



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

OCTOBER 8, 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” - Mt 21:42ab

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Entrance Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation #745

Responsorial Psalm #1170

Psalm 80: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Communion Hymns

God of Day and God of Darkness #859

Psalm 40: Here I Am #49

Psalm 39: To You, O Lord #39

Closing Hymn

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior #596

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Readings

#1170

First Reading:
Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading:
Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel:
Matthew 21:33-43



St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A C U P O F J O E

Greetings in Christ! The priest's convocation went really well. I was only able to stay a day and a half, as we had a couple deaths, but the days I was there were extraordinary. We had two presenters and both were outstanding. One of them really pounded the idea of Trusting God as a key to resisting temptation: what God calls me to is always better than what I plan/want/etc. It was very powerful.

For the rest of this article, I want to walk us through the way the shortage of priests is changing how parishes work and in this case, especially ours. If you are like me, you may remember a time when there were a lot more priests and priests were basically in charge of everything at the parish. There were few to no lay employees in parishes and administratively, things were much, much easier.

A while ago, I was talking to an elderly priest (who is with the Lord now) and he told me that when he was a younger man, being a priest was actually relatively easy. He shared that the priest's responsibilities were sacraments and some paperwork. The life of a priest involved a lot of social visits, dinners out with parishioners and maintaining the parish buildings.

Now, things are radically different. Instead of having one dial up phone in a rectory that people used for emergencies, everyone has a phone and our parish alone has dozens and dozens of numbers, each one ringing fairly constantly with people calling for help or information. We have email: people can instantly type a message and send it to their priest and then expect a response. We have insurance and administrative issues that didn't really exist a while ago: HR, payroll, an astonishing amount of laws and rules that are at times, totally counterintuitive. We have insurance, which ends up having a disproportionate effect on our budget and our time. Instead of simply finding volunteers and plugging them in, we have programs now that we have to run and keep track of to make sure each volunteer is trained in the laws, rules and norms of how to help protect children.

Take all this and more and add that fact that we are running out of priests and it can give you a sense of why priests are struggling so hard right now. We signed up to serve God and His People, but end up immersed in everything but that if we are not careful. So, how to avoid the trap and yet stay faithful to the mission of a priest today?

I've been blessed to serve at many parishes and I brought here with me a lot of what I learned. To meet the challenges of priesthood today, I've focused on a couple realities: I have to be holy. I have to be sure that I am praying, that I am accountable and that I am running a marathon, not a sprint.



I need to focus my time and energy on the things that only a priest can do. I need to resist the temptation to do things I am not called to, even when people believe they want me to do them.

I need to ensure that there is a system here in place to fill those gaps that I no longer can.

I meet the first challenge through being in a priest group that meets and does accountability exercises and spends time before the Blessed Sacrament. I make sure that I am regularly going to confession and that I am spending at least an hour a day reading and reflecting on Scripture and working on my homily for the weekend. There's more, but that is the basics.

The second challenge is met by the staff here at Holy Family. Every day, I meet with key staff to go through what is needed, what is being asked and what direction we should take. They then spread that throughout the staff and community in whatever way is appropriate. We have people here who are trained in counseling, people who are trained in caring for children, people who are trained in assisting the poor. We have people who study my calendar to try to squeeze everything we can into it, while leaving me time to rest, eat, take care of my dad and other such things. We have people who are running our school, our religious education, our volunteers, our liturgies, all of it.

I type all these things to give you a sense of our parish and what a vital, lifegiving place it is because of those who serve it, those who pray in it, those who sacrifice for it, those who help build it. I know that, at times, some of you are disappointed at what I cannot do or what I cannot be; I get it. I get disappointed in myself, too.

What I hope we can all do is strive together and trust that each person in this chain of love, prayer and service is doing their best. I hope that we can accept each other's limitations, rejoice in each other's striving and ensure that all that we do is about Jesus.

Family, I love being a priest. I love being here. I promise you that every day I thank God for letting me serve you. I invite us as a family to pray for the grace to live these days well. To strive, not to recreate a reality of the past, but to live the reality He has given us.

I am confident that these are the types of days that produce the greatest of Saints. I am confident that God has and will continue to give us all we need to be the men and women He has called us to be.

Thank you, with all my heart, for letting me be your priest.

Fjk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fjk' with a stylized flourish.

STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

Solemnity of All Saints | Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule
Wednesday, November 1st -
8 a.m. (with school) and 6 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers: If you would like to volunteer your service for the 6 p.m. Mass, please contact Genevieve Psenski at 810-694-4891 or gpsenski@hfgb.org.

Mass of Remembrance | All Souls' Day Thursday, November 2nd

Please join us for a Remembrance Mass on All Souls' Day, **Thursday, November 2**, at 6 PM in memory of all deceased parishioners since November 2022 and all of our faithful departed. A banner listing the names of our deceased for the past year will be displayed in the church throughout the month of November.

If you'd like your loved one's name read during this Mass (only those who have passed in the last year), please submit their name to Nancy Repuyan, Ministry of the Ill and Bereaved, by email to nrepuyan@hfgb.org. Please include pronunciation, if necessary.

Please rsvp to Nancy if you plan to attend Mass so we can get an idea for candles needed for participants to place near the altar in memory of their loved one.

Liturgical Ministers: If you would like to volunteer your service for this Mass, please contact Genevieve Psenski at 810-694-4891 or gpsenski@hfgb.org.

Stewardship of Treasure September 30th & October 1st, 2023

Registered families	1938
Envelopes received this week	148
Mail-in givers this week	40
Online givers this week	249
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 9,957.00
Amount offered from mail	\$ 5,420.50
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 16,017.00
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 1,104.00
Total weekly offerings	\$ 32,498.40

Baby Bottles for Life Starts Next Weekend

The Knights of Columbus Baby Bottles for Life campaign begins next weekend. Because of your generosity, we raised \$4,980 last year and donated to several pro-life charities in Genesee County.



How it works:

- Take an empty baby bottle home with you. The Knights will be handing out empty baby bottles after next weekend's Masses.
- Fill your baby bottle with loose change.
- Return your baby bottle filled with loose change to the baby bottle collection box on weekends in the gathering area of the church.

Knights' Breakfast Is Back

The Knights of Columbus monthly breakfast is **today, Sunday, October 8**, 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Eggs, pancakes, sausage, omelets, waffles and more. Proceeds will help reach our goal of \$2,500 to support five seminarians. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



"October for Others"

Our cupboards are pretty bare at times during the month. We have expanded our "Others First" Sunday to every Sunday in the month of October. We depend on your generosity to stock our St. Joseph Pantry. Please remember the needy as you shop this month.



Bring nonperishable items to Mass next weekend as usual and, if you can, please help each Sunday in October. Thanks!

We don't need egg cartons at this time. No empty plastic bottles/jugs either, please. There is a special need at this time for **cereal, Stovetop stuffing, cranberry, mashed potatoes, toothpaste (full-size), razors, shaving cream, deodorant (women's), shampoo/conditioner (men's and women's), laundry detergent (family-size), Kleenex, paper towels and toilet paper.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Catholic 101 October 15, 2023
This week's topic:
Temptation & Sin

Whether you are already Catholic or becoming Catholic, ALL are welcome! Topics of discussion will be updated weekly. Please join us anytime!

Dcn. Dan Medich
dmedich@hfgb.org

Sundays | 11:30 am - 1 pm
St. Joseph Center

Holy Family Needle Crafters

Our next Crafters meeting will be held on **Monday, October 9**, at 9:30 am at the home of Linda Waggoner (1264 Woodnoll Dr. Flint, MI 48507). Her phone number is 810-444-7036.

Please bring finished and unfinished projects to the meeting and also ideas and scissors! Also, several people have expressed an interest in an evening session of the Crafters group. If you're interested in attending, please let Linda know. If there is enough interest, she will let everyone know. Keep praying and crafting!



Catholic 101a October 17, 2023
This week's topic:
Mercy & Justice

For those who are looking to go beyond the basics of our Catholic faith. Topics of discussion will be updated weekly. Please join us anytime!

Dcn. Dan Medich
dmedich@hfgb.org

Tuesdays | 6 pm - 7:15 pm
St. Joseph Center

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

107th Pope - John VIII

Born in Rome December 13, 872. Assisted only by the inhabitants of Rome, he defeated the Saracens at Terracina. After his coronation, Charles the Gross failed to maintain his promise of help, and the Pope was defeated by the Arabs; he was forced to pay a large tribute. The fall of Carleman in Italy, the escape and death of Charles the Bald, and the occupation of Rome pushed John VIII to flee to France. As Bishop of Rome and ruler of Papal state, he returned to Italy and allied with the Frankish Emperor Louis II and Charles III (Charles the Fat) against the Saracens. John III supported Charles against the Saracens and personally led expeditions against them. But, the resistance dissipated when Charles died. Pope John VIII died December 16, 882.



Catholic 201 October 15, 2023
This week's topic:
Who Am I to Judge?
Session 1: Don't Impose Your Morality on Me!

For those who are looking to go beyond the basics of our Catholic faith. Topics of discussion will be updated weekly. Please join us anytime!

Dcn. Dan Medich
dmedich@hfgb.org

Sundays | 11:30 am - 1 pm
St. Joseph Center

55 & Over Club

Two's company, three's a crowd.

There's never too many at 55 and Over. Looking for anyone who wants to be part of our crowd. **Tuesday, October 10th**, at 11 am in the parish center. Board meeting at 10:30 am.



Save the Date
info to come

H O L Y F A M I L Y S C H O O L

HFS Celebrates Homecoming with Powers Catholic High School

All of our Genesee County Schools showed up to celebrate the Powers Catholic High School Homecoming on Friday, September 29! A HUGE thank you to our HFS families who came out early and volunteered to decorate our Willy Wonka Ride! A special thank you to the Mischel Family for the use of their vehicle and trailer and to Mrs. Shar Willis and family for their AMAZING balloon creation! We are already looking forward to next year's festivities!



Be a part of our Holy FAMILY!
Contact Lisa Harvey at 810-694-9072, ext. 0
or lharvey@hfsgb.org
www.hfsgb.org



— Relics at Holy Family —

Feast Day | October 4

 St. Francis of Assisi

Francesco di Pietro di Bernardone was born in 1181 in Assisi, Italy. Born into great wealth and power, he was well educated and a charismatic leader among the young people in his town. His dreams of being a great soldier were dashed after being captured in battle and held in prison for a year, where he grew terribly sick. It was during this illness that he experienced God calling him to be a different kind of warrior. He abandoned his wealth and power and devoted himself to a radical life of holiness and poverty. His incredible joy and commitment to living among and caring for the poor drew people to him. A noted preacher, he traveled from town to town teaching people about Christ, compelling them to repent of their sins. He refused to own anything, focusing his life on the Eucharist, caring for the poor and living simply.

Throughout his life, Francis wrestled with illness and even rejection by those who wanted to follow his example but preferred a more comfortable life. It is believed he created the first crèche for a Christmas Mass in 1223, by recreating in a Church in Italy what he saw in Bethlehem. After a 40 day fast where he asked God how he could best be holy, Francis had a vision of Seraph on a cross smiling at him. When he awoke, he found he had received the same nail marks on his hands and feet that Christ had, though he hid it from all but a couple of his closest friends. Having lost his sight, Saint Francis lived only two more years after receiving the stigmata; he was in great physical pain, but always filled with joy. He died around 1226 at the age of 44. He was declared a Saint only two years after his death, something that has not happened before or since. His body is in Assisi. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and ecologists.

Pray...

*St. Francis, you were so very humble,
joyful and strong.*

*Help me to trust God as you did. To trust that He
will care for my needs and never abandon me.*

*Pray for me to remember to join my sufferings to
God and be joyful at all times.*

*Help me to be generous, caring for the poor and
never looking down on them.*

*Pray for me to love the Eucharist as you did and
to rejoice in God's creation as you did.*

*May everyone I meet walk away knowing the love
of Christ a little more.*

Amen



Patron Saint of...

Animals, Merchants & Ecology

Mass Intentions October 9 - 15

Monday, October 9

8:00 AM Joseph Arnes by Mark and Theresa Dyer

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 AM Michael and Jane O'Connor by Larry J. Lee Family

Wednesday, October 11

8:00 AM Jose Miguel Gonzalez-Soria by Theresa Dyer

6:00 PM Alma Wendt by Wendt Family

Thursday, October 12

8:00 AM Dennis Kertesz by Richard Jobbagy

Friday, October 13

8:00 AM Gerard and Elizabeth Baldwin by Baldwin Family

Saturday, October 14

8:00 AM Shirley and Jim Baldwin by Holy Family Parish

4:00 PM William Liekweg by Judy Bourdeau

Sunday, October 15

8:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners

10:00 AM Thaddeus Koster by Maxine Shonk

12:00 PM Gay Gelisse by Mary Ann Moreau

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Thomas and Colleen Argus (Living) by Janice Hennen

Thomas and Colleen Argus (Living) by Janet Waters

To schedule Mass intentions, please email Theresa Dyer at tdyer@hfgb.org or call 810-694-4891, ext. 2211, or stop in the parish office 9 a.m. - noon or 1 - 4 p.m. M-Th.

Liturgical Ministry - October 14/15

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Sam Burdick, Colleen Argus

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Nancy Mashburn Jack Massimino

Altar Servers:

Emily Martin Grace Martin Liam Verdun

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Jane Avereyn Paul Wolven

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Kim Dinger Bruce Dinger

Altar Servers:

Jimmy Dowling Gavin Raysin (Need help - 1)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Doug Benchley, Daniel T. Charboneau

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Amy Daliege Gayle Elston

Altar Servers:

Deacon Daprai Emma Darmafall Jonathan Darmafall

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Debby Hux, Madalynn Shaver

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Scott Heron Dr. Steve James

Altar Servers:

Owen Cameron Will Urbanik (Need help - 1)

Holy Family & St. Mark MOMS OF YOUNG CHILDREN PLAY GROUP

Come and enjoy meeting other
moms and their children.

It's a "play date" for moms with kids!

Friday, October 13th 10 am - 12 pm

☐ Park Date

📍 Rust Park, Grand Blanc

Friday, October 20th 9:30 - 10:30 am

☐ Coffee & Coloring

📍 Shadrach, Meshach & ABeanToGo, Goodrich

Stephanie Robinson

(586) 899-9084



Erin Downes

(517) 294-7679



Drop in anytime!

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Weekly Readings October 8 - 15

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Women's Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us to study Divine Mercy and The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the St. Joseph Center. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 11th**, at 10:00 am.

Questions? Contact Terrie Alfaro 810-820-1992

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Marriage Banns

Kayelin Rose Mazur and Shane Gregory Higdon

October 28, 2023

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from *God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina* (Diary, 1448)



“Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no [hope of] restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God’s mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late.”

by Matthew Kelly

Prologue

The Abbot was radiant as he sat before the whole community on a small wooden stool. He looked ten years younger. The monks could not remember a time when he seemed so fully alive. He told the other monks of his journey and shared with them the message he had received, “This is what I asked the Hermit. ‘What wisdom do you have for us?’ How do we rejuvenate the monastery? How can we best serve the people who come to visit?’ The Hermit replied, “That’s three questions. I will answer your three questions with one answer. Go back and tell the brothers ...the Messiah is among you.” The monks were astonished and gasped. From that moment on they looked at each other differently, and they began to treat each other differently. The monks wondered day and night who the Messiah among them was.



(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life.* Blue Sparrow Pg. 9

HFS Extended Care Open Position

Holy Family School is in need of a FullTime Aide to supervise students from Preschool to Eighth Grade within a faith-centered environment from 8:00am-4:00pm Monday - Friday. If you are looking for fun and enjoy working with children, this is the job for you!

Responsibilities include:

- Checking students in and out
- Supervise and interact with students both inside the school and outside at the playground
- Setup and serve snack
- Clean tables and sweep floor after snack
- Answer phone

To apply submit an online application to <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers> along with a cover letter, resume with three professional contacts and transcripts.

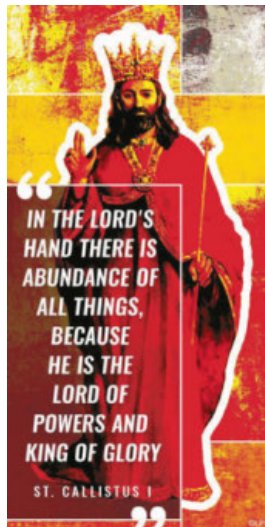
Questions? Please contact Mrs. Theresa Purcell at tpurcell@hfsgb.org Subject: Ext. Care Aide



Saint

October 14: St. Callistus I

As Pope, Callistus I tried to make wise rules for the Church. He felt there should be mercy for those who had fallen away during persecution but who later repented. Callistus said the Church has the authority to forgive all sins. Callistus I remained steady in his desire to bring peace to the Church. He was martyred in a riot.



Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Please join us in devotion each Wednesday in church after the 6:00 PM Mass to pray the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena.

PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on September 28 for



Rest in Peace

Richard Pio Cross. Richard was born and passed from this life on September 25, 2023. Surviving are parents Rich and Theresa and sister Vivian.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on September 29 for **Anita Zalack.** Anita, age 95, died on Saturday, September 23, 2023. She was born January 5, 1928, in Dover, OH, to Joseph and Elvira Petrella. She married Louis Zalack in 1952. Surviving are children Michael, Thomas (Sandy), and Elizabeth (David) Ostrander, as well as two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and three siblings.

Lord, we remember in our prayers Richard Pio Cross and Anita Zalack, 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 let the perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.



In Loving Memory

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

October 8

Violet Cookingham, Barbara Liss, Thomas Singer

October 9

John M. Peterman, Lynne Kubik, Sylvia Greene, Orvel Birdsey, Joseph Arnes

October 10

Raymond Stein, Robert Bolo

October 11

Doris Johnson, Eileen Rodammer, James Bappert

October 12

Margaret McEnrue, Margaret Ann Wuest, Lanora Labeau, Bernice Murphy

October 13

Imre Toth, Albert Lind, Laura Clark, Lucille Smith, Gerard Baldwin, Doris Davis, Donald Gratsch

October 14

Robert LaFave, Mary Miles, Evelyn Vanitvelt



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

Sgt. Adam Moreau—Army, North Carolina

A1C Daniel Przybysz— Air Force, Minot, ND

Sgt. Zachary Rogers - Army, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

SPC Joseph Sardo - Army, Ft. Carson, CO

Maj. Richard J. Valko—Marines, San Diego, CA

PV-2 Adam Vance—Army, Colorado

MM FR Matthew Yousif—Navy, San Diego, CA

Please Pray for the Ill and Their Caregivers



Please remember in prayer those listed in the October 1 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions (in the Gathering Space). Newly added: Nicole Wilkerson.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for October

For the Synod - We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Altar Flowers

For October

In Memory of

Jim Dye, Haley Race and Cy Wade
by Dee Dye and Stephanie Race

Greg Gildner *by Janet Gildner*

Tim and Peg Halligan *by Tom Halligan*

Marie Claudia King
by Brian & Connie Fishtahler and Peter & Diane Schmidt

Sophia Rosella Terhlen *by Nancy Lewis*

In Honor of

Tom and Colleen Argus
50th Wedding Anniversary / October 6, 1973

Al and Marianne Gaulin
65th Wedding Anniversary / October 25, 1958

Past, Present and Future Students & Staff
of Holy Family School
by Janet Gildner

HERE AND THERE



Eucharistic Adoration “Adorers” Needed

Every Tuesday and Friday, we expose the Blessed Sacrament for time of Eucharistic Adoration. This is a wonderful time for private prayer and personal communion with the Lord.

It is necessary that, when the Lord is exposed on the altar during adoration, individuals are present for prayer and adoration, either communally or individually. We lovingly refer to those volunteers who dedicate this time to our Lord, as Adorers. We invite and welcome all to come and spend time with the Lord, but we need some to commit to a time so we know our Lord is not left alone.

If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful ministry, please contact the parish office at (810) 694-4891 or Genevieve Psenski at gpsenski@hfgb.org. This will be the best hour of your day. Let Him transform you.

Arts and Environment

Holy Family Arts and Environment are in need of volunteers for one hour each week to help with altar arrangements and to keep our gardens on campus beautiful. If interested, please contact Genevieve Psenski at gpsenski@hfgb.org or (810) 694-4891.

Annual Book Sale at St. John’s, Davison

505 N. Dayton Street, in the yellow barn

October 19th from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

October 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October 21st from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Over 2,000 titles, including Autobiography, Biography, Children’s, Cooking/Health/Body, General Fiction, History, Home Maintenance, Hunting/Sports/Automobiles, Murder/Mystery, Religious/Spiritual, Romance, Western and others. All at a LOW PRICE!

Sale also includes Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas décor

October Speaker Series

St. John The Evangelist, Fenton, Respect Life Committee presents the October Speaker Series. Topics will coincide with the Fr. Mike Schmitz, Catechism in a Year podcast schedule addressing current life and morality issues. There will be time for Question and Answer following each session. Wednesdays: **October 4, 11 and 18** at 7:00 PM in the Fr. Harvey Activity Center.

If you have questions, please contact St. John’s parish office at 810-629-2251

Michigan Singing Knights

The Singing Ambassadors of Columbianism

Male chorus open for Catholic men who love to sing
Rehearsals held at St. John the Evangelist
404 N. Dayton St., Davison, MI
(2nd Floor of the Recreation Center)
Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Please Join Us!

For more information, call Jim Lusty at 810-618-2889

Coming Soon!

Madrigal Dinner:

Join The Singing Knights for a savory feast and delightful evening of Medieval fun, frolic and merriment.

December 2, 2023, 6:00 pm at St. Johns, Davison

Tickets: \$50 per person

Includes dinner with theatrical, musical entertainment by the Singing Knights

Reservations only due to limited seating,

To reserve your tickets, call
Jim Lusty at 810-618-2889

Catholic Charities Chair-ity Event

Get your ticket today

Thursday, October 26, 2023 / 5:30 p.m.

The newly renovated Catholic Charities’ Venue
St. Michael’s Conference Center
609 E. 5th Ave., Flint, MI 48503

The evening will be filled with food, fun and all the feels! The spotlight will be trained on unique chairs designed and created by local artists and volunteers. To become a sponsor, call (810) 232-9950, ext. 111, or email GiveHope@ccsgc.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



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Learn more about the conference and register now at **MichiganCWC.org**. Tickets are \$72.50 for regular admission, and Seniors (62+) and Students are \$65. We will offer conference T-shirts - only available for purchase during registration. If you'd like a T-shirt - be sure to order when you register.



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