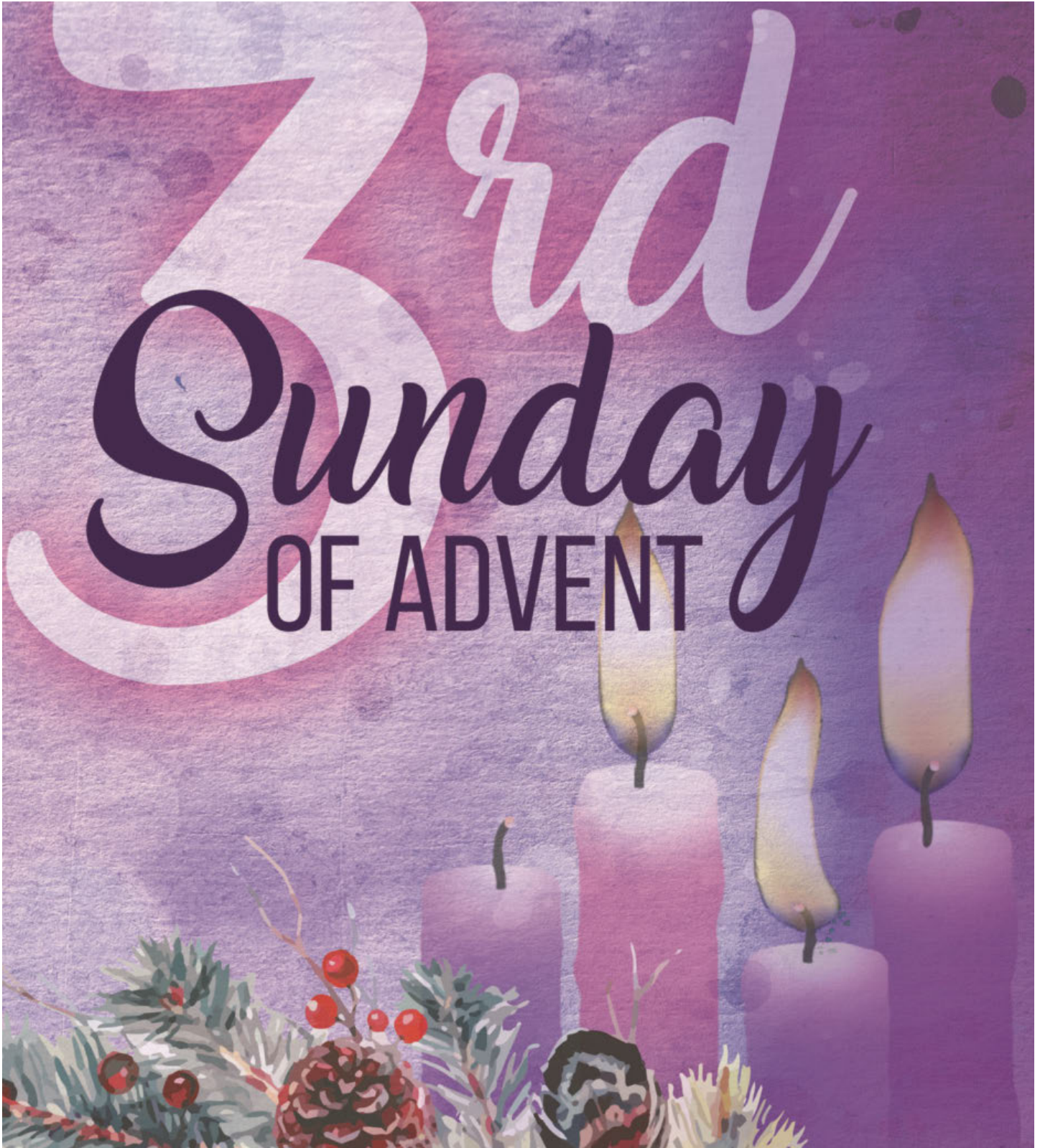




CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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December 15, 2024

Opening Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah! #401

Responsorial Psalm #999

Isaiah 12: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is great and Holy One of Israel.

Communion Hymns

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #395

Jesus, Hope of the World #909

As the Deer #2027

Closing Hymn

Days of Elijah #2035

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.

Readings

#999

First Reading:

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel:

Luke 3:10-18



A C U P O F J O E

Greetings in Christ!

This is the Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday or "Rejoice Sunday".

This week is all about joy. We light the third candle (the rose-colored one) as a reminder that this week is all about joy in how close we are to celebrating the best thing that ever happened to us: Jesus' birth. This candle is sometimes called "The Shepherds' Candle" because of how excited and hopeful the Shepherds were to learn that Heaven and Earth were joined together in the birth of Jesus.

Let's pray to put our worries and struggles firmly under the feet of our knowledge that God joined Himself to us in an unbreakable bond in the birth of Jesus.



Make sure you check out our Christmas Schedule so we can all pray together.

Being your priest is one of the best gifts Jesus gave me. Thank you.

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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

In observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays, the parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 24, and reopen Monday, January 6. 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).



H O L Y F A M I L Y 2 0 2 4
Christmas Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
8 a.m.* (Morning Mass)

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY
8 a.m.* (no incense)
10 a.m.
No Confessions

THURSDAY- SATURDAY
DECEMBER 26 - 28

Regular Morning Masses
8 a.m.*
No Confessions on Sat.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY VIGIL
4 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
8 a.m.
10 a.m.*
Noon

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30
8 a.m.* (Morning Mass)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
8 a.m.* (Morning Mass)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL
6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
8 a.m.*
No Confessions
No 6 p.m. Mass

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

STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP



The campaign for Catholic education
in the Diocese of Lansing

Your pledge today does more than just support our community—it transforms lives.

- Scholarships that open doors to education and empower future leaders.
- Empowering our teachers to provide the very best education possible.
- Strengthening the future of our Church by ensuring Holy Family remains a place where faith and learning grow hand in hand.
- Your generous pledge directly supports our parish construction project, bringing us closer to a new Outreach & Maintenance building that will serve our community for years to come.

Scan the QR code to watch the video and learn more about how your support is making a lasting impact.

Join us in building a legacy of faith, learning, and service today.



Campaign Prayer

Lord, everything we have is a gift from you. You call us to receive your gifts with thanks, to develop these gifts fully, and to share them generously.

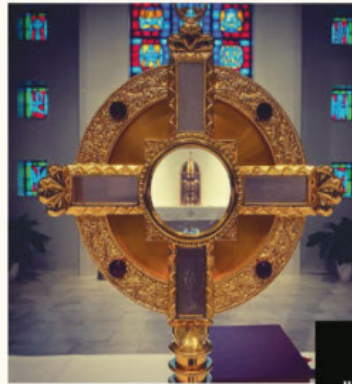
Through the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign help every young person in the Diocese of Lansing see your truth, beauty, and goodness; help families to raise their children in the Faith; and help parishes make a truly Catholic education available to all.

May the work of this campaign bear abundant fruit in the Saints and Scholars you are raising up for the future.

*We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Welcome!

To any visitors joining us - a special WELCOME! If you would like to register and make Holy Family your parish family, we would love to have you! You can register online on our website hfgb.org. Just click on "I'm New" and select "Membership" from the dropdown menu. You may also stop by or call the parish office at 810-694-4891.



*Eucharistic
Adoration*

**TUESDAYS
2 - 6 PM**

**FRIDAYS
12 - 4 PM**

"Gaze upon him, consider him, contemplate him, as you desire to imitate him."

- ST CLARE OF ASSISI



Retirement Fund for Religious


Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org. (An envelope may be found in your packet or you may give online.)



**Stewardship of Treasure
December 7 and 8, 2024**

No stewardship report
available this week
due to early bulletin deadline

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



2024 Giving Tree

Please return your gifts anytime through **Sunday, December 15th**, to the Gathering Space. We'll need Monday all day to ensure everyone is accounted for, and bag them by families.

The Soup Kitchen will be coming with their truck early Tuesday morning, the 17th to pick up.

Thank you for your very generous hearts!!!!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI DINNER

Wednesday, December 18
5 - 7 p.m.
Fr. Bush Parish Center

Adults \$9
Children \$5
Nuclear families \$32



Mother of Perpetual Help Council 6742



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

Baptism

Baptized on December 7, 2024

Dominic Michael Hughes,
son of Logan and Crystal Hughes

Callum Michael Quin,
son of Patrick and Shelby Quin

Baptized on December 8, 2024

Miles Laird Noller,
son of Joe and Katie Noller

Baptized and Confirmed on December 8, 2024

Amara Mae Parasiliti,
daughter of Sarah Parasiliti

Knights' Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus' monthly spaghetti dinner will be **Wednesday, December 18**, from 5-7 pm in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Spaghetti, salads and more. Bake sale items will also be available. The spaghetti dinner is \$9 for adults, \$5 for kids and \$32 for a nuclear family (parents and their kids). All profits will go towards our support of our 4th Degree's Charitable Activities. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.

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 21**) from 10 am - 12 pm. Please contact Reggie Boerger reggieboerger@gmail.com / (248) 892-5266 with any questions.

55 & Over Club

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing James 1:4.



Everyone has patience. Successful people learn how to use it.

Join us **Tuesday, December 17th**, 11:30am, we will be in large hall of parish center.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

HFS CLASS OF 2021 REUNION



"We're All In This Together"...Holy Family Class of 2021 Reunion. Earlier this month, we were delighted to see these remarkable students and learn about their high school experiences and their future plans. 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

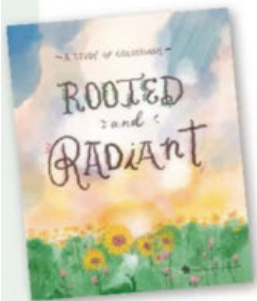


WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

In the **Rooted and Radiant** Bible study we'll learn the book of Colossians verse by verse. We will seek to understand the challenges that faced the Colossians, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.



walking with purpose



Thursdays

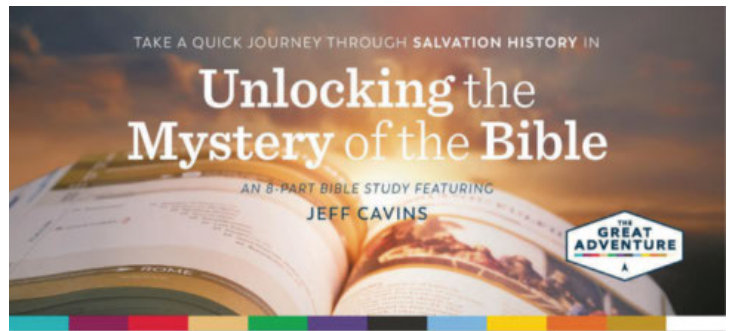
January 9 - March 13

9 - 11:00 am | St. Joseph Center
or
7 - 8:30 pm | via Zoom

Rooted and Radiant: \$25
(link to purchase book found in registration)

To register, **go to hfgb.org**
or Holy Family app!

For more information, contact:
Vikki Lasota
vlasota@msn.com or 248-653-2117
Kristin Smith
kristin-smith265@gmail.com



The easiest way to understand the Bible. Uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture".

MONDAYS

February 10 - April 7, 2025

(no meeting on Feb. 17)

10 - 11:15 am

St. Joseph Center

Cost: appx. \$35

(link to purchase book/materials found in registration)

Coming Soon!
Registration opens in January!



Facilitators for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:
Paul Racine: 810-516-9739, pauljr@racine@gmail.com
John Hendler, Master of Art in Theology:
johnhendler222@gmail.com



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
- Divine Mercy Cenacle: Lauren Barton 248-894-2485
- 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 / Samantha Rice 269-491-3240 / Molly Ralph 810-553-0235
- Moms Play Group: Stephanie Robinson 586-899-9084 / Erin Downes 517-294-7679

Mass Intentions December 16 - 22

Monday, December 16

8:00 AM Stephen Racine *by Paul and Desiree Londigran*

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 AM Joe Arnes *by Mike and Tina Benjamin*

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 AM Sandra Preville *by Women of Witness Prayer Group*

6:00 PM Douglas J. Moors *by Grandmother Paula*

Thursday, December 19

8:00 AM Phyllis Becker *by Women of Witness Prayer Group*

Friday, December 20

8:00 AM Matthew Revord *by Richard Jobbagy*

Saturday, December 21

8:00 AM Omar Camacho Chaves *by Thompson Family*

4:00 PM Richard Christie *by Andy and Carole Cocagne*

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM Paul Ranville *by Mark & Yvonne Hudson*

10:00 AM Irene Nolde *by Fred & Peggy Nolde*

12:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Janet Waters (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Janice & Max Salinas Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Margaret Waters (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Dominic Waters (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Rob Etienne & Kathleen Waters (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Ann Marie & Miguel Arteaga Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Dennis & Christy Waters Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Rachelle Etheridge Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Cameron Etheridge (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Herbert & Carol Dyer Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Rosalie Pileri Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Rachel Pogue Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

John & Diane Baggett Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Ron & Norma Dyer Family (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Mary Berberoglu (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

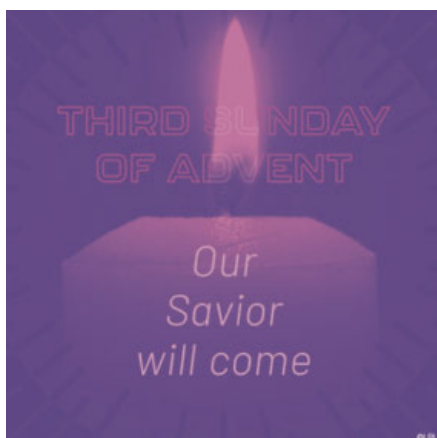
Fr. Joe Krupp (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

Fr. Le Vodivodi (Living) *by Janice Hennen*

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

Bill LaVelle (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. Mon, Tue or Thur.



Liturgical Ministry - December 21/22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Kathy Swiantek, Doug Zloto

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Pat Burdick Samuel Burdick Dawn Davis

Jean Farris

Altar Servers:

Mitchell Grondin Emily Martin Grace Martin

Owen Psenski

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Jane Avereyn, Paul Wolven

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Kim Dinger Bruce Dinger Yvonne Cesal

Dan Charboneau

Altar Servers:

(help needed - 4)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Joe Kiefer, Norman Fox

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Kelly Teem Doug Benchley Jonathan Bodus

Reggie Boerger

Altar Servers:

William Shaver Logan Sliwka Everett Teem

Cael Cech

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Debby Hux, Thomas Hasselbach

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Karen Allen Bill Harris Scott Heron

Dr. Steve James

Altar Servers:

(help needed - 4)

Weekly Readings December 9 - 15

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Please Pray for the Ill and Their Caregivers



Please remember in prayer those listed in the December 1 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions (in the Gathering Space).



Advent Wreath Explained

The Advent wreath is a circle. Since they have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of the Advent Wreath symbolizes eternal life in Christ. The wreath holds four candles which are lit progressively, over the four weeks of the Advent season. Generally, three are violet (purple) and one is rose-colored, each representing 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the Savior.

Violet is a liturgical color symbolizing penance, sacrifice, and prayer. During the first, second, and fourth weeks of Advent, we light violet candles as a reminder of the preparation of heart and mind undertaken in this season.

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our wait is almost over. Since rose is the liturgical color used to signify joy, we light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent as we rejoice in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah.

Advent wreaths were traditionally made of evergreen branches, which have long been a symbol of the constancy and faithfulness we aspire to as Christians. Evergreens flourish during every season, remaining unchanged through the harshness of winter. We are called to live our faith this same way—with holy confidence.

Holly, with its prickly leaves, represents the Crown of Thorns, and pinecones represent the Resurrection, because they contain the seeds of a new tree, and therefore of new life.

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 101

January 5, 2025
This week's topic:

Sacramental Living

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 101a

January 5, 2025
This week's topic:

Rescue Project:
What difference does it make?

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

Pray the Patriotic Rosary

Please come to pray in the church at 4 p.m. every Thursday to "Put God Back in America." The more voices, the more powerful the prayer. For information, call Richard Dent at 810-624-2996.

FOLLOWING OUR FAITH



by Matthew Kelly

Holy Moments Explained -

This one moment of brotherly love set off a domino effect of goodness. As a result of the bishop's goodness, the effect of that one Holy Moment, Valjean unleashed an astonishing wave of Holy Moments everywhere he goes for the rest of his life. These Holy Moments touch thousands of lives and transform a whole town.

Valjean was hopeless. Devastated by hatred and injustice, having suffered so much throughout his life, he had lost faith in himself, in others, in God, and in society. One man restored his hope in one moment, and Jean Valjean was able to change and go on to become a universal symbol of redemption and hope. Like in *Les Misérables*, there is so much hopelessness in the world today. Like Jean Valjean, many people today have lost hope. Discouraged and confused, too many people are miserable.

(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 33*



Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 1448)



"Write, speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation] There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated."

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

169th - Pope Adrian IV

Born in Langley, England in 1100, Pope Adrian IV was elected pope on December 5, 1154. He quickly announced plans to go after anti-papal group in Rome. When problems between that group and the Church led to the death of a cardinal, he ordered all churches in the city to close. He then oversaw battles relating to the Byzantine Empire, making it clear he wanted to align with its leaders. Though Adrian crowned Frederick I as Holy Roman Emperor, the two would later feud, as Frederick refused to submit to papal authority. This argument of control was never solved. There are two different theories regarding his death. Some believe he died after choking on a fly that flew into his wine glass. However, historians today believe that he died of quinsy, which is a type of tonsil infection. Pope Adrian IV died September 1, 1159.



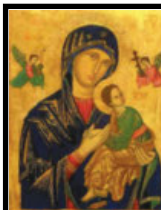
Saint

December 18: St. Dominic of Silos

Dominic of Silos, was born in Spain around the year 1000 into a peasant family. As a young boy he spent time in the fields, where he welcomed the solitude. He became a Benedictine priest and served in numerous leadership positions. Following a dispute with the king over property, Dominic and two other monks were exiled.



They established a new monastery in what at first seemed an unpromising location. Under Dominic's leadership, however, it became one of the most famous houses in Spain. Many healings were reported there. About 100 years after Dominic's death, a young woman made a pilgrimage to his tomb. There Dominic of Silos appeared to her and assured her that she would bear another son. The woman was Joan of Aza, and the son she bore grew up to be the "other" Dominic—the one who founded the Dominicans.



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

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December

For pilgrims of hope - We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Prayer for the Helpless Unborn

Gracious God, we beg you, in your infinite love to protect those helpless unborn little ones whose lives are threatened by abortion. Touch with overflowing compassion the hearts of pregnant women who are desperate, fearful, hopeless, anxious, or who feel they are incapable of carrying this child who now lives within them. Help these young mothers understand that this baby is made in Your image and likeness - as well as their own - and that You have given this child a soul and desire its life and health. Move young mothers beyond fear and selfishness. Place within their hearts the strength and courage only You can offer. Grant them great love to bring this child to birth and to provide all the needed care that only a mother can impart. Amen.



In Loving Memory

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

December 15

Joseph Dicaire, Vernon Reed, Larry Saxe, Rockwood Polzin

December 16

Robert Grieb Jr., Marcie Wohleben, Margaret Erickson, Stephen Racine

December 17

Leo Deshano, James Massar, Robert Dvorsky

December 18

Dorothy Grantner, Lillian Bankics, Dean LaJeunesse

December 19

Agatha Stein, Mary Louise Deery, Austin VanWormer

December 20

Robert McGuinity, Sr., Annamarie York, Victoria Tahash, Robert McLaren

December 21

Donald York, Roberta "Bobbi" Piesko, Barbara Koneazny, Carl Jarema, Cheryl Bizovi, Susan Daunt

SHIAWASSEE AND GENESEE COUNTIES

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If you or someone you know is struggling — Have Hope. Get Help. Set up a counseling appointment at one of our Catholic Charities agencies today.

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AND GENESEE COUNTIES**



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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Break Open the Parables: Men's Retreat St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI Jan. 17-19, 2025

This retreat will take several of Jesus' parables and explore these deeper meanings, while giving ample time for guests to reflect on His teachings and how they work in our lives. To be His witness you have to know His teachings.

Along with thought provoking and enlightening presentations, our retreats include 2 Masses, the opportunity for Reconciliation and Adoration, plus time for individual prayer and fellowship.

The suggested donation is \$215 (\$135 for the one night option). To register or find more information, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats>.

Break Open the Parables: Women's Retreat St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI Jan. 10-12, 2025

This retreat will take several of Jesus' parables and explore these deeper meanings, while giving ample time for guests to reflect on His teachings and how they work in our lives. To be His witness you have to know His teachings.

Along with thought provoking and enlightening presentations, our retreats include 2 Masses, the opportunity for Reconciliation and Adoration, plus time for individual prayer and fellowship.

The suggested donation is \$215. To register or find more information, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats>.

Greater Flint Area Men's Group

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 18, 6:30-8:00pm** in the basement of St. Matthew Catholic Church in downtown Flint. Come for fellowship and formation in the Catholic faith. No previous attendance or instruction is necessary.

The group will pray Vespers and study the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which is available as a book and for free on the Vatican website.

Engaged Couples Retreat St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI Jan. 10-11, 2025

Our Engaged Couples Retreat is on January 10-11, 2025! This retreat includes a welcome reception, theological and practical presentations, blessing of the couples, a ballroom dance lesson from Louis Soma of Our Dance Studio, and more! This retreat satisfies aspects of the Diocese of Lansing marriage catechumenate.

The suggested donation is \$250/couple. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/engaged>.



Women's Discernment Retreat April 11-13th, 2025

This Diocesan Discernment Retreat is for women ages 16-39 who are seeking God's will for their life. Consecrated virgins and religious sisters from various religious communities will be giving talks on discerning God's will, leading small groups, giving their testimonies of their calling, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated to the Lord as Brides of Christ in service to his Church. Mass, Adoration, Confession, Spiritual Mentorship, & meals will be part of this retreat.

When: April 11-13th, 2025 (The retreat will start at 7pm on Friday April 11th (dinner on your own before you arrive) and end after lunch on Sunday, April 13th around 1pm)
Where: St Francis retreat center, Dewitt MI.
Deadline to Register: April 4th, 2025
*Women who are under 18 years of age (16 & 17 years old) will need to fill out a parental permission form.

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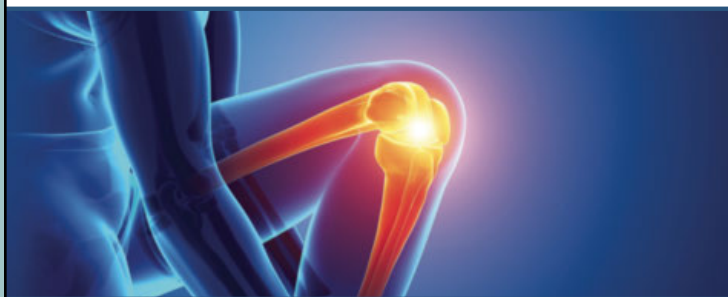
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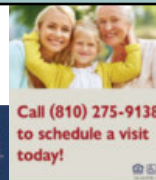
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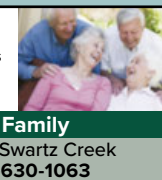
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