



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

A CARING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 17, 2019 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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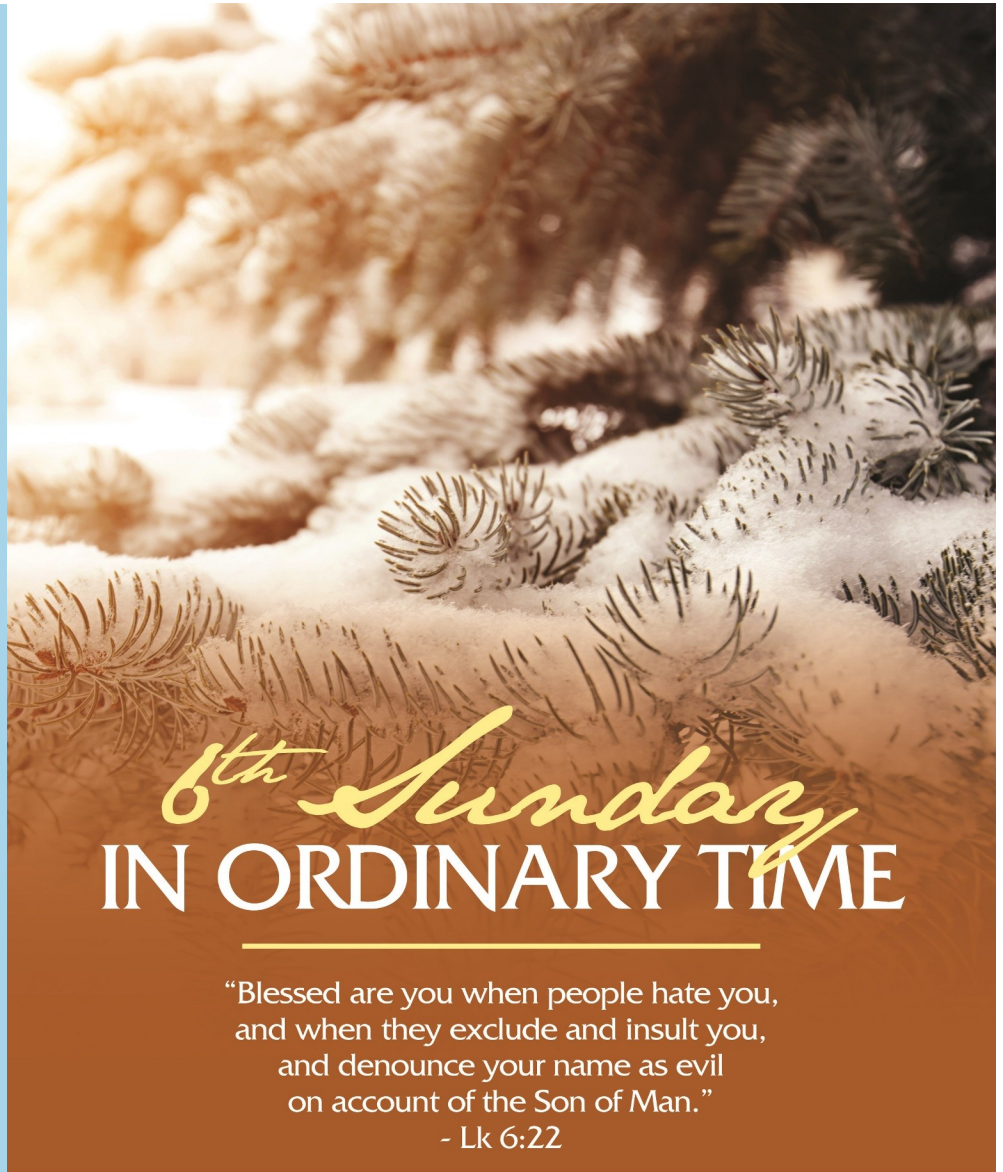
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6th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you when people hate you,
 and when they exclude and insult you,
 and denounce your name as evil
 on account of the Son of Man.”
 - Lk 6:22

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Mass Times

Holy Family - Grand Blanc
 Saturday Vigil 4 pm
 Sunday 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 5 pm

St. Mark's - Goodrich
 Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
 Sunday 9:30 am

Weekday
 Monday - Saturday 8 am
 Wednesday 6:30 pm

Weekday
 Tuesday 6:30 pm
 Friday 8:30 am

Parish Directory

Parish Office..... 694-4891 (fax 694-1583)

Hours..... M-F 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. / 1 - 5 p.m.
(closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch)

Email: holyfamily@hfgb.org / Website: hfgb.org

Pastor, **Fr. Joseph Krupp**

Parochial Vicars, **Fr. Peter Lawrence** and **Fr. Bill Wegher**

Deacon, **Dennis Pennell**

Deacon, **Larry Blondin**

Music Director, **Dr. B. Simon Lee**

Associate Music Director, **Dr. Sia Lee**

Liturgy Coordinator, **Lorri O'Dea**

Business Manager, **Brian Kita**

Director of Evangelization, **Erin Cummings**

Accountant, **Aimee Wolven**

Program Director, **Kristin Smith**

Parish Secretary, **Theresa Dyer**

Bulletin Editor, **Linda Doyle**

Special Projects / Communications, **Nicole Urbanik**

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.;

Sunday 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (no summer) - during

10 a.m. Mass - *For children four years old - 2nd grade*

**St. Mark - Goodrich - Sat (Vigil) 5:30 p.m. / Sun 9:30 am*

Weekday: Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. / Wed 6:30 p.m.

**St. Mark - Goodrich - Tue 6:30 p.m. / Fri 8:30 a.m.*

Holy Day: As announced in bulletin.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Sat. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Sun. 9:30 - 10 a.m.
and 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., and by appt.

Wed. 8:30 - 9 am and 6 - 6:30 pm

St. Mark - Goodrich Saturday 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance.

Marriage: Please make arrangements with Parish
Priest at least nine months in advance.

Prayers & Devotions

Rosary: 7:15 am MWTF / 5:30 pm Wed / 8:30 am Sat

Eucharistic Adoration: Wed..... 8:30 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.

**St. Mark - Goodrich - First Fridays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

Our Mother of Perpetual Help DevotionWed 7p.m.

Fatima Prayer Cell Tues 4 p.m.

Ministry to the Ill & Bereaved

Linda Waggoner, Nancy Reputan 694-4891

Social Outreach Ministry.....771-7279

Hours M-F 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. / **Brian Holyfield**

Holy Family School..... 694-9072

School Day 7:40 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Principal, **Theresa Purcell**

Assistant Principal, **Michael Brown**

Administrative Assistant, **Lisa Harvey**

Secretary, **Chasity Campbell**

School Receptionist, **Shelley Corcoran**

Dir. of Adv./Alumni Relations, **Ann Yochim Tabereaux**

Religious Education.....694-9072

Religious Education Classes (Pre-school - Adult)

Children's Liturgy of the Word... during Sun. 10 am Mass

Grades K-6 Sun 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

Grades 7-8 Sun. 6 - 8 pm in St. Joseph Center

Special Education Contact the RE office

Director, **Janet Gravel** ext. 2151

RCIA/Baptism Director, **Maddie White**.....ext. 2154

Youth Ministry 694-9072

Jan Gravel (Middle School), ext. 2151

Erin Cummings (IMPACT High School), ext. 2204

All meeting Sundays 6 - 8 pm in the St. Joseph Center
during the school year

Event/Facility Coordinator 694-9013

Carrie Pilarski

Meeting and Event Facilities: Father Bush Parish Center,
St. Joseph Center, and all other venues

Pastoral Council

Chairperson, **Matthew Williams**

Vice Chairperson, **Jordan Mitchell**

At-Large Members:

Rel. Ed./Youth - **Tiffany Minder**

Athletic Boosters - **Jayson Richert**

School/PTO - **Tim Willis**

Communications/Events - **Carrie Pilarski**

Worship Representative, Sr. **Sharon Hektor**

Evangelization Representative, **Deb Hawley**

Christian Service Representative

Parish Life Representative, **Carrie Pilarski**

Finance Representative, **Jayson Richert**

Commissions:

Christian Service Commission

Facilitator,

Evangelization Commission

Facilitator, **Randy Petrides**

Finance Commission

Facilitator, **Jim Distelrath**

Parish Life Commission

Facilitator, **Connie Lesley**

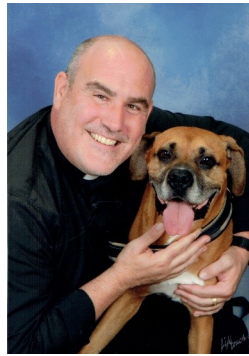
To contact any Facilitators, please call parish office

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for each Sunday
is the previous **Monday by noon**. Watch the bulletin for
holiday early deadlines. Submit to: ldoyle@hfgb.org



A Cup of Joe

Greetings in Christ! I pray that God bless you and yours with His love and light this day.



I wanted to focus the bulletin this week on the upcoming Welcome Weekend. While Holy Family is hosting, we are hoping for both of my Parish Families to take part in it.

Since I've got here, I've been blown away by the sheer number of people who have participated in the Welcome Weekend and had their lives transformed by it.

Last time we offered this for men, we didn't have much interest at all and so we had to cancel. It is my hope that each man reading this will take a moment and ask "God, do you want me to go?"

I think sometimes, we get in trouble because we look at scheduling the spiritual around the question "Do I have time to go?"

For me, my life changed for the better when I realized that the most important question I can ask in regard to spiritual questions centers around me asking God "Do you want me to?"

When I was a younger man I stopped asking how someone like me could or should ever be a priest and starting asking "God, do you want me to be a priest?"

Too often, we treat our relationship with God as another option, as a thing we do if we have extra time. To that, I invite us to remember Jesus words "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else will be added to you."

So...that's my pitch. Gents, I'm asking you to pray about it and respond accordingly. I don't think anyone who goes will regret it.

With that, here is the information you'll need to attend:

Men's Welcome Weekend

Saturday March 16th 8:30 am to 9:00 pm and
Sunday 8:00 am to 4:00pm.

Great meals - friendly talk - no overnight stay - no cost to attend.

To register by email: mensretreat@hfsqb.org OR contact Deacon Larry Blondin (810) 694-4891 ext. 254

To close out this article, I wanted to let you know that I'll be heading off with some of my family for a vacation at the end of this month. I'll be leaving after the noon mass on February 24th and coming back the next week.

I'm very excited for this, my brain is tired! Please pray that I have a safe trip and restful time.

God bless you, my two beautiful Parish Families!

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Welcome.
There is **More to Life**

My Welcome Weekend helped me:

- Appreciate the power of the Lord in Adoration..... Rob Toth
- Discover the Lord's love, grace & mercy..... Dave Johnson
- See God's gifts made present in my life..... Rich Hall
- Change the way I pray and direction of my life..... JJ Vicari
- Finally find Jesus - my true happinessJim O'Dea
- Become a better man with a new life..... Ed Waier
- Learn how to see God working in my life..... Keith Lang
- Answer the call *Come Follow Me*—I did.....Andrzej Przyjazny
- See Jesus as the answer to all our problems..... Jeff Courtney
- Become a "Better Version of Myself".....Peter Dahlgren
- Put the "Gospel" into action in my daily living....Dr. Kumal Saha
- Know God's plan to fill my life with His life.....Dcn Larry Blondin

We look forward to

Welcoming you to WELCOME!

March 16-17, 2019 Holy Family - St. Joseph Center

To Register: Email lblondin@hfgb.org

Phone: Deacon Larry Blondin 810-348-9443

HOLY FAMILY 2019 LENTEN JOURNEY



Lenten Dinners - Help Wanted

Calling all Mission Makeover participants and their families:

We need your help with the upcoming Lenten Dinners on the following days:

March 8th
March 15th
March 22nd
March 29th
April 5th
April 12th



Dinners run from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and help is needed from 3 - 8:00 p.m. Please note that all proceeds from the dinners will go to Mission Makeover and the High School Mission Trip to Cincinnati this summer. Please consider lending us a hand. Call Jan at (810) 694-9072, ext. 2151 with any questions or to sign up.

Mission Makeover 2019 is **July 8th - 12th** and registration forms will be available soon!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES, EXCEPT THE 8:00 AM.



WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 6, 2019

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W E D N E S D A Y

MASS SCHEDULE

6:30 AM	8:00 AM (ALL SCHOOL MASS)
12:10 PM	6:30 PM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE,
SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE ORGAN,
OR YOU CAN CONTACT
LORRI O'DEA IN THE PARISH OFFICE,
810-694-4891, EXT. 2214.

Lenten Sacred Music Prayer Service

Mark your calendar for **A Lenten Sacred Music Prayer Service** in the church. On **Thursday, April 4th** at 6:30pm, our Adult Choir will assist you with sacred music and reflections while you adore the Exposed Blessed Sacrament in the church.

Please also know that this is a very good time to join our adult choir as we prepare for the Lenten and Easter seasons. We always welcome new members. The weekday rehearsal is Wednesday, 7:30 PM in the church, and the choir sings at Sunday 10 AM Mass every weekend. Come check us out on Wednesday or Sunday. For more information, please contact Dr. Simon Lee at musicdirector@hfgb.org.

Stations of the Cross - Altar Servers Needed

We need your help with the upcoming dates for Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm on Fridays during Lent:



March 8th
March 15th
March 22nd
March 29th

If you would like to be a server for the Stations of the Cross, please contact Lorri O'Dea in the parish office, 810-694-4891, ext. 2214

What's Happening Here

Trash Bag Pick-Up

Trash bag pick-up is next weekend, **Saturday, February 23rd, and Sunday, February 24th**, after ALL Masses in the school lobby.



We will also have trash bags available for cash and carry.

Bereavement Journey

Please join us for a Spiritual Journey of the Heart and Soul. These meetings are for anyone who is grieving a recent or past loss or for someone who is supporting another who has suffered a loss.

We are meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, February 27th**, 1:00 p.m. in the Fr. Bush Small Hall.

For more information, please contact Linda Waggoner or Nancy Repuyan in the parish office (810) 694-4891, ext. 211.

Art Show Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came to the Mission Makeover and Mission Trip fundraiser! We raised \$1,048.00 that will be divided between Mission Makeover and the High School Mission trip to Cincinnati. There are so many people to thank for helping to make this a success, these are the men and women who give of their time every year to work with our teens and they truly have a servants heart - so if you see the following people please thank them! Dana George, Gretchen Polzin-Ridley, Jim Ridley, Lyle Ridley, John and Tracy Freel, Andy Cocagne, Mary Jo Jones, Marie Copeland, Luci Peterman, Marilynne Robinson, Joe Sliwka, Ken Mraz and the countless students and parents that created the art and worked at the show. A special thanks to Gretchen, Luci, Dana and Marilynne whose vision make this happen!

*On behalf of our parish we
thank you for your acts of kindness,
We pray in turn that you'd be blessed
By the loving hand of God
We pray your day be filled with peace
And with God's awesome grace
And may you know His presence more
As you behold His face.*

Meals for Moms

Do you show your love by cooking for others? Would you like to support growing families in the parish? Are you expecting a new arrival and need a little help?

MEALS FOR MOMS seeks to provide moms with a few meals after the birth of their child. With many living far

from our Moms / adult children, this is an excellent opportunity for us to welcome new life, embrace families and show Christian charity in our parish community. Families will provide info about how many to cook for, food allergies, and where / when to deliver.

Volunteer cooks will receive notice before and when baby comes so that the meals arrive on days moms and families need them.



If you are expecting a child, would like to volunteer, or simply want more information, please contact Annie DeLisle (810) 516-5651 or email HFGBMealsforMoms@gmail.com.

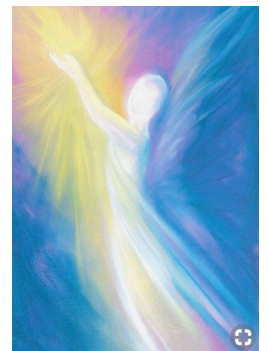


Paint and Pray

March 19th, 2019 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

All are invited to join us on Tuesday, March 19th, in the Fr. Bush Parish Center as we welcome back our local artist Dana George who will lead us in a step-by-step painting project. You will leave with a one-of-a-kind creation and be inspired by a meditative prayer. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes your canvas and paint supplies. Reservations are a must and can be made by Religious Education office at 810-694-4891, ext. 2151.

Participants can bring their favorite beverages and snacks to enjoy during the evening. Please note: doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and painting will begin at 6:30 p.m.



Knights of Columbus Annual 8th Grade Essay Contest Winners



Congratulations to Knights of Columbus Annual 8th Grade Essay Contest winners Isabella, Nathan and Ellen! This year's topic was "How Does Your Family Keep Its Faith in Action?" Students were presented with a certificate and a \$50 Amazon Gift Card. Thank you for letting the light of Jesus shine through you and your families.

Thank You

Thank you Knights of Columbus Mother of Perpetual Help Council 6742 for the donation of funds for the cross now hanging in our very own HFS Gym. It is a beautiful reminder to our students, spectators and guest that our Faith is represented in all that we do.



Holy Family Scholarship Application Information

Holy Family School Scholarship applications can be found on our website (www.hfsgb.org under the current families tab). All Applications are due March 1, 2019. These include: Fr. Bush Student Scholarship, Holy Family Parish Scholarship, Sr. Sharon Hektor Scholarship and the Holy Family Parish Subsidy application for Catholic high school. All applicants must be current on their 2018-2019 tuition obligations to apply.



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

K of C Spaghetti Dinner - Fr. Joe Cooking!

Come join us for the K of C Spaghetti Dinner on **Wednesday, February 20th**, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. **Fr. Joe is cooking his homemade sauce and serving until 6:30!** Adults \$8 / Child \$5 (ages 4-11, under 4 free) with a \$27 cap per nuclear family. \$1 extra for takeout. All proceeds support the Knights charitable programs in the parish, school and community. Credit cards accepted.



Tuition Subsidy for High School Students

Holy Family Parish offers a tuition subsidy to students of active and participating Holy Family parishioners that 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. The application is online at hfsgb.org, under the Admissions Tab, then select "Scholarships and Tuition Assistance."

Please fill out a form for each high school student in your family. This form is due **March 1st, 2019**.

Befriender Ministry Training

Is Coming Soon

If you enjoy being a caring presence to others, please consider BeFriender Ministry.

The role of the Befriender is to be a companion in the journey with others who are experiencing difficult and transitional circumstances. Through their listening presence and compassion, Befrienders bring with them the caring presence of God and the community, offering a nonjudgmental, active listening.



**BEFRIENDER
MINISTRY**

A Listening Presence

BeFrienders also participate regularly in small group meetings for reflection on their ministry and continuing education.

BeFriender program leaders provide support to BeFrienders as they offer care to others.

The training addresses issues such as grief and loss, spirituality, listening, and confidentiality.

For more information, contact Linda Waggoner at (810) 694-4891, ext. 2211, or Linda Blondin at (810) 655-6603 or lindablondin12@gmail.com

55 & Over Club

The lessons we remember are the lessons we learn the hard way.

Seth Godin



Winter blues getting you down? Give yourself a break and join us in the Fr. Bush Parish Center for our weekly 55 & Over lunch Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All those fifty and over are welcome.

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.

Euchre Night at Holy Family

Holy Family Parish Life Commission is hosting Euchre Night to benefit the Lansing Diocese Seminarians on **Friday, February 22nd**, in the St. Joseph Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with game play beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$15, which includes snacks, beverages, and eight rounds of play. Come join in the fun and support our seminarians.



Stewardship of Treasure February 9th & 10th

Registered Families	1923
Envelopes received this week	455
Online givers this week	154
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 25,898.81
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 11,598.81
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 1,862.60
Total weekly offerings	\$ 39,360.24

Mass Intentions February 18 - 24

Monday, February 18

8:00 AM Bernice Murphy (Living) *by Sandy Sprague*

Tuesday, February 19

8:00 AM Rose Kitts *by Kurtice & Tom*

Wednesday, February 20

8:00 AM Thomas Wanbaugh *by family*

6:30 PM David Brochu *by Bob and Donna Turmell*

Thursday, February 21

8:00 AM Mario Simoni *by Margherita Simoni Family*

Friday, February 22

8:00 AM Betty Dunn *by Joe Dunn*

Saturday, February 23

8:00 AM Steven Greene *by Mary Ann and Mike Nini*

4:00 PM Dean Wallace *by Vitols Family*

Sunday, February 24

8:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners

10:00 AM Laura Cristiano (Living) *by Hasselbach Family*

12:00 PM Marion Palmer *by Connie Lesley*

5:00 PM Jerry Creighton *by Knights of Columbus 6742*

Holy Family Happenings

Sunday, February 17

9 AM - 2 PM Coffee & Donuts (FBPC)

Monday, February 18

9 AM - 12:30 PM St. Joseph Guild (FBPC)

Tuesday, February 19

11 AM - 2 PM Senior Luncheon (FBPC)

4 - 4:30 PM Fatima Rosary (CH)

7 - 8:30 PM Baptism Prep (HFS)



Wednesday, February 20

8:30 AM - 6:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration (CH)

9 - 11 AM Walking with Purpose (SJC)

5:45 - 6:25 PM Parish Youth Choir (RE office)

5 - 7 PM Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner (FBPC)

7:30 - 9 PM Church History Series (SJC)

Thursday, February 21

9:30 - 11 AM Befriender's Ministry meeting (SJC)

6 - 7:30 PM Walking with Purpose (SJC)

7 - 8 PM Book Club meeting (HFS)

Friday, February 22

3 - 4 PM Help Put God Back in America (CH)

6:30 - 9:30 PM Euchre Night (SJC)

7 - 9 PM Cantor/Adult Choir rehearsal (CH)

Saturday, February 23

Liturgical Ministry February 23 - 24 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Joe Krupp

Lectors: Doug Zloto, Sam Burdick

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	(Help needed)	Randy Swiatek
Bethany Zloto	Kourtney Lobsinger	Sr. Sharon Hektor
Doug Zloto	Kathy Swiatek	Jean Farris

Servers: Claire / Nathan / Joey Holifield

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Bill Wegher

Lectors: Kim Dinger, Neal Fatheree

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Traci Snyder	Peter Cook
Dick Jobbagy	Paul Racine	Megan Vicari
Dan Charboneau	Sandra Racine	J.J. Vicari

Servers: Drew / Tommy Dowling, Olivia Snyder

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Bill Wegher

Lectors: Debbie Oglenski, Colleen Argus

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Roy Linkowski	Carolyn Roeser
Jim Garland	Linda McGinnis	Luci Saha
Karen Garland	Marje Mercier	Lorri O'Dea
Cathy Kelly	Terry Peterson	
Patrick Kelly	Genevieve Riopelle	

Servers: Madysen Haus, Jack Hlavach, Anna Kreiman

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Joe Krupp

Lectors: Dan Savoie, Karen Allen

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	John Tuohy	Scott Villaire
Adam Martin	Peggy Tuohy	Karen Zellej
Kathy Savoie	Cindy Villaire	Gavin Beach

Servers: Brennan / Kendall Corcoran, Ava Bryant

5:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Peter Lawrence

Lectors: Lucinda Peterman, Alice Thomas

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

TBD	Al Schmit	Andy Cocagne
Nancy Repuyan	Sharon Peasel	Marie Copeland
Jim Ridley	Maddie White	Deb Hawley

Servers: I. Stein, E. Woycehoski, F. Copeland

Weekly Readings February 17 - 24

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26 / **Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13 / **Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21 / **Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26 / **Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33 / **Friday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19 / **Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13 / **Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Greetings in Christ, all!

Each time our culture attempts to normalize an evil, we as Catholics need to take the time to see why something is good or bad, right or wrong, moral or immoral. This way, our response to the questions that arise are, in the words of Scripture “strong, loving and wise”.

As your Pastor, I feel a significant but life-giving weight to share with you the truth and beauty of our Catholic faith, particularly when the world around us is telling us something quite different. This is such a time, so this is such a letter. I am going to give the Catholic teaching on abortion, as best I can.

Before we get into it, I want to be sure and let you know that, if you are reading this and have participated in an abortion in any way, God loves you. I pray that right now, as you read this, you sense the love our God has for you and His hunger to heal you of this wound. It is exceedingly rare that anyone does an evil for evil sake: sometimes, we feel desperate, sometimes, we decide without thinking...all of us have sinned and fallen short, but no one reading this is beyond the reach of Our Fathers mercy: Have Hope! Come to Him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the mercy that He is literally dying to give you. You belong to God and nothing can change that: let Him heal you.

Why do Catholics oppose abortion?

The Catholic Church has, from its beginning, equated abortion to nothing less than the taking of an innocent human life. We'll start with the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person --among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.

- Jer 1:5, Ps 22:10

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.

- Psalm 139:15

2271 Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law:

You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.

- Didache 2,2

God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.

- GS 51: 3

Don't be distracted!

I have discussed this issue extensively with people and often, others will ask questions about abortion that take us from the core issue. Ultimately, there is only one question that matters in this discussion: are we talking about a human life?

If the being in the womb is a human, then this is not primarily an issue about bodily autonomy.

If the being in the womb is a human, then no law can give a person a right to take that life.

It's that simple, morally speaking.

To me, we have to ask three questions:

1. If that which is in the womb is not human, what is it?
2. When does it become human?

3. Who makes that determination?

The way our laws work right now, it is quite literally true that the being in the womb is only human if a more powerful human determines it to be so. Folks, that is an exceedingly dangerous position to take. As Christians, we recognize that giving another human the power to confer or revoke personhood always has dreadful and long-lasting consequences for the individual and for society.

What about the death penalty and immigration? What about all the other issues we face?

Those issues and many, many others are important, too. This is why I embrace the battle cry that we must be more than anti-abortion, we must be Pro-Life.

With that, let's be clear: there is no moral equivalent in American politics right now that matches up to abortion. For example, there were 25 executions in the US last year. We average that many abortions every 11 minutes.

Again, if we are talking about a human, abortion is the taking of a human life. If we are not talking about a human, what is it?

Father, I totally disagree with you on this.

Then pray for me. I do not type that to be trite or dismissive, I mean it: pray for me and know I will pray for you. In our prayer for each other, we will assume the best of intentions and ask God to change our hearts to make them more like His.

What can we do?

First, and you will grow weary of me saying/typing this, but we must pray. We must pray like mad for God to end this legalized horror in our country. We must pray that God hold back His judgement on us. We must pray for the many lost who procure abortions because they simply don't see better options or because they were desperate or deceived. We must pray for them, that they seek and receive mercy from God and us.

Second, we must be Pro Life. You and I need to live in our human community as shining examples of people who respect all life. The way we talk, the way we act...all of it must shout that we believe each person we encounter is filled with the dignity of God. We are not called to be solely anti-abortion, but Pro-Life.

Third, we must be ready. In my lifetime at my parents' house, they took in dozens and dozens of people who needed help. They didn't go to abortion clinics waving "Abortion is murder" signs, they offered to help. They sacrificed financial and emotional comfort to help others. As a priest, I have been blessed to encounter many such people in every parish I've served and I invite us to continue doing the same and step up our game!

There's lots more to say, but I only have so much time/space to get after this. I hope you read these words with the intent with which I offered them: a heart full of love and a desire to guide us to think with the mind of God. Please pray that, as a Parish Family, we grow each day in our willingness and ability to sacrifice for love and for life and to stand by the desperate, the frightened, the lowly and the needy.

God is calling, let's answer with love and vigor.

Your priest,



Fr. Joseph J Krupp

High School Youth Ministry

Mission Statement: We, the youth of Holy Family, as disciples of Jesus Christ, seek to deepen our relationship with the Lord and welcome others into that relationship through prayer, fellowship and service.



High school will still be meeting this week for a fun hang out night.

Also: please consider coming to the retreat in Wixom March 1st - 3rd... we still have three spots open!

Religious Education

First Reconciliation Services

First Reconciliation Services are the following days:

Thursday, February 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive this beautiful sacrament of healing

First Communion Retreat

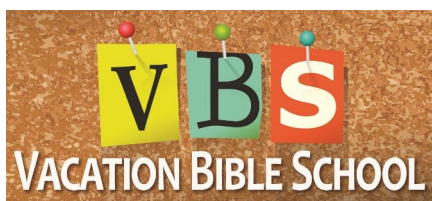
First Communion Retreat will be held on the following days:

Saturday March 9th

or

Saturday March 16th

The retreat begin at 10 a.m. and will conclude at 1 p.m. - a pizza lunch will be served, if you have any questions please call Jan at 810-694-9072 ext.2151



Vacation Bible School

June 24 - 28 / 9 a.m. - noon

Plans are underway for this year's VBS and it's guaranteed to be filled with faith and fun! We are looking for volunteers to help run various stations and to be classroom teachers. This is a great opportunity for high school students, as well as adults. All training and material are provided. If you are interested, please call the Religious Education office at (810) 694-9072 ext.2151.

Parish Prayers



In Loving Memory

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

January 17

George Whaley, Marilyn Woodruff, Beatrice Robitaille

January 18

Mary Lewis, Marion Mintline, Thomas R. Waggoner, Wilma Steinmetz, Robert Crawford, Bertha Williams, John Fry, Maurice Robitaille, Judith Croci

January 19

Thomas McGuinity, Anne Kulik, Bernard Cunningham, George Goodrich

January 20

Raymond Latesky, Rosie Lumaque

January 21

Kazys Zolpys, Frances M. Turner, Frances Donahue

January 22

Hilary LaFave, Eileen Marran, Charlotte Urban, Glenda "Sharon" Higgins, Barbara Dolores Charboneau, Joanne Sweeney, Geoffrey Riek

January 23

Earl J. Repke, Colleen Roesner, Norman Daniels



Altar flowers in memory of
Bernard Czymbor

by Scott & Cynthia Villaire and family

**Please Pray for
the Ill and Their
Caregivers**



Please remember in prayer those listed in the February 3 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions at the back of the church.

**Prayer Intention of Pope Francis
for February**

Universal: For a general welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

What's Happening Here

Annual Men's Retreat

March 1-3, 2019

St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI

"From Chaos to Order: A Scriptural Guide"

Join us to gain new scriptural insights on ways to bring order into your own life and community. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$175 - retreat begins with check in at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. Men of all ages are welcome! Register with St. Francis at 517-669-8321; registration is also available online at www.stfrancis.ws. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to set aside time for this encounter opportunity!

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Presence

Episode 1: God Is With Us

What's So Special about the Eucharist?

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.

Watch on formed.org



"I wish the whole world could watch this!"

—Rachel Q., Lafayette, LA



Diocesan Scholarship

Open to any family with a Catholic student entering grades K-12 in a Diocese of Lansing Catholic School, and who's home Parish is in the Diocese of Lansing. Students in grades K through 8th may qualify for the \$750.00 grant. Students in grades 9th through 12th may qualify for the \$1000.00 grant.

All applicants must apply through FACTS. Application must be completed on line by March 1, 2019.



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Freedom in Christ

Study Group Forming

Holy Family Grand Blanc

Tuesdays: starts March 5, 2019
(8 sessions in series)

St. Joseph Hall 7:00-8:30 pm

Cost: \$20 Workbook

UNBOUND book if needed \$15

Many who attended the recent **UNBOUND** "Live Free Genesee Conference" held at Holy Family, can testify to receiving more freedom and blessings in their life.

Come and learn in this study group how the **UNBOUND** prayer model applies the Gospel of Jesus to your story with five simple keys. Unbound teaches how to listen and respond in Five Key areas as you seek greater Freedom in Christ and how to help others do the same.

To Register or for more info contact Dcn. Larry Blondin
lblondin@hfgb.org
(810) 694-4891 ext. 254



Around the Diocese

Annual Spring Luncheon

The Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild will be hosting our Annual Spring Luncheon on Tuesday May 7, 2019 from 12noon to 1:30pm at the St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall. Peter Herbeck from Renewal Ministries will be speaking on "What Time Is It? Reading the Signs of The Times & Understanding What the Spirit is Saying to the Church." If you would like to attend the Luncheon please send us an email at lclguild@gmail.com. **Deadline for registering for the Luncheon is April 30, 2019.** We encourage you to join us and celebrate faith and spirituality in the legal profession. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Diane Arzberger 517-402-2880 (c).

Special Needs Mass

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, in Burton, will have a special needs Mass on **February 24, 2019**, at 1:00p.m. We encourage and welcome all to attend this mass, especially children and those with special needs. The Mass is a little shorter and the homily and music is tailored to those with special needs. The Mass allows everyone to be themselves and to serve, to read, to usher, play one of our many instruments, and to participate in whatever way that they feel comfortable. There will be refreshments following the Mass. **COME AS YOU ARE, YOUNG AND OLD. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

First Saturday Devotions

The World Apostolate of Fatima Diocesan Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace will be held at Our Lady of Lebanon (4101 Calkins Rd., Flint) on **Saturday, March 2nd**, at 9:00 a.m. The morning will include Divine Liturgy, Investiture in the Brown Scapular, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour of Prayer and Rosary.

The Man Event

February 23, 2019
at Our Lady of Fatima
(313 Napoleon Rd.,

Michigan Center, MI 49254)

Featuring Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
Mass with Bishop Boyea and Brian Flynn
www.TheManEvent.org

Register online
Adults \$40 / Students \$30



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Instead of flowers and candy, give the gift of yourselves to each other on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming weekends will be held **March 15-17** at St. Francis Retreat Center-DeWitt. Apply online at wwme.org or contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 734-531-9191.

Kerygma Encounter

Kerygma Encounter is now the first step in preparing Catechists for the classroom. It is a day spent with our loving God; Father, Son, and Spirit, going deep into the heart of the saving promise of God, fulfilled in the Gospel of Jesus. The day is spent in quiet listening, and gentle rejoicing: listening to the essential Gospel proclaimed in brief talks, listening to the Lord speak directly to you throughout the day's many silent prayer times, including Eucharistic Adoration, sharing joy with each other in opportunities for quiet conversation.

Hundreds of committed Catholics have experienced the Kerygma Encounter (including the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist!!).

Hosted by: St. Paul Catholic Church
111 North Howell Street, Owosso

Date: **Saturday, March 9, 2019**

Time: Begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Program will run until 3:30 p.m.

Morning Hospitality and Lunch will be provided.

Cost is \$25. Registration deadline is **Friday, March 1st**

Any questions, please contact Sharon at religioused@stpaulowosso.org or 989/723-4765, ext. 1307 or Margaret Grima at 517/342-2465.

Casino Bus Trip

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians invite you to join us for OUR LUCK OF THE IRISH Casino Bus Trip Fund-raiser! We will depart St. Mary's Swartz Creek on **April 2nd** at 10am arriving at Firekeepers and returning at 5pm. Cost is \$40 per person and includes \$20 in gaming and \$5 in food. Registration deadline is March 17th. Please call Kathy at 810-429-2535 for details.