



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

MAY 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY
**WE ARE
NURTURED
IN LOVE**



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May 11, 2025

Opening Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell #853

Responsorial Psalm #1072

Psalm 100: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Communion Hymns

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #940

Center of My Life #679

Shepherd of My Heart #723

Alleluia No. 1 #524

Closing Hymn

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman #889

Readings

#1072

First Reading:

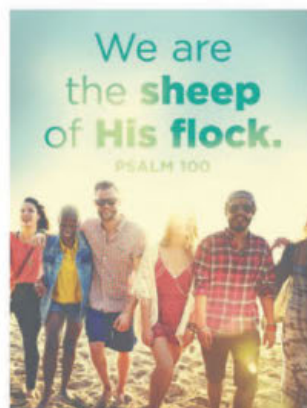
Acts 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading:

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel:

John 10:27-30



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.

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

Greetings in Christ, all!

One cool thing to start this off right away is that we are well into "wedding season." Lots and lots of weddings this year; please pray for these wonderful couples.

One thing I love about Holy Family is how many of our newly married couples come and pray here. Often, once a priest celebrates a marriage, he won't see the couple again until they need a baptism. At Holy Family, I am genuinely touched by how many couples we see after their wedding praying here with us on Sundays. It's such a blessing.



It's probably a good time to celebrate the fact that our church is just filled with families, young and old and everything in between! It's a rare gift to worship in such a life-giving environment.

Next Saturday, one of our parishioners will be ordained a deacon. Andy Cocagne is an amazing guy, and I can't wait to pray at the altar with him and work together. At the 10 am Mass this weekend, we will have a little ritual to send him off to Ordination. When you see him, please be sure to congratulate him and pray for him and his wonderful wife, Dr. Carole. He will be ordained next Saturday, and on Sunday will be here at Masses; he will preach at the 8 am and 12 noon and then we will host a light reception following the noon Mass on the terrace. Please join us.

Finally, we are in the midst of our DSA campaign. I know we just finished our Saints and Scholars campaign, and so it's hard for me to bring this up. Heck, part of my preaching this weekend is about giving. I hope you trust me that I don't ask for financial support lightly.

With that, if you are in a position to give to DSA, please consider doing so.

That's what we got! Jesus bless you guys. I love being your priest!

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

Baptism

Baptized on May 4, 2025

Lawsyn Jo McAuliffe,
daughter of Francis and Austin McAuliffe

Daria Sue Ferderer,
daughter of Cameron and Hannah Ferderer



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
THE ORDINATION OF

**DEACON
ANDY
COCAGNE**

A LIGHT RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT

1pm | **18** | May
Sunday | | 2025

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
SCHOOL TERRACE
(weather permitting)



STEWARDSHIP & WORSHIP



"YOU ARE MY CHOSEN
Witnesses"
Isaiah 43:10

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, we invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

Our parish goal is \$196,318. No gift is too small... every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned for our local use here at Holy Family. We encourage every one of our parish households to reflect on how we can bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ by supporting the work of the DSA this year.

Is God Calling You to Join the Secular Franciscan Order?

The "Secular Franciscan Order," once known as the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi, is an official order within the Catholic Church. It was established by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th Century for men and women living in the world to follow the Gospel Life in the footsteps of St. Francis.



We are lay men and women, Diocesan priests and deacons who, after a period of discernment, make a promise, to follow a Rule of Life approved by Pope Paul VI in 1978.

We are Catholics, single or married - mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters. We pray, study, and strive to experience ongoing daily conversion by being faithful to the Gospel.

We strive to achieve "perfect charity" using our talents and resources to help the poor, the oppressed, and outcast and the helpless. We hope to achieve "Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of all Creation."

We meet in the St. Joseph Center every third Saturday of the month (**May 17**) from 10 am - 12 pm. Please contact Reggie Boerger reggieboerger@gmail.com / (248) 892-5266 with any questions.

Knights' Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus' monthly breakfast will be this **Sunday, May 11th, (free for moms!)** from 9 am to noon in the Fr. Bush Parish Center. We will have live jazz music again. 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 the St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt, MI. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



Catholic 101

May 18, 2025
This week's topic:

Holy Spirit

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

Women's Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us to study Divine Mercy and The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the St. Joseph Center. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 14th**, at 10:00 am. Questions? Contact Lauren Barton 248-894-2485.

Stewardship of Treasure May 3rd & 4th, 2025

Registered families	2046
Envelopes received this week	151
Mail-in givers this week	27
Online givers this week	265
Amount offered from envelopes	\$ 9,586.00
Amount offered from mail	\$ 3,359.50
Amount offered from online giving	\$ 18,731.20
Amount offered from visitors	\$ 1,802.18
Total weekly offerings	\$ 33,478.88

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

St. Cecilia Music Scholarship

Musically gifted students in 8th grade (in fall 2025), high school, college and graduate school can be eligible for St. Cecilia Music Scholarship through our parish as a singer or an instrumentalist. The St. Cecilia Scholarship is funded by various parishioners and groups to promote the ministries of young musicians who are willing to share their time and talents through our musical and liturgical ministries.

To be a Sponsor, you may donate any time by writing a check or through the parish online giving system. When you write a check, please make it payable to "Holy Family Church" with a memo "St. Cecilia Music Scholarship." Your check may be mailed to: Holy Family, 11804 S. Saginaw Street, Grand Blanc, MI 48439. Please also email Dr. Simon Lee at musicdirector@hfgb.org for our record. Thank you!



To apply for the scholarship, applicants must have a musical skill or potential, and be willing to share it at our parish liturgies and services. The application letter may be emailed to Dr. Simon Lee at musicdirector@hfgb.org or delivered to the parish office by Monday, June 2. A brief audition and/or interview with our Music Ministry Project Committee may be scheduled.

To each selected student, the scholarship of \$500 - \$1,500 will be awarded and Dr. Lee may offer free music lessons.

12-Day Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy

October 5 - 16, 2025

with Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

\$4,750 per person

\$150 off if registered before March 4

Rome - Assisi - San Giovanni Rotondo -

Florence - Venice

For more information contact
Ascension Tours Travel
Tour Operator: Bissan Abufarha /
(800) 351-9893 /
ascensiontourstravel@gmail.com



For the registration form, please scan the QR code.

Holy Family Needle Crafters

Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 12th**, at 9:30 am at Linda Waggoner's house. We will discuss plans for the upcoming year. Please bring your ideas about which charities to support in addition to our Ill and Bereaved Church Charity.



All are welcome, no experience needed.

Rose Mary Gorke 810-394-5485

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF THE
Feminine Genius

Join us on a four-part journey exploring the unique beauty of women through Pope John Paul II's letter on the Feminine Genius.

THURSDAYS
MAY 1 - 22, 2025
9 - 11AM
ST. JOSEPH CENTER | HOLY FAMILY
parking available in the Fr. Bush Parish Center lot

Questions? Please contact:
Vikki Lasota
vlasota@msn.com or 248-653-2117



55 & Over Club

Even when walking through the dark valley of death I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me, guarding, guiding all the way. Psalm 23:4



I would rather walk with God in the dark than go alone in the light.

We would love to have you join us **Tuesday, May 13th**, at 11:30 am in the parish center large hall. Bring lunch. Board meeting at 11:00 am.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

May Crowning



May The Month of Mary

Join HFS in the church on the following Tuesdays in May to pray a decade of the Rosary.



May 6
May 13
May 20
May 27
2:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays 2 - 6pm



Holy Family, believing that each student is a child of God, challenges each to embrace the Gospel message through the traditions of the Catholic faith, to achieve academic excellence and to grow as saints.

Be a part of our Holy FAMILY!

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE



Congratulations to all 2025 First Holy Communicants!

Nasri Abdallah*
Isabella Abufarha*
Fiona Allen
Anna Brill
Vin Bristol
Bryar Brooks
Aria Carlisle
Troy Carreno
Harper Church
Sophia Cummins
Harper Daly
Evan Dent
Ava Dickerson
Owen Dixon
Leonidas Dufort
Harrison Farrell
Kelton Finnigan
Reagan Garvin
Evelyn Gerke
Riley Gibbons
Isabelle Gibson
Dominic Gwilliams
Vivianne Harding
Hudson Hoerig
Charles Janetsky
Eleanor Johnston-Coady
Carter Jurcak
Isabelle Kildow
Lillian Konieczny
Kaelyn Lehr
Cason Martin
Stella Matheson
Alexander McKenzie
Zoey Motyka

Aubrey Motyka
Graziella Nammour
Catherine Nguyen
Locryn Nicholson
Amara Parasiliti
Theodore Phillips
Elaine Powers
Sloan Render
Samuel Russian
Stella Saab
Madelyn Seagraves
Emerson Shankie
Gabriel Shelby
Anna Shoemaker
Lillian Shorey
Brady Slusarzyk
Noah Smith
Julian Solis
Maximus Stearley
Connor Taggart
Daniel Thomas
John Tosch
Angèle Tunningley
Madeleine Tunningley
Ava VanSickle
Xander Verdun
Cannelle Viskantas
Scarlett Ward
Taylor Waters
Lyla Waters
Marc Williams
Hendrix Willis
Landyn Wilson

Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. Amen.

Knights' Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus' monthly spaghetti dinner will be **Wednesday, May 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 the Charitable Donations of our Council. Great food and fellowship. Credit cards accepted.



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
- Divine Mercy Cenacle: Lauren Barton 248-894-2485
- 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 / Samantha Rice 269-491-3240 / Molly Ralph 810-553-0235
- Moms Play Group: Stephanie Robinson 586-899-9084 / Erin Downes 517-294-7679

Welcome!

To any visitors joining us - a special WELCOME! If you would like to register and make Holy Family your parish family, we would love to have you! You can register online on our website hfgb.org. Just click on "I'm New" and select "Membership" from the dropdown menu. You may also stop by or call the parish office at 810-694-4891.

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.

Mass Intentions May 12 - 18

Monday, May 12

8:00 AM Carl Roeser *by Carolyn Roeser*

Tuesday, May 13

8:00 AM Kathy Ann Riley *by Debbie Sardo*

Wednesday, May 14

8:00 AM Patricia Dowling *by Randy Nyland, Kristin Sloan, Paula Palmer & Jeffrie Glass*

6:00 PM Nicholas Cross (Living) *by Rich and Mary Ellen Cross*

Thursday, May 15

8:00 AM John O'Connor *by Lee Family*

Friday, May 16

8:00 AM Mary Jane Lee (Living) *by Pete and Linda Daunt*

Saturday, May 17

8:00 AM Pope Francis *by Holy Family Parish*

4:00 PM John and Theresa O'Connor *by Lee Family*

Sunday, May 18

8:00 AM All Holy Family Parishioners

10:00 AM Jesse Fishtahler *by Connie and Brian Fishtahler*

12:00 PM Deceased Members of Ponce Family *by Tumaneng Family*

Masses in Fiji on behalf of Holy Family:

Patty Freund *by Dale & Martha Mansour*

Kathy Trombley *by Dale & Martha Mansour*

Two Masses for Esther VanCise (Living) *by Nancy Reputan*

Christian Anderson (Living) *by Julie Crosby*

Fr. Steve and Cindy Anderson (Living) *by Julie Crosby*

To schedule Mass intentions, please email Theresa Dyer at tdyer@hfgb.org or call 810-694-4891, ext. 2211, or stop in the parish office 9 a.m. - noon or 1 - 4 p.m. Mon, Tue or Thur.

Liturgical Ministry - May 17 - 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

(schedule may not reflect recent changes)

4:00 PM Saturday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Colleen Argus, Ainsley Batey

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Kathy Swiantek Randy Swiantek Bethany Zloto
Doug Zloto

Altar Servers:

Emily Martin Grace Martin **(help needed - 2)**

8:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Cathy Lane, Adam Mitchell

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jim Garland Lisa Gaver Pat Gaver
Paul Wolven

Altar Servers:

Gavin Raysin Dominic Taggart **(help needed - 2)**

10:00 AM Sunday - Fr. Joseph Krupp

Lectors: Joe Kiefer, Randy Petrides

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Gayle Elston Janet Lane Lisa McNally
Laurie Duffie

Altar Servers:

Everett Teem Cael Cech Chloe Co
William Co

12:00 PM Sunday - Fr. Leronio Vodivodi

Lectors: Dr. Steve James, Debby Hux

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Scott Heron Kathy Hunady Karen Allen
Bill Harris

Altar Servers:

Kolten Barry Owen Cameron Will Urbanik
(help needed - 1)

2025 Altar Flowers

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

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



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

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

Weekly Readings May 12 - 17

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

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.)





Knightly Update

May 2025

Mother of Perpetual
Help Council
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Tootsie Roll Weekends

In addition to our main MI Drive on Palm Sunday weekend, we were also given the chance to sell Tootsie Rolls at Kroger. Thank you to all who turned out to help. Did you know that all the money raised from our Tootsie Roll sales goes to support organizations who work with people with intellectual disabilities? Twenty percent is distributed at the State level and 80% is donated to local organizations. Thank you also to our generous community for the money you donated!



May Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
May 10 / 24	9 am	Men's Bible Study	SJC
May 11	9 am	Pancake Breakfast	FBPC
May 21	5 pm	Spaghetti Dinner	FBPC
May 22	7:30 pm	Rosary Meeting	FB - sm hall
June 1	11:10 am	Family Rosary	HF Church

FBPC - Fr. Bush Parish Center

Family Rosary - first Sundays

Planning/Council meetings - second Thursdays

No Neighbor Left Behind

Join us in putting our faith into action, leaving "No Neighbor Left Behind"! We provide families in need with furniture, beds, appliances, kitchen items, etc. This is our most in-demand program, with hundreds of families and non-profit organizations being helped and over 150 families waiting to be helped. We are working to find beds to provide to kids who are currently sleeping on the floor. Do you have a bed to donate?

The NNLB team is extremely busy! Can you help pick up/deliver **one day per month**? Contact Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714. Do you have items to donate, especially beds, silverware, pots & pans, and kitchen furniture? Or do you have money you would like to donate to allow us to purchase appliances, etc. for families? Contact Al Gaulin at 586-899-5080.

April Knight of the Month – Matthew Carter

Matt recently joined our Council and has been an active participant at meetings. He also served multiple shifts at our Tootsie Roll Drives and uses his experience in the non-profit world to improve how we do things.

April Family of the Month – The Dean Hayward Family

Dean is a past Grand Knight of our Council and currently serves as a District Deputy. His son Andrew is a Trustee with our Council and also serves as our Program Director, helping to orchestrate the Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Championship.

Knights Dues

If you are a Knight, and have not paid your dues, please contact our Financial Secretary Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714 or joe.buffa@sbcglobal.net to pay.

Help your parish! Help your community!

If you are a Catholic Man over the age of 18 and you are looking to become part of a group dedicated to service and fraternity, consider joining the Knights. The time commitment can be minimal, but the difference you can make in our community is huge! Please contact Joe Buffa at (313) 718-0714 or joe.buffa@sbcglobal.net. You can also visit www.kofc.org.

PARISH PRAYERS & MORE

A funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Family on May 6 for



Rest in Peace

Douglas Shonts. Douglas, age 90, died Saturday, April 26, 2025. He was born in Pine Run, MI, on September 11, 1934, to Shirley and Margaret Shonts. He married Mona Goldsmith on June 23, 1956. Surviving are his wife, children Martin, Scott (Arlene), Gregory (Debbie Rice), Cynthia (Kevin) Travis, and Eric, as well as eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and two siblings. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

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

Wedding Congratulations



Congratulations to Rachel Guinot and Brevin Bowen, who were married at Holy Family on May 10, 2025. Please keep them in your prayers as they start their married lives together.

Marriage Banns

Natalie Seifert and Jared Jones

May 17, 2025

and

Catherine Noble and Andrew Nadrowski

May 31, 2025

Altar Flowers

For May

In Memory of

Danny Paris *by Joyce Paris*

Doris Donovan Myers *by Debra Dabideen*
In memory of April 2, 1936. birthday

In Honor of

Phil and Jan Whitehouse
In honor of their 60th wedding anniversary
May 15, 1965

John and Peggy Tuohy
(*members of Holy Family for 51 years*)
In honor of their 66th wedding anniversary
May 2, 1959

Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for May

For working conditions - Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



In Loving Memory

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

May 11

Hazel Bader, Rose Kroell, Julia Glass, Carol Krellwitz

May 12

Joseph Pescatello, Marie Schollenberger

May 13

Norah Butler, Angeline Abramik, Elizabeth McGowan, Mildred Sabo, Dolorosa "Dolly" Seymour

May 14

Mary Elvig

May 15

Robert Powell, William Peltier, Martha Gall, James Nelson, Johanna Brawner

May 16

Raymond Lee, John Millenbach, Helen Racine, Louise Lang

May 17

Kathleen Yorke, Albert Grantner, Iris Silance, Carolyn Beaudry, Sally Lasley



FOLLOWING OUR FAITH

Our Catholic Heritage

by Earl Hagen

190th Pope Honorius IV (1285-87)

Pope Honorius IV was born in 1210 A.D., birth name, Giacomo Savelli. He became Pope May 20th, 1285 A.D., taking the name Honorius IV. Born into a rich and powerful family in Rome, he studied at the University of Paris in France. He was the grandnephew of a previous pope. In 1261 A.D., he became the Cardinal Deacon of Santa Maria, and papal prefect to Tuscany, as well as captain for the army of the pope. As Cardinal, he received unanimous election to the papacy on the first ballot, despite the fact that he was both aged and crippled.



On March 31 of 1282 A.D. he became embroiled in the terrible conflict that led to the Sicilian Vespers massacre. As he watched events unfold firsthand, he opted to pursue a softer more peaceful and diplomatic approach to reconciling the conflict without resorting to the use of the papal army. He preferred diplomacy whenever he could in his career.

He became the first head of the church to use the important family banking houses in northern and central Italy to help collect the papal dues. Pope Honorius turned out to be the last of the popes to be married before being ordained.

Pope Honorius IV died on April 3, 1287, of old age as still-reigning pope. This was not surprising to his contemporaries as he was crippled when elected pope only two years earlier at age 75.

Cenacle of Divine Mercy of St. Mary Cathedral

Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (Diary, 232)

"My daughter, tell him everything and reveal your soul to him as you do before Me. Do not fear anything. It is to keep you in peace that I place this priest between your soul and Myself. The words he will speak to you are My words. Reveal to him your soul's greatest secrets. I will give him light to know your soul."



by Matthew Kelly

The Divine Plan -

THE POWER OF HOLY MOMENTS

The Butterfly Effect suggests that every action, no matter how small, has an effect on the world around it. It is a scientific theory that has been explained with the idea that a butterfly flapping its wings in your neighborhood could cause a typhoon on the other side of the world.

Now, we know that a single act like a butterfly flapping its wings cannot directly cause a typhoon. Small acts can, however, be the catalyst that sets in motion a chain-reaction that leads to enormous outcomes.

This theory may seem abstract, but we experience the Butterfly Effect in human behavior all the time. Let's explore a practical example.

Bruce Dunn lost his wallet. A 13-year-old girl named Amanda found it and returned it. Bruce took two one-hundred-dollar bills from his wallet, and handed them to Amanda with the instructions, "Spend one on yourself and spend the other on someone else."

(To be continued next week)

Kelly, M. (2022). *Holy Moments. A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life*. Blue Sparrow. Pg. 81-82

Saint

May 15: St. Isidore - St.

Isidore was born in Madrid, Spain and was a farm laborer for his entire life. He married a poor girl who was as holy as himself. After their one son died in infancy, they lived the rest of their married lives in perfect chastity. Isidore was a man of intense prayer and his life was marked by numerous miracles and supernatural interventions. Both he and his wife are venerated as saints. He was formally canonized in 1622 along with St. Teresa of Avila, St. Ignatius, and St. Philip Neri. The body of St. Isidore is still intact.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Andy's Attic Annual Sale

Hundreds of families have donated their treasures for the (garage sale) fundraiser held in the Family Center gym, ten tents and large pole barn at St. John the Evangelist Church, 505 Dayton St. Davison.

May 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

May 17th, 20th, 21st, and 24th - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday.

Cash or check only

Young Adult Summer Social

Diocese of Lansing

July 26, 2025

Vigil Mass // Adoration // Potluck Dinner // Fellowship // Beach // High Ropes // Yard Games // Climbing Tower // Zipline

<https://tinyurl.com/YASummerSocial>

Our Lady of the Fields - 1391 Kellogg Rd., Brighton 48114

Join young adults from across the Diocese of Lansing (and neighboring dioceses) at OLF for an evening of community, faith, and adventure! Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Boyea at 4 PM, with dinner and fun to follow (main course provided by the Diocese).

Heartbeat Needs

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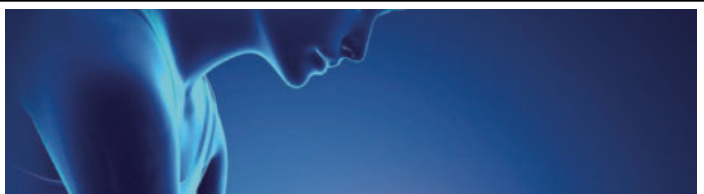
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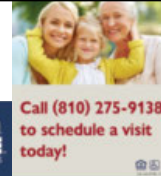


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