call? Our hearts ... are you ready to turn another piece of your heart over to God this Lent?

Mass Intentions March 13 - 19

Monday, March 13

8:00 AM Rev. Edmond Ertzbischoff *by Holy Family Parish*
5:30 PM John Johnson (Living) *by family*

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 AM Dec. Mem. of Kertesz Family *by Richard Jobbagy*
5:30 PM Camille Doherty *by Knights of Columbus 6742*

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 AM Donald Trump (Living) *by Steve & Vikki Lasota*
5:30 PM Barbara Fisher *by Lowell Fisher*

Thursday, March 16

8:00 AM Dec. Mem. of Jobbagy Family *by R. Jobbagy*
5:30 PM Fr. Ken Coughlin (Living) *by Jim & Lorri O'Dea*

Friday, March 17

8:00 AM Rev. Edmond Ertzbischoff *by Holy Family Parish*
5:30 PM David Emery *by Bridget and Matthew Place*

Saturday, March 18

8:00 AM Msgr. Jerry Vincke (Living) *by Janice Hennen*
5:00 PM Helen Racine *by family*

Sunday, March 19

8:00 AM Russell Colon *by The Greg Rasmussen Family*
10:00 AM Dennis Karas *by Nancy and John Denne*
12:00 PM Michael Hank *by Frank & (the late) Camille Doherty*
6:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Holy Family Happenings

Sunday, March 12

9 AM - 2 PM Coffee & Donuts (FBPC)
9 AM - 12 PM K of C Breakfast Buffet (FBPC)
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM K-6th Religious Ed classes (HFS)
6:30 - 8 PM RCIA (SJC)

Monday, March 13

1:30 - 3 PM Christian Service Commission mtg. (HFS)
5 - 6:15 PM K-6th Grade Religious Ed classes (HFS)
6 - 7:30 PM Parish Life Commission mtg. (HFS)
6:30 - 8 PM Bereavement Group (FBPC)

Tuesday, March 14

9 AM - 5 PM Eucharistic Adoration (CH)
11 AM - 2 PM Senior Luncheon (FBPC)
6:30 - 8:30 PM 7th/8th grade Rel. Ed. Class (SJC)
6:30 PM Fire & Wind Seminar (FBPC)
8 PM Holy Family Athletic Boosters (FBPC)

Wednesday, March 15

9 AM - 12:30 PM St. Joseph Guild (FBPC)
5 - 7 PM Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner (FBPC)
6 - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group (SJC)
7 - 8 PM 8th Grade Stations of the Cross (CH)

Thursday, March 16

9 - 11 AM Breakfast Club (FBPC)
10:30 - 11:45 AM RCIA Morning Session (SJC)
5:20 - 6:10 PM Parish Children's Choir (HFS)
6:30 - 8:30 PM DBSA meeting (HFS)
6:30 - 9 PM Women's CRHP Formation mtg. (HFS)
7 - 9 PM Adult Cantor and choir rehearsal (CH)

Friday, March 17

3 - 4 PM Help Put God Back in America (CH)
4 - 7 PM Lenten Dinner (FBPC)
7 PM Stations of the Cross (CH)

Liturgical Ministry March 18 - 19 Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Liturgy for Saturday, March 18

Lectors: Lorri O'Dea, Doug Zloto

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Maddie White	Luci Saha
Don Sienko	Bethany Zloto	Reggie Boerger
Randy Swiantek	Kathy Swiantek	Dennis Bridges

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

8:00 AM Liturgy for Sunday, March 19

Lectors: Sandra Racine, Neil Fatheree

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	James Campbell	Yvonne Cesal
Dick Jobbagy	Judy Puidokas	Karen Horton
Cathy Lane	Kim Dinger	Traci Snyder

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

10:00 AM Liturgy for Sunday, March 19

Lectors: Sean Caldwell, David Caldwell

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Mary Andrews	Matt Dillon
Carolyn Roeser	Betty Ardahl	Patsy Dillon
Cathy Kelly	Colleen Argus	Earl Hagen
Patrick Kelly	Doug Benchley	
Terri Yochim	Richard Cross	

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

12:00 PM Liturgy for Sunday, March 19

Lectors: Dan Savoie, Mark Dyer

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Kathy Savoie	Scott Villaire
John Tuohy	Connie Lesley	Sondra Rutkoski
Peggy Tuohy	Cindy Villaire	Mark Dyer

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

6:00 PM Liturgy for Sunday, March 19

Lectors: Alice Thomas, Tom Hrit

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Martha Mansour	Sheila Konieczny
Katie Woycehoski	Chris McVannel	(Help needed - 2)
Kristin Koglin	Nancy Repuyan	

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

Weekly Readings March 12 - 19

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Holy Family Outreach

Bringing New Life, Hope
and Healing to our Community



Outreach Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(810) 771-7279

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The Word is a Gift Other Persons are a Gift

“He (Lazarus) becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast.”

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2017



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Madonna of the Streets

Holy Family Outreach Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, Give us patience and understanding to live this day your way. Bring to us the unity of working together to help those in need. We are here to do your plan without being prejudiced or judgmental but with kindness and humility. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Donate to Outreach through the Online Giving Program at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1417>

Brian's Corner

The working poor in our community make up a large portion of those we serve through Outreach. Anne's story, featured in the Client Profile, is somewhat typical of many who come through our doors. They are hardworking parents dedicated to providing for their families yet struggling to earn enough wages to make ends meet.

happens all too often, one parent leaving due to the burden of a special-needs child.

We pray for these families, that one day there is an end to their struggles. We pray that families are reunited despite hurtful separation.

The Lord loves them through us.

Brian Holyfield

This family has faced what



- ◇ The "working poor" are people who spend 27 weeks or more in a year in the labor force either working or looking for work but whose incomes fall below the federal poverty level.
- ◇ Stagnation of wages at the bottom of the US wage distribution over the past several decades and continuing low rates of full-time work, especially in single-parent households, often leave families below the official poverty threshold.

<http://poverty.ucdavis.edu/faq/who-are-working-poor-america>

Client Profile: Anne's Story

Anne is a hard working single mom. Anne works full time right in our own community. She is someone who may have helped you at one time or another. Anne is friendly and is a pleasant face for her employer. Anne is a mother of four children and two grandchildren. The whole family lives with her and depends on her sole income. "I do it on my own. I don't know how!" admits Anne.

Anne's oldest is 19 years old. She has a two-year-old toddler and a newborn baby born on Valentine's Day. The new mom is not yet working again. Anne's 16-year-old son is recently living with his dad. Anne has another daughter at 13 and a son 11 years old. The youngest daughter refuses to go to school because of bullies. Social Services are getting involved; however, Anne can't seem to convince her daughter that she needs to go. The youngest son has special needs with ADHD and has SSI entitlements. Anne feels that all of her children have some type of bipolar or behavior needs.

One would never know the daily challenges Anne deals with when seeing her at her job. She is always happy and positive. Connie at our Outreach Pantry can tell you that she is very anxious about her situation and the challenges to fill the needs of her family on her very limited income.

Anne's mother passed six years ago. Her mother kept her away from her father for safety reasons. Anne says her positive attitude

and perseverance come from her mom.

The pantry has helped Anne for more than a decade. Anne will tell you that the Outreach Pantry has always been there for her. "I work for three straight weeks. On my week off, I look forward to coming to the Holy Family Pantry. I get a little food and friendly, encouraging conversation there. I don't know what I'd do without Connie. I wouldn't have a stove if it wasn't for her," said Anne. "Sometimes I just come to talk. One time I got a much needed coat for my youngest."

Anne has an older minivan. Outreach has helped her with a few minor service repairs in the past. The passenger door has to be opened from the outside and one of the rear doors and some of the windows don't open.

Anne is so grateful for the pantry. She recalls a month where her van broke down and she received a shut off notice from her electric company. The pantry helped her navigate the situation. She also is very thankful for the food gift box during the holidays. That box means so much during a time that is usually stressful.

Anne works hard and tries to do it all on her own. It's nice to know the pantry is there if things get too rough.

The Working Poor: Invisible In America

by David K. Shipler

"They are caught in exhausting struggles. Their wages do not lift them far enough from poverty to improve their lives, and their lives in turn, hold them back."



Michigan Families

- * 35% of children live in single-parent households.
- * Children with special needs have a higher chance of living in a single-parent household.

Kids Count Data Center (2015)

THANK YOU!

To all the Holy Family groups that continue to support our efforts at Outreach:

55 and Over *

Holy Family School *

High School Youth Group *

Knights of Columbus *

Religious Education *

Our Parishioners

Plus over 30 volunteers that staff Outreach for:

- * Client Care
- * Clothes Organization
- * Bread Pickup
- * Food Pickup
- * Christmas Box Program
- * Coordination

Partner Profile:



Although Fr. Michael J. McGivney of St. Mary's Church in New Haven CT started the Knights of Columbus in the U.S. in 1882, Fr. John Bush founded the K of C Council #6742 at Holy Family Church of Grand Blanc in 1975. Joe Dunn, the council's Financial Secretary, remembers that Fr. Bush nourished the organization by bringing in many men of the parish.

The K of C helps raise funds to aid the Outreach Pantry, sponsors five seminarians, church and school activities as well as funding ultrasound machines for women's health clinics. The machines are partially funded by the baby bottle drives to help encourage young mothers to keep their children full term. Also, during the school season, the Knights have pancake breakfasts every 2nd Sunday and spaghetti dinners every 3rd Wednesday for fundraisers. One hundred percent of funds received go to the charities.

The K of C does an Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. "The funds go to the state. The state keeps 20 percent and returns 80 percent to the councils," explains Dunn. The money goes to five main charities. The first charity is Special Olympics. The second is for an adult Boy Scouts chapter that consists of men of special needs in the area. Funds also go to Grand Blanc West Middle School for special education classes. Another charity is an assisted living location that houses young adults with special needs. The center teaches them how to live on their own. The last charity is called the Disability Network, which is run by Mike Zelle. The network teaches persons with physical challenges skills in order to support themselves. Some are taught secretarial and or

computer skills. The network also helps people find equipment, such as wheelchairs, if needed.

The Grand Knight has initiated a program called The Domestic Church. The Knights will be leading the rosary after the 10:00 Mass every fifth Sunday. This way parishioners can join right after the 10 a.m. Mass or just before the 12:00 p.m. Mass. The Knights want to help grow the presence of the rosary in our everyday faith, as well as show the Knight's presence to attract new members.

The Carpet Communion is another program. This is when the Knights come to church with their whole family on Sunday and fill the wings of the church in a display of devotion to the church. The 4th Degree Patriotic Order are the men you see with the plumed hats. They are a visible representation of the patriotic men of the council. "We want to be an integrated part of the church. We hope our presence will attract men to join and help them be stronger fathers," explains Dunn.

The Council has about 240 members. In the early years, Fr. Bush struggled to encourage attendance to the meetings. The Knights are enjoying a rebirth of young men. They still need young men who are energetic, as well as fluent in computers and technology to fuel its efforts.

To join the Knights of Columbus, call: Joe Buffa (313) 718-0714 or Joe Dunn (810) 694-9223.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to 15,342 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States and the rest of the world.

Youth News and more

High School Youth Ministry

Youth Group

Holy Family Youth Group is for all high school teens who are looking to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and discover how they can live out their faith. Come meet other teens who are interested in their faith. Bring a friend and see if you are being called to something greater in your life.

Each Wednesday there is food, fun, other teens, discussions on faith and prayer. Join us this week, **Wednesday, March 15th**, from 6 – 8 p.m. This week at Youth Group we will be continuing our month-long series focusing on Theology of the Body. All high school youth are welcome to join us for this powerful series. A pizza dinner will also be served at 5:30 p.m.

Drop-In

Drop-In will be open this week on **Monday, March 13th**, from 2:30 – 5 p.m. and **Wednesday, March 15th**, from 2:30 – 6 p.m. Come to the St. Joseph Center to work on group projects, hang out, or work on homework. Snacks and hot drinks are provided. All high school youth are invited to stop by!

Spring Break Service Days

Are you staying in Grand Blanc for Spring Break? Looking for something to do other than sitting around and playing video games all week? Come join other middle and high school youth in serving the Greater Flint Community.

We will be serving a number of different organizations on Monday – Thursday, **April 3 – 6th**, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. These service days are open to all youth who are in grades 7 – 12. Youth will be asked to bring a sack lunch and a water bottle every day. We will also be taking donations of baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, etc.) for the Center for Hope, along with any donations for Easter Baskets.

Permission slips will be available next week in the Religious Education office. If you are interested in serving all four days or just one, please **sign up by March 28th**. We also are in need of adults to help drive and chaperone our youth during these service days. Please contact Jennifer at jgiddings@holyfamilygrandblanc.org ASAP to sign up to serve!

Stebenville Summer Youth Conference

This summer we will be attending the second week of the Stebenville Youth Conference at the Main Campus with the youth from Holy Redeemer Parish the week of **June 23-25**. Cost and registration information will be available next week. We have an extremely limited number of spots

available. Parents are also needed to help chaperone this weekend retreat. Contact Jennifer in the Religious Education office if you are interested in volunteering.

ELEVATE: “Behold, I make all things new.” Rev. 21:5

From His throne in heaven to the depths of your heart, these words of Jesus are an invitation for you to receive the new life that He alone can give. He is longing to elevate your life above the things of this world – to help you overcome fear, anxiety, confusion and doubt. He wants to break the things that hold you down and give you freedom from sin. He is calling you to follow Him and enter into a transforming experience with His love, grace, and mercy! He can make you new! This summer join over 50,000 other Catholic teens at one of our 25 youth conferences and experience the joy of following Christ and being elevated by His love.

Religious Education

Confirmation Update - High School

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 26th**, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. A parent or sponsor should meet us in the church at 2:30 p.m. for a short rehearsal.

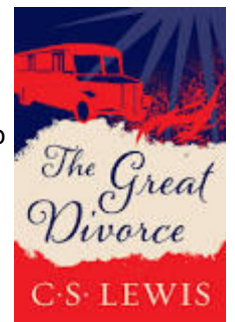
Confirmation Liturgy is **Thursday, March 30th**, at 7:00 p.m. Students and sponsors need to meet in the school lobby at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of volunteers for the Fish Fry dinners on Friday, **March 17th and 24th**. If you can help, please call the Religious Education office at 694-9072, ext.101. All proceeds from the dinners go to the summer mission weeks for our youth.

Book Club

The next book we will be reading is *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. We will meet **Thursday, March 23rd**, in the St. Joseph Center and there will be two sessions: one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 6:00 p.m. Ten copies of the book are available for purchase in the parish office for \$10 (exact change is appreciated).



Parish Prayers and more

A funeral Mass was held at Holy Family on March 6



Rest in Peace

for **John Petrides**. John, age 91, died on Wednesday, March 1. He was born in Sturgis, MI on October 17, 1925, to Phillip and Stella Petrides. He married Elsie Jakska on October 7, 1950. Surviving are children Randy (Elizabeth), Chris, and Steve (Candice), eight grandchildren, and a brother and sister. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a brother.

A funeral Mass was held at Holy Family on March 6 for **Charles Scheuern**. Charles, age 85, died on Wednesday, March 1. He was born in Highland Park, MI on April 12, 1931, to Louis and Frances Scheuern. He married Annie Wasylyk on May 25, 1957. Surviving are his wife, children Michelle (Rick) Corry, Cindy DeBruynes, Lorie (Kris) McClintock, Lisa (Pat) Fagan, and Craig (Paula), as well as 14 grandchildren and a great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

Lord, we remember in our prayers John Petrides and Charles Scheuern, whom you have called to be with you. May the calming peace of your love be with their families. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

A Lenten Fast

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ living in them.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayers.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal hope through Jesus.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from thoughts of weakness; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from everything that separates you from the Lord;

Feast on everything that draws you to the Lord.

(By Most Rev. Arthur Lichtenberg)



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the following Holy Family parishioners who died on these dates:

March 12

John C. Martin, Mary Sochor

March 13

Leonard Hawes, Eleanor Siminski, Raymond Blind

March 14

Michael Kiczenski, Darwin Simpson, Christine Millenbach

March 15

Patricia Smith, Leona Irwin, Leo L. Brawner, Dent Green, Eugene "Oscar" Smigiel

March 16

Charlotte Kalanquin, Kristen Gregus, Kathryn VanHouten, James Hassberger

March 17

Charles Nolan, Arthur Duby, Sr.

March 18

Marie Brawn, Edith Gawron, Joseph John Pongrac, Martin Rateau

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

for March

Support for Persecuted Christians - That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



Please pray for these men and women in military service:

SFC Matthew Crimando—Army, Camp Shelby, MS

Sgt. Kyle Kaneris—Army

LT. Noël Koenig—Navy, Dallas, TX

Lcpl. Zachary Korte—Marines, Washington

Jordan Koryciak -- Navy

Pfc. Philip McRae—Army, Afghanistan

Sgt. Adam Moreau—Army, North Carolina

A1C Daniel Przybysz— Air Force, Minot, ND

PFC Zachary Rogers - Army, Afghanistan

SPC Joshua Saha -- Army, Mosul, Iraq

A1C Patrick Sordyl—Air Force, Wright-Patterson, OH

Cpl. Matthew A. Stull—Marines, Afghanistan

Capt. Richard J. Valko—Marines, Twentynine Palms, CA

PV-2 Adam Vance—Army, Colorado

Daily Inspirational Lenten Calendar

Follow the link below to find an inspiration lent calendar on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website (<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/lent-calendar.cfm>).

What's Happening Here

Do You Know What "Human Trafficking" Is?

Jane White from the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force will be here at Holy Family on **Wednesday, March 22nd**, to give a presentation on Human Trafficking. The Task Force was formed seven years ago through the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, and has over 90 partners. This group is committed to a collaborative effort to identify and rescue victims, prosecute offenders, restore victims, as well as a strong mission of educating those in Michigan of human trafficking issues.

Did you know:

- ◆ Michigan is a destination state internationally based on the accessibility of the number of legal borders that we have, as well as natural borders.
- ◆ Trafficking is a \$32 billion-a-year industry worldwide
- ◆ Is one of the world's fastest-growing criminal activities
- ◆ Approximately 33% of victims are American
- ◆ There are 2.4 million victims at any given time
- ◆ Odds of rescue are one chance in 100

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 22nd**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Bush Parish Center to hear what is begin done about this tragic crime and what we can do to help.

Prayer for the Return of Non-practicing Catholics

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home. For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all.

Amen.

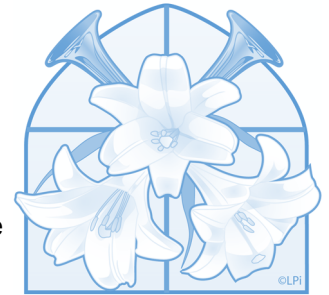
WELCOME

Our newest parishioners

Taylor Nagle and family
Mike and Heather Burke and family
Stephanie Cyrus
Conrad and Suzanne Chojnacki
Christine Hanczaryk and family
Lindsay and Megan Brooks and family
Peg York
Christian and Ann Koval and family
Jonathan and Brianna Winowiecki and family
Jessica and Michael Kelly and family
William and Cathy Leoni

Easter Altar Flowers

Flowers are an important feature of the church environment for the Easter season because they help to establish an atmosphere of the celebration of new life in the Risen Lord. The season of Easter begins with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night and continues until the celebration of Pentecost.



You can help to provide for the Easter flowers in the form of a remembrance for family and friends. The names of those you wish to have remembered will be published in the Easter bulletin and prayed for throughout the Easter season. To participate, please fill out the envelope in the pew and return it with your donation for each memorial **by Tuesday, April 4th**. (After that date, it cannot be guaranteed that the names will be listed in the Easter bulletin.) Donations may be deposited in the Sunday collection or dropped off at the parish office. Please print neatly.

DBSA Peer-led Support Group

(Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance)

Join a community of caring and supportive people who can help you on your road to recovery. The support group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Holy Family School cafeteria. For more information, call Angela at (810) 347-4706.

What's Happening Here

Recruiting for New Musicians

- Adult Choir (high school and up): Thursday 7:30 PM Rehearsal in the Church. Mass on Sunday at 10:00AM
- Parish Children's Choir (3rd through 8th): Thursday 5:20 PM Rehearsal in Dr. Lee's office. Mass on Sunday at 12:00 PM
- Parish Bell Choir (6th graders and up): Monday 7:00 PM Rehearsal in Dr. Lee's office. Mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM during the Easter season.

If you need more information about joining the choir, please contact Dr. Simon Lee at musicdirector@holyfamilygrandblanc.org

Help Needed for May 13th Concert (3 PM in the church), a special devotion for the 100th anniversary of Fatima!

- Advertising and promotion with posters, flyers, announcements, etc.
- Stage management
 - 1) set up the church for the concert with wires, microphones, chairs, etc.
 - 2) control the lights and sound system during dress rehearsal and concert
 - 3) set everything back after the concert for the following Mass
- Reception
 - 1) set up, approximately 1:30-2:30 PM
 - 2) greeting & serving during reception (4-5:30 PM)
 - 3) cleanup, 30-45 minutes after reception

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Genna Randazzo at genna.randazzo@gmail.com.

Coffee and Donuts or Pizza

Please remember to join us in the Father Bush Parish Center after the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Masses. We have coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning Masses and pizza is served after the 12:00 p.m. Mass. Come visit with your fellow parishioners!



Pastoral Council Minutes

Holy Family's Pastoral Council minutes for February are now online. Follow "Pastoral Council" link on the home page of our website under the Ministries & Service tab.

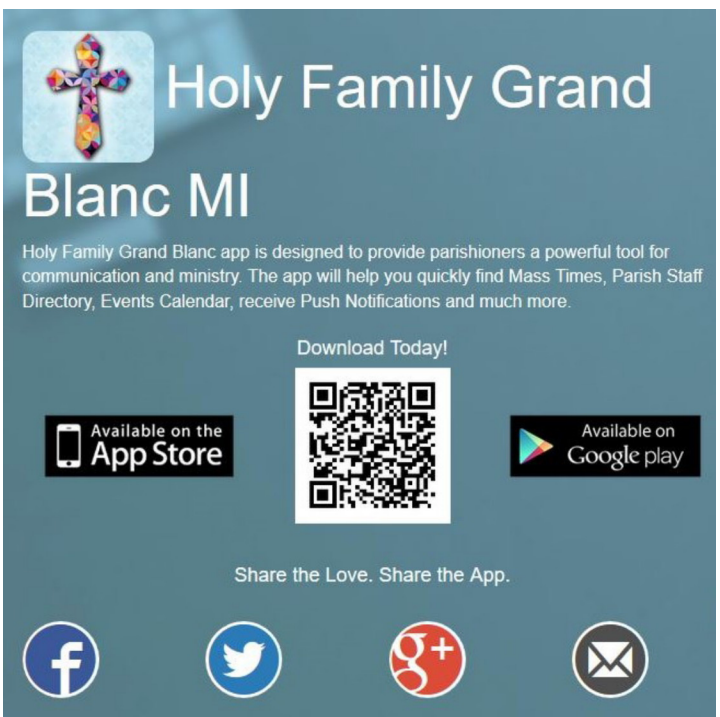
Saints for the Week (March 12 - 18))

March 17: St. Patrick

Details of his life are uncertain. Current research places his dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16 he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold. After six years Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish.

March 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Raised in Jerusalem and well-educated, especially in the Scriptures, he was ordained a priest by the bishop of Jerusalem and given the task during Lent of catechizing those preparing for Baptism and catechizing the newly baptized during the Easter season. His Catecheses remain valuable as examples of the ritual and theology of the Church in the mid-fourth century.




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Around the Diocese

Lenten Retreat - *Remain in Me*

Saturday, March 25th, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

St. Francis Retreat Center, 703 E. Main St., DeWitt, 48820

Jesus calls us to remain in him, just as he remains in us. But the distractions and busyness of life can make that difficult at best. Among other things, Lent provides a wonderful reminder to spend some quiet time with Jesus. Join me for an opportunity to know and encounter Christ more fully through prayer and reflection. Gain wisdom, insight, and peace as you pray with music, movement, Scripture of the season, journaling, and guided meditation. Experience profound prayer, free from distraction, and leave re-focused and more peaceful. Basic everyday movements will be taught which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or physical limitation. Cost is \$45, which includes lunch. Register at www.stfrancis.ws or 866-669-8321.

Knights of Columbus Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus Chorus is serving the chicken dinner at the Masonic Temple in downtown Flint **Sunday, March 19th**, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person, \$10 for kids 12 and under. The proceeds benefit the chorus. You can buy tickets at the door. If you have any questions, call Jim Lusty at 810-636-7328. Hope to see you there.

St. Patrick's Day Mass

Join the AOH on **Friday, March 17th**, for the 35th annual celebration of the Mass of St. Patrick at 12:02 p.m. Bishop Boyea concelebrates Mass at St. Michael's Church in Flint (5th Ave & Saginaw St.). After Mass, join the Family Walk to McFarlan Park to memorialize deceased members and family. Then join the Hibernians and Parade Committee for scones, rolls, juice and coffee at St. Matthew's Church Hall (701 Church St.), followed by a buffet of mostaccioli, ravioli, tuna casserole, slaws, salads, fruit and rolls, meat-free (it is a Friday in Lent). Music by Equinox, Irish dancers, bar, lots of free, secure parking.

Go To FlintStPatricksDay.com or FlintIrish.org for more details.

Mass for Miscarriage

Who: Any family who has experienced the tragedy of miscarriage or the loss of a child is welcome to attend.

Date: **Sunday, March 26th**

Time: 2:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Boyea

Reception: A simple punch reception with Bishop Boyea to immediately follow after Mass.

Place: St. Patrick's Church, Brighton (711 Rickett Road, Brighton, MI 48116)

A Day with Alveda King and Rev. Walter Hoyer

Abortion, in the black community, is at an astonishing disproportionate rate as it is for other ethnic groups. It is a subject that has been avoided and one that Diversity for Life is dedicated to bringing out into the open to educate those impacted by devastation of abortion with love, compassion and honesty.

We are so privileged to have Dr. Alveda King, niece of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the dynamic Walter Hoyer coming to St. Charles L'Wanga Catholic Parish in Detroit for an ecumenical event on **April 22, 2017**, entitled "Let's Talk, Abortion in the Black Community." The event is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and then include talks by these African American leaders and include music, food, and activities designed to draw in the youth of the black community, and their parents, for a day which will hopefully change their perspective on the value of the lives of the pre-born.

Hope in a Box

Catholic Charities needs your help to make sure no one in need is turned away. Please support Hope in a Box by donating a "need of the month" item in the blue bin in the Religious Education office. By donating to Hope in a Box you will help provide for more than 500 individuals who seek our assistance each day. Join us in our efforts to Provide Help and Create Hope for those most in need. For more information, contact Catholic Charities' Community Closet at (810) 265-7025 or email astart@ccscg.org.



Spring Craft Bazaar

Saturday, April 1st

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Robert Activity Center

(310 N. Cherry St., Flushing)

Over 100 tables of unique crafts

from Michigan crafters

Lunch available / Free admission

Sponsored by St. Robert Council of Catholic Women