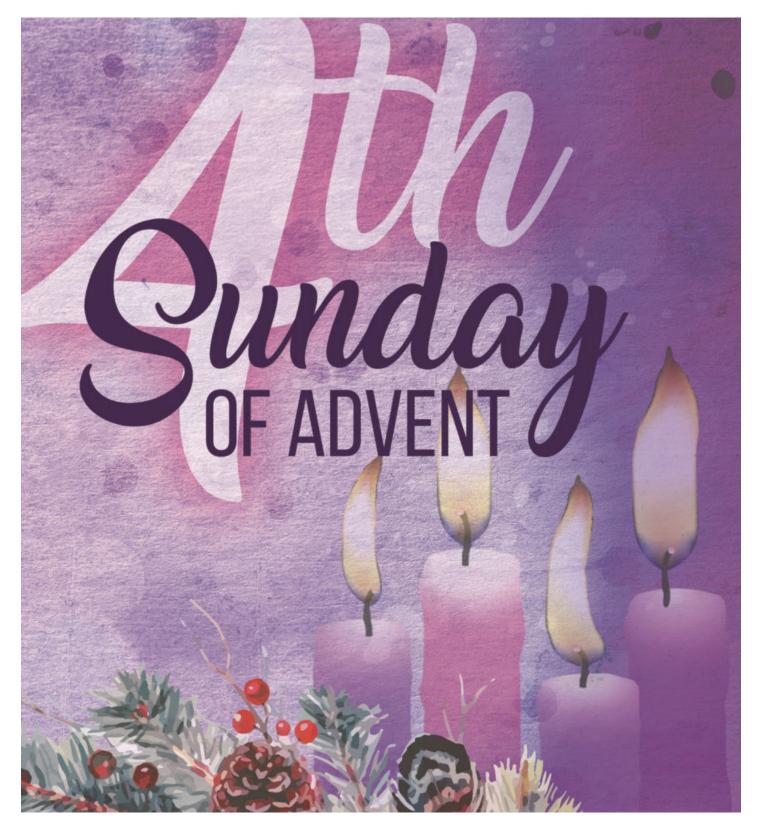


CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

D E C E M B E R 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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December 22, 2024

Opening Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah! #401

Responsorial Psalm #1002

Psalm 80: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Communion Hymns

This Is Jesus #2071

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #395

Maranatha, Lord Messiah #397

Closing Hymn

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman #889

Readings

#1002

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



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

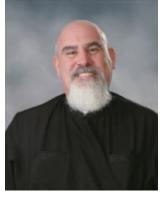
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin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

A CUP OF JOE

Greetings in Christ!

This bulletin will serve two purposes: our bulletin for the 4th Sunday of Advent and for Christmas Itself.

We're all so terribly busy... it's heartbreaking, I know. Our technological advances have only served to add to the amount of things people expect of us,



instead of freeing us. This season seems to be one of those times where a lot of us feel a lot of pressure; pressure to be a certain way, to do certain things and to get it all right.

As you read this, let Jesus free you. He did not come to save you for what you can accomplish, but for who you are and what He sees when He looks at you. You are so very safe in that love. Rest in it. As for Christmas gifts; you are God's gift to me and I am so grateful. Not one day passes here where I do not thank Jesus for bringing me to this loving, giving and caring community. I am eternally grateful.

Next Sunday (December 28 and 29), is our Patronal Feast: The Feast of the Holy Family. Please make sure you all get to Mass so we can pray together and thank Jesus for our parish community.

Next Sunday will probably be my last big push on the Saints and Scholars Campaign. It is my sincerest hope that anyone who has not pledged or donated will do so after next week so that we can wrap this puppy up and move on with the work that this campaign is going to fund. We'll have pledge cards and a short speech during each Mass encouraging everyone to help. Thanks for your generous response so far, the money we are raising will help our teachers, our Catholic school families and our aid to the poor and needy in our community.

May Jesus bless you and yours with love, joy and peace during this holy season.

You are God's gift to a broken world and to my heart.



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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.

STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP



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.

Contribution Reminder

In order to assure accuracy in crediting your donations to Holy Family, may we ask that you either use your parish envelope or write your membership number on your check? This will identify your check as a charitable contribution and not a payment of any kind...which is important at tax time.

If you did not receive your envelopes or need your membership number, please call the parish office (694-4891).

If you would like your donations posted to your 2024 account, envelopes must be received, postmarked, or submitted to PushPay by Dec. 31, 2024. Otherwise, donations will be posted to 2025.

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).

Stewardship of Treasure December 14 and 15, 2024

No stewardship report available this week due to early bulletin deadline



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.*

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.

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.

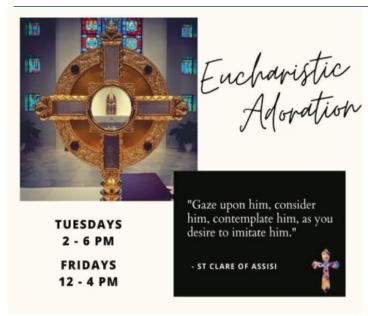
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 8 a.m.*

> No Confessions No 6 p.m. Mass

*Livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube and hfgb.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



Catholic Calendars for 2025

Catholic Calendars for 2025 will be available in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to take one as you leave the church. This year your calendar donation will raise funds for Buildings & Grounds. Please use the envelope attached to the calendar, that can be returned at any Mass in



the collection box or visit hfgb.org and donate to the Buildings & Grounds fund online. Whatever you are able to contribute will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



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



Baptized on December 14, 2024

Joachim Joseph Sharp, son of Joseph Sharp and Rachel Rich







HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL



What an amazing time we had celebrating Christmas at Caroling for Christ on December 7th! After the 4pm Mass, we gathered together for a festive evening filled with creativity, joy, and holiday cheer. A HUGE thank you to PTO who made this event so special. Let's keep the Christmas spirit alive as we continue to spread joy and kindness this holiday season!



To our Parish Family,

As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are filled with gratitude and joy for the blessings of this season. On behalf of the dedicated staff and vibrant students of Holy Family School, we extend our warmest Christmas greetings to our beloved parish community.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and unwavering support throughout the year. It has been a great blessing to our school community.

We wish each of you a blessed Christmas, filled with faith, family, and the joy of the season.







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.

Be a part of our Holy FAMILY!

Contact Lisa Harvey at 810-694-9072, ext. 0 or lharvey@hfsgb.org hfsgb.org



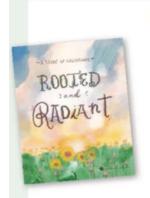
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Come as you are.

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.







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!

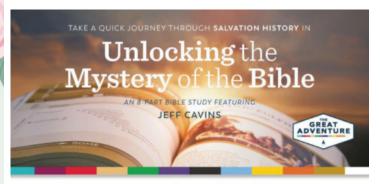
For more information, contact:

Vikki Lasota

vlasota@msn.com or 248-653-2117

Kristin Smith

kristinsmith265@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 **or** 6 – 7:15pm St. Joseph Center

Cost: appx. \$35
(link to purchase book/materials found in registration)

opens in

January



For more information, contact:

Paul Racine at 810–516–9739 or pauljracine@gmail.com

John Hendler at johnhendler222@gmail.com

Meals for Moms

Expecting a baby? The women of Holy Family would love to welcome your little one by bringing a few meals to your family after the baby is born.



Contact Elizabeth at 810-265-4189, Samantha at 269-491-3240, Molly at 810-553-0235 or hfgb-mealsformoms@gmail.com to make arrangements or to volunteer. We are looking for a few more people who would be willing to take a meal to a new mom

55 & Over Club

No meeting on **December 24th**.

Have a Merry Christmas!



Mass Intentions December 23 - 29

Monday, December 23

8:00 AM Kenneth Wolven by The Wolven Family

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 AM Betty Liwak by Jim and Lynn Lusty

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

6:00 PM James M. Smith by Alexis Hope

Midnight All Holy Family Parishioners

Wednesday, December 25

8:00 AM Rose and Tony Kroell by Carol Black

10:00 AM Thomas Wanbaugh by Paula Wanbaugh

Thursday, December 26

8:00 AM Tom Martinbianco by Jim and Lynn Lusty

Friday, December 27

8:00 ÅM Lois and Dave Hudgens by Roeser Family

Saturday, December 28

8:00 AM Maria Christina Caves Rojas by Thompson Family

4:00 PM Hugh Vanitvelt by Donald Vanitvelt

Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM Gail Shreiner by Sharon Eastman

10:00 AM All Benefactors of Holy Family Parish

12:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Sr. Sharon Hektor (Living) by Janice Hennen

Sr. Grace Scola (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.



Please pray for these men and women in military service:

LT Andrew Campbell - Marines, Quantico, VA EMN2 Trent Campbell - Navy, Bremerton, WA

SFC Matthew Crimando - Army, Camp Shelby, MS

SSG 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, South Korea

SSG Tommy Strach - Army, Stuttgart, Germany

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

PV-2 Adam Vance - Army, Colorado

MM FR Matthew Yousif - Navy, San Diego, CA

Liturgical Ministry - December 28/29 Feast of the Holy Family

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Joseph Krupp Lectors: David Caldwell, Colleen Argus Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Lori Drzewiecki Mike Drzewiecki Jack Massimino

Altar Servers:

Tony Bonifazi Mitchell Grondin Oliver Hoerig

Owen Psenski

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi Lectors: Dan Charboneau, Lori Charboneau Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Cathy Lane Jim Lusty Michael McReynolds

Spencer Raysin Altar Servers:

Jimmy Dowling Gavin Raysin

(help needed - 2)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp Lectors: Kathy Maiuri, Ken Mraz

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Daniel T. Charboneau Carole Cocagne Richard Cross

Amy Daliege **Altar Servers:**

Caleb Craft Joseph Craft Emma Darmafall

Jonathan Darmafall

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi Lectors: Dr. Steve James, Scott Heron Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Donald Leavy Desiree Londrigan Paul Londrigan

Altar Servers:

Kolten Barry Owen Cameron Will Urbanik

(help needed - 1)

Weekly Readings December 22 - 29

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

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

Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

(2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night**: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12,

13 (Lk 2:11)/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn**: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/

Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day**: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn

1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8 10: 7:54 59/Ps 31:3cd 4, 6 and 8ak

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



Thanks to all of you who remembered your loved ones with the special gift of altar flowers. Those listed are in our prayers as we enjoy the beauty of our church at Christmastime, thanking God for His Son, Jesus, and for the lives of the people being remembered.

In Loving Memory of:

Audrey & Thad Aardal by The Richert Family
Rick Aardal by The Richert Family
Jeanette Adams by The Richert Family
Anita Anderson by The Richert Family
Sadie & Einar Ardahl by Craig Ardahl
Cedric Atkins by Deborah Atkins
Leona Bartley by Patricia Dailey
Robert Bartley by Patricia Dailey
Valeria Bartley by Patricia Dailey
Joseph Michael Begley by Michelle and Don Begley
Francis & Mildred Bolt by Paul Bolt
Patricia & Michael Boyle by Kathleen & Frank
Cowden

Frederick (Fritz) Bruening by Tammy Bruening
Natalie Bruening by Tammy Bruening
Connor Byrd by Grandpa & Grandma Sibilsky
Betty Campbell by MariKay Scott
Joseph Cantalope by The Richert Family
Scott Chiesa by Joel & Stacy Stiverson
Robert W. Clark by The Richert Family
Elizabeth Coggins by Michael Coggins
Cylkowski & Peregrin Family by Joe & Joan
Cylkowski

Bernard & Shirley Czymbor by Cynthia & Scott Villaire

Belle Dabbiero by Kevin & MaryAnn Wilcox
Cy Dailey by Patricia Dailey
Marion Dailey by Patricia Dailey
Robert Dailey by Patricia Dailey
Sandra Dailey by Patricia Dailey
William Dailey by Patricia Dailey
Debien Family (Mary, Leo, Tim and Tom) by
Maureen Debien
Betty DelPlace by Sharon Reardon

Donald DelPlace, Jr. by Sharon Reardon
Amber Donajkowski by Laura, Wyatt & Evan Zuck
Rosemary & Russell Durance by The Richert Family
Scott Durance by The Richert Family
Lack & Margaret Dyball by Steve & Sandy Dyball

Jack & Margaret Dyball by Steve & Sandy Dyball Richard G. Ethier, Jr. by The Ethier Family

Tillie Ethier by The Ethier Family
Patricia Forsythe by Tom Forsythe

George & Corine Gaines by Reggie & Pat Gaines Deceased members of Gaulin & Kornosky families

by Al & Marianne Gaulin
Greg Gildner by Janet Gildner
Bob & Jo Gorman by Steve & Sandy Dyball
Diane Gower by Robert Gower

In Loving Memory of:

Herbert & Rachel Hennen Family by Janice Hennen
Ruth & William Hines by Kathleen & Frank Cowden
Sharalyn Huff by Theo Mogan
Gary F. Jacisin by Diane Jacisin
Mike Jenkins by The Richert Family
Valerie & Jerry Jenkins by The Richert Family
Judy Lancaster by the family
Frank & Dorothy Landino by The Richert Family
Joan T. Laszczak by Diane Jacisin
Gary Leitch by Len & Linda Nawrocki
Charles Loader, Sr. by Deb & Chuck Loader
James & Evenlyn Londrigan by Paul & Desiree
Londrigan

Linda Mangipane by The Richert Family
Cora Mansour by The Mansour Family
Vera & Albert Margiawicz by Betty Ardahl
Robert & Theresa McAvoy by Deborah Atkins
Cheryl DeMarco Mellor by John & Pat DeMarco
DK Mijic by The Richert Family
John Montgomery by The Richert Family
Donald Moreau by Mary Ann Moreau
Adrianne Nawrocki by Len & Linda Nawrocki
Dolores D. Noveloso by the Noveloso Family
Marion Palmer by Theresa & Mark Dyer
Marie, Jermyn & David Parks by Kathleen & Frank
Cowden

Debbie Pavone by Judith Osowski James Ploucha by Evelyn K. Ploucha Edward & Sandra Preville by Pamela Salem Patrick Reardon by Sharon Reardon Delphine & Dutch Reininger by The Richert Family Bill Richards by The Richert Family Gerald Paul Richert by The Richert Family Lily Marie Richert by The Richert Family William & Mary Richert by The Richert Family Br. Victor William Richert by The Richert Family Miriam C. Rogers by Maddie White James Salem by Pamela Salem Fr. Albert Sandor by Edward & Renee Sandor Tom & Mildred Slowik by Reggie & Pat Gaines Margaret Smith by Patricia Dailey Elwood & Eunice Swett by The Richert Family Faye & Ray Swett by The Richert Family Neil Swett by The Richert Family Henry & Antoinette Syroid by Gary & JoAnn Gavron Haley Talovich, Parents and Grandparents by Michael, Antoinette, Alex & Zack Talovich Duane & Marilyn Tanque by Deb & Chuck Loader

In Loving Memory of:

Margi Theodoroff by Michael Coggins
Grace Tolento by The Mansour Family
Grace Tolento by Rafael Tolento
Kenneth & Catherine Twork by Richard & Catherine
Bateson

Joseph & Rita Urban by Dan & Jeanne Yurgaites Marvin VanSickle by Mike & Charity Walsh Edward & Susanne Villaire by Cynthia & Scott Villaire

Joanne Wagner by Dick Wagner
Claudia Walsh by Mike & Charity Walsh
Phyllis J. White by Maddie White
Rick L. White by Maddie White
Jane Wilcox by Kevin & MaryAnn Wilcox
Marie Wohleben by Eric Wohleben
Kenneth Wolven, W.K. & Lulu Wolven, Charles
& Reba Keneipp, Paul & Lois Schneiderhan,
Frank & Kathryn Van Houten by Van Houten
& Wolven Family

Donna Yurgaites by Dan & Jeanne Yurgaites





Living:

Herbert & Rachel Hennen Family by Janice Hennen Past, Present and Future Students & Staff of Holy Family School by Janet Gildner



Prayer at Christmas

Lord, on this Christmas Day, in the midst of the joy of our celebrations, help us recall what is truly important about this day.

In the midst of opening presents, help us remember the love that each gift represents.

In the midst of Christmas dinner, help us remember that you are the source of all life.

In the midst of family gatherings, help us remember that you are the fullness of all joy.

And in the midst of Christmas Mass, help us remember the supreme act of love, sacrifice, and humility that we celebrate on this Christmas day when your Son came as a helpless, unknown baby and grew to be the life and light of the world.

Amen

2025 Altar Flowers

Our web page for ordering Altar flowers is open! Please go to: https://hfgbaltarflowers.pushpayevents.com/

Your \$50 donation for your specific month will help us provide flowers at the altar and around the sanctuary to beautify our worship space. Your loved one's name will be listed in the parish bulletin for that entire month. You may offer flowers in honor of a living person for a special occasion or in memory of your loved one.



We will continue to have Easter and Christmas memorial collections as well. **During Lent and Advent there will be no flowers in church.**

If you have any questions or if you need assistance ordering, you may contact Theresa Dyer at 810-694-4891, ext. 2211, or tdyer@hfgb.org.

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.

Please Pray for the III and Their

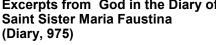


Caregivers

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

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of

St. Mary Cathedral Excerpts from God in the Diary of





"Pray for souls that they be not afraid to approach the tribunal of My

mercy. Do not grow weary of praying for sinners. You know what a burden their souls are to My Heart. Relieve My deathly sorrow; dispense My mercy.

In Loving Memory

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

December 22

Vivian Carol, Paul Ryan, Mary Blower, Rickie Gillespie, Gordon Ragnone, Mary Elizabeth Andrews, Timothy Wisniewski

December 23

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

December 24

Aurora Garcia, Mary Mangiaracina, Christopher Swinney, Lucille Armstrong, Beatrice Dwyer, Mary Susan Marran, John Skolnik, John Psenski, Gladys Parks

December 25

Loretta Meehan, Thomas Govette, Mark Seirmarco, Agnes "Regina" Ignace

December 26

Jeanette Hughes

December 27

LaVern Kalanquin, Casimer Evinski, Gary Potter, Maria Theresa Abaya, Joan Kolka

December 28

Lenora Gundry, Robert Hagood, Lillian Garceau, Joan Ogden, Albert Kessel, Lina Dall'Olmo, Robert Flore, David **Hugh Vanitvelt**

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

170th - Pope Alexander III Born in Siena, he was elected pope September 20, 1159. Studied theology in Bologna. Pope Eugene III named him Cardinal Deacon in 1150. He later served as Cardinal Priest, then as papal Chancellor. This

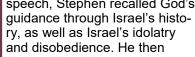


qualified him as the top candidate for the next pope and was supported by then pope Adrian IV. A small group of men challenge this selection with anti-pope named Victor IV. Emperor Frederick I who opposed Alexander III, forced him from Rome and into France. Much of his work as pope was accomplished here for the next 14 years. He established an Archbishop in Sweden and approved of forced conversions for those who didn't follow the Churches beliefs. His final act was to call the 11th Ecumenical Council where he established standards for naming saints. He also established a rule that a candidate for pope could not be elected unless he received 2/3 of the votes. Both of these rules still exist today. Alexander III died August 30, 1181 in Civita, Castellana of natural causes.

Saint

December 26: St. Stephen Acts says that Stephen was a man filled with grace and power,

who worked great wonders among the people. Certain Jews, members of the Synagogue of Roman Freedmen, debated with Stephen, but proved no match for the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke. They persuaded others to make the charge of blasphemy against him. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin. In his speech. Stephen recalled God's





claimed that his persecutors were showing this same spirit. "You always oppose the holy Spirit; you are just like your ancestors" (Acts 7:51b). His speech brought anger from the crowd. St. Stephen was the first martyr.

HERE AND THERE

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.

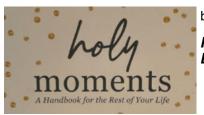
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Greater Flint Area Men's Group

There will be no meeting the next two weeks due to Christmas and New Year's Day. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 8**, 6:30-8:00pm in the basement of St. Matthew Catholic Church in downtown Flint.



by Matthew Kelly

Holy Moments Explained -

What gives you hope? This is one of the most common questions people asked as I traveled around the world. I didn't realize it at first, but as the question kept coming up, I started paying attention to who was asking. I discovered it was usually good people who were losing hope.

I have now asked hundreds of people the question myself: What gives you hope? Over the years, since I started asking this question, I have noticed people are taking longer to answer. And sadly, more people don't have an answer at all. Hope has evaporated from so many people's lives.

What is hope? It is the belief that good things lay ahead. It is a combination of desire and expectation. It is the confidence that something wonderful is possible.

When we enter into hopelessness, even our ability to desire good things diminishes, and all our expectations turn negative.

(To be continued next week)

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Be My Witnesses 2025

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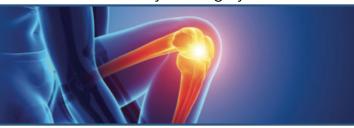


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