



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Entrance Hymn

On Jordan's Bank #418

Responsorial Psalm #995

Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Communion Hymns

Jesus, Hope of the World #909

This Is Jesus #2071

A Voice Cries Out #416

As the Deer #2027

Closing Hymn

People Look East #409

Readings

#995

First Reading:
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading:
2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel:
Mark 1:1-8



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.

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!

We continue our journey through Advent. This is a good moment to pause and refocus our hearts and minds on the upcoming celebration of his birth and to prepare ourselves for His second coming.



This week we celebrate two big occasions all in one.

December 12th is the anniversary of the dedication of our new Church and it is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I'm so grateful to God for the gift of our Church and your generous hearts that made it possible. The fact that we got to dedicate it on such a wonderful feast only made it all the more amazing. Please consider coming and praying Mass here on Tuesday morning at 8 am if you can.

Our Church nears completion...the meeting with the Organ Pipe Installation folks is this week, which should really add some color and beautiful music to the front of our Church. Beyond that, there are other projects we are working on that we will let you know about soon. We continue to strive to make sure that the place where we worship Jesus is worthy of Him; filled with beauty, light and love.

That's all we've got for this week, except for a note to make sure to pray for all the people we will see around Christmas that we do not usually see. Let's pray that their experience of worship with us compels them to return to the practice of the faith!

May Jesus bless you all. I thank Him every day that I get to be your priest.

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In observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays, the parish office will be closed Monday, December 25, and reopen Tuesday, January 2. In case of emergency (ONLY if there is danger of death), please call (810) 356-3187. For all other calls, please leave a message on the parish office phone (810-694-4891).

Knights' Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus' monthly breakfast will **be today, Sunday, December 10th**, from 9 am to noon in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Waffles, pancakes, omelets, eggs and more will be served. Bake sale items will also be available. All profits will go to support the Knights' No Neighbor Left Behind program. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



Christmas Flowers

A nice way to remember or honor someone at Christmas and help make our church beautiful, in honor of Jesus/ birthday, is with a donation to the Christmas altar flowers. The donations are also used throughout the year to beautify the church and gathering space. There are three ways you may participate:



- ◆ Flower memorial envelopes may be found on a table in the gathering space. These can be returned to the collection box or parish office.
- ◆ You may go online to donate under "Christmas Flower Fund" and then email your memorial names to Linda Doyle at ldoyle@hfgb.org.
- ◆ You may mail a check to the parish office with a paper including your names.

Please clearly print names. If you include a phone number, we can call if we have a question. For memorials to honor a living person, please write "living" after their name. All donations need to be submitted by **Wednesday, December 13th**, to be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

Knights' Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus' monthly spaghetti dinner will be **Wednesday, December 20th**, from 5-7 pm in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Spaghetti, salads and more. Bake sale items will also be available. All profits will go to support the Knights' No Neighbor Left Behind program. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



Holy Family Needle Crafters

The regular Holy Family Crafters' meeting on December 11th is being **cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances. For those members who are available, we will meet in the Fr. Bush Parish Center at 8:30 am on Monday, December 11th, to help Nancy R. Afterwards we are planning to go to Sophia's Restaurant for lunch. The evening class will also be cancelled. Crafters will meet again with our normal schedule **January 8th**, along with an evening meeting at 5 pm for those interested. No experience needed. Please continue to work on your charity projects. Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless. Rose Mary Gorke 810-394-5485.



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



Baptized on December 2, 2023

Aiden Lawrence Murphy, son of Devin and Lyndsay Murphy

Emmett Alan Murphy, son of Devin and Lyndsay Murphy

Grace Elouise Murphy, daughter of Devin and Lyndsay Murphy

Makenna Mae Murphy, daughter of Devin and Lyndsay Murphy

Baptized on December 3, 2023

Grayson Edward Aurino, son of Michael and Jordan Aurino

Mason James Yombik, son of Frank Jerome and Kathryn Yombik

Retirement Fund for Religious

Support a lifetime of service.

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. An envelope may be found in your packet or you may give online.



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, December 13th**, at 10:00 am. Questions? Contact Terrie Alfaro 810-820-1992

55 & Over Club

Our job is to take care of the possible and trust God with the impossible.

Hoping you will make our lunch experience possible on **Tuesday, December 12th**, at 11:30 am. Bring a sack lunch or take out. Board meeting at 11:00 am.



Stewardship of Treasure December 2nd & 3rd, 2023

Registered families		1938
Envelopes received this week		137
Mail-in givers this week		38
Online givers this week		322
Amount offered from envelopes	\$	9,595.00
Amount offered from mail	\$	6,215.00
Amount offered from online giving	\$	22,422.00
Amount offered from visitors	\$	855.00
Total weekly offerings	\$	39,087.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

2023 Giving Tree

(additional request)

Holy Family Parish accepted the names of 226 children (88 families) from the North End Soup Kitchen as part of their annual Angel Tag program. We have since been given over 100 more names! This is a wonderful opportunity to bring love and cheer to those most in need, and it's our privilege to be able to do it.

Gifts may be brought back anytime **through today, Sunday, December 10th**, to the Gathering Space. The Soup Kitchen will be picking them up Tuesday, December 12th, and we'll need time to make sure every child has gifts for Christmas.

Thank you for stripping that tree bare of the first gift tags by 1 pm on November 19. That was impressive!



Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Kindergarten

Holy Family School, Grand Blanc

Holy Family School is seeking a Long-Term Guest Teacher for Kindergarten to instruct and write lesson plans for students while the teacher is on family medical leave. This position will begin January 3rd, 2024. Applicants must have a valid State of Michigan teaching certificate (elementary or ZA endorsement) or have completed at least 90 hours with a minimum 2.0 GPA through a four-year state-approved institution, pass a criminal background check, and complete the Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Program.

Please attach your cover letter, resume, and references to the online application at (<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>). Questions? Please contact Mrs. Theresa Purcell at tpurcell@hfsgb.org. Attn: Long-Term Substitute Teacher

To learn more about our school, please visit our website: <https://hfsgb.org>.

Holy Family Festival Youth Choir

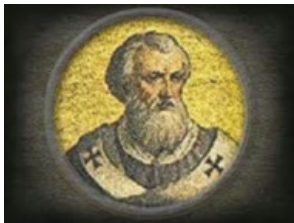
Youth, 3rd through 8th graders: Join us to sing at 3:30 PM Christmas Prelude on **December 24th** in the church. The rehearsals will be 11:15 AM through 12:15 PM on December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Please let Dr. Simon know soon if you are interested in singing the Christmas Prelude.

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

116th Pope - John IX

Born in Tivoli, Italy, he was elected pope in January 898. He reaffirmed the supremacy of the Church over Rome and all of its territories. To avoid the inevitable internal struggles, he re-established the right of Imperial intervention in the consecration of the popes. He exiled and excommunicated the Cardinals who were accomplices of Stephen VI against Formosus, including Sergius who would become Pope in 904. He confirmed Lambert of Spoleto as Emperor. Pope John IX died January 900 and was buried in the Vatican Grottoes.



Is God Calling You to Join the Secular Franciscan Order?



The "Secular Franciscan Order," once known as the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi, is an official order within the Catholic Church. It was established by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th Century for men and women living in the world to follow the Gospel Life in the footsteps of St. Francis.

We are lay men and women, Diocesan priests and deacons who, after a period of discernment, make a promise, to follow a Rule of Life approved by Pope Paul VI in 1978.

We are Catholics, single or married - mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters. We pray, study, and strive to experience ongoing daily conversion by being faithful to the Gospel.

We strive to achieve "perfect charity" using our talents and resources to help the poor, the oppressed, and outcast and the helpless. We hope to achieve "Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of all Creation."

We meet in the St. Joseph Center every third Saturday of the month (**December 16**) from 10 am - 12 pm. Please contact Reggie Boerger reggieboerger@gmail.com / (248) 892-5266 with any questions.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Holy Family, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message through the traditions of the Catholic faith, to achieve academic excellence and to grow as saints.

HFS Class of 2020 Reunion

Our school was filled with the sounds of Alumni from the Class of 2020 at their first HFS reunion on December 1, 2023. Our staff was able to catch up on all the experiences our alumni have had since their HFS days and what they are looking forward to in the future. It was great for them to be able to gather together one last time at HFS since their graduation year ended abruptly. Memories were shared and more memories were made. God Bless all of our HFS Alumni!



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



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Noon Mass Ushers

Ushering is a unique way to minister to others! We are in need of ushers for noon Mass. We welcome everyone aged 14 and up to be part of this ministry! If you are interested, please contact Genevieve Psenski at gpsenski@hfgb.org or (810) 694-4891, ext. 2252.

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.



Women's Ministry at Holy Family

Holy Family offers many opportunities for women to support one another as we grow in holiness. Check out the Women's Ministry page at hfgb.org/women-ministry/ or contact any of the women listed

below for more information:

- Walking With Purpose: Vikki Lasota 248-653-2117
- Gospel Reflection: Pam Salem 810-877-1477
- Divine Mercy Cenacle: Terrie Alfaro 810-820-1992
- Well-Read Mom: Elizabeth Petrides 810-265-4189
- Holy Family Needlecrafters: Linda Waggoner 810-444-7036
- Rosary Makers: Barbara Jarvis 248-752-3731
- Meals for Moms: Elizabeth Petrides 810-265-4189
- Moms Play Group: Stephanie Robinson 586-899-9084

by Matthew Kelly

Part One

Awakening - The Two Hungers



Ernest Hemingway was living in Paris when he was trying to make it as a writer. He was young and restless, and wrote about the many yearnings we experience. This was his reflection on a nagging hunger he couldn't satisfy, "My wife and I had a wonderful meal at Michaud's but when we had finished and there was no question of hunger any more, the feeling that had been like hunger when we were standing on the bridge was still there. It was there when we came home and after we had gone to bed and made love in the dark, it was there. When I woke with the windows open and the moonlight on the rooftops of Paris, the hunger was still there. I put my face away from the moonlight into the shadow, but I could not sleep and lay awake thinking about it.

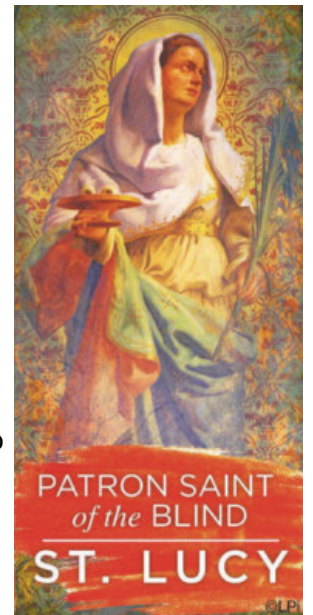
(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life*. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 17.

Saint

December 13: St. Lucy

Lucy died at Syracuse most likely during the persecution of Diocletian. Tradition holds that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian and she was executed in Syracuse (Sicily) in the year 304. From antiquity her cult spread throughout the Church, and her name was therefore introduced into the Roman Canon (the First Eucharistic Prayer).



Mass Intentions December 11 - 17

Monday, December 11

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Armand Duclos
Family by *Vitols Family*

Tuesday, December 12

8:00 AM Lucille Bango by *Diane Emery Family*

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 AM Rudy Zattoni by *Michael and Julie Zielinski*
6:00 PM Dennis Szechy, Sr. by *Hasselbach Family*

Thursday, December 14

8:00 AM The Arduini Family (Living) by *Stephen Arduini*

Friday, December 15

8:00 AM Teresa F. Madarang by *Madarang Family*

Saturday, December 16

8:00 AM Aileen Jarema by *Peg Riffel*

4:00 PM Marcie Wohleben by *Eric Wohleben*

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners

10:00 AM Rose and Tony Kroell by *Carol Black*

12:00 PM Judge Thomas and Sue Gadola by *Martha
Gadola and Nicholas*

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Fr. Kusi Cobona (Living) by *Janice Hennen*

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 - December 16/17

Third Sunday of Advent

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Sam Burdick, David Caldwell

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jean Farris Nancy Mashburn

Altar Servers:

Mitchell Grondin Oliver Hoerig Owen Psenski

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Steve Rousseau, Greg Snyder

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Kim Dinger Bruce Dinger

Altar Servers:

Jimmy Dowling Gavin Raysin **(Help needed - 1)**

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Kathy Maiuri, Joe Kiefer

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Deb Hawley Janet Lane

Altar Servers:

Logan Sliwka Matthew Kilbreath Joseph Craft

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Thomas Hasselbach, Scott Heron

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Karen Allen Bill Harris

Altar Servers:

Owen Cameron Will Urbanik **(help needed - 1)**

Weekly Readings December 10 - 17

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt
3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk
5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
13:18bcde, 19/

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt
11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt
11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-
19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

DBSA Peer-led Support Group

(Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance)

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

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, December 15th 10:30 am

Play Time

Sloan Museum

Stephanie Robinson

(586) 899-9084

Erin Downes

(517) 294-7679



Drop in anytime!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



HOLY FAMILY 2023 Christmas Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
4 p.m. (4th Sunday of Advent)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8 a.m.
10 a.m.*
No Noon Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE
4 p.m.* (no incense)
6 p.m.
Midnight

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY
8 a.m.* (no incense)
10 a.m.

TUESDAY - SATURDAY
DECEMBER 26 - 30
Regular Morning Masses
8 a.m.*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27
No Confessions &
No 6 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
8 a.m.* (Morning Mass)
No Confessions
4 p.m. (Feast of the Holy Family Vigil)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
8 a.m.
10 a.m.*
Noon

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
8 a.m.*

There will be additional parking in the lower lot and Mass viewing in the Fr. Bush Parish Center for the 4 p.m. (& 6 p.m. if needed) Christmas Eve Masses.

*Livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube and hfgb.org

Do you have questions about...
God?
Jesus?
the Church?
the Catholic Faith?

Are you looking...
for a direction?
for belonging?
for a community?
to become Catholic?
to complete your sacraments?

Let us help walk that journey with you!

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For a schedule or more information, contact:
Deacon Dan Medich Jr. 694-4891 ext 2214 or
email: dmedich@hfgb.org

Catholic 101a
December 12, 2023
This week's topic:
Rescue Project: Words are not Enough

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

Catholic 101
January 7, 2024
This week's topic:
Mercy & Justice

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

Catholic 201
January 7, 2024
This week's topic:
True Reformers
St. Thomas More: The Age of the Author

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

PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on November 30 for



Rest in Peace

Thomas Hanson. Thomas, age 85, died Monday, November 20, 2023. He was born June 3, 1938, in Flint to Milo Hanson and Alice Petee. He married JoAnn Marsh on March 7, 1959. Surviving are daughter Debbie (Craig) Stiff, daughter-in-law Cindy Hanson, as well as eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two sons and a sister.

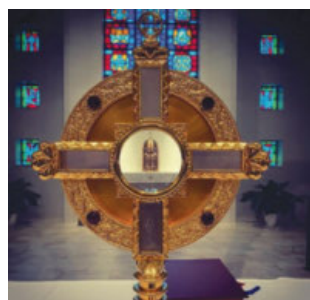
Lord, we remember in our prayers Thomas Hanson, whom you have called to be with you. May the calming peace of your love be with his family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 324)

"I want your last moments to be completely similar to Mine on the cross.

There is but one price at which souls are bought, and that is suffering united to My suffering on the cross. Pure love understands these words; carnal love will never understand them."



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday

2 pm - 6 pm

Every Friday

12 pm - 4 pm

Come rest in the presence

"Adoration is prayer that prolongs the celebration and Eucharistic Communion and in which the soul continues to be nourished: it is nourished with love, truth, peace; it is nourished with hope, because the One before whom we prostrate ourselves does not judge us, does not crush us, but liberates and transforms us."

Pope Benedict XVI

Marriage Banns

Maria Delores Gomez Fabela and Greg Cruthers

December 16, 2023



In Loving Memory

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

December 10

Jonathon M. Sullivan, Julia Evinski, Darryl Jaye Mason, Robert Herrmann

December 11

Harvetta Furden, Pauline Gainey, Carol Sue Morris, Julia Strudgeon, Richard Mather

December 12

Martin E. Schroeder, Neva E. Foy, Joice Lane McVey, Vincent E. Narde, Edward J. Oset, Albert Perrin

December 13

Mary D. Kehn, Richard Matsko, Sharon Callahan

December 14

Isabella Kundinger, Helen Kropiewnicki, Clara Jakust, Edward A. Tovey, Gemma McKerney, Joanne C. Emmendorfer

December 15

Joseph Dicaire, Vernon F. Reed, Larry Saxe

December 16

Robert Grieb Jr., Marcie Wohleben, Margaret Erickson

Please Pray for the Ill and Their Caregivers



Please remember in prayer those listed in the December 3 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions (in the Gathering Space). Newly added: Cheryl Gelisse.

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December

For persons with disabilities - *We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.*



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY PRESENTS

JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD

A FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT
BY HOLY FAMILY'S ADULT, CHILDREN'S, AND HANDBELL CHOIRS

Sunday, December 17th, 3:00 PM

Holy Family Catholic Church, Grand Blanc
Reception to follow at Fr Bush Center

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Catholic Charities' North End Soup Kitchen Need

Every year Catholic Charities' North End Soup Kitchen makes 39,000 sandwiches, that's 750 every week! They don't just provide sandwiches to their guests, they also provide them to My Brothers Keeper and the South Flint Soup Kitchen. They will soon be providing them in their Warming Centers as well. Sandwich bread is desperately needed! If you are able to donate, please contact North End Soup Kitchen at (810) 785-6911.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12th, Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Celebrated by Bishop Earl Boyea

Join us for fellowship and refreshments after Mass in the San Juan Diego Activity Center.
2316 W. Coldwater Rd., Flint, MI 48505
(810) 787-5701

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Experience

Give your marriage and your faith a little sparkle in the new year at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience



Jan. 19-21 at St. Brigid-Midland, **March 1-3** at Center for Ministry-Saginaw, or **April 12-14** at St. Francis Retreat Center-DeWitt. Apply at wwme.org or call Chris and Darla Vinton at 517-667-0433.

Other upcoming English 2024 Experiences:
June 11-13 and Sept. 6-8 Maryville Retreat Center-Holly
Aug. 2-4 and Oct. 4-6 Augustine Center-Petoskey

Are You Smarter Than Your 8th Grade Nun?

A Fun Fundraiser for Furniture for St. Francis Retreat Center

February 16, 2024, at 7 pm

Lansing Catholic High School Auditorium

Join us for a fun night where how well you know your faith may win you a prize! Our host, "Sister Nancy Greco," will take us back to Catechism class and ask... are you smarter than your 8th grade nun? This is an interactive comedy game show, where willing audience members compete to see who was paying attention and who was daydreaming in school. Think you can remember what your 8th grade nun was trying to teach you?

Tickets are \$35 and on sale now! To buy tickets or find more information, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/nuns4fun>.

The Gift of the Eucharist

Encounter with the Real Presence

Men's & Women's Retreats: Retreat for Revival, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

Women's Retreats: Jan. 12-14, Mar. 15-17, Apr. 19-21

First Men's Retreats: Jan. 19-21, Jan. 26-28, Mar. 8-10, more dates online!

The Catholic Church is in year 2 of a 3-year Eucharistic Revival. This retreat will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how the Eucharist is meant to transform every one of us. These weekend retreats, in addition to those talks, will have normal opportunities for Mass, Reconciliation, and a special focus on Eucharistic Adoration.

Suggested donation is \$200. To register or find more information, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats>.

Engaged Couples Retreat

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

Jan. 5-6, 2024 Our Engaged Couples Retreat is designed to prepare couples for receiving the sacrament of Holy Matrimony while offering time away for couples to grow deeper in their faith and love for each other. Theological and practical presentations, a welcome reception, Blessing of the Couples, Vigil Mass, a special couples dinner on Saturday, a ballroom dance lesson by professional instructor Louis Soma of Our Dance Studio, and many other special features are included.

This retreat begins on Friday Jan. 5 at 5:00 pm and ends on Saturday January 6, at 9:00 pm. The suggested \$250/ couple donation includes separate overnight accommodations in our private rooms each with a private bath. To register or find more information, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/engaged>

Special Needs Mass

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Wednesday: 6 pm

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