



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

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Entrance Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #949

Responsorial Psalm #1074

Psalm 22: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Communion Hymns

I Receive the Living God #916

I Will Be the Vine #872

Alleluia No. 1 #524

Closing Hymn

Sing with All the Saints in Glory #539

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

Readings

#1074

First Reading:
Acts 9:26-31

Second Reading:
1 John 3:18-24

Gospel:
John 15:1-8



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 C U P O F J O E

Lots to run by you this week. Let's start with two huge joyful things.

First, our First Communion celebrations are coming up! On May 4th at 4 pm and May 5th at Noon, we will be celebrating first communions with our little ones. Jesus, bless their hearts. Please keep these wonderful kids and their families in your prayers as they prepare and receive the Blessed Sacrament.



Second, on May 1st, we celebrate the Feast of St. Peregrine. St. Peregrine is one of the saints whose relic we are blessed to have in the church. He is the patron saint of those who suffer from cancer. You should see a large article about him in this bulletin (on page 7). We will place his relic on the altar for our 8 am and 6 pm Mass on that day and, after Mass, if you wish, we invite you to come forward and be blessed with it.

A note about our confession lines...

I'm so blessed with how many of you go to confession. It's one of the highlights of my week. I do want to ask us to be conscious of making sure that the line for the confessional does not creep too close to the confessional. Just something to keep in mind.

Finally, I need to ask for your forgiveness. After Christmas, I prepared my thank you notes for the many wonderful blessings I received and then I checked it off my "to-do" list before I sent them. I realized about a week or two ago that I messed this up and I feel terribly guilty about it. I reworked all the cards because some of what I wrote to some of you was about the "New Year"...ugh. So, those should be going out soon and I ask you to forgive me for not getting them to you in a time frame that reflects how grateful I am and was. Thank you for your mercy.

Thank you for letting me serve as your priest. I am so grateful to God for you all.

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First Holy Communion will be at
4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 4th and
Noon Mass on Sunday, May 5th.
There will be reserved seating for First Communicants at the front of church.

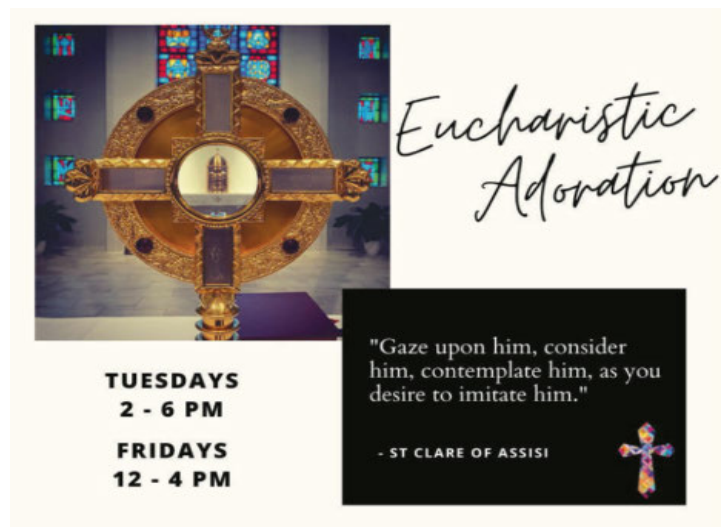
Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this beautiful sacrament.

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

Baptism

Baptized on April 20, 2024

Harper Averie Boisture,
daughter of Joseph Boisture and Shannon Zavracky



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

STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP

“Others First” is Next Weekend

We depend on your generosity to stock our Outreach Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. Please remember the needy as you shop this week. Our current need is for **cereal (including sweet cereal), toilet paper, paper towel, lotion (full size), tissue, laundry detergent (small size), tampons, conditioner (full size), floss, bar soap, and adult toothpaste (full size)**. Bring nonperishable items to Mass next weekend or drop items off at Outreach (white building north of the church) Mon.- Fri. 10 am - 2 pm. Clothing items to donate may be placed in shed behind Outreach (shed is back close to garage).



Your timely and wonderful generosity is appreciated, especially by our clients. It seems that no sooner are we low in supply, than you show up with products!

In addition to groceries and supplies, we greatly appreciate monetary donations which can be used to support our efforts. If you choose to give through Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, please designate **P152** to direct it to Holy Family. Thank you for any future giving that you might direct to Outreach!

Stewardship of Treasure April 20th & 21st, 2024

Registered families		1992
Envelopes received this week		134
Mail-in givers this week		28
Online givers this week		275
Amount offered from envelopes	\$	5,988.00
Amount offered from mail	\$	4,211.00
Amount offered from online giving	\$	18,639.00
Amount offered from visitors	\$	732.37
Total weekly offerings	\$	29,750.37

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.)



EACH YEAR, THE DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL (DSA) UNITES ALL 71 PARISHES OF OUR DIOCESE, UNITING US TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOOD THAT IS FAR MORE THAN ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ANY SINGLE PARISH COULD ACCOMPLISH ALONE.

Envelopes are available for giving to DSA or you may go to diocesesoflansing.org/DSA.

Good Works of the Diocesan Services Appeal

Adoption and Foster Care Services / Building and Property Management / Campus Ministry / Care for our Priests - Active and Retired / Catechesis and Catechist Formation / Catholic Charities Works of Mercy / Catholic Schools / Communications and Technology / Consecrated Vocations / Diaconate Formation and Support / Discipleship and Lay Formation / Evangelization Initiatives / Faith-Based Counseling / FAITH Magazine / Hispanic Ministries / Hospital Ministry / Human Resources and Legal Services / Marriage and Family Programs / Marriage Tribunal Services / Natural Family Planning and Life Ministries / Outreach Ministries / Parish Financial Services / Pregnancy Counseling and Services / Professional Services for Parishes / Religious Education / Restorative Justice/Prison Ministry / Retreats and Conferences / Sacramental Records and Archives / Seminarian Education and Formation / St. Francis Retreat Center / Worship and Liturgical Resources / Young Adult Vocational Formation / Youth Formation

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Knights of Columbus

Family Rosary

Please join us as we pray the Rosary for the intentions of all Holy Family Parishioners. We will pray a family Rosary **Sunday, May 5** (the first Sunday of every month), shortly after the end of 10:00 AM Mass.



Knights' Breakfast

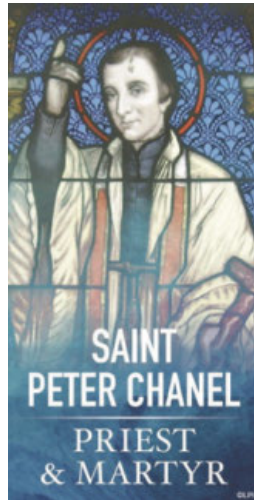
The Knights of Columbus' monthly breakfast will be **Sunday, May 12th**, (this breakfast is free for moms) from 9 am to noon in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. Waffles, pancakes, omelets, eggs and more will be served. Bake sale items will also be available. Breakfast is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids, \$30 for a nuclear family (parents and their kids). All profits will go to Family Promise of MidMichigan in their fight against homelessness. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



Saint

April 28: St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

St. Peter was born in the town of Cuet in France in 1803. After ordination to the priesthood, he was engaged in pastoral work for a few years. He then joined the Marists and journeyed to Oceania to preach the Gospel. Despite many hardships he converted some of the natives to the faith. Out of hatred for the faith, a band of native warriors killed him in 1841 on the island of Futuna.



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, May 3rd 11 am

Play Time

Meet at Physician's Park and then Hot Dog Stand for lunch

Tuesday, May 7th 7 pm

Mom's Night Out Bonfire + Treats

See FB group or text Stephanie or Erin for details

Stephanie Robinson
(586) 899-9084

Erin Downes
(517) 294-7679



Drop in anytime!

Catholic Moms of Young Children Play Group



Piano Recital with Dr. Sia Lee
Postponed until September
(watch for more details)
Church of the Holy Family

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

May 5, 2024
This week's topic:
Seven Deadly Sins

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

H O L Y F A M I L Y S C H O O L

HFS Maker's Faire 2024

Our HFS entrepreneurs showcased their products at the 2024 HFS Maker's Faire! Around 30+ students created business plans, budgets and learned about supply and demand! Thank You, Mrs. Piper, for giving our students an opportunity to make their business dreams a reality!



You are cordially invited
Father Bush Parish Center
THURSDAY, May 2nd, 2024
6:00pm - 7:30pm
HFS Band/Choir Concerts,
6th Grade International Fair +
Art Showcase



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



— Relics at Holy Family —

Feast Day | May 1

 St. Peregrine

Peregrine Laziosi was born in 1265 in Forlì, Italy and the first part of his life did not seem to indicate that there was a saint in the making. He was violently opposed to the Pope and Rome and joined a group opposed to Rome. The Pope sent a priest named Philip Benizi of the Servite Order to his town to try to bring people back to the Church. Upon his arrival, Philip began to speak to the crowd that gathered, when he was dragged off the stage and beaten by a mob. Young Peregrine pushed him down and beat him. Shortly after, Peregrine felt tortured by his cruelty and went back to the priest and asked his forgiveness, which Philip gave joyfully. The two became inseparable. Peregrine aggressively pursued a life of holiness and service. The Blessed Mother appeared to him and led him to join the Servite order. He absolutely poured himself out in service to the poor and in his daily prayer life. He intervened in bad situations and brought peace and joy so often that the people in town began to call him "The Angel of Good Counsel." At one point, he discovered a large, painful cancerous tumor on his foot. He tried to push on, but the pain was too great. The doctor and he agreed that they had to amputate. The night before the surgery, Peregrine dreamt that Christ touched his foot and healed it. When he awoke, the tumor was gone. For the rest of his life, people came to him for prayers and many experienced miracles, some happening when he simply whispered the name of Jesus in their ears. He died on May 1st of 1345. He is the Patron Saint of persons suffering from cancer, AIDS and other life threatening illnesses.

Pray...

St. Peregrine, whom Holy Mother Church has declared a Patron for those suffering from cancer, I confidently turn to you for help in my present sickness. I beg your kind intercession. Ask God to relieve me of this sickness if it be His Holy Will. Plead with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, whom you loved so tenderly and in union with whom you have suffered the pains of cancer, that she may help me with her powerful prayers and loving consolation.

But if it should be God's Holy Will that I bear this sickness, obtain for me courage and strength to accept these trials from the loving hand of God with patience and resignation, because he knows what is best for the salvation of my soul.

St. Peregrine, be my friend and patron. Help me to imitate you in accepting my suffering and to unite myself with Jesus crucified and the Mother of Sorrows, as you did. I offer my pains to God with all the love in my heart, for his glory and for the salvation of souls, especially my own. Amen.



*Patron
Saint of...*

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Mass Intentions April 29 - May 5

Monday, April 29

8:00 AM Monna Suess by *Janice Hennen*

Tuesday, April 30

8:00 AM Ed and Monna Suess by *Roeser Family*

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 AM George Phillips by *Pauline Phillips*

6:00 PM Anne Kohler by *Martha Mansour*

Thursday, May 2

8:00 AM Mark Kraemer by *Jim and Lynn Lusty*

Friday, May 3

8:00 AM Sheri Samassa by *Samassa Family*

Saturday, May 4

8:00 AM Jordan Gohs (Living) by *Theresa Dyer*

4:00 PM Sheri Samassa by *Samassa Family*

Sunday, May 5

8:00 AM Bob Shegos by *John and Pat Demarco*

10:00 AM Ed and Monna Suess by *Roeser Family*

12:00 PM All Holy Family Parishioners

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Joyce Arnberg by *Randy and Elizabeth Petrides*

Catherine A. & Michael E. Haney, Sr. by *Thomas Haney*

Emily Ronan 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 - May 4/5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: David Caldwell, Doug Zloto

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Pat Burdick Samuel Burdick

Altar Servers:

Owen Psenski Sadie Drainville Oliver Hoerig

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Dan Charboneau, Lori Charboneau

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jim Lusty Cathy Lane

Altar Servers:

(help needed - 3)

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Randy Petrides, Sam Scime

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Janet Lane Peter Lindgren

Altar Servers:

Emma Darmafall Jonathan Darmafall Amelia Elston

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Karen Allen, Bill Harris

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Donald Leavy Cynthia Leavy

Altar Servers:

Helaina Barry Kolten Barry **(help needed - 1)**

Weekly Readings April 28 - May 5

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1

Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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@hfgb.org.

55 & Over Club

And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge, if I have faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:2.



People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care...about them. Please join us **Tuesday, April 30th**, at 11:30 am. Bring sack lunch.

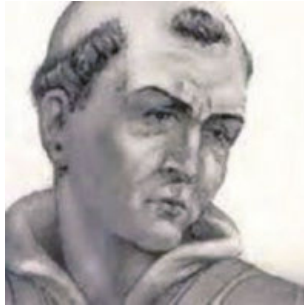
WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

136th Pope - John XIV

Born in Pavia Lombardy, he was elected pope December 983 by the Holy Roman emperor Otto II without the consultation of either the clergy or the people of Rome. His election was opposed by the powerful Roman Crescentii Family, who supported Antipope Boniface VII. At this time, Otto II, at only 28 years old, suddenly died. When John XIV returned to Rome, Francone had him arrested and imprisoned. There he died of hunger or poisoning in the prisons of Castel Sant' Angelo. The fall of John XIV was fast because Constantinople reinstated antipope Boniface VII who committed a series of horrible and violent acts against his enemies. John XIV died August 20, 984.



Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 1317)

"I know, My daughter, that you understand it and that you do everything within your power. But write this for the many souls who are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy. Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul. If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment."



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 hfgbmealsformoms@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 occasionally for this ministry.**

by Matthew Kelly

Part Two

Holy Moments Explained -



An Icon of Goodness

Is your heart inclined toward the needs of others? Or is it leaning away from others?

The world needs more Good Samaritans. The world needs more Holy Moments. The world needs you and me to collaborate with God (and each other) to create those Holy Moments.

How to Fill Your Life with Holy Moments

You are probably yearning to know a little more about Holy Moments, and specifically, how you can begin to activate them into your life. That's the Holy Spirit stirring within you. Our hunger for goodness comes from God.

Let's break down a Holy Moment, line by line, concept by concept.

A Holy Moment is a single moment in which you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to Him. You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do.

(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 36.

2024 DSA Prayer

*Gracious and loving God,
The Eucharist leads us to encounter Your Son,
Jesus Christ, who through the Mystery of his Body and
Blood reveals Your active presence in our lives.*

*May the Eucharist make us good stewards of Your
abundant blessings and open our hearts to the needs
of the Church, especially the Diocesan Services Appeal
this year.*

*Give success to the DSA; nourish our family of faith;
provide us wisdom and compassion; and by the power of
the Holy Spirit, show us how to walk in the footsteps
of Your Divine Love.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

PARISH PRAYERS & MORE



In Loving Memory

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

April 28

Virginia Verellen, Julie Hahn, Charles O'Brien, Frank Cavell, E. Roel Lumaque, Edna Twiss, Ronald Lenard, Peter Sullivan, Eugene Stanislawski

April 29

Anna Durkee, Robert Grover, Bill Kukielka

April 30

Ruby Sherwood, Dorothy Gauvin, Linda Decker, Maryann Slonczka, Monna Suess

May 1

Thomas Edward Duffy, Jr., Mary Turmell, Cecelia Backe

May 2

Christopher Birk, Virginia Holicki, Mary Morrison, Mary Fisher, Robert Beavis, Edith Boisvert

May 3

Herbert Spring, Roger Kolderman, Ladislaus Sadowski, Lillian Healy, Mary Adams, Judith Goodman, Gerald Wietecha

May 4

Betty Phelps, Eleanor Stecher, Michael Meganck

Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to Joslynn Grace Ridley and Riley James Walsh, who were married at Holy Family on April 27, 2024. Please keep them in your prayers as they start their married lives together.



Megan Lesperance and Luke Lipinski

May 11, 2024

and

Kendra Jozwiak and Alex Karner

May 18, 2024

Please Pray for the Ill and Their Caregivers



Please remember in prayer those listed in the April 7 bulletin and those listed in the Parish Book of Intercessions (in the Gathering Space).

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for May

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians - *We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*

May 2024

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests... Lansing

May 1 Rev. Douglas Osborn / Rev. Robert Copeland
May 2 Rev. Robert Bacik / Rev. Gerald Gawronski
May 3 Rev. Thomas Firestone / Rev. Duaine Pamment
May 4 Rev. Thomas Wasilewski / Rev. Michael Peters
May 5 Rev. Daniel Westermann / Rev. Ryan Riley
May 6 Rev. Jason Smith / Rev. Michael Rejent
May 7 Bishop Earl A. Boyea
May 8 Rev. Peter Clark / Rev. David Speicher
May 9 Rev. Pierre Bassil / Rev. Timothy McDonald
May 10 Our Holy Father
May 11 Rev. Peter Kaboggoza / Rev. Karl Pung
May 12 Rev. William Turner / Rev. Peter Lawrence
May 13 Rev. Jeff Poll / Rev. Frederick Thelen
May 14 Bishop Emeritus Carl Mengeling
May 15 Rev. C. Peter Dougherty / Rev. Nathaniel Sokol
May 16 Rev. William Stevenson / Rev. Mark S. Mossa

May 17 Rev. Amalorpavanathar Rayapillai
May 18 Rev. Eugene Beiter / Rev. Zachary Mabee
May 19 Rev. Joseph Wagner / Rev. Patrick Casey
May 20 Rev. Antonio Jabbour / Rev. Terrence Dumas
May 21 **Rev. Joseph Krupp** / Rev. Robert Karle
May 22 Rev. Mark Rutherford / Rev. John Whitlock
May 23 Rev. Matthew Bonk / Rev. Vincent Richardson
May 24 Rev. Jason Brooks / Rev. Alexei Woltomist
May 25 Rev. Tyler Arens / Rev. David Stawasz
May 26 Rev. Joseph Campbell / Rev. John Machiorlatti
May 27 Rev. Luis Felipe Villalobos
May 28 Rev. Michael Cassar / Rev. Bogdan Rybchuk
May 29 Rev. Todd Koenigsnecht / Rev. Mark Martin
May 30 Rev. Richard J. Bauman / Rev. Juan Sabadell
May 31 Rev. All Priests

Prayerfully Prepared for You by the Sisters of the Community of the Resurrection, Cason, Maine

HERE AND THERE

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture



My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, “**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit**” (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir

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Ox Roast Festival and Carnival

St. Peter Catholic Church in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, will host its Annual St. Peter Catholic Church Ox Roast Festival and Carnival from **May 16 - May 19, 2024**. This fun-filled weekend includes Polish Food Night, Live Bands (Thurs - Sat evenings), fantastic food including our “Ox Roast Sandwich,” a beverage area, Carnival, 50/50 raffle, and so much more! For information, please contact St. Peter’s Parish Office at (517) 663-4735 or speatonrapidsoffice@gmail.com.

Heartbeat Help Needed

Heartbeat of Greater Flint needs volunteers. Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls, greet and service our clients, maintain their profiles, sort, and organize donations. Also, putting together a layette set for newborn babies. Heartbeat of Greater Flint needs volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. However, you can donate hours that will fit your schedule. Come in and someone will be happy to show you around and explain what we do at Heartbeat of Greater Flint. No appointment needed. Give us a call for further information. (810) 232-3101 or email us at 320heartbeat@gmail.com. Heartbeat of Greater Flint is very appreciative and grateful for their volunteers. Please join this team of awesome ladies who manage the workflow that keeps Heartbeat of Greater Flint open.

Lansing Catholic Lawyers Guild

Luncheon

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 ~ Spring Luncheon with speaker Nickolas T. Nikas, President and General Counsel of the Bioethics Defense Fund. He will be speaking on “Law and Morality.” Starts at 12 noon at St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall, 219 Seymour Ave., Lansing. Please pre-register at www.lansingcatholiclawyersguild.com/events or call or text Executive Director, Diane Arzberger at 517-402-1562 or contact via lclguild@gmail.com.

Greater Flint Area Men’s Group

The Greater Flint Area Men’s Group will meet **Wednesday, May 1**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the basement of St. Matthew Catholic Church in downtown Flint. Come for fellowship and formation in the Catholic faith. No previous attendance or instruction is necessary.

The group will pray Vespers and study Pope Benedict XVI’s weekly addresses collected in Jesus, the Apostles and the Early Church (Ignatius Press) and available for free on the Vatican website. This week’s text is “Peter, the Apostle” of May 24, 2006.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Job Openings

Join Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties in fulfilling your career goals while upholding your Catholic Faith. We are currently seeking dedicated individuals for various positions, such as Development Director, Development Coordinator, and Event Coordinator at the St. Michael's Conference Center. Contact us at GiveHope@ccsgc.org or 810-232-9950x115 to learn more and secure an interview. Make a difference in a mission-driven environment today.
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Tickets are: \$40, \$35 and \$25
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Council of Catholic Women

Annual Meeting

The Lansing Diocese Council of Catholic Women are having their annual meeting **Saturday, May 4th**, at St. Patrick parish in Brighton, MI. The theme is *Come to the Table* and feed your spirituality and will have talks by Sr. Sarah Burdick & Sean Breedon. It starts with Mass at 8 am and will go until around 2 pm. The \$25 cost includes lunch and light refreshments in the morning. All Catholic women in the Lansing Diocese are welcome to attend. To RSVP: visit the events page at www.stpatrickcatholicparish.org

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Wednesday: 6 pm

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