



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

A CARING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

APRIL 23, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

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Website: hfgb.org

Pastor, **Msgr. Jerry Vincke**

Parochial Vicar, **Fr. Gary Koenigsknecht**

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,

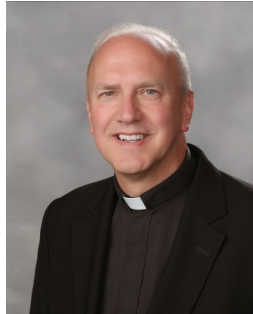
To contact any Facilitators, please call parish office

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

Happy Easter Still: As you know, the Easter Season is 50 days long concluding with Pentecost Sunday on June 3. The Octave of Easter concludes this Sunday. Easter reminds us that the Church begins with *witness*: lives changed by an encounter with the Risen Lord; men and women who then transform others by the power of their testimony and the authority of their example. In our Gospel Jesus appears to his disciples on the evening of Easter Sunday, his resurrection. Thomas wasn't there. He didn't believe Jesus had risen from the dead. Like many of us, we need to see with our own eyes before we believe. But Christ appears to him a week later and Thomas confesses, "My Lord and my God." What a beautiful act of faith!!



Mercy Overflowing: This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. After Jesus appeared to the apostles on Easter Sunday, he said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." He is instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina, a Polish nun, in the 1930s asking her to spread the message of divine mercy. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners. The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. I will be at Holy Redeemer Parish (our parishes rotate every year) this afternoon participating in Divine Mercy, including hearing confessions.

Garage Sale: Once again our wonderful 55 and Over Club will be having a garage sale April 28 and 29 in our parish hall. I hope you can stop by. It's amazing how many people attend this event.

St. Francis Prayer Center: Parishioner Deb Hawley is the one who helps coordinate all of our healing services. She is also the Director of the St. Francis Prayer Center on the north end of Flint. She could really use our help. This Saturday, April 29, the prayer center is having its annual auction. It's being held at the Holy Redeemer Parish Center with dinner beginning at 5 pm, followed by a live and silent auction. Please call the St. Francis Prayer Center at 810.787.5330 if you would like to attend.

School Auction: Speaking of auctions, our school auction is Saturday, May 20, at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center. This event is always a lot of fun. It's open to anyone, not just school parents. I hope you can join us. Tickets can be purchased online at the school website or in the school office.

Boston: Speaking of our school, our principal's husband, Matt Purcell, ran in the Boston Marathon last Monday. He finished in 3 hours and 49 minutes. Maybe next year he will run the race instead of walk it. ☺

Our Knights: On Saturday, April 8, the Knights spent the day at four-way stops and raised nearly \$6,000 for charity through their Tootsie Roll Drive. That's tremendous! Really appreciate their effort in helping those in need. They've also added six new members since January 1. They are having a social meeting the evening of Thursday, April 27, to welcome them.

Euchre: This Friday evening we will have another fun night of euchre. It begins at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

France: Fr. Gary and three of his classmates are heading to France this Sunday, April 23. He will be returning on May 3. He is going to make his five-day canonical retreat in Ars, the home of the patron saint of priests, St. John Vianney. He is also going to Lourdes, the home of the Marian apparition to St. Bernadette. Other stops include Paray LeMonial, where Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary, and Nevers, where St. Bernadette's incorrupt body is in the church at the convent where she spent her remaining days after Lourdes. I've been to all these places and they are spectacular. And the food in France is delicious too!

Alberto: A few weeks ago I mentioned in my bulletin column that Alberto had been approved for the diaconate. Well, it's no longer happening. He is no longer at our parish. It's been tough on Alberto, tough on the staff, tough on me. Alberto is a good man and we all miss him. Please pray for him.

May the Resurrection of Christ and His Love and Mercy for you radiate in you and fill you with abundant joy!

Msgr. Jerry

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest."

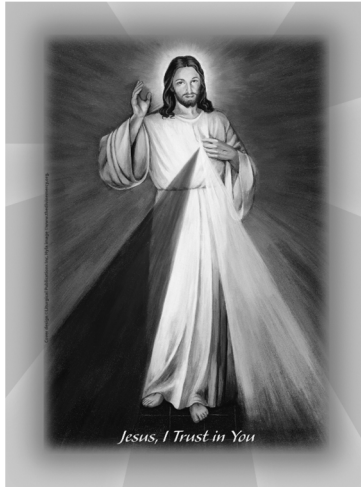
Jesus' words to St. Faustina regarding Divine Mercy

Stewardship & Worship

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

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 23rd

Please join us for
The Feast of Divine
Mercy Service
at **Holy Redeemer (1227
E. Bristol Rd., Burton)**
today, **Sunday, April 23rd**,
beginning at
***2:00 p.m.**



The service will include:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy
- Litany of Divine Mercy
- The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in song at 3:00 p.m.

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

**Please note time correction.*

The Holy Family Music Department

presents

Ave Maria (Hail Mary)
A musical prayer service in
celebration of the 100th
anniversary of the Apparition of
Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday, May 13th, at 3:00 p.m.



Eucharistic Adoration Every Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

"Now the venerable Sacrament of the Eucharist enriches the soul with an abundance of heavenly blessings, and fills it with a sweet joy which far surpasses man's hope and expectations; it sustains him in adversity, strengthens him in spiritual combat, preserves him for life everlasting, and as a special provision for the journey accompanies him."

Pope Leo XIII

Stewardship of Treasure April 15th & 16th

Registered Families	1755
Envelopes received this week	706
Online givers this week	120
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 40,141.75
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 10,458.83
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 5,025.40
Total weekly offerings	\$ 55,625.98

What's Happening Here

Good News!

Our pictorial directories are here! We will be distributing them next weekend (**April 22/23**) after all Masses in the school lobby for those who participated. You may also come to the parish office this week to pick up your book. There will be a limited number of directories available to purchase for \$10.

Save the Date

Holy Family School Dinner & Auction

60 Years of Faith Formation & Academic Excellence

Saturday, May 20th / 5:00 p.m. - midnight

Genesys Conference & Banquet Center

Cost: \$40 per person

Tickets available in school office or on school website

Presented by Al Serra Auto Plaza

55 & Over Club

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller



No lunch this week. We need your help this week setting up the garage sale. We will start at 9:00 a.m. We need baked goods for two days and plastic bags. A time to share old stories of garage sales past, the bonding, the laughter and remembering old friends now passed away.

Everyone working Friday, April 28th, and Saturday, April 29th, please be at the hall by 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. The garage sale starts at 9:00 a.m. Be ready!

Let Howard Young know if you are interested in being on the 55 & Over Club board.

Evangelion Young Adult Ministry

Discipleship. Community. Living Faith.

Tuesday, April 25th

Join us at Grand Blanc Lanes at 7:00 p.m. for some awesome fellowship! Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, May 2nd

Join us as we pray with the upcoming Sunday scripture readings at 7:00 p.m. at the Mitchells. Hope to see you there!

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

Holy Family Vacation Bible School

June 19th - 23rd from 9 a.m. - noon

This year's theme is "Passport to Peru"

Passport to Peru is like taking an adventurous trip to Peru. Kids will sing catchy songs, play high-energy games, experience cool Bible adventures. Every day concludes with a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they have learned! Registration forms are available on our website!



Volunteers are also

needed to help with VBS, either by leading a group of students or helping with games, snacks, skits, and more. This is a great way for older students to get service hours and also to have tons of fun. All training and materials will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please call the Religious Education office at 694-9072, ext.101.

Baptism

Welcome to our newest members who joined us through the Sacrament of Baptism.

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Euchre Night at Holy Family

Holy Family Parish Life Commission is hosting Euchre Night to benefit the Lansing Diocese Seminarians on **Friday, April 28th**, in the St. Joseph Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with game play beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$15 which includes snacks, beverages, and eight rounds of play. Come join in the fun and support our seminarians. (Another future date to put on your calendar is May 19.)



8th Graders Visit Our Nation's Capital

Holy Family School eighth graders were sent off to Washington, D.C., on March 16th with a beautiful blessing by Fr. Gary. The students left on a bus that Thursday evening and spent three very busy days touring the Washington, D.C. area.

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A tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield made history come alive for the students on the first morning of their trip. Later that day they had a tour of the National Cathedral. Their evening was spent on an illuminated tour of the Jefferson, WWII, and Air Force memorials.

On the second morning the students took a personal tour of the National Archives. The next stop was Arlington National Cemetery, where the students witnessed the changing of the guard's ceremony and four students participated in a wreath-laying ceremony. The students also toured the Capitol and the Library of Congress. They visited the Holocaust Museum where a few students met a Holocaust survivor. After a little souvenir shopping they had dinner at King Street Blues and then walked to the Pentagon Memorial. That concluded day two.



The final day began with Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. After Mass they visited the St. John Paul II Center, the American History Museum and the Newseum, an interactive museum. The students finished their trip with a visit to the Kennedy Center where they took a visual tour of the city from the rooftop. Their last dinner stop was at the National Harbor where they also were able to get some exercise before the long ride home.



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

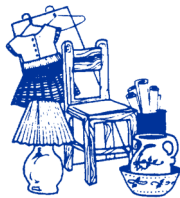
Website: www.hfsgb.org



What's Happening Here

Holy Family Church 55 and Over Club Indoor Garage Sale and Bake Sale

It's Back



Sale dates:

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
- baked goods

Tax receipt upon request



Drop-off times:

Mon., April 24 / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tue., April 25 / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wed. April 26 / 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thu, April 27 / 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Drop-off location: Fr. Bush Parish Center

Pickup also available

For pickup or other information, contact:
Earl Hagen (810) 694-0909
Barb (810) 241-2862 (c)



Dear Holy Family Friends,

It's been almost ten years since I retired as pastor of Holy Family Parish. At that time, you hosted a wonderful celebration of my 40th Anniversary of Ordination – for me and my classmates, Fr. Charlie Irvin and Fr. Larry Delany. I continue to enjoy that celebration even now, when I watch the video and re-read your cards and best wishes. Thank you again for the many good years I spent with you at Holy Family.

This year Fr. Charlie Irvin is hosting a celebration for our 50th Ordination Anniversary! We were ordained to the Priesthood on June 3rd in 1967. While we will surely miss having Fr. Larry Delany there in the flesh this year – we know he will be with us in Spirit. And we want you to know that you are invited to join our 50th Anniversary celebration as well.

Our Mass on Pentecost will be a Mass of Thanksgiving – in gratitude to God for our vocation, and for all the wonderful people we have known in these fifty years. Because I spent half of my priestly ministry with you in Grand Blanc – I want you to know that you and your intentions will be remembered in a special way at that Anniversary Mass.

Sunday, June 4th, 2017

Catholic Community of St. Jude

(801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt, MI)

1:00 P.M. Mass of Pentecost

(Reception immediately following in the parish hall)

3:00 P.M. Reflections / 4:00 P.M. Buffet

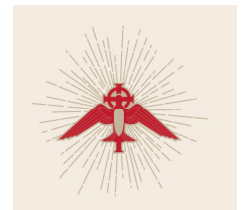
RSVP to Christina Carlson **by May 8th**

at CCARLSON@FAITHCATHOLIC.COM

or (517) 853-7691

Gratefully,

Fr. Jim Swiat
1209 S. Union Street
Traverse City, MI 49684



Easter Flowers

Thank you for all who gave Easter flower memorials!

Additional memorials:

Michael & Marjorie Kiczenski by *Dan & Jane Kiczenski*

Mass Intentions April 24 - 30

Monday, April 24

8:00 AM Theresa Purcell (Living) *by Fr. Gary and Msgr. Jerry*
5:30 PM Carol Kempa *by Peter Cook*

Tuesday, April 25

8:00 AM Mila Sabong *by Miriam Singson*
5:30 PM Janet Difelice *by Bruno Difelice Family*

Wednesday, April 26

8:00 AM Estelle Rządowski *by Cathy Lane*
5:30 PM Jack Rubel *by Sandy Sprague*

Thursday, April 27

8:00 AM Alyssa Romanowski *by Holy Family 3rd Grade Classes*
5:30 PM Janelle Mazure *by Pat and Joe Costigan, Jane and Jerry Avereyn*

Friday, April 28

8:00 AM Leila Haddad *by David and Sam Abu-Shakra*
5:30 PM Michael Charboneau *by Lucille Kelly*

Saturday, April 29

8:00 AM Sue Daunt *by Kimberly Cebulski*
5:00 PM Nadia Shaotha (Living) *by Gaines Family*

Sunday, April 30

8:00 AM Steven Sanborn *by Bob and Donna Turmell*
10:00 AM Dorey Powell *by John & Nancy Denne & family*
12:00 PM Camille Doherty *by Warda & Hall Families*
6:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Holy Family Happenings

Sunday, April 23

9 AM - 2 PM Coffee & Donuts (FBPC)
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM K-6th Religious Ed classes (HFS)
7 - 9 PM St. Joseph Covenant Keepers Social Event (SJC)

Monday, April 24

5 - 6:15 PM K-6th Grade Religious Ed classes (HFS)
6:15 - 8:30 PM Men's CRHP meeting (SJC)
6:30 - 8:30 PM Called & Gifted Series (SJC)

Tuesday, April 25

9 AM - 8 PM Eucharistic Adoration (CH)
10 - 11:30 AM Called & Gifted Series (SJC)
NO Senior Luncheon (FBPC)
3:30 - 4:45 PM RCIA for Children (HFS)
6:30 - 8:30 PM 7th/8th grade Rel. Ed. Class (SJC)



Wednesday, April 26

9 AM - 12:30 PM St. Joseph Guild (FBPC)
6 - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group (SJC)
7 - 8:30 PM Pastoral Council meeting (HFS)

Thursday, April 27

9:30 - 11:30 AM Divine Mercy Prayer Group (SJC)
5:20 - 6:10 PM Parish Children's Choir (HFS)
7 - 9 PM Adult Cantor & Choir rehearsal (CH)
7 - 9 PM Knights of Columbus Family Social (HFS)

Friday, April 28 - 55 & Over Garage Sale

3 - 4 PM Help Put God Back in America (CH)
6:30 - 9:30 PM Euchre Night (SJC)

Saturday, April 29 - 55 & Over Garage Sale

Liturgical Ministry April 29 - 30 Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Liturgy for Saturday, April 29

Lectors: Denise Dye, Mary Ann Hergenreder

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Linda Nawrocki	Doug Zloto
Dawn Davis	Anna Przyjazny	Kathy Swiantek
Cindy Edmonds	Luci Saha	Maddie White

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

8:00 AM Liturgy for Sunday, April 30

Lectors: Kim Dinger, Diane Paris Kish

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Jennifer Leshock	Paul Racine
Dick Jobbagy	James Campbell	Sandra Racine
Cathy Lane	Judy Puidokas	David Roberts II

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

10:00 AM Liturgy for Sunday, April 30

Lectors: Elizabeth Daniels, Colleen Argus

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Matt Dillon	Nancy Distelrath
Rob Toth	Patsy Dillon	Cathy Kelly
Doug Benchley	Jim Garland	Patrick Kelly
Richard Cross	Karen Garland	
Jim Distelrath	Earl Hagen	

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

12:00 PM Liturgy for Sunday, April 30

Lectors: Chris Harris, Bill Harris

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Kathy Savoie	John Tuohy
Desiree Londrigan	Jodi Sordyl	Peggy Tuohy
Paul Londrigan	Bea Torres	Nicole Urbanik

Servers: (names removed for web publication)

6:00 PM Liturgy for Sunday, April 30

Lectors: Chris McVannel, Melissa Jablonski

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Chris McVannel	Katie Woycehoski
Kristin Koglin	Sharon Peasel	Nancy Repuyan
Martha Mansour	Marie Psenski	(Help needed)

Servers: Help (names removed for web publication)

Weekly Readings April 23 - 30

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk
16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1
Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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 **Wednesday, April 26th**, from 6 – 8:00 p.m. This week at Youth Group it is Social Night! Bring your friends and join us for a night of Euchre and Trash Can Basketball!

Drop-In

Drop-In will be open this week on **Monday, April 24th**, from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. and **Wednesday, April 26th**, from 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring your friends to the St. Joseph Center to work on group projects, hang out, or work on homework. Snacks and drinks are provided.

Steubenville Summer Youth Conference

Did you miss the deadline to attend the Steubenville Summer Youth Conference? There are still a few spots available. This retreat weekend is on **June 23rd – 25th**. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jennifer in the Religious Education office ASAP. This conference is open to youth who are currently in grades 8 – 12.

Easter Baskets for the North End Soup Kitchen and Catholic Charities Update

The Youth Group would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to all of our parishioners who donated so generously an incredible amount of items for the Easter Baskets for Catholic Charities and NESK! With your help we were able to donate over 80 baskets! Every basket had an incredible gift for each child, lots of candy, and either a chocolate bunny or chocolate cross. The youth who attended the Spring Break Service Days on Tuesday were able to help put together the baskets and pass out some of the baskets while we were at Catholic Charities. It was amazing to see the change on the faces of the children who were coming in for lunch that Tuesday, when they found out that they could take an Easter Basket home with them. We also had plenty of candy to pass out to the adults who were there that day as well. Everyone who wanted one got some sort of Easter candy. Thank you so much for helping to bring some Easter Joy to everyone at Catholic Charities!



Religious Education

First Communion 2017

First Communion will be celebrated here on the following dates:

May 6th at the 5:00 Mass / May 7th at the Noon Mass
May 13th at the 5:00 Mass / May 14th at the Noon Mass

Please keep these children in your prayers as they receive their First Holy Communion.

Mission Makeover - 2017 Edition July 10th -14th, 2017

What is Mission Makeover?

It's a summer program for middle school students, those who just completed 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, as well as high school students, to be involved in mission work locally. This week will provide students with the opportunity to serve others both in our parish and the local community. Some of our worksites include Catholic Charities, North End Soup Kitchen, Holy Angels, American House, our parish grounds, and at parishioner's homes. The week will also include tons of fun with various evening activities and a fun day at a waterpark. Our day begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 8 p.m. Please note that we can accommodate all sports schedules! Registration forms will be sent out in April and are available on the website. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education office at 810-694-9072, ext.101.

Save the Date

Treat yourself to a
Christ Renews His Parish Weekend!
Women's Renewal Weekend
**Saturday, October 14th and
Sunday, October 15th**

Take this unique opportunity to renew
And deepen your faith.
This weekend is a gift to you from our parish
and takes place on Holy Family grounds.

Please contact Linda Shear at 810-513-3054
or email her at lahands97@yahoo.com

Pastoral Council Minutes

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

Parish Prayers and more

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on



Rest in Peace

April 18 for **James Hall**. James, age 52, died April 14, 2017. He was born in Detroit on July 22, 1964, to Thomas and Louise Hall. He married Jennifer Nikolas on September 10, 1988. Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Lindsay, Ashley and Lauren; his mother; and five siblings.

Lord, we remember in our prayers James Hall, 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.

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.

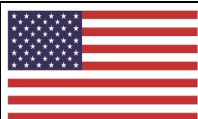
Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to Adriana Perry and Peter Lindgren who were married at Holy Family on Saturday, April 22nd. Please keep them in your prayers as they start their married lives together.

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.



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, Iraq
PV-2 Adam Vance—Army, Colorado



In Loving Memory

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

April 23

Leo Gibbons, Marycatherine McCarty, Daniel Skrovan, Robert Smith

April 24

Durward Fuller, Merty Clune, Assunta Salvati, Mary Patzwell, Kathleen Wright

April 25

Bernard Newman, Nicole Peterson, Janet Di Felice

April 26

James Christian

April 27

Patrick Cross, Robert Campbell, Martha Majestic

April 28

Virginia Verellen, Julie Hahn, Charles O'Brien, Frank Cavell, E. Roel Lumaque, Edna Twiss, Ronald Lenard, Peter Sullivan

April 29

Anna Durkee, Robert Grover, Bill Kukielka

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

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, May 1st**, at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to help bring change to Respect for Life in our country, please join us.

What's Happening Here

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA: Easter Vigil and Mystagogy: Savoring the Mystery of God

The Easter Vigil - what a glorious night! This is the night when we heard the saving love of our Creator God through the Old Testament readings and the fulfillment of His promises to us in the resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, in the New Testament readings. This is the night where our Easter Alleluia's rang out and we renewed our baptismal promises. This is the night where our Elect were reborn into new life in Christ through Baptism, where they, along with the rest of our Candidates, professed their faith in the Holy Trinity and in the teachings of Holy Mother Church and received the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation. This is the night where they all received Jesus into their hearts for the first time through Holy Communion. Truly, what a night!

A profound experience - almost too good to be true - yet it is the truest reality. Anyone who has ever been in love and is new to the overwhelming experience of it, needs time to reflect on what has happened to them. During the Easter Season, our newest members will enter into a period known as Mystagogy - a period of "savoring the mystery of God." Over these next few weeks, they will reflect on the Easter Sacraments and "look backward" to a specific moment(s) when they experienced God's mysterious

presence. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, this time to "look backward" will provide them with direction and renewed commitment for moving forward in their faith journey. Just like looking back at graduation, ordination or wedding pictures can give us more hope and joy for the future, reflecting on the experience of the "mysteries" - the sacraments - can renew our commitment to live as sons and daughters of God.

Mystagogy is not just something that happens in the RCIA process. We are all called to enter into and savor the mystery of God when we participate in the Liturgy and in our daily lives. Our God who loves us so completely, so unconditionally, so radically, is always revealing Himself to us - He just asks that we be open to Him and He will do the rest. "How have I encountered God this week?", How have I encountered Christ in the Liturgy this week?" These are questions to ask the Holy Spirit in prayer and trust that He will reveal the answers to you and the reality that our God is closer to us than our own breath, than our own heartbeat.

Easter blessings,

Maddie White, RCIA/Baptism Coordinator

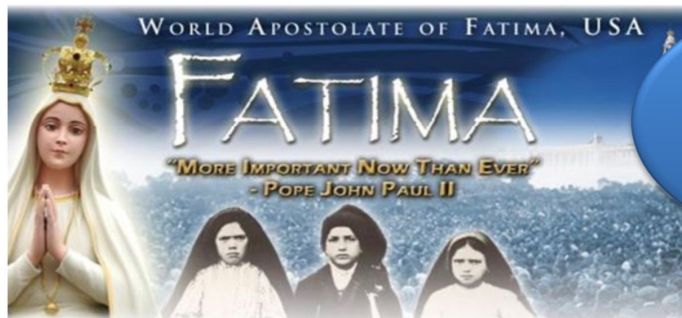


We welcome nineteen new members to our family!

Top Row from left: Tim Willis, Sharlene Willis, Kristin McBride, Josh Seymour, Tyler Tunningley, Ron Mraz, David Mraz

Middle Row from left: Amy Ringwelski, Amy Campbell, Zach Bradley, Kristi Markovska, Cameron Poupore, Pam Mraz, Stephanie Enriquez, Allison Guerin, Stephanie Thiede

Bottom Row from left: Victoria Morris and her younger siblings



Jubilee Year of Fatima Granting of Plenary Indulgence

In order to celebrate with dignity the centennial of the Apparitions of Fatima, by mandate of Pope Francis, a Jubilee Year is granted, with the inherent plenary indulgence, from the 27th of November 2016 until the 26th of November 2017.

The plenary indulgence of the jubilee is granted:

- a) To the faithful who visit the Sanctuary of Fatima on pilgrimage and devotedly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary, pray the 'Our Father,' recite the symbol of the faith (Creed) and invoke Our Lady of Fatima;
- b) To the pious faithful who visit with devotion an image of Our Lady of Fatima, solemnly displayed for public veneration in any temple, oratory or adequate place, on the anniversary days of the apparitions (the 13th of each month, from May to October 2017), and who devotedly participate there in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary, pray the 'Our Father,' recite the symbol of the faith (Creed) and invoke Our Lady of Fatima;
- c) To the faithful who, due to their age, illness or another serious cause, are hindered of moving, if repented of all their sins and with the firm intention to carry out, as soon as it will be possible to them, the three conditions indicated below, in front of a small image of Our Lady of Fatima, on the days of the apparitions, joining spiritually the jubilee celebrations, offering with confidence to the merciful God through Mary their prayers and pains, or the sacrifices of their own life.

In order to obtain plenary indulgences, the faithful who are truly repentant and filled with charity must fulfill the following ritual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Please join us as we offer the opportunity of receiving an indulgence by Pope Francis during this special **100th Anniversary of the Miracle of Fatima**. To fulfill this indulgence, as stated in item 'b.)' Our Lady of Fatima statues will be present at several local churches listed below on the 13th day of every month starting in May through October. There will be booklets at the church with prayers and other information regarding this indulgence.

Area Churches to visit on the 13th of May – October

Church of the Holy Family, 11824 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc 7:30 am - 6 pm

Holy Rosary, 5199 Richfield Rd., Flint (810) 736-4040

St. John the Evangelist, 404 N. Dayton St., Davison (810) 653-2377

St. Mary Queen of Angels, 4413 Morrish Rd., Swartz Creek (810) 635-3240

Contact the *other* parishes for specific statue display times.

Around the Diocese

Saints for the Week (April 23 - 29)

April 23: St. George

Legend states that St. George was born at Cappadocia and instructed in the Christian religion by his mother. He became a soldier in the Roman army and confronted Diocletian, the cruel persecutor of Christians. As a result, George was handed over to the torturers, who tried every means to put him to death; but he came through all the tortures unscathed. Pretending to offer sacrifice to the pagan idols, with all the people assembled, George prayed and fire came down from heaven, killing all the pagan priests and people. In the end, George was beheaded. The crusaders considered St. George to be their patron. He was also named the patron of England in 1222. Until 1778 the feast of St. George was a holy day of obligation for English Catholics. In iconography, St. George is portrayed as the conqueror of the dragon.

April 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

St. Fidelis was born in Sigmaringen in Germany in 1578. He entered the Order of Friars Minor Capuchins and led an austere life of penance, vigils and prayer. He was continuously engaged in preaching the word of God and he was commissioned by the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith to preach in the canton of the Grisons. In 1622 he was attacked by a band of heretics and suffered martyrdom at Seewis in Switzerland.

April 25: St. Mark the Evangelist

St. Mark was a cousin of Barnabas and he accompanied St. Paul on his first missionary journey and later went with

him to Rome. He was a disciple of St. Peter whose teaching was the basis for Mark's gospel. Mark is said to be the founder of the church of Alexandria.

April 28: St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

St. Peter was born in the town of Cuet in France in 1803. After ordination to the priesthood, he was engaged in pastoral work for a few years. He then joined the Marists and journeyed to Oceania to preach the Gospel. Despite many hardships he converted some of the natives to the faith. Out of hatred for the faith, a band of native warriors killed him in 1841 on the island of Futuna.

St. Louis de Montfort was born to a poor family at Montfort-La-Cane in Brittany. Ordained at twenty-seven, he was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He wrote books such as *The Secret of the Rosary* and *True Devotion to Mary*. He founded an order of priests called the Company of Mary and a religious institute of women devoted to the poor, the Congregation of the Daughters of Divine Wisdom.

April 29: St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine was born at Siena in 1347. While still a young girl, she sought the way of perfection and entered the Third Order of St. Dominic. On fire with love of God and neighbor, she established peace and concord between cities, vigorously fought for the rights and freedom of the Roman Pontiff, convincing him to return to Rome from Avignon. St. Catherine received the stigmata. She also promoted the renewal of religious life. She composed works of doctrine and spiritual inspiration. She died in 1380.

Study World Religions in Weber Center Series

An in-depth study of world religions is being offered during May at the Weber Retreat and Conference Center (1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian), on the Motherhouse campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Adrian Dominican Sister Susan Van Baalen, OP, is presenting the five-part series from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in May. The series is set up for participants to attend one or more of the programs: Hinduism, May 3; Buddhism, May 10; Confucianism/Daoism, May 17; Judaism, May 24; and Islam, May 31. Christianity is not discussed in this series because of the assumption that many people in our culture are Christian or familiar with that religion.

Sister Susan will introduce each religion with a survey of its deities, historical development, sacred writings, beliefs, practices and rituals, and ethics and belief system. The cost is \$25 per session, with a \$10 deposit required for each day. The cost includes lunch. To register, visit <http://weber.adriandominicans.org> or call 517-266-4000.

Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace

The World Apostolate of Fatima Diocesan Morning of Prayer & Reparation for World Peace will be held at Sts. Chas. & Helena Parish, 230 E. Vienna Rd., Clio, on **Saturday, May 6th**, at 9:00 a.m. The morning includes Divine Liturgy, Investiture in the Brown Scapular, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour of Prayer and Rosary.

JP2 Tournament 2017

April 28th - 30th

The Annual three-day Catholic Sports Tournament for Boys
4th - 8th grade

Floor Hockey / Soccer / Basketball
Everest Academy, Clarkston, MI

\$79 includes lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday

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