



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2024

Entrance Hymn

Lord, Who throughout
These Forty Days #479

Responsorial Psalm #1017

Psalm 25: Your Ways, O Lord, are
love and truth to those who keep
your covenant.

Communion Hymns

Merciful God #489

Psalm 51: Be Merciful, Lord #51

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord #39

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.

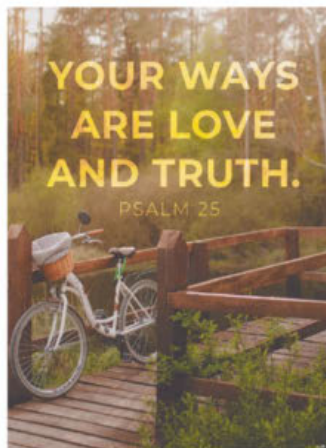
Readings

#1017

First Reading:
Genesis 9:8-15

Second Reading:
1 Peter 3:28-22

Gospel:
Mark 1:12-15



A C U P O F J O E

Greetings in Christ!

Here we are in the first week of Lent; can you believe it? The crazy part is that next year Lent starts very late. All of this is determined by Easter, which is always the First Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon (the first full moon after the Spring Equinox). From there, they subtract 40 days (not counting Sundays) and that is Ash Wednesday.



I hope you remember that we are doing themed preaching during Lent. Each weekend Fr. Le, the Deacons and I will preach a homily based on one of the last seven phrases Christ said from the cross. Here is the schedule:

- Feb 18 - **"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"**
- Feb 25 - **"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."**
- March 3 - **"Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother!"**
- March 10 - **"I Thirst"**
- March 17 - **"Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!"**
- March 24 - **"It is finished"**

One of the things we are asked to do during Lent is to donate and next week we will present you with an opportunity to do so through our Annual DSA collection.

Churches are totally dependent for their budgets on weekly collections. For the diocese, they don't have "a" Church, they have the care of all of them, but no means to take up weekly collections. Instead, each year, they ask every parish to donate a certain amount that combined, will help them meet their budget. I'm asking every family reading this to please prayerfully consider donating to DSA by making a pledge next week. Even if it's what you consider a small amount, it is essential to the diocese that we do our best. We have not hit our parish goal in many, many years and I hope that this year we do.

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It's time to experience our two day...

lenten retreat

what's your story?

Saturday, March 2 at 9 am - 7:30 pm &
Sunday, March 3 at 8 am (Mass) - 1 pm

Holy Family Grand Blanc

- ✓ \$25 registration fee
- ✓ age 18 and over
- ✓ food/snacks provided
- ✓ for men and women

Register TODAY
at hfgb.org
Registration ends 2.26!

Everyone welcome!

Questions? Please contact
Dcn. Dan Medich at
dmedich@hfgb.org

Easter Flowers

A nice way to remember or honor someone at Easter and help make our church beautiful, is with a donation to the Easter 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 next weekend. These can be returned to the collection box or parish office.
- You may go online to donate under "Memorial Flowers" and then email your memorial names to Linda Doyle at lidoyle@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, March 20th**, to be listed in the Easter bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

Black and Indian Mission Collection

Since its foundation in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Office has partnered with Catholic dioceses, schools, parishes, and colleges across the country to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through education and other evangelistic initiatives. Founded by the Catholic Bishops of the United States, this cooperation helps to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.



An envelope for this collection this weekend may be found in your packet or you may choose to give online.

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

Stewardship of Treasure February 10th & 11th, 2024

Registered families		1984
Envelopes received this week		146
Mail-in givers this week		33
Online givers this week		314
Amount offered from envelopes	\$	7,773.00
Amount offered from mail	\$	8,837.50
Amount offered from online giving	\$	26,012.00
Amount offered from visitors	\$	963.00
Total weekly offerings	\$	43,585.50

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, March 8th 11 am - 12 pm

Public Skate

Crystal Fieldhouse
Details in Facebook Group (Catholic Moms of Young Children Play Group)

Stephanie Robinson
(586) 899-9084
Erin Downes
(517) 294-7679



55 & Over Club

Since we can never know the full story about any other human being, why not just skip to the good highlights.

We would love to get to know you. Please join us **Tuesday, February 20th**, at 11:30 am. We'll be providing food.



Knights' Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus' monthly spaghetti dinner will be **Wednesday, February 21st**, 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 to support Flint Flames Youth Organization. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

“Father Le on the Links” Golf Group

Attention: Male Golfers

Father Le and some of the senior male members of the parish are seeking other men interested in forming and participating in a Men's Golf Group, for the coming 2024 golf season.



This will be an 18-hole, travelling group, for male members of both the Holy Family and St. Mark's Parish Communities. The group will play weekly at selected local courses, with Father Le, on a no-host basis, with each person responsible for his own green fees and refreshments at the course. **This will not be a “golf league,” so there will be no requirement to play weekly.** It is anticipated the group will play on Monday mornings beginning in early-June and play throughout the summer until Labor Day Weekend. The primary nature of the group is for our parish community's men to meet, fellowship, and share their faith's journey and passion for golf in a leisurely golf group, without regard to ability or established golf handicap.

If interested in participating, please forward an email, stating your name, mobile phone number, and preferred email address to either Dave DeSimone (desim001@comcast.net) or Andy Ortiz (aczitro@aol.com). Your attention, interest, and prompt reply are appreciated. Thank you.

High School Subsidy Application

Holy Family Parish offers a tuition subsidy to students of active and participating Holy Family parishioners who attend a Catholic High School. An active and participating parishioner is defined as someone who regularly attends Sunday Mass, volunteers in parish/school functions, and gives joyfully, spiritually and sacrificially to the needs of our Church and School.

<https://form.jotform.com/240075575399164>

Please fill out a form for each high school student in your family.

This form is due March 1st, 2024.

Do you have questions about... Catholic 101 at Holy Family

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! Church of the Holy Family hfgb.org

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

Catholic 101 February 25, 2024
This week's topic:
The Lord's Prayer

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 February 27, 2024
This week's topic:
Universal Call to Holiness

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 201 February 25, 2024
This week's topic:
True Reformers
St. Teresa of Avila: A Study in Perseverance

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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.



Catholic Schools Week 2024 Re-Cap

We had an amazing week celebrating our school for National Catholic Schools Week! This year's theme was "Marching with the Saints." Students and staff honored the saints that we have relics of here in our Church. We



wore animal print for St. Francis of Assisi. We dressed like fishermen for St. Anthony of Padua. We wore solid color shirts to represent our loved ones who suffer from many different cancers for St. Peregrine. We dressed as doctors and nurses and anyone in the medical profession for St. Jude, apostle, and we wore Spirit Wear for St. Gerard Majella. Students and staff packed lunches of love, celebrated Mass, participated in a Eucharistic procession, showcased their talents at the talent show and we announced our 2024 Panther Draw winners! What a way to celebrate HFS!!



STUDENTS ARE MARCHING WITH THE SAINTS

2024 PANTHER DRAW
 Check # 10000.00
 February 2, 2024
 Winner: Dominic Pietras \$10,000.00
 Ten thousand dollars and 00/100

Congratulations to our 2024 Panther Draw \$10,000 Winner! Dominic Pietras



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





HOLY FAMILY 2024 LENTEN JOURNEY

Adoration



Tuesdays: 2 - 6 p.m.

Fridays: 12 - 4 p.m.

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Our four Gospel accounts of Jesus have him saying seven different statements while on the cross, thus the phrase "The Seven Last Words of Christ" which will be our Lenten Journey.

What's Your Story?

2024 Lenten Retreat

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- ✓ for men and women

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Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 6:30 p.m.

"Living" Stations of the Cross

Presented by HFS 8th Graders

February 28: after 6 p.m. Mass
March 1: 6:30 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesdays: 5:15 - 5:45 p.m.

Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.



All-Day Confessions

Wednesday, March 13: 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.



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Mass Intentions February 19 - 25

Monday, February 19

8:00 AM Leo Greenhough (Living) by Rich and Theresa Cross

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 AM Hugh Vanitvelt by Knights of Columbus 6742

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 AM Rudy Zattoni by Theresa Dyer

6:00 PM Joe Dunn (Living) by Hasselbach Family

Thursday, February 22

8:00 AM Margaret Luczak by Ngo Family

Friday, February 23

8:00 AM Dean Wallace by Vitols Family

Saturday, February 24

8:00 AM Fr. Dan Liderbach by Mark and Theresa Dyer

4:00 PM Joseph Begley by Michelle and Don Begley

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Anne Kohler by Martha Mansour

10:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners

12:00 PM Jerry and Gay Gelisse by Ron and Cheryl Gelisse

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Fr. Leronio Vodivodi (Living) by Janice Hennen

Peggy Wagner (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 - February 24/25

Second Sunday of Lent

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Darlene McKone, Kathy Swiantek

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Lori Drzewiecki Mike Drzewiecki

Altar Servers:

Tony Bonifazi Liam Verdun Mitchell Grondin

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Mike Wilson, (need help)

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Dan Charboneau Cathy Lane

Altar Servers:

(help needed - 3)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Kathy Maiuri, Randy Petrides

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Amy Daliege Janet Lane

Altar Servers:

Amelia Elston Matthew Kilbreath William Shaver

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Dr. Steve James, Karen Allen

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Desiree Londrigan Paul Londrigan

Altar Servers:

Owen Cameron Will Urbanik (help needed - 1)

Weekly Readings February 18 - 25

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Holy Family Lending Library

The lending library (for religious books) is located in the gathering space. You are welcome to take a book and return it when finished for others to read. (We are not able to accept donations to the library at this time.)



Please join us...

Thursday Mornings
9 - 11 a.m.

St. Joseph Center | Holy Family
parking available in the Fr. Bush Parish Center lot

Women's Gospel Reflection

Would you like to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ?
Would you like to learn how to apply the wisdom of Jesus to your everyday life?

Gospel Reflection is a Bible study focusing on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading. All are welcome to join Thursday morning to read the upcoming Sunday Gospel together in a casual environment.

No need to sign up or commit. The Gospel is new each week, so you can drop in any time. Come when you can, come as you are, and do not worry when you cannot. There is no preparation necessary. Just bring yourself and grab a tea or coffee and listen to and reflect upon this Sunday's Gospel.

For more information contact,
Pam Salem at 810-877-1477.

The "reflection" portion of our meetings is guided by, The Better Part, A Christ-Centered Resource for Personal Prayer, by Fr. John Bartunek.

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



Holy Family Preschool

215 Orchard Street - Grand Blanc, MI 48439
www.hfsgb.org

Do you have a preschool age child who is ready to learn in an outstanding & dynamic Catholic school?

Holy Family Preschool offers children an environment rich in all areas of development vital in early childhood education.

We are currently accepting registrations for 2024-2025. If your child will be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2024, email Lisa Harvey at lharvey@hfsgb.org for more information and to schedule your personal tour.



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.

2024 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@hfsgb.org.



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



Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

126th Pope - Leo VII

Born in Rome, he was a Benedictine monk, was hand picked by Alberico II (ruler of Rome after deposing of his mother Marozia and his stepfather, King Hugh of Italy). He was elected pope in January 936. He reformed and reorganized monastic life and had the ancient Cenobite near the Basilica of St. Paul outside the walls rebuilt. Under Leo's pontificate, Alberico II reconciled with King Hugo of Italy. Hugo in exile, had tried to win back Rome by force. And finally, he wrote to the bishops of France and Germany in condemnation of witches and fortune tellers. Pope Leo VII died July 13, 939, and is buried in St. Peter's Basilica.



PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

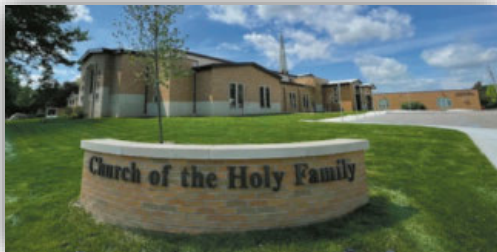
A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on February 8 for



Rest in Peace

Judith McCarty. Judith, age 82, died Sunday, February 4, 2024. She was born June 5, 1941, in Fenton to Clifton Weimer and Gladys Schmuck. Surviving are children: Gerald II (Ying), John (Deborah), Patrick (Kathy), Kelly (Jason) Roberston, Matthew (Rhonda), Catherine (Erik) Lee, as well as 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald and son Michael.

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



In Loving Memory

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

February 18

Patricia Dillon, Teresa Suski, James Smock, Sr., Phyllis McMurray, Jeanette Szabo, Cheryl Hart, Marie Bensch, Kevin Haas, Jack Coletti, Robert Allen Van Camp

February 19

Frances A. LePard, James Kertesz, Catherine Hastings, Martha Habel, Verne Sigfried, Rebecca Harris

February 20

James McAlindon, David Brochu, Kim Kemler, Sandra Keeler

February 21

Roma Dugger, Esther Swarbrick, Ted Zbiciak

February 22

B. Kathryn Weishuhn, Paul Piesko, Gary Rutherford, Ernest E. Satkowiak, Octavius F. Linkowski, Betty Dunn, Albert Brunette, Marland Moreau

February 23

J. Warren Tatham, Dean Wallace, Ryan Schlee, Emma C. Atkinson, Fritz Bruening

February 24

Donald Tondreau, Don Hoven, John T. Block, Joseph F. Pitock, Richard Greig, Joseph Begley

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from *God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina* (Diary, 258)

“Do not fear; I will not leave you to yourself.”



Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for February

For the terminally ill - We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Please Pray for the Ill and Their Caregivers

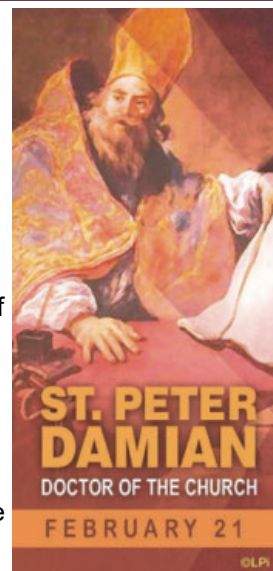
Please remember in prayer those listed in the February 4 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions (in the Gathering Space).



Saint

February 21: St. Peter Damian

Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was arch-priest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana. They lived two monks to a hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible. The abbot commanded that when he died Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He wrote many letters. Some 170 survive. We also have 53 of his sermons and seven lives, or biographies, which he wrote. He preferred examples and stories rather than theory in his writings. The liturgical offices he wrote are evidence of his talent as a stylist in Latin.



FOLLOWING OUR FAITH

by Matthew Kelly

Part One

Awakening -

The Moment of Decision



If you only learn to master one moment in your life, learn to master the moment of decision.

We all make choices. That's the easy part. The hard thing about choices is living with them. We all have regrets. We have all said and done things that we would do differently if we could go back in time. We know we can't. We may have made peace with those choices to some extent, but still, in the quiet hours they haunt us.

If I could give only one piece of advice, it would be this: Make choices that are easy to live with. Make choices you can look back on longingly, like you do upon the best of times with the best of friends.

Life is choices. We are constantly making them. But are we choosing wisely?

(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life*. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 25.

Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Foundation is seeking candidates for temporary employment. Responsibilities will include data entry and charitable gift processing; paid training will be provided. Training will begin the week of February 19 and scheduled hours may continue through June 2024. Shifts of 4 to 8 hours, Monday - Friday may be scheduled and part-time or full-time options will be considered subject to availability of qualified candidates. Candidates with availability beginning after February 19th may also be considered. If you know of anyone who would be interested in data entry work who has availability 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Friday, please contact Julie Gill, Donor Services Manager of the Catholic Foundation, at 517-253-8792 or donorservices@dioceseoflansing.org.

In addition, resumes are now being accepted for a Donor Services Specialist, Facilities Manager, and Administrative Assistant for Marriage and Family Life Ministries. To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit our careers page:

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it mean?" Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?



Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

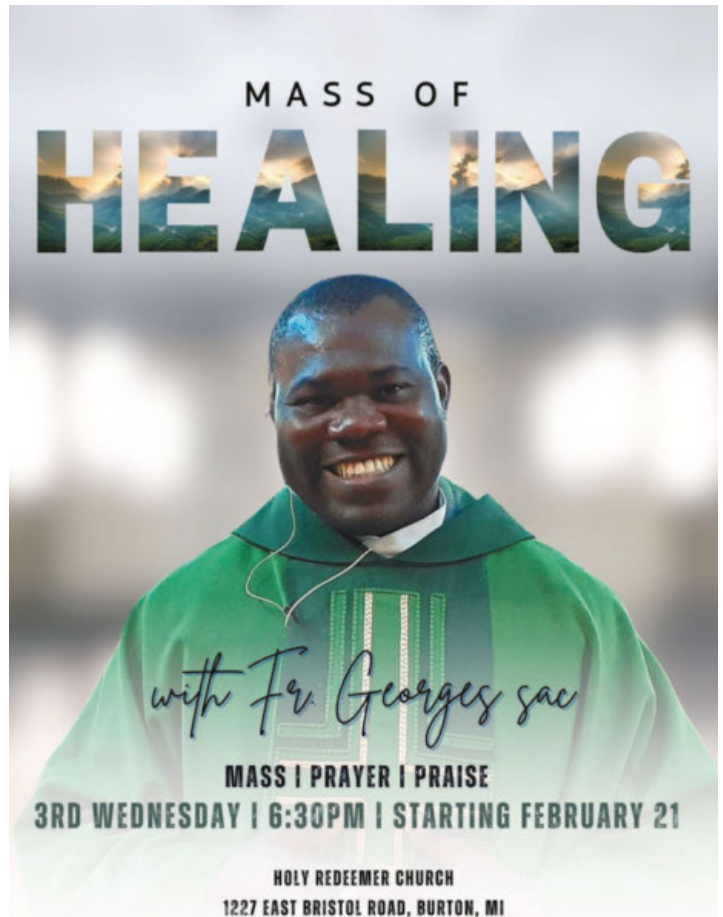
— Father John Muir

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Special Needs Mass

A Mass for people with special needs will be held the 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm (February 18) 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.

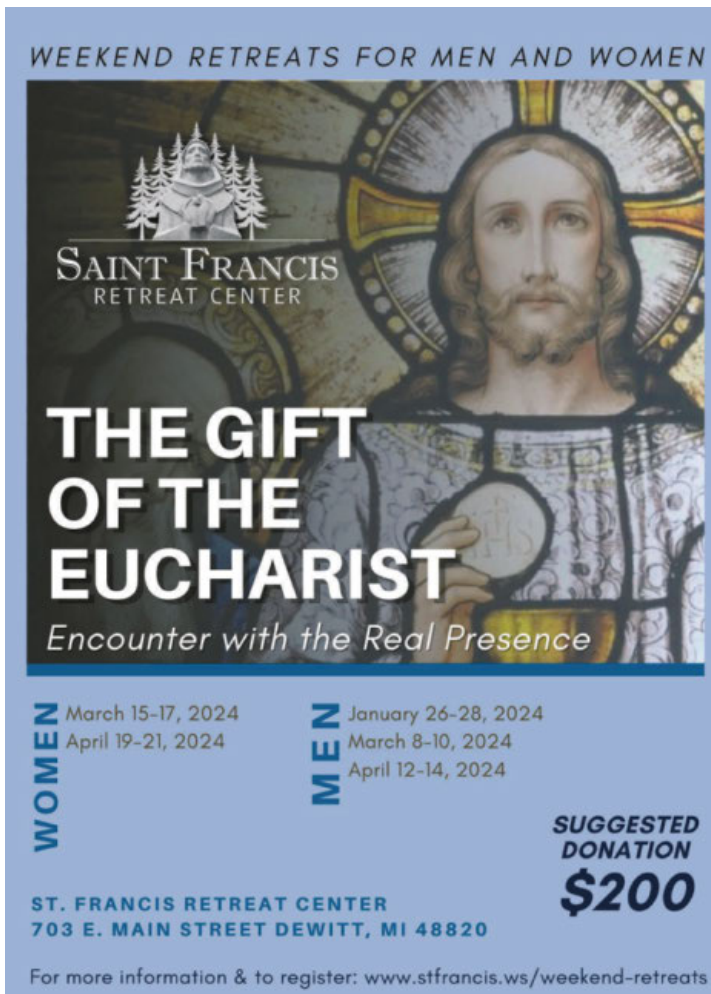


MASS OF
HEALING

with Fr. Georges sac

MASS | PRAYER | PRAISE
3RD WEDNESDAY | 6:30PM | STARTING FEBRUARY 21

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH
1227 EAST BRISTOL ROAD, BURTON, MI



WEEKEND RETREATS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

SAINT FRANCIS
RETREAT CENTER

**THE GIFT
OF THE
EUCHARIST**

Encounter with the Real Presence

WOMEN March 15-17, 2024
April 19-21, 2024

MEN January 26-28, 2024
March 8-10, 2024
April 12-14, 2024

**SUGGESTED
DONATION
\$200**

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER
703 E. MAIN STREET DEWITT, MI 48820

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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>.

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