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A CARING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

APRIL 9, 2017

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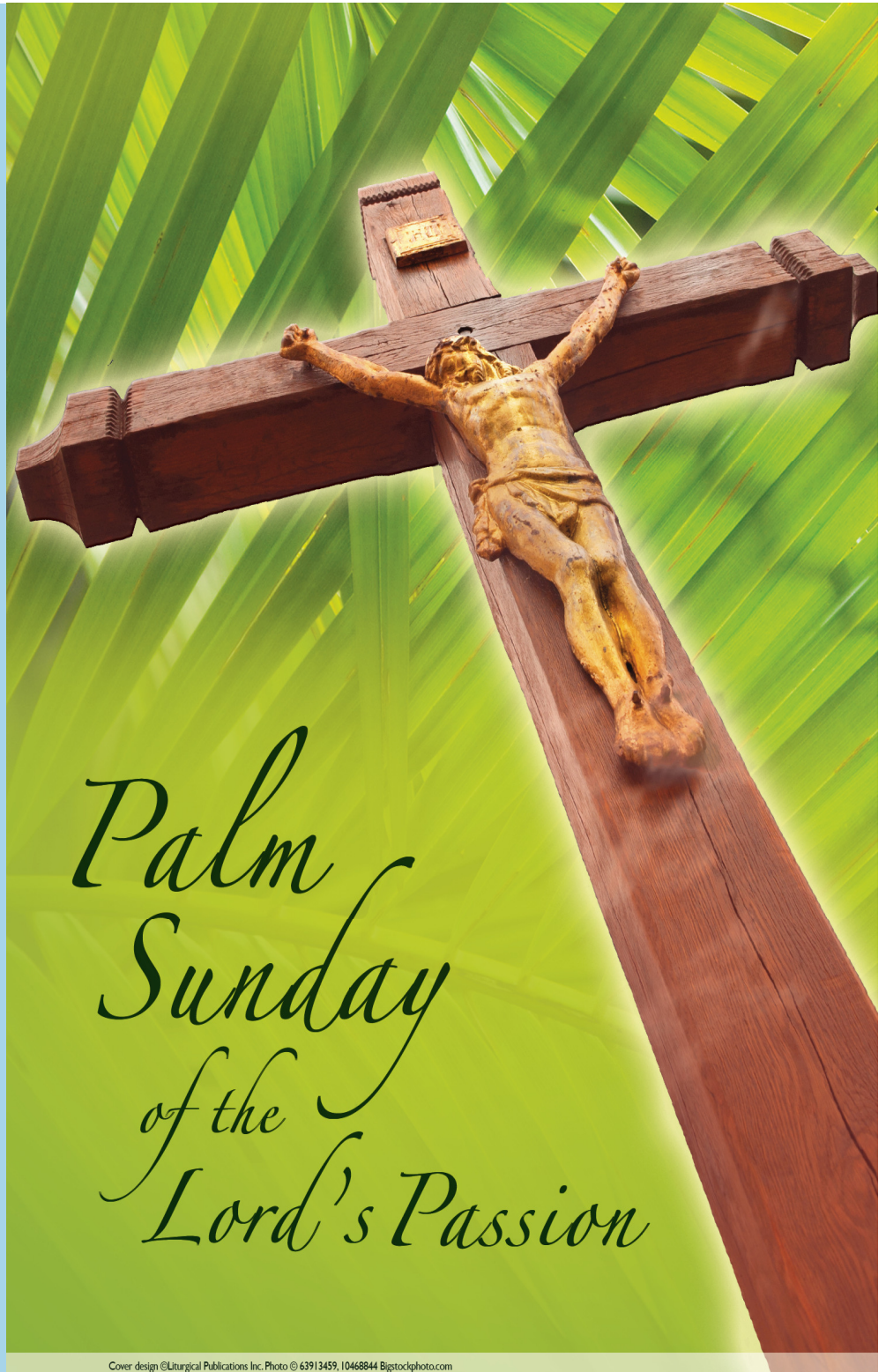
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Parish Directory

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

Email: info@holyfamilygrandblanc.org

Website: hfgb.org

Pastor, **Msgr. Jerry Vincke**

Parochial Vicar, **Fr. Gary Koenigs knecht**

Deacon, **Dennis Pennell**

Seminarian, **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

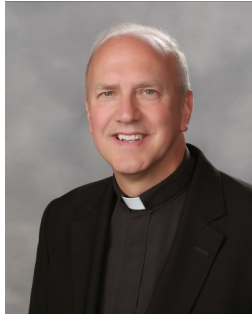
holiday early deadlines. Submit to:

ldoyle@holyfamilygrandblanc.org



Msgr. Jerry's Journal

Hosanna: The holiest week of the year begins with the final Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday. This day commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem. Jesus knows that he will be crucified and die for us. Palm branches are widely recognized as symbols of peace and victory. Palms or small branches would be waved to show homage and respect. It's interesting that Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey instead of a horse. A donkey represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, whereas arriving on a horse meant a time of war. The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.



How we are saved: We celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and a lot of other occasions. But the most important aspect of our life that we can celebrate is how we are saved from sin and death and given eternal life in Christ. That's what the Easter Triduum is all about—it is how we are saved. It's a great reason to participate. From Holy Thursday to the Easter Vigil is one Liturgy. Here is what takes place:

- Holy Thursday (April 13): Fr. Gary and I and a group from the RCIA class will be heading to Lansing to celebrate the Chrism Mass. At this Mass all the priests from the diocese will renew their vows to the priesthood. Additionally, we will receive the sacred oils blessed by the bishop that will be used to administer the Sacraments.
- The Lord's Supper (April 13 at 7 pm): We begin the Easter Triduum with the Lord's Supper. Jesus instituted the new Passover on this night, a night unlike any other. Just as the Israelites were saved from slavery in Egypt by the Passover (the blood of the Lamb placed on their doorposts and the consumption of the Lamb) we are saved by the New Passover, Christ's Body and Blood broken, shed and given to us. We also wash the feet of 12 people as a sign of the Lord's commission to give our life in service.
- Good Friday (April 14 at 1:30 pm): We place ourselves at the foot of the cross. We can say "yes" to the question, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord." We have an opportunity to venerate the cross as a sign of thankfulness to Jesus for saving us through the cross. In the Old Testament lambs were sacrificed for people's sins. Jesus becomes the acceptable sacrifice for our sins. He turns the power of death upside down. On Good Friday evening at 7 pm we will also partake of the Stations of the Cross.
- Easter Vigil (April 15 at 9 pm): I know we start late,

but the reason for it is that Christ's resurrection conquers the darkness of the world. Our RCIA candidates and catechumens have patiently waited for this day in which they will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. They, and all of us, are being saved!! Thanks be to God.

- Easter Sunday (April 16 at 8 am, 10 am, Noon and 6 pm): Alleluia!!! We celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. And because we belong to Him we celebrate our salvation too! What a glorious day!!!

Fr. Gary: Steadfast, reliable, evangelistic, courageous, and overall, a wonderful priest. These are some of the words that come to mind when I think of Fr. Gary. I am really going to miss him. He touched a lot of hearts. May God bless him on his new assignment. We will have a good-bye party for him the last weekend of June. Please read his column on the next page.

Fr. Dan Westermann: As was mentioned last weekend, Fr. Dan will arrive the end of June to become our associate pastor. I've known Fr. Dan for a long time. He grew up in Pinckney. He attended Fr. Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. After high school he went to St. John Vianney College Seminary in Minnesota (with Fr. Gary). From there he went to study at the Pontifical North American College in Rome from 2010-2014. I was with him there all four years. We played a lot of sports together. He was ordained in 2014 and assigned to St. Thomas Aquinas/St. John's Student Parish in East Lansing (this is where Fr. Gary is going). After two years at the parish, he went back to Rome to finish a degree. We will all miss Fr. Gary. At the same time, we are blessed to have Fr. Dan join us.

Alberto: Congratulations to our seminarian, Alberto, who was recently approved for Holy Orders. He will be ordained a deacon on May 13. I told him that it's a miracle that he got approved and that I lost a bet☺.

More Confession Times: A lot of people have been coming to confession, so Fr. Gary and I will be having extra confession times on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this Holy Week from 7 – 8 pm.

Great Book: Just finished reading a great little book titled "Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody" by Allen Hunt. It tells the true stories of people who forgave others in really, really difficult times. I admit I cried a little during each chapter. As one person wrote, "how can I not forgive someone after Christ had forgiven me for my sins?"

Have a blessed and solemn Holy Week. And be assured of my love and prayers for you.

Msgr. Jerry

Stewardship & Worship

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



Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross
Led by Fr. Gary

New Assignment

This past week, I received my new parish assignment to serve at St. Thomas Aquinas/St. John's Student Parish in East Lansing, beginning July 1st. When I was first ordained a priest, I can remember other priests telling me that leaving your first parish will be one of the hardest times to say goodbye. Well, I can agree! Holy Family has been a tremendous blessing and I have been spoiled to be here with all of you and with Fr. Jon Perrotta my first year and then Msgr. Jerry these past two years (do not tell him I said that!).

I have seen Jesus work in so many ways over these past three years and I want to thank you all for your faith and deep desire for God, which has been so inspiring for me. Please keep it up! As Msgr. Jerry mentioned in his column, the new priest is Fr. Daniel Westermann, who is one of my classmates. Fr. Dan is a great priest who is a good preacher, will do very well with the school, and has a deep love for Christ and the sacraments. He will be a blessing for our parish and I know that God has sent him here with a plan in mind. I spoke with Fr. Dan about the assignment and he is very excited to be coming!

All this being said, I have three more months here at Holy Family before I leave, for which I am very grateful! Please know of my prayers and have a blessed Holy Week.

Fr. Gary

Stewardship of Treasure April 1st & 2nd

Registered Families	1755
Envelopes received this week	430
Online givers this week	137
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 21,694.75
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 14,385.83
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 1,422.85
Total weekly offerings	\$ 37,503.43

Blessing of Easter Food

You and your family are invited to bring an Easter basket of food to church to be blessed on **Holy Saturday, April 15th**, at 3:00 p.m.

Blessing of Easter food is a tradition that was brought to the United States by immigrants from countries such as Poland, Slovakia and the Ukraine. Families fill their baskets with food for Easter breakfast or Easter dinner. You can bring whatever food items you want blessed. Maybe just the bread and wine for your dinner. Some just bring their colored Easter eggs.



When entering church, place your food basket on the steps of the sanctuary, remove your cloth covering your food, and take a seat. There is a brief service of prayer and song. The food baskets are then blessed.

Blessing of Easter food is a nice little tradition. If you have not attended in the past, we invite you to join us this year!

Easter Vigil Invitation

Please join us on **April 15th** for the Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00 p.m. Saturday evening in the church. Come celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord – the Light that overcame the darkness – and help us welcome 19 new members into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist! Please be mindful that this Mass is long and may be difficult for young children. There will be a reception in the Fr. Bush Parish Center immediately following the Mass. Hope to see you there!



Eucharistic Adoration Every Tuesday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

(Tuesday, April 11th, will be the last Tuesday for extended Eucharistic Adoration)

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

"The Eucharist is a 'taste of eternity within time,' it is God's presence and our communion with that presence."

What's Happening Here

Easter Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on the following days due to Easter holiday: **Thursday, April 13th (half day), Friday, April 14th, and Monday, April 17th.**

Coffee and Donuts

There will be **no** coffee and donuts after Masses on Easter Sunday.



The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! An envelope may be found in your packet or you may choose Online Giving.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Respect Life Committee

The Holy Family Respect Life Committee's mission is to promote the Gospel of Life in our parish and in our community. We meet on the first Monday of the month from September to May in Holy Family School - Rm. 7. Our next meeting is **Monday, April 10th**, at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to help bring change to Respect for Life in our country, please join us.

55 & Over Club

We still have time to focus our thoughts and intentions on the remainder of this season of Lent.



No lunch on Tuesday, April 11th. Our 55 & Over Club takes Holy Week off for the purpose of our spiritual being. See you on **Tuesday, April 18th**, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No lunch on Tuesday, April 25th, as it is garage sale and bake sale set-up week. We will need a lot of help.

Holy Week

SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - April 13

(No morning Mass or reconciliation on this day)
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
(There will be incense.)

(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. *(There will be incense.)*

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.

Palms

The palms that you received on Palm Sunday last year are sacramental because they have been blessed. Please do not discard them in the trash. A suggestion is to place them behind the crucifix in your home. We will continue to collect them in the parish office to be used for next year's Ash Wednesday's service.



St. Rita's Guild

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, April 12th**, in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Our hostesses are Helen Pongrac and Sharon Bradburn. They will be providing a light supper so we will start at 6:30 p.m. Our charity is the Holy Family Youth Group.

HFS CAREER DAY

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” That’s a question every adult has heard when they were younger. Friday, March 10, was a day that Holy Family students were able to really think about this question. This was the day HFS held a Career Fair. There were over 30 presenters of all

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different jobs for the students.

Some presenters presented for grades K-4 and some presented for grades 5-8.

There were doctors, media personalities, butchers, coaches, policemen, etc.

The presenters were asked to concentrate on why they chose their career, what training they had to go through, what they like about their job, and what made them decide on their particular job. There was time at the end of each presentation for students to ask questions. Each student was able to experience four different presentations which helped them to open their minds to all different occupations!

***A big THANK
YOU to all
those who
took time out
of their busy
schedules to help
make the Holy
Family School
Career Day a
success.***



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

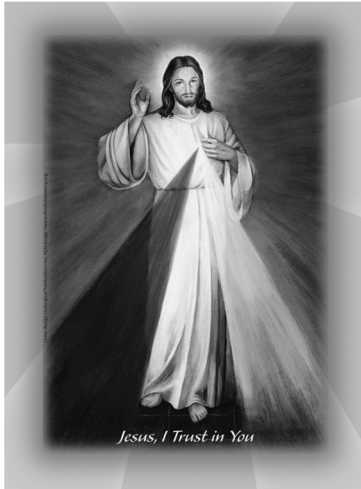


What's Happening Here

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 23rd

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday
What does our Lord offer us on this Feast of Mercy?

St. Faustina recorded in her diary our Lord told her: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. **The soul that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion [on that day] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment**" (Diary 699).



The important thing is to receive Holy Communion on this great feast in the state of grace, and with great trust in God's mercy. In fact, all of Lent should be a preparation to make a good confession to receive Holy Communion worthily on Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday. Excerpts from the Marian's of the Immaculate Conception www.thedivinemercy.org

Please join us for
The Feast of Divine Mercy Service
at **Holy Redeemer** on **Sunday, April 23rd**, beginning at
1:30 p.m. The service will include:

- A Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- The Divine Mercy Prayers and Chaplet

The service is being held in cooperation with Holy Redeemer. We will continue to rotate between parishes in the future.

Our Lady of the Rosary Guild

There will be NO monthly meeting in April as April 13th is Holy Thursday. Next meeting is **May 11th**. For rosary supplies, call Sharon Pfeiffer at 694-0204.

To date 2017, rosaries we made were sent to:
Diocese of Las Cruces, NM (late Dec. 2016) - 385;
Philippines - Cesar & Ica Bernabe mission work - 315;
Fr. Thomas Panakezham, Bangalore, India - 340; and
Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, CA - 214.

A Weekend Retreat for Women

St. Francis Retreat Center (Dewitt)
Mass Matters

We are Called to Glory

Gather the People / Tell the Story / Share the Feast

April 28th - 30th for the women of Holy Family Parish

For reservations or questions, please call Cathy Szczerba
(810) 656-7752. Registration is also available online at
www.stfrancis.ws (517) 669-8321

Evangelion Young Adult Ministry

Discipleship. Community. Living Faith.

Tuesday, April 11th

Come learn more about Divine Mercy at 7:00 p.m. at the Zielinski's. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, April 18th

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

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

55 & Over Club Indoor Garage Sale & Bake Sale

Friday, April 28th / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 29th / 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Help! We need your donations! We're looking for gently used clothing, clean items in good condition, and baked goods. Tax receipt will be provided upon request.

Drop-off times:

Monday, April 24th / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25th / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26th / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 27th / 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Drop-off location: Fr. Bush Parish Center
*pickup also available
(contact Earl Hagen 694-0909 or Barb 241-2862)

Mass Intentions April 10 - 16

Monday, April 10

8:00 AM Andrew Offenherer by *Trish Sheaffer*
5:30 PM Mike Charboneau by *Jim & Dee Dye*

Tuesday, April 11

8:00 AM Fr Gary Koenigsnecht (Living) by *Waggoner Family*
5:30 PM Sue Daunt by *Mark and Theresa Dyer*

Wednesday, April 12

8:00 AM Gary Lipe by *Gainey Family*
5:30 PM Robert Wheeler by *Alexia Wheeler*

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00 PM Mary Catherine Turnbull by *Kathy Stowell*

Good Friday, April 14

(No Masses)

Easter Vigil, April 15 (only one Mass)

8:30 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Easter, April 16

8:00 AM Carol Rumminger by *Brenda and James Barnes*
10:00 AM Mary Anna Satkowiak by *family*
12:00 PM William J. Sanborn by *Shirley Sanborn & family*
6:00 PM Mark Wheeler by *Alexia Wheeler*

Holy Family Happenings

Sunday, April 9

9 AM - 2 PM Coffee & Donuts (FBPC)
9 - 12 PM KofC Breakfast Buffet (FBPC)
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM K-6th Religious Ed classes

Monday, April 10

1:30 - 3 PM Christian Service Commission mtg. (HFS)
5 - 6:15 PM K-6th Grade Religious Ed classes
6 - 7:30 PM Parish Life Commission mtg. (HFS)
6:15 - 8:30 PM Men's CRHP meeting (SJC)
7 - 8 PM Respect Life Committee meeting (HFS)

Tuesday, April 11

9 AM - 8 PM Eucharistic Adoration (CH)
NO Senior Luncheon
3:30 - 4:45 PM RCIA for Children (HFS)
6:30 - 8:30 PM 7th/8th grade Rel. Ed. Class (SJC)
8 PM Holy Family Athletic Boosters (FBPC)



Wednesday, April 12

NO St. Joseph Guild (FBPC)
6 - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group (SJC)
6 PM St. Rita's Guild meeting (FBPC)
6:30 - 8:30 PM Evangelization Commission meeting (HFS)

Thursday, April 13 - Holy Thursday

9:30 - 11:30 AM Divine Mercy Prayer Group (SJC)
NO Our Lady of the Rosary Guild

Friday, April 14 - Good Friday

9 AM Good Friday Morning Prayer (CH)
1:30 PM Celebration of our Lord's Passion (CH)
7 PM Good Friday Stations of the Cross (CH)

Saturday, April 15

3 PM Blessing of Easter Food (CH)

Liturgical Ministry April 13 - 16 Triduum / Easter Sunday

(Please call Lorri O'Dea to volunteer)

7:00 PM Liturgy for Holy Thursday, April 13

Mass Captain: Karen Allen
Lectors: Debby Hux, Shawn Slattery
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Don Sienko Sandy Racine Linda McGinnis
Paul Racine Sr. Sharon Jim Distelrath
Karen Allen Anna Przyjazny Nancy Distelrath

1:30 PM Liturgy for Good Friday, April 14

Mass Captain: Needed
Lectors: (Help needed), Doug Benchley
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Don Sienko Karen Horton Paul Racine

9:00 PM Liturgy for Saturday, April 15

Mass Captain: Karen Allen
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Don Sienko Paul Racine Sandy Racine
Sr. Sharon Karen Allen Shawn Slattery
Linda Blondin Linda Kingston Martha Mansour

8:00 AM Liturgy for Sunday, April 16

Mass Captain: Karen Horton and Dick Jobbagy
Lectors: Dan Charboneau, Lori Charboneau
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Karen Horton Kim Dinger Paul Wolven
Jim Campbell Cathy Lane Linda McGinnis
Anna Przyjazny (Need 6)
Servers: (Help) *(names removed for web publication)*

10:00 AM Liturgy for Sunday, April 16

Mass Captain: Monna Suess
Lectors: Jim Daris, Doug Benchley
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Betty Ardahl Dawn Davis Roy Linkowski
Rob Toth Cindy Edmonds Trish Sheaffer
Jim Mercier Marje Mercier Jennifer Merciez
Ed Suess Monna Suess (need 2)
Servers: (Help) *(names removed for web publication)*

12:00 PM Liturgy for Sunday, April 16

Mass Captain: Cheryl Gelisse
Lectors: Sandy Rutkoski, (help needed)
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Bill Harris Jane Harris Chris Harris
Scott Villaire Cynthia Villaire Scott Heron
Cheryl Gelisse (need 6)
Servers: (Help) *(names removed for web publication)*

6:00 PM Liturgy for Sunday, April 16

Mass Captain: (needed)
Lectors: Lucinda Peterman, (needed)
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Al Schmit Marie Psenski Julie Crosbys
(need 6)
Servers: (Help) *(names removed for web publication)*

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, April 12th**, from 6 – 8:00 p.m. This week at Youth Group we will be discussing the Triduum: Life, Death, Resurrection. A pizza dinner will also be served at 5:30 p.m.

Drop-In

Drop-In will be open this week on **Monday, March 20th**, from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. and **Wednesday, March 22nd**, from 2:30 – 6:00 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!

High School Spring Retreat

All high school youth are invited to attend our spring retreat, **April 21st - 23rd** at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, MI. The cost is \$95 per person and scholarship help is available. The retreat starts at 7 p.m. and goes until noon on Sunday. All meals and activities are included in the price. Please contact Jennifer in the Religious Education office **by April 19th** to sign up!

Steubenville Summer Youth Conference

There is still time to sign up to attend the Steubenville Summer Youth Conference on **June 23rd – 25th**. We are still awaiting the cost of the bus transportation for this retreat weekend; however, the cost of the retreat is \$199. Registration form and the \$199 fee are due into the Religious Education office **by Monday, April 10th**. Our registration form can be found on the youth ministry page on the parish website. 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.

Pro-Life Youth Conference

Youth in grades 8 – 12 are invited to attend the 11th annual Archdiocesan Pro-life Youth Conference **“Justice for All-Be Their Voice”** which will be held **April 29th** at Bishop Foley High School from noon until 9:30 p.m. The conference will feature Emmy award- winning Keynote speaker Ryan Bomberger from the *Radiance Foundation* who will speak on Adoption and the Social Injustice of Abortion, as well as his break-out session Black is Beautiful. Additional break-out sessions affirming student’s personal worth and their unique purpose include: Women’s Health, the Medical Effects of Abortion & practicing Pro-life Medi-

cine, Understanding Pro-life Legislation and Rights, Trafficking and Human Dignity, Pro-life Apologetics, and Sexual Integrity

Auxiliary Bishop Donald Hanchon will cap off the conference with the celebration of Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:45. Opportunity for Confession, Adoration, Praise and Worship as well! Following Mass there will be dinner and a closing DJ dance.

Cost is \$20 per youth to attend. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jennifer in the Religious Education office **by April 19th**.

Religious Education

First Communion News

Interviews are being held for students preparing to receive First Holy Communion in May. If you have not scheduled an interview with us, please call the Religious Education office at 694-9072, ext. 101.

First Communion Dinner will be held on **Thursday, April 20th**. If you have not RSVP'd, please call the Religious Education office. We are in need of volunteers to help with this dinner. Please call the Religious Education office if you are interested in helping.

Class Schedule for K - 8th grade

Due to Spring break and Easter, there will be no classes or Children’s Liturgy on the following Sundays:

April 9 / April 16

Monday’s schedule:

There will no classes on April 17.

There is class on **Monday, April 10**.

Special Intentions

During this Lenten season students at Powers Catholic High School have spiritually adopted local priests, seminarians and retired priests. Please join Powers’ students as they pray for the clergy as they continue to do God’s work in our communities.

*Marriage
& Banns*

Adriana Perry and Peter Lindgren

April 22, 2017

Parish Prayers and more

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on April 1 for **Boguslaw (Bo) Nowakowski**. Bo, age 51, died on March 20, 2017. He was born December 8, 1965, in Poland. Surviving are his wife, Izabela Nowakowska, and daughters Anna and Aleksandra.

Lord, we remember in our prayers Boguslaw



Rest in Peace

Nowakowski, whom you have called to be with you. May the calming peace of your love be with his family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

WELCOME

Our newest parishioners

Nicole & Sandeep Rao and family
Joan Marie Brozo
Mary M. Owens
Gerald Behrends
Garth & Sandra O'Mara
Rosie Wittbrodt
Patrick & Bethany Crunk and family
Kristin McBride and family
Jeremy & Alicia Shaver and family
Heather & Eric Monroe and family
Rick Miller

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for April

Young People - That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Please Pray for the Ill and their Caregivers

Please remember in prayer those listed in the April 2 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions at the back of the church. Newly added: *(name removed)*.



Soup Kitchen

Holy Family has a wonderful group of individuals who rotate their time to volunteer each month at the North End Soup Kitchen. Just a reminder that **Thursday, April 13th**, is our day for Team A. If anyone else is interested or has any questions, please contact the parish office at (810) 694-4891.



In Loving Memory

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

April 9

Kathleen Ann DeKelaita, Edward Henke, Jr, Francis Donnelly, Noreen Downing, Evelyn Bainbridge, Marjorie "Jean" Dunn, Mary Smith

April 10

Rose Sado, Patrick Sheehy

April 11

Elwood Smith, Donald Leavy, Nancy Martin, Barbara McFarland

April 12

Gary Pobocik, Jr., Irene Nolde, Corrine Millenbach, Theresa Fornesi

April 13

Dennis Brainard, James Alex Dunn

April 14

Dorothy A. LaFontaine, John Delaney, Harry Knaski

April 15

Patricia Ann Stevens, Louise Devendorf

Weekly Readings April 9 - 16

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

April 13th - 16th, 2017

The Easter Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening and concludes with Vespers (evening prayer) on Easter Sunday. We may go home and return, but we are celebrating *one* three-day liturgy. One mystery is celebrated, the paschal mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper - Thursday, April 13th

The Triduum celebration begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Holy Oils, blessed by our bishop at the Chrism Mass earlier in the day, are presented to the parish during Mass. The opening prayer reminds us that "we are gathered here to share in the supper which your Son left to his Church to reveal his love." Part of the celebration of this night is the washing of feet. This tradition reminds us of the instruction Jesus gives to his followers, "A new commandment I give to you, to love one another as I have loved you." This is a simple gesture of humble service which speaks directly to the way of life Christians seek.

****Mass is at 7:00 p.m., followed by procession to the Parish Center – quiet prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament continues until 11:30 p.m. Night Prayer to close the Solemn Adoration at the Blessed Sacrament.***

Good Friday - April 14th

This day is called "Good Friday" from the Old English form of "God Friday." This is our most somber day of the Triduum. It is a day of strict fast and abstinence. There is never a Mass. The altar is bare. Since this is a continuation of the single liturgy which began on Thursday night, there is no greeting, genuflection, procession, or opening hymn. The presider enters the sanctuary, prostrates himself at the foot of the altar and after rising recites the opening prayer. Today's liturgy includes three parts. Part one is the Liturgy of the Word, which includes the proclamation of the Passion according to John. The second part of the service is unique to this day. We approach a plain wooden cross and venerate it by bowing, kissing, touching, or genuflecting. If it were not for our eyes of faith, we would see this as a mere instrument of death instead of an instrument of our salvation. The third part is the distribution of Holy Communion. Although there is no Mass celebrated, we are still given the gift of the Holy Eucharist. Even on this day of remembering our Lord's death, he does not abandon us.

****Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. (church), the Celebration of the Lord's Passion begins at 1:30 p.m., followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena Prayer (approximately 3:00 p.m.). Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.***

Holy Saturday - April 15th

This is a day of joyful anticipation for us and for the Elect and Candidates. Yet a sense of holiness remains. On this day the church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on His suffering and death. ****Our traditional Blessing of the Easter Food in the church – a brief service of prayer and song – is at 3:00 p.m.***

EASTER VIGIL - April 15th

This is the climax of the Triduum celebration! This is the night! This is the time in which the symbols, sacraments and scriptures of Catholicism are expressed to the fullest. There are no other Masses on Holy Saturday. On this very night we celebrate the glorious Resurrection and once again we sing out the "Alleluias." Also, we celebrate the Liturgy of Baptism, when new members of the church are reborn. Others are received into the Catholic faith. This is the greatest of all feasts, the solemnity of solemnities.

****Easter Vigil Mass 9:00 p.m. – and a great celebration for our newest members immediately follows in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Please come to welcome them to our parish family!***

EASTER SUNDAY - April 16th

Easter Day, too, is part of the Triduum. We continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, the central mystery of our faith. The Easter Triduum celebration actually concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday night. In parishes where this is celebrated, the assembly will hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, who encountered Christ yet did not recognize Him until the breaking of the bread. Like them, we rejoice that Christ is alive and we eagerly share the good news with others.

****Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.***

The Great Ninety Days

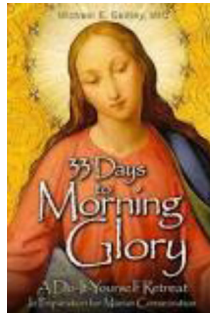
The Sacred Triduum is so central to the Liturgical Year that it is preceded by forty days of Lenten preparation and followed by fifty days of Easter celebration. Together these come to be known as the Great Ninety Days.

What's Happening Here

33 Days to Morning Glory

Mary's Immaculate Heart leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Now is a great time to entrust yourself to Mary, as Christ did at the Annunciation and as He willed for His disciples to do at the foot of the cross.



Learn to embrace Marion Spirituality from great saints: Louis de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Teresa of Calcutta, and John Paul II.

Monday Mornings: April 10 - May 8 / 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. / St. Joseph Center / Consecration Day: May 13th

Tuesday Evenings: April 11 - May 9 / 7 - 8:30 p.m. / Adult Ed. Room / Consecration Day: May 13th

Cost: \$10 for book and retreat guide

DVDs available at www.formed.org (parish code 8T48MY)

For information on Marion Consecration, do-it-yourself or small group retreat, contact Larry Blondin (810) 694-4891, ext. 254.

Register online: www.hfgb.org
Email lblondin@holyfamilygrandblanc.org

Called and Gifted

Catherine of Sienna Institute

God is calling you to unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Come learn about that call. Called and Gifted is a three-part process designed to help you learn about the charisms (spiritual gifts) and discover the gifts given to you by the Holy Spirit at Baptism.



Part One Sessions will explain signs and characteristics of common charisms, the teachings of the Church on how the charisms of the Holy Spirit work in your life, your community and your parish. You will also take the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory.

You may sign up for Part One Sessions to be held on:
Mondays - April 17 - May 22, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
or on Tuesdays - April 18 - May 23, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Part Two is a one-hour gifts interview, with a trained interviewer to help you identify possible charisms.

Part Three Sessions are designed to help you develop ways of trying out your possible charism and evaluate your results.

Part Three Sessions will be held on Mondays June 5 - 26, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesdays June 6 - June 27, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

All sessions will be held in the St. Joseph Center.

To register, please call Linda Blondin 694-4891 or email lblondin@yahoo.com.

Saints for the Week (April 9 - 15)

April 11: St. Stanislaus

Born in Szczepanow near Kraków on July 26, 1030, he was ordained a priest after being educated in the cathedral schools of Gniezno, then capital of Poland, and at Paris. He was appointed preacher and archdeacon to the bishop of Kraków, where his eloquence and example brought about real conversion in many of his penitents, both clergy and laity. He became bishop of Kraków in 1072.

April 13: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

When Martin I became pope in 649, Constantinople was the capital of the Byzantine empire and the patriarch of Constantinople was the most influential Church leader in the eastern Christian world. The struggles that existed within the Church at that time were magnified by the close cooperation of emperor and patriarch. In 653 he was taken prisoner by the emperor Constans and detained in Constantinople where he was tortured. He was exiled to Kherson and died in 656.

St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers

Catholic men working together to become better husbands, fathers, brothers, and friends.

At St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers we are committed to help each other to grow in our faith by building up our parish, family by family. If you're looking for a men's small group that strives to improve relationships by sharing faith and fellowship, then we invite you to come and share an evening with us. No strings attached, and there will be food!



St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers Sunday Evening Men's Group Now Forming!

Informational & Social Evening

Sunday, April 23rd

7:15 - 8:30 p.m. / St. Joseph Hall

What's Happening Here

2017 Confirmation Class
Confirmed by Bishop Earl Boyea on March 30, 2017

(Picture and names removed for web publication)

