



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Entrance Hymn

O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel #395

Responsorial Psalm #998

Luke 1: My soul rejoices in my God,
my soul rejoices in my God.

Communion Hymns

This Is Jesus #2071

Like a Shepherd #402

As the Deer #2027

Jesus, Hope of the World #909

Closing Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah! #401

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

#998

First Reading:

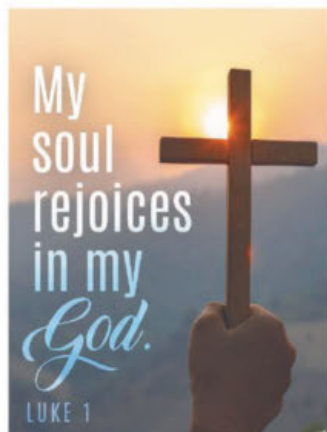
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel:

John 1:6-8, 19-28



A C U P O F J O E

Greetings in Christ! A blessed and holy Advent Season to all.



This article, I want to walk through our Christmas Mass Schedule. Christmas is on a Monday this year, so that means that we will have an odd Mass schedule that weekend. **Basically, as faithful Catholics, we need to fulfill two separate Mass obligations in three days.**

You'll need to pray your Sunday obligation at one of the following Masses:

Saturday at 4:00 pm / Sunday at 8:00 am
 Sunday at 10:00 am
 No Noon Mass that day

You'll also need to pray your Christmas obligation at one of the following Masses:

Sunday at 4:00 pm / Sunday at 6:00 pm
 Midnight
 Monday at 8:00 am / Monday at 10:00 am
 No Noon Mass that day

It'll be a blessed time for all of us as we rejoice in Christ being born among us: I can't wait to pray with you all! Now, a key note that I always feel compelled to share... Let's be good to our visitors. Let's be welcoming. If they seem to be struggling with loud or active children, let's be sure to offer smiles and/or support.

Let's be sure that, starting today, we are praying the following prayer every day:

Jesus, I ask you to bless all the people who will be praying with us this week who do not usually pray with us. Bless them with joy and peace as we pray and draw them closer to Your Sacred Heart. Help them to desire to pray to you with us, so that our family may be strengthened and your love known by all. Amen.

Thank you so much, everyone. I thank God every day that I get to be your priest. You are God's gift to me.

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✝ HOLY FAMILY 2023
Christmas Mass Schedule

<p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 4 p.m. <i>(4th Sunday of Advent)</i></p> <p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8 a.m. 10 a.m.* <i>No Noon Mass</i></p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE 4 p.m.* <i>(no incense)</i> 6 p.m. Midnight</p>	<p>MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 8 a.m.* <i>(no incense)</i> 10 a.m.</p> <p>TUESDAY - SATURDAY DECEMBER 26 - 30 <i>Regular Morning Masses</i> 8 a.m.*</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 <i>No Confessions & No 6 p.m. Mass</i></p>	<p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 8 a.m.* <i>(Morning Mass)</i> <i>No Confessions</i> 4 p.m. <i>(Feast of the Holy Family Vigil)</i></p> <p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 8 a.m. 10 a.m.* Noon</p> <p>MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD <i>(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)</i> 8 a.m.*</p>
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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

Holiday Hours

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).

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



Baptized on December 10, 2023

Bryson Charles Maxa, son of Jason and Graceson Maxa

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.

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.



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.)



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

Stewardship of Treasure December 9th & 10th, 2023

No stewardship report available this week due to early bulletin deadline

55 & Over Club

Final luncheon for the year. Don't miss our Christmas potluck on **December 19th** at 11:30 a.m. If you haven't joined us, give us a try in 2024. Have a Merry Christmas celebrating our Lord and savior's birth.



WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

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@hfs.gb.org. Attn: Long-Term Substitute Teacher

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

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

117th Pope - Benedict IV

Born in Rome, he was elected pope on February 1, 900.

Amidst all the prevailing corruption, he succeeded in maintaining the integrity of the Holy See. He tried in vain to control the widespread corruption of the times. During these times there was terrible confusion and hatred, but he constantly sought out the way of justice. In 900 he excommunicated Count Baldwin II of Flanders for murdering Archbishop Fulk of Reims. In 901 he crowned Louis (Ludwig) of Burgundy as Emperor chosen by the Italians. He is remembered for calling the Lateran Synod in an effort to cope with contemporary conditions. Benedict IV was a generous and a well-intentioned man. He died in July, 903, and was buried in front of St. Peter's Basilica by the gate of Guido.



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

January 9, 2024
This week's topic:
Introduction to Prayer

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

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

HFS Christmas Program

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 19, 2023

1:15 PM

FATHER BUSH
PARISH CENTER



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



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.

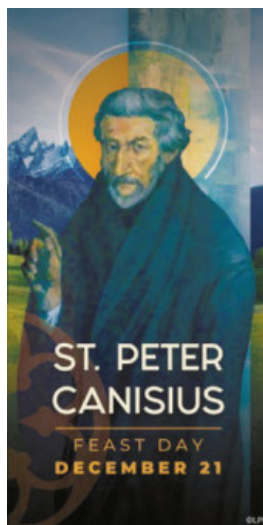
It is necessary that, when the Lord is exposed on the altar during adoration, individuals are present for prayer and adoration, either communally or individually. We lovingly refer to those volunteers who dedicate this time to our Lord, as Adorers. We invite and welcome all to come and spend time with 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.

Saint

December 21: St. Peter Canisius

After his ordination in 1546, he became widely known for his editions of the writings of Saint Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. Besides this reflective literary bent, Peter had a zeal for the apostolate. He could often be found visiting the sick or prisoners, even when his assigned duties in other areas were more than enough to keep most people fully occupied. In 1547 Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. Renowned as a popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the gospel. He had great diplomatic ability, often serving as a reconciler between disputing factions. In his letters (filling eight volumes) one finds words of wisdom and counsel to people in all walks of life. At times he wrote unprecedented letters of criticism to leaders of the Church—yet always in the context of a loving, sympathetic concern.



by Matthew Kelly

Part One

Awakening - The Two Hungers

My wife slept sweetly now with the moonlight on her face. I had to try to think it out. Life had seemed so simple that morning when I had awakened to the spring...



Have you ever had a night like that? Tossing and turning, wondering about the purpose and direction of your life.

Have you ever had a hunger that would not be satisfied? I suspect we all have.

What are you hungry for in your life right now? Do you know? You may not, and that's okay. We will find out together. But whatever your hunger is, more of the same, more of what you have been trying to satisfy it with until now isn't the answer. Are you open to trying something new?

(To be continued next week)

A Moment of Clarity

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life*. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 18.

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

Mass Intentions December 18 - 24

Monday, December 18

8:00 AM Helene Wakefield *by Judy Bourdeau*

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 AM Steven Weber *by Samassa Family*

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 AM Rudy Zattoni *by Bruce and Judy Fridline*

6:00 PM Joan Zwada *by Pasko Family*

Thursday, December 21

8:00 AM Patricia Bills *by Peter and Linda Daunt*

Friday, December 22

8:00 AM Howard Waters *by Janet Waters*

Saturday, December 23

8:00 AM Kenneth Wolven *by Wolven Family*

4:00 PM Betty Coggins *by Dan and Susan Dowling*

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM Barbara DeClercq *by Kita Family*

10:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners

4:00 PM Dan and Dorey Powell *by Denne/Powell Family*

6:00 PM Mary Cunningham *by Cunningham Family*

Midnight All Holy Family Parishioners

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Roy Majestic *by Janice Hennen*

Roy Majestic *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.

Weekly Readings December 17 - 24

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

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

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

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

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

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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 information, call Angela at (810) 347-4706.

Liturgical Ministry - December 23/24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

(Please respond to Signup Genius to fill these spots)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors:

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Altar Servers:

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors:

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Altar Servers:

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors:

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Altar Servers:

4:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors:

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Altar Servers:

6:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors:

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Altar Servers:

Midnight Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors:

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Altar Servers:



FOLLOWING OUR FAITH

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God contin-

ues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life.

Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— *Father John Muir*

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PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on December 7 for



Rest in Peace

Roy Majestic. Roy, age 78, died on Sunday, December 3, 2023. He was born June 15, 1945, in Bad Axe, MI, to James and Helen Majeski. He married Martha Carrigan on October 17, 1964. Surviving are children, Angela, Georgia, Patrick and Amy (Randy) Lampert, as well as seven grandchildren and two brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, son Brian, and three siblings.

Lord, we remember in our prayers Roy Majestic, 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.

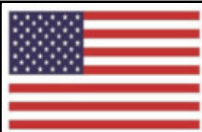
Please Pray for the Ill and Their Caregivers



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

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.*



Please pray for these men and women in military service:

SFC Matthew Crimando—Army, Camp Shelby, MS
Staff Sergeant Kenton Disbrow - Air Force, Wausau, WI
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

Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to Maria Delores Gomez Fabela and Greg Cruthers, who were married at Holy Family on December 16, 2023. Please keep them in your prayers as they start their married lives together.



In Loving Memory

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

December 17

Leo F. Deshano, James Massar, Robert Dvorsky

December 18

Dorothy E. 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

December 22

Vivian Carol, Paul F. Ryan, Mary M. Blower, Rickie Gillespie, Gordon Ragnone, Mary Elizabeth Andrews, Timothy T. Wisniewski

December 23

Estelle McCann, Althea May Dewey, Mary Ann Rousseau, Betty J. O'Reilly

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

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

"Pure love gives the soul strength at the very moment of dying. When I was dying on the cross, I was not thinking about Myself, but about poor sinners, and I prayed for them to My Father."





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.

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

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>

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>.

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>.

Special Needs Mass

A Mass for people with special needs will be held the 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm (December 17) at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. People with special needs are invited to perform the functions of the Mass in as many roles as possible, like singing, reading, being an altar server, and greeting individuals and families. For questions or to participate, contact lisedickson@aol.com or gina.davies@nau.edu.

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